



**PENRITH LOCAL AREA COMMAND  
MINUTES OF THE PENRITH/ST MARYS COMMUNITY SAFETY  
PRECINCT COMMITTEE**

**St Marys Police Station  
King St, St Marys  
July 2011**

**Meeting Opened:** 10:10am, by Chair, Supt Ray Filewood

**Attendees:**

Superintendent Ray Filewood, Commander, St Marys LAC  
Superintendent Ben Feszczuk APM, Commander, Penrith LAC  
Mrs Deanne Bell-Smith, Executive Officer, Penrith LAC  
A/Detective Insp Cheryl Cook, Crime Manager, Penrith LAC  
Insp Deitmar Almer, St Marys LAC  
Insp Darryl Jobson, Crime Manager, St Marys LAC  
A/Sgt Bill Pearson, Traffic Sgt, Penrith LAC  
S/Con Pauline Ross, Penrith HWP  
Mr Mark Gold, Security, Westfield's  
Ms Jill Woods, Chief Executive Officer, Penrith Chamber of  
Commerce  
Mr David Burns, Penrith City Council  
Mr Ross Grove obo Mr Stuart Ayres, MP, Member for Penrith  
Ms Fran Gatenby, obo Gladys Reed, Penrith City Centre Assoc.  
Mr Max Harrison, Kingswood Traders Association  
Mr Justin Tavaton obo Mr Bart Basset Member for Londonderry.

**Apologies:**

Mr Allan Shearan MP, Member for Londonderry  
Mr Antony Keenan, Westfield's  
Ms Yvonne Perkins, Penrith City Council  
Mr Stuart Ayres, MP, Member for Penrith  
Mr David Burns, Penrith City Council

**Adoption of previous  
Minutes:**

Minutes accepted by Supt Z (Ben) Feszczuk APM and seconded by  
Mr Max Harrison

**Business arising from  
Previous CSPC minutes:**

**✚ Penrith Traffic Sergeant to identify the impact of the Council's raised platforms on Major Traffic Crashes – injury and fatal crashes**

A/Sgt Pearson advised that the raised platform crossing were introduced as a result of a 2009 Council study which saw the implementation of 7 raised pedestrian facilities installed.

Additional funds were also used for the upgrade of existing crossings.

A/Sgt Bill Pearson addressed meeting and provided specific details of all crashes within the CBD for the period of 12 months prior to installation and also past financial year.

Of note is that since the introduction of the raised platform crossing nil accidents have been on or near their locations.

COPY of report by A/Sgt Pearson attached.

Comment re trees currently hindering visibility of signposting to crossing on Woodriff St to which Council have advised they will attend to.

**✚ Crime Prevention Officer, St Marys to confirm that State Rail CCTV camera at Werrington Railway Station's new car park are covering the area appropriately.**

Insp Almer advised contact had been made with Colleen Nolan from State Rail security regarding this issue and is waiting reply.

**Issue to be held over to next CSPC**

**✚ Intelligence Officer, St Marys to confirm "hotspot" for car theft in the vicinity of the BP Garage, GWH Werrington.**

Insp Almer advised that the previous data relayed to CSPC was erroneous in that there was a Geo-spatial clinch which clustered all nearby incidents to this location. This has now been amended.

**✚ Police to attempt to identify if the NSW Police Bike Training Unit does outside work to assist the University.**

Contact was made with Matt Brandson who is the head facilitator for the bike unit regarding this issue. Mr Bandson in turn spoke with the University regarding their specific needs which are unable to be met by the New South Wales Police Force.

**CPP:** A/Insp Cook advised that the Crime Manager Penrith, Insp Grant Healey, has made representation to have the CPP concluded.

**Correspondence In:** Nil

**Correspondence Out:** minutes of previous minutes and Agenda circulated by Supt Feszczuk APM

**Crime Review:**

 **Penrith LAC – Presented Supt Z (Ben) Feszczuk APM  
Statistics cover the period from 1 April 2011 – 30 June 2011**

Compass crime data for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 was reviewed.

**Top Ten Crime Categories**

A chart showing the top ten crime categories was tabled, with Stealing, Malicious Damage, and Assault being the three most frequently occurring crimes in the three months ending June 2011.

**Crime by Suburb**

A chart showing crime by suburb was tabled, with Penrith, Cranebrook and South Penrith being the stop three suburbs for crime.

**Trends**

**Assault**

Assault (Alcohol and Non-DV) is trending slightly below last year's actual level and showed an improvement for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2011 at 1.1% below BP target. Approximately, 20% of all Assault incidents are alcohol related. DV Related Assault is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 16.6% above BP target. Sexual Assault is currently 5.7% above BP target.

Supt Feszczuk has met with the Manager of Panthers re consistently high figures re assault. It is acknowledged that panthers have 'best practice' re pro activity to kerb such behaviour but statistics remain high due to demographics.

Supt led detailed discussion re alcohol related crime, recording of incidents and patronage of clubs.

Meeting advised that both Phricton Night Club and the Peach Tree Hotel have introduced "night key" which records the fingerprints of patrons. Since introduction of these systems incident rates have fallen.

