
GLADESVILLE COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE

14th October 2009
Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre Conference Room (Old Gladesville Hospital)
1 Punt Road Gladesville

Present:

Name	Agency	Title
A/Supt Rob Vellar	NSW Police	A/Commander
Insp David Robins	NSW Police	Duty Officer (Presenter)
Det A/Insp Martin Jones	NSW Police	A/Crime Manager
A/Insp Leonie Abberfield	NSW Police	A/Duty Officer
Sgt Kerri McDonald	NSW Police	Intelligence Supervisor
S/Cst Laurie Buckley	NSW Police	Licensing Officer
S/Cst Tracy Stone	NSW Police	Crime Prevention Officer
Peter Astridge	Hunters Hill Council	Councillor
Julianne Taffer	West Ryde Chamber of Commerce	Vice President
Janice Poynton	HH/Ryde	Manager
Tony About	Ryde Chamber of Commerce	President
Toni Dickson	Local Member for Lane Cove	Office Manager
Craig Stephens	Salvation Army	Manager

Apologies:

Name	Agency	Title
Supt Phil Flogel	NSW Police	Commander
Mr Anthony Roberts	State Govt	Local member for Lane Cove
Mr Victor Dominello	State Govt	Local member for Lane Cove
STO Rob Beath	Railcorp	Transit Officer
Margaret Kelly	Hunters Hill Council	Manager Community Services
Clr Michael Butterworth	City of Ryde council	Mayor
Clr Vic Tagg	City of Ryde Council	Councillor

MINUTES:

Opening and Welcome – A/Supt Vellar

Meeting Commenced 9.45am

Previous Minutes Accepted:

Moved Clr Peter Astridge
Seconded: Mr Tony About

Outstanding Action Items from previous Meeting:

Action Item	Responsibility	Results
Identify possible community leaders/support persons for juveniles performing work tasks after juvenile conference.	Insp Robins	Sufficient persons (5) currently identified. Nil conference referrals during reporting period. Matter Finalised.
Liaise with Ministry regarding new draft policy and legislation	Mr Dominello	Carried Over

1. CRIME REPORT FOR GLADESVILLE LAC PRESENTED BY DET A/INSP JONES

REPORTING PERIOD – July 2009 – September 2009

ASSAULTS

- Total of 76 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 26 assaults in July, 32 in August and 18 in September.
- Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 9.5% in the number of overall assaults reported.
- Due to the low numbers of overall assaults reported, the LAC has a low state ranking of 74 in July, 72 in August, and 74 in September.
- The overall legal action rate (clear up rates) for the July to September period for all assaults is 35.5%
- Assaults are also broken down into the following incident categories of Assault – Non DV, Assault – Alcohol Related and Assault – DV.
- Our main concerns currently are alcohol related assaults, especially at licensed premises in the LAC. As the summer months approach, it is also expected that the number of alcohol related assaults will rise.

ASSAULT – Alcohol Related

- Total of 30 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 13 alcohol related assaults in July, 13 in August, and 4 in September. The LAC monthly target is 12. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 9.1% in the number of alcohol related assaults reported.
- This reporting period is showing a downwards trend for alcohol related incidents, which is attributed to the winter weather, ongoing business inspections of licensed premises and continued walkthroughs of licensed premises at night.
- The LAC has a state ranking of 73 in July, 73 in August, and 73 in September for the number of alcohol related assaults that have been reported.
- Our main hotspot locations for this reporting period were licensed premises at Gladesville, Particularly the Bayview Tavern and hotels at Ryde and West Ryde. The main days and times for alcohol related incidents are Friday and Saturday nights, after 11pm.

- Daily business inspections of all licensed premises in the LAC are conducted.
- Vikings operations have been run on Friday and Saturday nights at licensed premises throughout the period (July and August) targeting assaults and anti social behaviour in the LAC.
- The Eastwood Gladesville Liquor Accord (EGLA) started in July 2009, and has signed up more than 200 licensed premises in both LAC's. This Liquor Accord is a cooperative relationship between licensees, local council, local police and other interested community stakeholders, which is aimed at responsible service of alcohol, improved safety and security and is committed to reducing problems associated with drunken and anti-social behaviour at licensed premises.

ASSAULT – DV

- Total of 28 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 10 DV related assaults in July, 15 in August, and 3 in September. The LAC monthly target is 11. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 15.1% in the number of domestic related assaults reported.
- This reporting period is showing a downwards trend for DV related incidents, which is attributed to the winter weather and increased reporting of domestic related assaults to police.
- The LAC has a state ranking of 67 in July, 64 in August, and 66 in September for the number of DV related assaults that have been reported.
- The DVLO provides 100% follow up with victims of domestic related assaults and attends each week regarding these incidents.

