

**NEW ENGLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND  
MINUTES OF ARMIDALE/URALLA/GUYRA PACT  
HELD AT NEW ENGLAND LAC  
16<sup>th</sup> June, 2010  
COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM**

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**Present:** Supt MARTIN(Chair); Detective Inspector Greig Stier, Inspector Matthew Lynch, A/Inspector Jason Burton, Mr Richard Torbay MP, Member for Northern Tablelands; Mr. Robert Spreadborough, Deputy Mayor Uralla Shire Council; Mr Peter Ducat, Mayor Armidale Dumaresq Council; Mr. Hans Hietbrink, Mayor Guyra Shire Council; Susan Durham, Liquor Accord, Bill Munro Community Representative Glen Innes.

**APOLOGIES:** Mr Ron Filmer, Mayor Guyra Shire Council, Mr Steve Widders, Aboriginal representative, Chris Milne, Executive Officer. S/C Habgood

**WELCOME:** Superintendent MARTIN welcomed all participants. Bill MUNRO (representing Glen Innes – agreed was at wrong meeting. Agreed after meeting will address issues specifically to Glen Innes out of sessions).

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING RATAFIED:** Mayor DUCAT – seconded Hans Hietbrink.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**Graffiti**

*Copies of photographs are being e-mailed by council to Crime Prevention Officer (CPO). Discussions are being had in relation to forming a data base. The New England Command has objected to the council's proposal/initiative to a Graffiti Project/Public Art Policy.*

**Aboriginal Knockout**

*Both e-mail and discussions have been had with Brisbane Water LAC. Planning of such carnival is a matter for Brisbane Waters and who they involve.*

**Home Security Brochure**

*CPO contacted NRMA who were supportive and delivered 3 cartons of 'Home Safe' packages. They will not fit in a standard envelope – **ACTION** CPO will liaise with council re a proposition that they be forward out with rate notices or included with free paper deliveries (Express and Independent)*

## **Report Incident to DOH**

*This was raised as a method for residents at Girraween to be able to notify direct, particularly when many incidents do not appear to be reported to police. DOH has confirmed that there is a form available for them. Given this, forms will be issued via the audit teams, during community safety Audit.*

## **ACLO attendance at Aboriginal Interagency Meetings**

*The majority of meetings are held Friday mornings and usually ACLO is rostered on pm shifts to work with PCYC etc. No support to move meetings.*

### **1. CRIME REPORTS**

PowerPoint, discussions

### **2. POLICE VISIBILITY & DEPLOYMENTS & STAFFING ISSUES:**

Inspector LYNCH gave a detailed version of staffing. (Hand-out) supplied to all persons at CSPC.

**SMT** numbers / restricted / sick report.

**Armidale** GD's overall strength. Restricted / long term sick / maternity leave.

Overall operationally we have eight staff unable for FRP duties.

**Inverell** GD's overall strength. Restricted / long term sick / maternity leave. Overall operationally we have five staff unable for FRP duties.

**Glen Innes** overall strength. Restricted / long term sick / maternity leave. Overall operationally we have 2 staff unable for FRP duties.

**Tenterfield** – up to strength

**Tingha** up to strength one on restricted duties

**Target Action Group** – up to strength, however 2 staff seconded to Detectives.

**Detectives** – five staff on long term sick at Armidale. One long term sick at Inverell. Glen Innes up to strength.

Commander gave summary of what actions command has done to rectify the staffing including Detectives. Mr TORBAY outlined his attempts to assist the command in getting staff replaced that are on long term sick. Most recently spoke to the Police Minister.

Mr DUCAT outlined there is a lack of attendance of police at Community Meetings. Specific meeting discussed and valid explanations provided by Crime Manager and Commander, pointing out that, in general, NELAC Police are very well represented at community meetings and the like, and in the rare instances that police have not attended it has been due to operational issues, short or no notice given, or the police not being invited.

Explanation given (By Commander and Crime Manager) in particular the degree of staff seconded to Armidale General Duties including Guyra and Uralla officers – key people including Licensing, Crime Prevention Officer and Youth Liaison Officer.

### **3. CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES**

Outline of Community Safety Survey at Girraween. Letter drop was completed last week. Survey to be conducted 2 July 2010

### **4. INTERAGENCY DEVELOPMENTS**

**Youth Conducts Orders / Anti Social Behaviour Program:** Commander gave overview of program Youth Conduct Orders and Anti Social Behaviour Program. Commander thanked Local Member for his staunch representation for this command to be a pilot of the programme. The pilot is now 12 months into a two year pilot. This command has the first offender to actually finish the program in the State.

**Truancy** – raised by Mr. TORBAY. The command has run local operations in conjunction with DET. Discussion most recently was undertaken by Commander and YLO at Principals Forums at Glen Innes and Tamworth (last week).

### **5. MATERS OF INTEREST**

Already touched upon during the meeting.

### **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Amalgamation of Councils – in three months there will most likely be an Administrator running NE council, representing the three councils (Armidale, Uralla, Guyra). An overview was given by Local Member and Local Mayor, Peter Ducat. General discussions about centralisations – concerns raised by Uralla.

Community Licensing Accord state conference – Armidale will host this forum in September, 2010.

Break and Enter at Uralla Masonic Hall at Uralla, the council got a very comprehensive report from Police in regards to this.

Local Mayor, Peter Ducat acknowledged the work that has been completed by Police and Council. He acknowledged the great relationship council and police currently have and he hoped this relationship under a new council continues under the new management.

Meeting closed: 11.30am.