



NSW POLICE SERVICE

CHIFLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND

Community Precinct Meeting

Date/Time: 4.00pm – Monday 5th December 2011.

Location: Blayney Shire Council

Attending members:

- Chifley LAC:** Supt Mick Robinson, Insp L McFawn, S/C S Rose,
- Blayney Shire Council:** Mayor Bruce Kingham, GM Glenn Wilcox
- Oberon Shire Council:** Nil
- Lithgow City Council:** Mayor Neville Castle, GM Roger Bailey
- Bathurst Regional Council:** Nil
- Corrective Services:** Mick Marshall
- Apologies:** Paul Toole, Leanne Barlow and Don Fitzpatrick and Sgt Troy Klower

Meeting opened at 4.10 pm by Supt M Robinson.

Minutes from the previous meeting.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 05/09/2011 be adopted. Neville Castle and Roger Bailey

Nil: New Correspondence.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Nil
Outstanding actions: Nil from previous meeting.

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Chifley Commander Report:

Superintendent Robinson spoke about staffing numbers:
 Detectives position Lithgow has been filled with the officer arriving in the New Year.
 S/C Stutsel transferring to Policelink Lithgow, S/C Sullivan going to Bourke, both sergeants positions. Until positions filled at Blayney they will continue to be supplemented from outstations.
 Oberon – 1 position vacant which is expected to be filled early in the New Year.
 3 probationary constables arriving on the 16th December and will be split between Lithgow and Bathurst.
 1 experienced senior constable coming to Lithgow.

Crime overview:

Over the past 3 months we have had extra people in the Command with events such as NARLA and the Bathurst 1000. We also have other visitors and a number of people

released from gaol. Some challenges in respect to crime figures largely affecting the Bathurst Area and this is reflected in the crime figures. Of main concern at present is the targeting of rural properties and firearm offences. 6-8 Break and enters recently and approx 20 long arms stolen. Investigations continue.

Chifley Crime Manager Report:

BES are trending upwards, offenders are being targeted.

Bathurst is the area of concern; Alcohol related assaults dropped this time last year. Only 1 hotel in top category and that is in Bathurst.

Malicious damage on the increase – along pedestrian routes from licensed premises in early hours of the morning, includes Lithgow.

Steal MV –Above average from previous year.

Often it is the joy riders going from one location to the next and the motor vehicle being recovered burnt out, or possibly used for BES offences.

Most recovered vehicles are located in the LAC. SMV concentrated in the Bathurst area.

Spate of trailers stolen but this has reduced at present.

Steal from motor vehicle – continues to be opportunistic.

Cannabis still the drug of choice.

Drug operations have targeted Heroin/Ice in the Kelso area.

Discussed recent fatal at Lyndhurst – and engagement of employers of staff working shift work. Approach to Cadia Mine, there is a correlation between 12 hour shifts and fatal mva's.

Update on Blayney village - Kingham

198 miners catered for. Workforce of 300-400 personnel.

Another 40 Units to be supplied to cater for extra staff.

Miners work 12 hour shifts and buses transport miners to work and back.

Financially viable for town.

Nil increase in crime.

Miners subjected to regular alcohol and drug testing.

Update Bathurst gaol –Marshall

Several correctional centres closed across the State and Kirkconnell is one of those.

Dynamics of the system won't change.

200 inmates on the ground in Community agency work. Trade qualifications heavily sort after.

There is an increase of prison trucks moving around the State. Bathurst PDC was going to be a half way house, however put on hold. Stage 2 prisoners almost finished and those stage 1 PDC prisoners being sent to Silverwater.

Lithgow a modern new gaol Goulburn the next alternative. Prisoners tend to stay in Lithgow. High risk prisoners are a small percentage of the prison population.

Trail bikes. –Bailey

Roger Bailey asked whether the trail bikes are being used.

Acquired 2 more bikes in Chifley LAC and they are being used. A bike "Op" was held on the long weekend and this was a huge success. Neville Castle was supportive of the bikes being used regularly, every few months, or more often (Bailey)

Comment: bike riders are a pest at Newnes and Sunny Corner.

Request from Lithgow that bike patrols are directed towards water catchment areas where trail bike riders are causing concern.

Issues:

Lithgow: Neville Castles expressed concern that road works signage had been used during a traffic operation on the Great Western Highway at Marrangaroo. Also acknowledged the operation was a huge success with unregistered, uninsured and unlicensed vehicles/drivers detected.

Lithgow Crime Prevention funding received from the Attorneys Generals. An amount of money to be put towards transportation home for patrons from licensed venues, this is ongoing and has been debated for sometime at the Crime prevention meetings in Lithgow.

Blayney: Traffic problems between Millthorpe and Cadia with some miners choosing to drive to and from work. Sign posted speed limit 50kph, however much higher speeds are being observed by residents.

To be addressed by LAC. (Robinson: issue will be addressed)

Times- range between 5.30am and 7.45am, then again in the afternoon.

Request for police to supply comparison statistics for each LGA for the next quarterly meeting in Bathurst (15 months) so that a clearer picture of crime trends can be seen.

Due to no representation at the last 2 meetings it was noted that Bathurst Regional Council reps should be reminded to attend the CSPC Meetings.

Next quarterly CSPC Meeting: Bathurst Regional Council 4pm on 5th March 2012.

Meeting closed 5.15pm

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15th December 2011.