

Community Safety Precinct Committee



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FAR SOUTH COAST LOCAL AREA COMMAND Eurobodalla Sector MINUTES

COMMITTEE NAME:	Community Safety Precinct Committee		
LOCATION:	Eurobodalla Shire Council	TIME:	9am
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 24 June 2010		

CHAIRPERSON:	Superintendent Sean Gersbach
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Superintendent Sean Gersbach – Far South Coast (FSC) Local Area Commander Inspector Kevin McNeil – FSC Crime Manager Inspector Gary Megay – FSC Duty Officer Sergeant Janenne Michelle – FSC Crime Coordinator Sergeant Dave Crane – Moruya Sector Supervisor Constable David Bates – FSC Crime Prevention Officer (minute secretary) Fergus Thomson – Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC) Mayor Paul Anderson – Eurobodalla Shire Council General Manager Graham Scobie – Moruya Chamber of Commerce David Lambert – Long Beach Community Association Eddie McComish – President Eurobodalla Football Association Geoff Wells – Broulee Surf Club</p>

Item	STANDING AGENDA ITEMS	
1	Welcome	<p>Welcome by Supt Gersbach.</p> <p>Introduction of Committee members present.</p> <p>Supt Gersbach spoke about the background to the role of Committee, the need to have a cross representation of the Eurobodalla community demographic.</p> <p>Supt Gersbach stated that the community have a role and input to reduce crime.</p> <p>Crime generally being driven down by the hard work of police on the coal face. There will be the occasional spike in incidents however long term there is a downward crime trend as a direct result of high police proactivity.</p>

2	Apologies Members not in Attendance	Andrew Constance MP – Local member for Bega Geoff Hatton – Batemans Bay Chamber of Commerce Narooma Chamber of Commerce representative Rohan Gleeson – Moruya Rotary Eurobodalla Youth reps Bev Nye – Moruya Aboriginal Legal Service
3	Adoption of previous meeting minutes	First meeting of Northern Sector (Eurobodalla) CSPC
4	Outstanding Actions from previous minutes	Nil, first meeting for Northern Sector (Eurobodalla) CSPC
5	Agenda items on local issues	<p>5.1 Far South Coast Crime - Sgt MICHELLE</p> <p>Presented a powerpoint review of crime statistics in the Far South Coast LAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Plan Compass – looking at crime trends and taskings to combat crime. • Crime Reviews with monthly trends assessed and the direct link between taskings and lower crime statistics. • Authorised police strength – 117 police in the LAC. 12 sectors and police numbers appropriate to where required. • Tasking and Deployment Meetings. • Crime statistics and trends for Eurobodalla. Discussion on crime and it occurs where people reside. Proactivity, such as bail checks, have dramatic impact on reducing crime. 150 bail checks for the month period in the Northern sector. • Retail theft often unreported. Upcoming retail operation planned in Batemans Bay CBD. • Calender of Events. General discussion from Mayor and General Manager about Amplify concert and alcohol sales through local liquor outlet. Sgt Crane advised that Moruya Police have approached local outlet and warned them to be aware of secondary supply regulations. <p>Action: Amplify concert in Moruya to be listed in Police Calender of events 2011 (Action Police)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the need for the Committee to work with the community, particularly to involve the youth. • Eddie McComish discussed the need to have youth facilities. • Keep them safe strategies and Child at Risk reporting with DOCS. <p>5.2 Summer Safe Operation – Inspector McNeil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 extra police over the summer period located in Batemans Bay, Bega and Narooma.

- Drug dog operations conducted.
- Paul Anderson raised the issue of the two major highway routes through shire and lack of appropriate funding.

5.3 Underage Drinking/ Facebook invitations

- Discussion on Long Beach tree cave Facebook advertised party for April 2010. Action included Alcohol Free Zones from ESC, Letter to organiser and police operation "Nightjay". David Lambert thanked police and ESC for their efforts to reduce the impact of party and potential for problems.

5.4 Wallaga Lake Koori Village Strategies – Inspector McNeil

- Mayor Fergus Thomson congratulated police and Council staff on their efforts to assist the Community of Wallaga Lake with crime, truancy and efforts to revamp the village appearance.
- Alcohol related problems have been identified. Police and police aboriginal community liaison officers working closely with the local community. Public meetings, truancy operations, removal of wrecked cars, upgrade of community hall.
- Encourage leadership, education and ownership of problems.
- Local police contact officer.
- Discussion on the Murra project.
- Encourage youth to be involved in sporting activities.
- Peter McLauchlan and his department of Eurobodalla Shire Council have been working with the Wallaga Community on improvements to the Village.

5.5 Alcohol

- Covered in other headings

5.6 General

- David Lambert raised the issue of difficult tenants accommodated in Dept of Housing properties. Sgt Michelle informed Committee that police have close working relationship with the Dept. She stated it was important that all problems be reported to police and/or the Dept of Housing so the issues can be identified and addressed.
- Fergus Thomson congratulated Mr Megay on his length of service and fine career. He said it was a pleasure to have worked with him and wished him the best in his retirement.
- Geoff Wells of SLSC spoke about Broulee Surf Club and strong nipper participation from Broulee area. Junior ranks are strong and numbers decline in high school age group.

Action: General discussion on possibility of engaging youth from communities such as Wallaga Lake to join local Surf Life Saving club. Bruce Frost of Bermagui club may be a good point of contact to consider pilot project. Action Geoff Wells / Police

- Paul Anderson raised the point that the Eurobodalla Youth Committee may be able to assist with the trend for underage parties being advertised on facebook to deter this form of promotion.

Mr Anderson and Mr Thomson left with apologies to attend another meeting.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eddie McComish discussed the need to direct youths into sport to keep them occupied and out of trouble. Discussion on the health benefits that flow from sport. Eddie stated there is a lack of facilities in the district and a PCYC would be worthwhile. Discussion on Hanging Rock sporting complex and future youth café planned. Grants being applied for by ESC, Kim Bush. Eddie McComish raised the issue of banning alcohol on game days at Football grounds. He said there a few incidents of parents drinking at grounds and being antisocial. Discussion on ways to promote positive role modelling by alcohol prohibition. Action: Eddie to raise matter at Eurobodalla Football Association. Association to consider writing letter to ESC requesting restriction during game days. Action Eddie McComish David Lambert raised the issue of traffic dangers at the intersection of Princes Highway and Cullendulla Drive Intersection. Claimed intersection need turning lane from northern end of the Princes Highway. Matter should be referred to council traffic committee. Action: David Lambert to raise concerns to ESC traffic committee.
6	Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you from Mr Gersbach and pleased with attendance and contribution of members present.
7	Next Meeting Venue/Date/Time: Eurobodalla Shire Council, date to be determined.	

Summary of Action Items Arising From Previous Meeting

Item	Responsible Officer	Action Date
ACTION 1: Amplify 2011 Action: Amplify concert in Moruya to be listed in Police Calender of events 2011 (Action Police)	Cst Bates	
ACTION 2: Surf Club nippers Action: General discussion on possibility of engaging youth from communities such as Wallaga Lake to join local Surf Life Saving club. Bruce Frost of Bermagui club may be a good point of contact to consider pilot project. Action Geoff Wells / Police	Cst Bates /G.Wells	
ACTION 3: Alcohol Free Zone Action: Eddie to raise matter at Eurobodalla Football Association. Association to consider writing letter to ESC requesting restriction during game days. Action Eddie McComish	Eddie McComish	
ACTION 4: Long Beach intersection David Lambert to raise concerns to ESC traffic committee	David Lambert	