BREAK ENTER & STEAL - DWELLING

- Total of 59 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 15 break and enters at dwellings in July, 18 in August and 26 in September. The LAC monthly target is 26. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 26.3% in the number of residential break and enters reported.
- For this quarterly period, incidents are showing also an increasing trend, however overall figures are below or just on the target of 26.
- The LAC has a state ranking of 73 in July, 73 in August, and 69 in September for the number of BE&S at residential premises that have been reported.
- The overall legal action rate (clear up rates) for the July to September period for all break and enters – residential and commercial offences is 2.9%.
- Our main hotspots suburbs for this quarter are Ryde, West Ryde, Gladesville, North Ryde and Putney.
- The main days and times for residential break and enters are Wednesday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday during daytime hours.
- BE&S packages are forwarded onto victims and residents in the surrounding neighbourhood.
- The LAC Crime Prevention Officer conducts safety audits in relation to the target hardening of premises. She also conducts audits with victims and continues on with victim follow up.

BREAK ENTER & STEAL – NON DWELLING (business, recreation, industrial and education premises)

- Total of 10 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 3 break and enters at non dwellings in July, 4 in August and 3 in September. The LAC monthly target is 9. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 64.3% in the number of non- residential break and enters reported.
- For this period, incidents are also showing downward trend, with overall figures well underneath the monthly target of 9.

- The LAC has a state ranking of 73 in July, 73 in August, and 72 in September for the number of BE&S at non-residential premises that have been reported.
- Hotspot areas are commercial premises and shopping centres in the CBD areas of the LAC.
- The main days and times for non-residential break and enters are Friday, Saturday, Monday during the afternoon and late evening.
- CCTV footage is obtained when possible.
- Daily school inspections are conducted of all primary and high schools in the LAC.
- Regular patrols of all ATM's in the LAC are conducted by night shift car crews.

ROBBERY

- Total of 3 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 2 robberies in July, 0 in August and 1 in September. The monthly LAC target is 3. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 62.5% in the number of robberies reported.
- For this quarterly period, incidents are also showing a downwards trend. Our figures are well below our target of 3, which is low compared to other LAC's in the Sydney metropolitan area.
- Due to the low numbers of robberies reported, the LAC has a low state ranking of 57 in July, 60 in August, and 61 in September.
- The overall legal action rate (clear up rates) for the July to September period for robbery offences is 33.3%.
- Continued liaison with our licensee's regarding targeting hardening of premises.
- The LAC has conducted HVP operations during this period - two Vikings operations – 1 in July and 1 in August. Also, Vision 5 operation started on 20 September 2009 concentrating transport infrastructures/routes and stations, licensed premises and identified soft targets within a 500m radius of transport hubs– targeting robbery offences, street crime, antisocial behaviour and identified soft targets during this period.

STEALING - STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

- There were 25 steal from motor vehicle incidents in July, 19 in August and 17 in September. The LAC monthly target is 32. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 18.7% in the number of SFMV incidents reported.
- For this period, incidents are also showing a downward trend.
- The LAC has a state ranking of 69 in July, 70 in August, and 69 in September for the number of steal from motor vehicles offences that have been reported.
- The overall legal action rate (clear up rates) for the July to September period for stealing offences is 4.5%.
- The main hotspots suburbs are Ryde, North Ryde, Meadowbank, and West Ryde particularly near transport carparks and shopping centre carparks in CBD areas of the LAC. Incidents also occur in residential areas, especially from vehicles parked in residential streets in Ryde, West Ryde, Meadowbank and West Ryde.
- The main days and times for steal from motor vehicle offences are Thursday, Saturday, Wednesday and Tuesdays during the afternoon, early to late evening.
- Popular items stolen are GPS, laptops, iPods, bags, wallets and cash.

STEALING - EXCLUDING SFMV

- There were 27 stealings excluding SFMV incidents in July, 31 in August, 38 in September. The LAC monthly target is 34. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 8.6% in the number of non-SFMV incidents reported.
- For this period, incidents are also showing an upward trend.
- The LAC has a state ranking of 79 in July, 78 in August, and 78 in September for the number of stealing offences other than steal from motor vehicle offences that have been reported.