Penrith LAC maintain a close relationship with the Liquor Accord

Questioned as to the punishment of offenders at these establishments Supt Feszczuk advised that there is a sliding scale as to punishment with members being placed before the board and re-offenders can be dealt with by police with a fine of \$550.

Re – domestic assaults St Marys and Penrith LAC's have developed initiatives to increase success rates. The BRIDGES project was very successful which gave provision for DV victims to receive a "yellow card" which provided relevant contacts and information to assist these people. This project was seed funded at 80K a year but has not been picked up and funding has now ceased.

Ms Woods questioned if letters of support and representation from the local members would assist in re establishing funding. Supt advised that these actions have previously been undertaken without success.

### **Break and Enter**

Break and Enter (Dwelling) is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 1.8% below BP target. Break and Enter (Non - Dwelling) is also trending below last year's actual level and is currently 43.3% below BP target. A chart showing residential Break and Enter by suburb was tabled, with Penrith being the suburb which accounts for over 50% of offences occurring in Penrith LAC.

### **Robbery**

Robbery is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 21.3% above BP target. However, the actual number of robberies continues very low.

### **Stolen Vehicles**

Stolen Vehicles is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 46.4% below BP target. Penrith and Cranebrook are the top two suburbs for stolen vehicles.

### **Fraud**

Fraud is trending slightly below last years actual level and is currently 2.6% below BP target. 57% of fraud offences are people failing to pay for fuel at service stations.

### **Malicious Damage**

Malicious Damage is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 13.1% below BP target.

### **Stealing (ex SFMV)**

Steal from retail store (ex SFMV) is trending similar to last years' actual level and is currently 1.3% below BP target. 38% of Stealing is Steal From Retail Store.

### **Steal From Motor Vehicle (SFMV)**

Steal From Motor Vehicle is trending well below last years' actual level and is currently 27.5% below BP target.

### **Injury/Fatal Crashes**

Injury/Fatal Crashes are trending below last years' actual level and are currently 1.0% below BP target.

### **Proactive Policing**

Charts for Proactive Policing were tabled showing tasking and deployment of police by crime category and by location.

## **+ St Marys LAC – Presented by Supt Ray Filewood**

### **Top Ten Crime Categories**

#### **Crime by Suburb**

A chart showing crime by suburb was tabled, with St Marys, Kingswood and St Clair being the top three suburbs for crime.

### **Trends**

#### **Assault**

Assault (Alcohol and Non-DV) is trending below last year's actual level and is currently 13% below the BP target. Assault (DV related) is also trending above last year's actual level and is currently 22% above the BP target. Sexual Assault is also trending slightly above the BP target. Supt Feszczuk advised of documentation to be sent to press regarding indecent behaviour of persons which was copied from a television programme. Supt advised of the long terms implication for young persons caught committing these offences and e seriousness of such.

#### **Break and Enter**

Break and Enter (Dwelling) is trending slightly above last years' actual level and is currently 3% above the BP target. Break and Enter (Non - Dwelling) is trending well below last year's actual level and is currently 40% below the BP target. A chart showing residential Break and Enter by suburb was tabled, with the top three suburbs being Kingswood, St Clair and St Marys.

Supt Filewood advised that new forensic procedures was assisting greatly n this area with 8 "hits" for June alone. As a result good have been recovered and are to be returned to the owner.

#### **Robbery**

Robbery is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 29% below the BP target.

**Stolen Vehicles**

Stolen Vehicles is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 14% below BP target. St Marys, St Clair and Kingswood are the top three suburbs for stolen vehicles.

**Fraud**

Fraud is below the trend to last years actual level and is currently 4% below the BP target.

**Malicious Damage**

Malicious Damage is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 20% below BP target.

**Stealing (ex SFMV)**

Steal from retail store (ex SFMV) is trending below the BP target and is 5% above the BP target. Steal from person is trending above last years target and is currently 20% above the BP target.

**Steal from Motor Vehicle**

Steal From Motor Vehicle is continuing to trend trending above last years' actual level and is currently 5% above BP target.

**Injury/Fatal Crashes**

Injury/Fatal Crashes are trending above last years' actual level and are currently 10% above the BP target.

**Proactive Policing**

Charts for Proactive Policing were tabled showing tasking and deployment of police by crime category and by location.

**Contentious Issues:** Nil

**Community feedback to committee members re police activity:**

Nil issues

**General Business:**

Max Harrison wished to thank Supt Filewood re Police Community Engagement at Kingswood held on the 11 June 2011.

Additionally, Mr Harrison extended his gratitude to Sgt Matthew Shirvington of Penrith LAC who assisted Mr Harrison's wife when she was stranded in the rain with a flat tyre. Ms Harrison advised that the officer assisted his wife by taking his grandchildren to their relevant appointment then changed the flat tyre for Mrs Harrison.

Mr Burn questioned as to what LAC the new suburb of Jordan Springs would be attached. Supt Feszczuk advised new suburb would form part of the Penrith LAC and advised of current borders.

Ms Wood advised meeting that Commissioner Scipione would be attending the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Panthers on the 28 the October 2011.

**Next Meeting:** Penrith LAC, September 2011 - date to be advised

**Meeting Closed:** 12:10pm

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**Action**  
**Insp Almer to advise if State Rail CCTV cameras at Werrington Railway Station's new car park are covering the area appropriately.**

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