

Northern Beaches Local Area Command

Community Safety Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes

Wednesday 16th November 2011

Chairperson: A/Superintendent Wonders

Attendees:

A/Superintendent Wonders	Northern Beaches Police	Acting Commander
A/Inspector Pooley	Northern Beaches Police	Acting Crime Manager
Sgt Jones	Northern Beaches Police	Intelligence Officer
S/Cst Boss	Northern Beaches Police	Crime Prevention Officer
Cst Millar	Northern Beaches Police	Licensing officer
Jonathon O'Dea	Member of Parliament	State Member for Davidson
Jill Dubois	Representative for Member of Parliament	PA to State Member for Pittwater
Keith Ralfs	Pittwater Business Ltd	Director
Lindsay Godfrey	Pittwater Council	Manager Community Library & Economic Development
Ruth Robins	Warringah Council	Group Manager Community Services
Craig Webster	State Transit Authority	General Manager Region A
Julia Nowland	MDECC	Health Promotion Co-ordinator

Apologies:

Superintendent Cruickshank	Northern Beaches Police	Commander
Harvey Rose	Pittwater Council	Mayor of Pittwater
Brad Hazzard	Member of Parliament	State Member for Wakehurst
Rob Stokes	Member of Parliament	State Member for Pittwater
Domenic Larosa	State Transit Authority	Depot Manager-Brookvale
Victoria Creecy	Avalon Chamber of Commerce	President
Linda White	Warringah Chamber of Commerce	President

Meeting Commenced at 9.04am.

Official Welcome:

Meeting opened and official welcome by A/Superintendent Wonders.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

Minutes of previous meeting moved by Lindsay Godfrey and seconded by Sgt Jones.

Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

A/Superintendent Wonder discussed current situation with Dee Why Hotel, after issues were raised in previous meeting relating to the trading hours and conditions of the hotel. Cst Millar gave a general overview of Dee Why Hotel since it re-opened. The hotel targets the 25-35 yr age range and is busiest on Friday and Saturday nights. Police are meeting with the Bayfields (owner of the hotel) fortnightly on Tuesdays to discuss any issues. Since this has occurred there has been no noise complaints reported to Police. Certain strategies have been employed by the hotel including the placement of thick curtains around the window to reduce noise and extra security guards. One of the security guards is wearing a head cam which has audio. Every hour the security guard walks to Pittwater Road to monitor the sound and records this in incident register. This security guard is also monitoring the area around the kebab shop up the road from the hotel. Further to this the hotel is also using polyurethane cups instead of glass to reduce the risk of glassing. Cst Millar also reports that there have been 14 assaults since January 2011, which is low for the number of patrons attending the premises. Between March and July there were 10 assaults reported and since October 2011 there have been no assaults reported. The Police have been assisting hotel management to manage problems at the hotel. Currently the hotel has a 24 hour trading licence, but closes at 3am. Lindsay Godfrey raised a question in relation to there being any trading conditions set by Warringah Council within the Development Application (DA) for the hotel.

Action: Ruth Robbins (Warringah Council) to follow-up the DA for Dee Why Hotel with Warringah Council.

Craig Webster (STA) stated that the hotel has been working with the State Transit Authority in relation to any issues. Lindsay Godfrey discussed issues that Pittwater Council had in relation to a local Kebab shop trading at Mona Vale outside of operating hours of the DA. He questioned if a similar issue was impacting upon Dee Why Hotel with the nearby kebab shops trading late and if Warringah Council could consider looking compliance issues for these premises in relation to DA's.

Crime Overview:

Presented by Sgt Jones.

• **Assault - Non Domestic Related**

- Assault Non DV has an associated factor of alcohol related in 37% of incidents.
- Dee Why is the current hotspot followed by Brookvale and Mona Vale.
- The hot time for assaults is midnight.
- Friday is the predominant day, followed by Thursday.

