

## LACHLAN LOCAL AREA COMMAND – COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING

**DATE:** 18 OCTOBER 2010

**TIME:** 10.45AM

**VENUE:** FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL

### **PRESENT**

<b>Inspector Paul Jones</b>	<b>Crime Manager, Lachlan Local Area Command</b>
<b>Phyllis Miller</b>	<b>Mayor, Forbes Shire Council</b>
<b>Carissa Bywater</b>	<b>General Manager, Forbes Shire Council</b>
<b>Des Manwaring</b>	<b>Mayor, Lachlan Shire Council</b>
<b>George Cowan</b>	<b>General Manager, Lachlan Shire Council</b>
<b>Brad Byrnes</b>	<b>Administration, Parkes Shire Council</b>
<b>George Pratt</b>	<b>Councillor, Parkes Shire Council</b>
<b>Sheridan Alexander</b>	<b>Executive Officer, Lachlan Local Area Command</b>

### **APOLOGIES**

<b>Supt. Ryan</b>	<b>Commander, Lachlan Local Area Command</b>
<b>Dawn Fardell</b>	<b>Member for Dubbo</b>

**Meeting opened by Insp. Jones, minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.**

### **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

***Mobile Speed Cameras – Supt. Ryan was to ascertain details of who is responsible for the speed cameras and how they will be deployed.***

Insp. Jones tabled information regarding mobile speed cameras which was obtained from the RTA website. Speed cameras are the responsibility of the RTA and they determine the locations of deployment. Insp. Jones provided advice as to how the cameras are set up and utilised. There is currently one mobile speed camera in this Command which is located on the Back Marsden Road at Forbes.

Discussion was held in respect to providing driver details for Infringement Notices if the registered owner was not driving the vehicle at the time of the offence. It was discussed that whilst the RTA website indicates a statutory declaration form can be sent to State Debt Recovery Office nominating the driver details, different advice had been provided to Mr Pratt. He was advised that statutory declarations were no longer acceptable and that he could elect to have the matter heard at court. It was discussed the councils should address this discrepancy with the RTA.

***Compass Crime results for Tottenham – Supt. Ryan to provide separate end of year Compass results for Tottenham Sector***

The Compass Crime figures for the Tottenham Sector were provided to the Lachlan Shire Council.

***Reduction in Malicious Damage at Forbes – Supt. Ryan to provide a cost analysis of reduction in Malicious Damage incidents at Forbes.***

A breakdown of 'Malicious Damage v Cost Analysis' was provided to the meeting and it was discussed that the introduction of the CCTV at Forbes had undoubtedly reduced the number of

incidences. Hoteliers can now be held more accountable for addressing licensing issues in and around their establishments. There does appear to be a change in overall community behaviour.

**Traffic related education campaign at Tullamore** – Supt. Ryan and Sgt Park to put in place a traffic related education campaign at Tullamore.

Insp. Jones indicated this issue had been addressed by Highway Patrol and that regular patrols of the Tullamore Sector were continuing.

**Gophers** – Supt. Ryan to make enquiries concerning drink and drive laws for gophers.

Insp. Jones indicated that whilst gophers were not a vehicle as such, drivers/operators could be charged with drink drive offence much the same as a cyclist or horse rider. Those councils experiencing problems with gopher obstructing footpaths may consider providing designated parking. From the previous meeting Mrs Fardell indicated the concerns of councils regarding gophers could be raised at the 'Vulnerable Road User' Forum she was involved in – further update to be provided by Mrs Fardell in due course.

**Neighbourhood Watch Reward System** – Supt. Ryan to liaise with Senior Constable Dolbel regarding how the reward system with Forbes Neighbourhood Watch Committee (information requested by Parkes Shire Council).

Ms Bywater indicated that she would provide this information to the Parkes and Lachlan Shire Councils with a copy of the policy.

**'Memorandum of Understanding' between Lachlan LAC and Parkes Shire Council** – Brad Byrnes was to forward draft MOU to Supt. Ryan for review and implementation.

The MOU was to be implemented to formalise the exchange of information concerning motor vehicle accidents where there was injury or fatality. Mr Byrnes indicated this would allow council to address any road issues in a timely manner. It would also enable councils to address road issues when accidents continue to occur at the same locations.

