



Hurstville Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting
Hurstville Police Station 36-38 Ormonde Parade, Hurstville
1530 Friday 26 September, 2008

Minutes

Welcome

- Superintendent Peter Barrie, Commander, Hurstville LAC

Introductions by members

- *(See attached attendance sheet).*

Business

Senior Sergeant Simpson CPO, Hurstville LAC

- Presented information on the NSW Crime Prevention Framework.
- The NSW Government has developed a Crime Prevention Framework which substantially refocusses, strengthens and coordinates activities at both the State and local levels which aims to reduce crime levels, deter criminal activities, increase community safety, and minimise the occurrence of antisocial behaviour.
- The Framework ensures a coordinated approach to the achievement of crime reduction goals identified in the NSW State Plan.
- The Crime Prevention Framework recognises that, to achieve its objectives, initiatives must target specific crimes using hard data to identify priority areas both at a State and local level.
- This ensures there is a focus on the most prevalent crime types and the communities that experience the most crime.
- In line with the requirements of the Framework Hurstville Local Area Command has established a Community Safety Precinct Committee.
- This Committee is a vehicle through which the NSW Police Force and Government agencies consult with the community and other key stakeholders on crime prevention and community safety issues at a local level.
- These Committees are being established in Local Area Commands across the State.
- Where Crime Prevention Partnerships are established in priority areas, Precinct Committees comprise their formal consultative arm.
- Precinct Committees also provide an opportunity for the Local Area Commander to disseminate accurate local crime information and raise awareness of local crime prevention and reduction approaches.
- These Committees will replace Police Accountability Community Teams.
- **Hurstville LAC Community Safety Precinct Committee**
- The Aim of the Committee:
- To facilitate a multi-faceted and co-ordinated approach to the development of community safety and crime prevention strategies to address community



safety issues with the Hurstville Local Area Command, through the co-operation of Police, Councils, Government and Non-Government agencies and the Community.

- **The Objectives of the Committee:**
- The objectives of the Hurstville Community Safety Precinct Committee are to:
- Encourage community partnerships to reduce opportunities for crime and the fear of crime.
- Develop local solutions to local problems in partnership with local stakeholders.
- Improve public safety and reduce the fear of crime at a local level.
- Raise understanding of the relationship between policing and crime reduction; and
- Ensure the Commander takes into account local community views on police visibility, police deployment and crime hotspots when deciding police tasking and deployment.
- **The membership shall comprise:**
- Commander Hurstville LAC
- Representative of Member for Watson (Federal)
- Representative of Member for Barton (Federal)
- Representative of Member for Banks (Federal)
- Representative of Member for Georges River
- Representative of Member for Kogarah
- Representative of Member for Lakemba
- Representative of Hurstville City Council
- Representative of Kogarah Municipal Council
- Representative of NSW Registered Clubs Association
- Representative of NSW Australian Hotels Association
- Representative of Hurstville LAC Liquor Accord
- Representative of Hurstville Westfield.
- Representative of Chinese community.
- The Committee may accept representatives from other appropriate organisations as new members from time to time as the need arises.

Superintendent Barrie, Commander, Hurstville LAC

- Thanked the members for their involvement in the committee.
- Requested members consider the makeup of membership for the new Community Safety Precinct Committee.

Senior Sergeant Simpson CPO Hurstville

- Presented information on Key Crime Trends, Reactive/Proactive reports and hotspots within the LAC.
- Powerpoint presentation on weekly crime trends information obtained from EDW Charts.



Superintendent Barrie, Commander, Hurstville LAC.

- Expressed concerns about the number of young people that were involved in criminal activity within the LAC.
- Requested information from members as to what they thought should be done.
- The Youth Liaison Officer and School Liaison Officer have been involved in local programs with young people at risk through the PCYC.
- The School Liaison Officer has also been working with the local High Schools within the area by conducting Crime Prevention workshops.

Mr. Robert McClelland, Member for Watson,

- Suggested that we needed to work with local young organisations such as the junior league to encourage young people to get involved in activity other than crime.

Mr. Nick Katris, Mayor, Kogarah Municipal Council.

- As soccer is also a growing sport among young people in Australia we also need to tap into the local soccer clubs.

Mr. Ian Todd, Representative Registered Clubs Association.

- Indicated that the Registered Clubs were involved in sponsoring many groups within the community.
- These groups are another resource that police may be able to work with.

Mr. Kevin Greene, Member for Georges River, Minister for Gaming and Racing.

- Also recommended that we need to work with the schools.

Other Business

Mr. David Linden, Manager, Community Services Hurstville City Council.

- As a result of a number of complaints about underage drinking in certain area Police have requested signage for some parks within the area.
- Indicated that the 'Alcohol Free Zone' signage requested by Police was being installed within Stevens Reserve, Gungah Bay Road, Oatley.
- Also indicated that the 'Alcohol Free Zone' signage requested by Police was being installed within Stevens Reserve, Gungah Bay Road, Oatley.
- Indicated that they had received complaints from members of the community about young people congregating around the Taxi Rank Pitt Street, Mortdale.

Action: Senior Sergeant Simpson to include this location in tasking.

Mr. Mark Lomax, Centre Manager, Westfield Hurstville

- Thanked the Commander and Hurstville Police for their efforts in reducing crime and anti social behaviour within the Westfield Centre, Hurstville.
- Since taking up the position of Centre Manager he has been impressed with the interaction that takes place between Hurstville Police and Westfield staff.
- A number of joint operations have been conducted in the centre.
- Westfield has seen a reduction of crime within the centre in comparison with other centres across the state.



- Many of the strategies that are used at Hurstville are now being used throughout the organisation.
- The National Security Manager Westfield also shows the operations at Westfield Hurstville to other Security Managers across the country.

Mr. Kevin Greene, Member for Georges River, Minister for Gaming & Racing.

- Suggest that good news stories such as these should be circulated to the community.
- He offered to use his local Newsletter to circulate information such as this.

Mr. Vince Badalatti, Mayor Hurstville City Council.

- He offered to use the local Council Newsletter to circulate information such as this.

Mr. Kevin Greene, Member for Georges River, Minister for Gaming & Racing.

- Indicated that there were a number of community events coming up that Police needed to be aware of.
- On 21 November, 2008 the Hurstville Mayors Golf Day is to be conducted at (Royal) Hurstville Golf Club, Lorraine Street, Peakhurst.
- The promotional materials will be set up the day before the event and requested Police to carry out patrols of the location the night before the event.
- On 29 November, 2008 a cricket match between New South Wales and Tasmania is to be held at Hurstville Oval Dora Street, Hurstville.
- He has requested Police carry out patrols of this event to monitor public order.

Action: Detective Inspector O Neill indicated that Police would be tasked to carry out patrols of these events to monitor public order.

Action: Senior Sergeant Simpson to include these activities on tasking for Police.

Next meeting

- To be advised