- Occurring mainly in outdoor/public places (36%), followed equally by Licensed premise & Residential (18%).
- Common Assault (78%), AOABH (20%), AOGBH (2%)
- MO is Physical force (34%), Punch (25%)
- Gender/Age Range: Male (82%), 14-17 years (23%) & 30-39years (23%)
- **Assault – Domestic Violence Related**
 - Assault DV has an associated factor of alcohol related in 35% of incidents.
 - Dee Why, Mona Vale & Warriewood are the current hotspot areas.
 - The hot time periods for assaults are 8pm & 11pm.
 - The predominant day equally is Monday, Friday & Sunday.
 - Assaults primarily occur at residential premises (89%)
 - 15% result in AOABH & 1% in AOGBH. The main MO is Physical Force (34%) & Punch (15%).
 - Gender/Age Range: Male 68%, 40-55 years 31%
- **Break and Enter Dwelling**
 - The hotspot locations are Narrabeen, Beacon Hill & Freshwater.
 - The hot times are 11am-2pm.
 - The predominant day is Wednesday.
 - Main method of entry is Ground Floor Front Door (13%), Opened (11%) and Ground Floor Rear Door (9%).
- **Break and Enter Non-Dwelling**
 - The hotspot locations are Warriewood, Brookvale followed by Belrose & Terrey Hills equally.
 - Business/Commercial premises make up 40% of Non Dwelling Break and Enters followed by Education at 17%.
 - The hot time is 12am-1am.
 - The predominant days are Wednesday & Saturday.
 - Main MO is Ground Floor Front Door (19%) followed by Forced Lock (9%).
- **Stealing**
 - The hotspot location for SFP is predominantly Dee Why and the hotspot location for SFR is Brookvale.
 - The primary premise type for SFR and SFP is business/commercial.
 - The hot time period for Stealing is 11am and 1pm.
 - The predominant day for Stealing is Thursday.
- **Steal from Motor Vehicle**
 - The hotspot locations are predominantly Collaroy Plateau (15%) followed by Dee Why (10%) and Beacon Hill, Brookvale & Mona Vale equally (5%).
 - The hot time period for Steal from Motor Vehicle is 10pm-4am.
 - The predominant day for Steal from Motor Vehicle is Wednesday.
 - MO majority of vehicles are left unlocked with property stolen including laptops, cash, GPS, handbags/wallets, tools, clothes.
- **Robbery**

- In October, there were 3 Robberies which occurred at Frenchs Forest, Brookvale & Mona Vale. All committed in outdoor/public places.
- 2 Robberies were at night (both Saturday) and the third in the afternoon (Wed). Two Robberies occurred at bus stops (Frenchs Forest & Mona Vale).
- Physical force (punch) was the main MO in two of the robberies, with the third involving the threat of the use of a knife.

- **Stolen Vehicle**

Most vehicles stolen from this LAC are recovered locally.

The majority of vehicles were stolen from outdoor/public places (50%) and residential premises (50%).

There is no specific hotspot 1 veh stolen in separate suburbs.

The hot time period for stolen vehicles is 11pm-12am.

Saturday is the predominant day.

- **Malicious Damage**

- Most vehicles stolen from this LAC are recovered locally.

- The majority of vehicles were stolen from outdoor/public places (50%) and residential premises (50%).

- There is no specific hotspot/trend, 1 veh stolen in separate suburbs.

- The hot time period for stolen vehicles is 11pm-12am.

- Saturday is the predominant day.

- **Injury or Fatal Crash**

- Dee Why (22%) is the main location followed by Brookvale (19%) and Narrabeena (11%).

- The majority of accidents had no associated factor (86%) and alcohol related (7%).

- The hot time is 3-5pm.

- Saturday is the predominant day.

- **Mona Vale CBD**

Malicious Damage, Graffiti and Pro-activity maps were shown of Mona Vale CBD. Drug detection maps were shown of Mona Vale CBD & Avalon CBD. Issues raised in relation to a party that occurred in Heath Street Mona Vale on Saturday night.

- **Transit Related Offences**

Maps highlighting public transport incidents from Jan - February 2011 were shown with the majority of incidents occurring on buses followed by taxi.

General Business:

TRANSIT RELATED OPERATIONS

- Craig Webster discussed the position of the STA in relation to providing additional services for incidents such as the party that occurred in Mona Vale on Saturday night. No additional services will be provided unless there is a security escort or Police presence to ensure safety of driver, passengers and bus. The

STA are also restricted in providing additional services on a Friday or Saturday night due to staffing. Drivers are encouraged to radio in high level movements of people on the peninsula, so that the base can inform Police.

Open Forum:

- S/Cst Boss provided an overview of the Eyewatch project which is targeted at providing information and obtaining information from the public. It is also a tool for local Neighbourhood Watch groups and other business groups to have online meetings and discuss any issues with delegated officers from the command.
- A/Sup Wonders proposed a change of meeting time for the CSPC from 9am to 8am.
Action: Item to be tabled and followed up later with members.
- Lindsay Godfrey provided an overview of Pittwater Council's proposal for the building of a PCYC at Rat Park, North Narrabeen. He discussed that currently there are 57 PCYC in the state and that the closest ones operate at Hornsby and North Sydney. There will be 8 new PCYC to be funded by the State Government and for two new officers for the Youth Command, which will cost around 8.4 million. Pittwater Council are seeking the grant of 2.5 million dollars for the proposal. Lindsay Godfrey on behalf of Mayor Harvey Rose wanted to thank the local members of parliament, Mayors from Warringah and Manly, Superintendent Cruickshank, C/Insp Green, Sgt Jones, S/Cst's Bird, Boss and Jennings for their support in developing the proposal. Expression of interest for the project is closing soon and the council should know in the New Year if the proposal is successful. Craig Webster (STA) offered any assistance from STA in supporting the proposal.
- Ruth Robins introduced herself to the members of the CSPC as the new Group Manager Community Services at Warringah Council.

Meeting concluded at 10.14 am.

Date of next meeting to be arranged.