

Lake Macquarie

Community Safety Precinct Committee Action Minute

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership (16th May 2017)

Participating Agencies/Community members

POLICE REPRESENTATIVES	Chief Inspector M LUNDBERG – Customer Service Duty Officer Senior Constable S. WHITEHEAD – Crime Prevention Officer Sergeant McDONNELL - Intelligence C BALDWIN - Intelligence Analyst A THOMAS - Intelligence Analyst
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES	Deadre HAM - Belmont NHW Julie MOORE – Office of Sonia Hornery MP Anne HASLAM – Belmont NHW Ross HARRIS – Stockland Angela VOGT – Stockland Greg NEWS – Colliers International Brian WHITE – Sunshine Progress Association John QUINLAN – Sunshine Progress Association Antoinette BALNAVE – Cooranbong Community Tony ELLITT – Lake Macquarie Council
APOLOGIES	Superintendent B GREENTREE - Commander Lake Macquarie LAC Detective Inspector C DAVIS – Crime Manager Roselea NEWBURN – WICA Sophia STANLEY – Office of Member for Charlestown

	Colin MERRICK – Lake Macquarie Fair Clayton BARR – Member for Cessnock Josh SANSOM – Housing NSW Wendy HARRISION – Councillor LMCC
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INTRODUCTION	Introduction and welcome by Senior Constable Whitehead who addressed the outstanding action item relating to a traffic complaint which was referred to the traffic committee and completed. Apologies were acknowledged. Sgt McDONNELL then introduced himself and gave an overview of the information he was presenting to the group. The Crime Data for the last quarter was then presented.
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Priority Crime Category
Local Crime Type Priorities The Presentation was given by Intelligence Sergeant M McDONNELL, Lake Macquarie LAC. Crime Reporting Period between February 1 2017 and 30th April 2017 ASSAULT (Non Domestic Violence) – 158 incidents for this quarter. The majority of those assaults were “common assaults” which are of a much lesser degree of violence, at the lowest end of the scale. Hotspots were Charlestown, Morisset and Windale. ALL BREAK & ENTER – 244 Incidents for the quarter. Residential incidents had greater numbers. Command hotspot was Charlestown, Mount Hutton and Belmont. MALICIOUS DAMAGE (Graffiti Only) – 71 incidents for the quarter. Hotspots were Glendale and Belmont followed by Charlestown, and were mainly business/commercial premises.

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE – Decrease in incidents with 288 incidents for the quarter. Hot suburbs were Charlestown 26 with 26 incidents, Cardiff, Cameron Park, Belmont and Belmont North each had 14 incidents, Edgeworth had 13 incidents.

STOLEN VEHICLES – Slight decrease with 130 vehicles stolen which includes trailers, vehicles and boats. Hot Suburb was Charlestown and Warners Bay with 8 incidents each.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: INJURY OR FATAL ONLY – Slight increase with 59 Injury Collisions. Hot suburbs were Warners Bay with 5, followed by Charlestown, Morisset, Toronto and Cooranbong with 4 each.

PROACTIVITY – continues and our mapping shows proactive policing powers being exercised in hotspot locations.

Discussion Items

John Quinlan asked about the increase in assaults at Morisset. Sgt McDonnell answered; these are occurring mostly on the trains and linked back to the nearest train station.

Antoinette Balnave asked if things had improved since the new station was opened. Inspector Lundberg answered, the availability of the station has generated an increase in reporting. **John Quinlan** agreed with that statement and generally stated there is typically a reluctance to report crime.

Ross Harris said the shoplifting Operation at Stockland was appreciated. Sergeant McDonnell said police got some good results.

Julie Moore asked if Lake Macquarie LAC got any probationary constables in the last round. Inspector Lundberg answered that we did not get any.

Tony Ellitt said Council would like to congratulate police on good crime figures. Council ran Operation BounceBack to prevent car theft primarily involving a cinema advertising campaign which went for 3 months. Council and Lake Macquarie Police Crime Prevention Officer also completed 3 Shopping Centre promotions and spoke to over 100 people about protecting keys.

Tony said if there is anything LMCC can assist you with please call the service centre. Graffiti wipe kits are also available for unpainted surfaces.

Tony also reported that in early February 2017 there was a party causing public dangers with people on roadways. Councillors took action, and the Mayor wrote to the Premier and Minister for Police asking for increased powers and legislative changes to consider legislation in Queensland and Western Australia where police have greater powers. Council is happy to act to assist police with increased powers. Council has also run a public education campaign of Safe Party's.

Tony said Council want to support police and if there is anything we can do, please discuss this with us. Mr **Lundberg** thanks LMCC for their support and welcomed legislative changes.

Ross Harris said, in relation to theft and anti social behaviour, over 50% of the time it's the same person. Only a small number of offenders are committing offences.

John Quinlan said Antisocial behaviour continues in the Park with drug parties, bongos located and skyrockets let off in the park. Burnouts of 40m have been located up the hill which is an isolated location.

ACTION: Crime Risk assessment with Council of Sunshine Park.

Antionette Balnave said Cooranbong there are vehicles doing burnouts at night and letting off fireworks. Particularly in Currans Road, which did stop but has started again.

Deadre Ham said traffic matters continue in Lewers Street Belmont. Unregistered cars and quadbikes are often going out about 4.30pm near Cold Tea Creek Bridge. Deadre also mentioned that "loud crackers are still going off". This generated some discussion about this being linked to drugs being available to sell. **Inspector Lundberg** said that belief was a myth.

Insp Lundberg

In Conclusion Chief Inspector Lundberg thanked everyone for their attendance.

Agreed updates to Crime Prevention Action Plan

Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies/Community member	Timeframe
Meeting concluded at 11.55am. The next meeting for the 2017 calendar - Tuesday 22 nd August 2017 10am at Belmont Police Station.			