



Minutes

Community Safety Precinct Committee Eastern Suburbs LAC

5pm 30 June 2009

Waverley Library Theatre

Chairperson – Superintendent Rogerson

Members:

Name	Agency
Inspector Christine George	Eastern Suburbs LAC
Detective A/Inspector Peter Glynn	Eastern Suburbs LAC
A/Sergeant Nathan Brooks	Eastern Suburbs LAC
Leading Senior Constable Chris Jackson	Eastern Suburbs LAC
Cr Joy Clayton	Waverley Council
Mary Shiner	Waverley Council
Russell King	WAYS
Joye Monaghan	Westfield
Philip Adler	Bondi Chamber of Commerce
Margaret Hope	Charing Cross Precinct
Alma Douglas	Bronte Precinct
William Mouroukas	Penkivil Precinct
Ludovico Fabiano	South Bondi/Watson Precinct
Jeanette Kalek	North Bondi Precinct
Peter Lynch	Bondi Junction Precinct
Simon Swifte	Queens Park Precinct
Eva Prochiazka	North Bondi Precinct
Matt Deane	Bondi Precinct
Ron Nothman	Dover Heights Precinct

Others:

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Apologies:

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Senior Constable Nick Rutgers	Eastern Suburbs LAC
Sally Betts	Waverley Council
Peter Debnam	Member for Vaucluse
Virginia Milson	Bronte Beach Precinct

Minute Items

Agenda Item	Issues/ discussion	Action
1.	Welcome	Meeting opened by Inspector George at 5.20pm
2.	Apologies	As above

3.	<u>Outstanding Action</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
a.	Request made for further statistical information in future presentations.	Completed. LSC Jackson and Command Intelligence personnel added further information to presentation.
b.	Suggestion that further signage be placed at the entry/exit points of Oxford Street mall regarding the riding of bicycles.	Advised by Lorna Bussell – Bondi Junction Divisional Manager (via email prior to meeting) that this area is a shared zone. Requested via Cr Clayton that further signage be put in place to alleviate confusion.

4. **Commander**

Introduction by Superintendent Rogerson. Explained the concept of Crime Prevention Framework, Crime Prevention Partnerships and Community Safety Precinct Committee's. Advised that the Command would like to introduce a Draft Action Plan addressing Malicious Damage – Graffiti for interested CSPC stakeholders.

Advised that Crime statistics are down and Proactivity statistics within the Command are up – reflective on crime.

5. **Crime Analysis and Police Presentation Inspector George**

Explained the powerpoint presentation and how statistics are 'mapped'.

ASSAULTS – Crime trends presented.

William Mouroukas – Asked for an explanation of incident/crime locations on the presentation maps.

Inspector George – Explained that the mapping of statistics is placed on maps/graphs after intelligence information is downloaded from the police computer system.

BREAK and ENTER – Crime trends presented.

Incidents of Break and Enter offences have decreased since the last meeting/quarter – up to 50% in various areas. Police conduct a canvass at each incident reported.

Ron Nothman – Why have statistics gone down?

Inspector George – Cooler weather may have contributed due to residents closing their windows and doors. Residents increasing their home security.

ROBBERY – Crime trends presented.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE – Crime trends presented.

Not all incidents of graffiti are reported to police by victims.

Eva Prochazka – Are there many incidents of graffiti on trains?

Inspector George – There are very few incidents of graffiti being sprayed on trains. This is not an issue within our Command.

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE – Crime trends presented.

Joye Monaghan – Very few of these incidents occur within the Westfield car park. Staff are taking steps to educate customers so as to help stealing incidents. CCTV systems in place are also effective.

Inspector George – Highlighted that it is a good idea to remove expensive items from your vehicle, particularly if in view of passers by.

STEALING – Crime trends presented.

Advised that we run local retail theft operations within the Command. In addition to these operations, the Region Enforcement Squad also run operations addressing retail theft which are also highly successful with great results.

