

**NEW ENGLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND
MINUTES OF GLEN INNES/INVERELL/TENTERFIELD CSPC
HELD AT TENTERFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL
6th OCTOBER, 2011
COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM**

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Present: Supt Lyons; Det Insp Greig Stier; Mr Richard Torbay, Member for Northern Tablelands; Mr Toby Smith, Mayor Tenterfield Council; Mr Steve Toms, Mayor, Glen Innes/Severn Council; Insp Rowan O'Brien, Sgt Carter Knyvett; Chris Milne, Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Mr Steve Toms, Mayor Glen Innes/Severn Council; S/C Amanda Vaughan CPO. Insp Garry Huard; Mr Mal Peters, Mayor, Inverell Shire Council; Mr Bill Munro, Glen Innes Business Rep

WELCOME: Supt Lyons.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING RATIFIED: Mr Torbay, Insp Stier

BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil

CRIME REPORTS

Presentation given by Mr Stier re crime in New England by using COMPASS and Crime Trends Tool. Detailed explanation of crime trends provided.

PRESENTATION

S/C Ian Ramma attended the meeting - Congratulations on 40 years of policing from Commander, Richard Torbay and Mayor Toby Smith.

STAFFING

Kerryn Chisholm moving to the Coast so Tenterfield now at authorised strength. Glen Innes is at strength. Getting 16 new Probationary Constables towards the end of the year. Hopefully putting some at Glen and Tenterfield but this is not assured. Drug and explosive dog coming to Command based at Armidale but to be used LAC wide.

11 officers currently on long term sick. Process has improved but is still slow in dealing with them. 4 positions at Inverell have been filled. Delungra has been filled.

MATTERS OF INTEREST

Mr Torbay congratulated Sgt Knyvett for his efforts in Tenterfield. This has led to lower crime rates and good morale amongst police. This was fully supported by Mayor Toby Smith.

INERAGENCY DEVELOPMENT

Mr Torbay - MOU's have been signed between agencies and even QLD re release of information. This is working well. Government is about to appoint a Cross Border Commissioner which will assist in information flow and cooperation between states. Richard would like to be informed where there are cross border issues so he can provide that to the new Commissioner.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Inverell has established a Blue Light Disco community discussion. This has occurred with the possible aim of a PCYC linking with the linking together centre. Application to be submitted.

CCTV will be installed in Inverell. Coffs Harbour Council was the successful tenderer.

Insp O'Brien is attending bi-monthly mental health meeting to discuss mental health escorts and related issues.

A number of offenders in Inverell have been charged with a large number of break and enter offences and a large amount of property has been recovered.

Glen Innes going very well re crime and some good operations are in progress.

Police now attending Aboriginal Consultative meeting in Glen Innes.

Re District Court at Inverell – Richard asked and obtained figures from AG's. This does not indicate a demand. If a demand does exist, Richard needs to be informed.

ACTION: Insp Stier committed to provide details.

Mayors of Glen Innes and Tenterfield are very happy with how policing is going in their towns.

Meeting closed: 3.00pm.