Insp. Jones indicated that a breakdown of accidents could be provided via email to the councils on a monthly basis from the Compass Report – 'Injury/Crash Analysis Summary'.

Insp. Jones	Implement MOU for all councils and arrange for 'Injury/Crash Analysis Summary' Report to be provided to councils on a monthly basis.
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## **CRIME OVERVIEW**

### **Forbes**

Forbes crime statistics were tabled and reviewed. Forbes crime has decreased overall – Mayor Miller questioned the slight increase in 'Assaults–DV Related'. Insp. Jones indicated this Command had introduced a DV Offenders Program and of the 26 offenders who completed the program only 2 reoffended which is a positive result. The victims of domestic violence are also targeted through this program and it provides them access to such services at the Women's Refuge.

In respect to Drug Detections, an increase in this area is a good result as this is a Pro-active target. Police received information concerning drug activity which resulted in a number of Search Warrants have been conducted in Forbes recently.

### Parkes

Parkes crime statistics were tabled and reviewed. It was discussed the community of Tullamore are concerned about crime and having no permanent police officer in the town. Insp. Jones indicated whilst the position at Tullamore was currently vacant, the community should be reassured attempts are being made to fill this vacancy and that the police station will not be permanently closed.

### Condobolin

Lachlan crime statistics were tabled and reviewed. Mayor Manwaring indicated the community is concerned and afraid about the high number of Break, Enter and Steal (BES). Further he stated that police appear to be aware of who is responsible for these matters but nothing is being done. The community are reporting these crimes and generally are not getting any feedback from police. Insp. Jones indicated that he will address the lack of information being provided back to the community with the Sector Commander at Condobolin, Sergeant Gibson. The majority of these crimes are being committed by juveniles and these offenders are being dealt with under the Young Offenders Act.

Insp. Jones acknowledged there was a significant problem in June and July with BES at Condobolin which was exasperated by some system failures with Juvenile Justice. The community should be reassured police are addressing these crimes and have implemented a number of strategies to do so.

It was discussed that lack of 'Victim Follow Up' is an issue across the Command and that the community should be kept abreast of the progress and end result concerning a crime they reported.

Insp. Jones	Address lack of 'Victim Follow Up' across Lachlan Local Area Command.
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### CORRESPONDENCE / GENERAL BUSINESS

**Noise complaint** - A resident of Forbes has complained to Council regarding an ongoing noise problem in their street. Noisy parties are being held at this residence a regular basis, however, the occupant apparently avoids detection by utilising a police scanner. Insp. Jones indicated that he would liaise with Sgt Beard for a noise abatement to be considered. Forbes Council could assist by accessing sound recording equipment from EPA for installation at a neighbouring residence.

Insp. Jones	Liaise with Sgt Beard for consideration to be given to issuing Noise Abatement Notice.
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**Skate Park** – Forbes Council advised that four CCTV cameras will be installed at the Skate Park and that council intends to erect more signage warning anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. It was discussed that skate park users need to be educated rather than being fined as these are not having an effect.

**Victoria Hotel Car Park** – The licensee enquired with council in relation to CCTV cameras covering the car park of the hotel, and they have been advised to utilise their own camera system.

**Vehicle doing burnout on helipad at Forbes Hospital** – Discussion was held concerning police response to vehicle doing 'burnout' on helipad at hospital. Whilst there is a police residence opposite the hospital, this officer may not be aware of these incidences. Apparently the Security Officer who works at the hospital know who is responsible, however, does not wish to get involved and name the person.

It was discussed members of the communities in general are sometime reluctant to report matter for fear of reprisal. Insp. Jones indicated police need the support of the community in reporting crime and that the overall youth behaviour is an issue communities need to address. Insp. Jones suggested that councils should make representations to Juvenile Justice concerning the lack of services available in our communities.

**Conflict between neighbouring businesses in Forbes (Post Office Hotel and Pizza Shop)** – This issue was discussed and Mayor Miller indicated the council has not and will be drawn into the issues between these businesses. CCTV cameras are set up in this area and Insp. Jones has advised Sergeant Beard to note any issues of concern and provide advice accordingly.

**Parking Officer** – Mr Byrnes advised that Parkes Council are looking at employing a Parking Officer which will be shared between a numbers of councils in the area.

**NEXT MEETING – Monday 7 February 2011 – PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL – 10.30AM**