There have been incidents of trolley theft – retailers are reminded to contact and report any theft incidents to police.

There have also been several 'pick pocket' incidents occur within Westfield and Eastgate Shopping Centre. Police and management of both Centre's are educating customers about the importance of being aware of who is around you and remaining security aware of your belongings. Keep an eye on your bags and belongings, particularly when in food halls or shops.

Simon Swifte – Queried the difference between 'Break and Enter' offences and 'Steal from Dwelling' offences.

Inspector George – Break and Enter offences occur when the actual 'seal' of the premises is broken. For instance, the offender breaks a window/door or opens a window/door to enter the premises without permission. Security screens can be a visual deterrent.

STOLEN/LOCATED VEHICLES – Crime trends presented.

Joye Clayton – Are there any particular vehicles being targeted?

Inspector George – Several Toyota Hilux and Nissen X-Trails have been stolen in recent months. There are times when vehicles get stolen and are never found.

For instance, stolen for scrap metal or involved in rebirthing of motor vehicles – particularly in the case of late model vehicles.

PERSON SEARCHES, MOVE ON DIRECTIONS and DRUG DETECTIONS – Trends presented.

It is apparent that people are being searched in areas where offences are occurring which is in turn indicative of crime statistics being down.

Superintendent Rogerson explained police powers and legislation in relation to the searching of persons in a public place and move on directions.

The Command regularly performs Drug Dog operations whereby a drug detection dog patrols locations with police and assists in detecting drugs on persons. There is a standard procedure which police follow in the case of a person being 'detected'. Statistics are positive and assist in reducing supply and possession of drugs in the Command.

Question was raised as to if persons still carry knives?

Insp George and Supt Rogerson – Yes, although legislation has been in place several years, some people do still carry knives illegally. Legislation was explained and various exceptions whereby people are permitted to carry knives. For instance, if required for their employment and the person is on their way to/from work. Police have discretion in enforcing legislation.

MAJOR TRAFFIC CRASH

Criteria explained whereby police investigate motor vehicle collisions.

Overall, there have been less collisions occur this quarter to statistics reported last meeting in March.

William Mouroukas – Should police be called to attend all accidents?

Inspector George – No, police are not required to attend all collisions. Difference between P4's and P5's explained and when police become involved.

William Mouroukas – Information relating to minor collisions could be useful police in identifying hot spots and information can then be sent to the Traffic Committee.

Supt Rogerson and Insp George – All accidents can be reported but not are all investigated by police. Insurance companies are able to supply this information to police or Traffic Committee's.

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General Business

Supt Rogerson tabled a Draft Action Plan relating to Malicious Damage – Graffiti. The Command would like to engage partners from within the CSPC who may want to be involved in this multi agency and multi community approach to drive down this crime category. The Command would like to create and document an action plan with other partners.

An expression of interest will be sent out to CSPC members.

The Command will draft up an action plan with possible strategies. This will be a starting point for a workshop which we plan to hold with interested partners - prior to the September CSPC meeting.

Issue relating to cyclists riding inappropriately. What can be done about this?

Inspector George – Largely this is an education issue. Over the summer months, the Command have a bike unit whereby specialised officers perform patrols.

Ludovico Fabiano - Issues relating to cyclists could also be referred to the Traffic Committee for their information in identifying hot spots within the Command.

Margaret Hope – Concerned that licensing issues at the Robin Hood hotel had increased.

A/Sergeant Brooks – Suggested that licensing police and the Charing Cross Precinct members get together as a working party with local hotels in identifying and addressing local issues. A group email list will be created.

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Outstanding Issues Arising

1. Add information to the presentation indicating whether statistics have increased or decreased. Perhaps suburbs specific.

AGENCY – Police

2. Working party to be created between Licensing police, Charing Cross Precinct members and local licensees.

AGENCY – Police, Charing Cross Precinct

3. Expression of interest and workshop to take place regarding introduction of a Draft Action Plan addressing Malicious Damage – Graffiti.

AGENCY - Police

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