- The main hotspots are retail and business premises situated at CBD locations and sports venues (parks) in the LAC.
- Expectation that the figures will increase for steal from retail offences when Top Ryde City opens on 5 November 2009.

STOLEN VEHICLES

- There were 9 stolen vehicles in July, 11 in August and 12 in September. The LAC monthly target is 6. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is an increase 23.1% in the number of stolen vehicles reported. For this reporting period of July to Sept 2009, our figures are showing an upwards trend.
- The LAC has a state ranking of 70 in July, 67 in August, and 62 in September for the number of stolen vehicles that have been reported.
- The overall legal action rate (clear up rates) for the July to September period for stolen motor vehicle offences is 6.1%.
- The main hotspots suburbs for this time period are Ryde, Putney, North Ryde, Hunters Hill and West Ryde.
- The main hotspots suburbs for recovered vehicles are Ryde, Melrose Park and Gladesville.
- The main days and times for stolen motor vehicle offences are Friday, Thursday, Tuesday, Sunday during the daytime to late evening.

DRUG DETECTIONS - Possess

- Total of 33 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 12 drug possessions in July, 7 in August and 14 in September. The LAC monthly target is 12. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 5.7% in the number of drug detections for possess.
- For this reporting period of our figures are showing an upwards trend and this is attributed to the targeting of known drug offenders and locations by the LAC proactive crime team and general duties police.
- Our main hotspots areas are wharves, parks and reserves in the LAC, where groups of young people, mostly in their late teens, early to mid twenties congregate in their vehicles near the waterfront in the LAC, especially as the warmer weather approaches.

DRUG DETECTIONS - Supply

- Total of 2 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 2 drug detections – supply in July, 0 in August and 0 in September. The LAC monthly target is 1. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 50% in the number of drug detections for supply.
- For this reporting period of our figures are showing a downwards trend.

MOVEONS

- Total of 106 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 48 move ons given in July, 33 in August and 25 in September. The LAC monthly target is 51. Compared to the same three month period last year, the number of moveons given is the same.
- For this reporting period, our figures are showing a downwards trend, which is attributed to the winter weather and ongoing patrolling of known locations within the LAC where people of interest loiter.
- Our main hotspots areas for moveons are CBD areas, transport locations and recreational areas in the suburbs of Ryde, West Ryde, Meadowbank, Gladesville and North Ryde.

PERSON SEARCHES

- Total of 214 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 100 person searches conducted in July, 47 in August and 67 in September. The LAC monthly target is 51. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 7.8% in the number of persons searches done.
- For this reporting period, our figures are showing mostly an upwards trend which is attributed to the targeting of known offenders and locations by the LAC proactive crime team and general duties police.
- Our main hotspots areas are transport locations and recreational areas in the suburbs of Ryde, West Ryde, Gladesville, Meadowbank and North Ryde.

VEHICLE SEARCHES

- Total of 64 incidents were reported during this period.
- There were 29 vehicle searches conducted in July, 13 in August and 22 in September. There are no LAC monthly targets for vehicle searches. Compared to the same three month period last year, there is a decrease of 8.6% in the number of vehicle searches done.
- For this three month period, the figures are showing a slight downwards trend which is attributed to the winter weather and ongoing patrolling of known locations within the LAC.
- Our main hotspots areas are transport locations and recreational areas in the Ryde, North Ryde, Meadowbank and Hunters Hill areas.

OPERATIONS – October, November, December 2009.

- **02.10.09 – 05.10.09** – Labour Day Long Weekend – Operation ‘Slowdown’ – high police profile on NSW roads targeting speed, alcohol/drug impaired driving, driver fatigue, occupant and passenger restraints.
- **02.10.09 – 04.10.09** – local operation – targeting licensed premises, alcohol related crime and armed robberies at licensed premises in the LAC over the long weekend.
- Ongoing Vikings operations throughout October, November, December 2009.
- **04.11.09** – Melbourne Cup - targeting antisocial behaviour and armed robbery at licensed premises and TABs.
- **05.11.09** – opening of first stage of Top Ryde City at Ryde.
- **11.11.09** – Ryde RSL Remembrance Day Ceremony at Ryde.
- **5.11.09 – 7.11.09** – Operation ‘Drink Drive 2’ – targeting drink driving offences.
- **02.12.09** – Operation Compliance 6 – statewide traffic enforcement.
- **Dec 2009** – Rotary/TWT Carols by Candlelight at North Ryde Common.
- **Dec 2009** – Gladesville Xmas parade.
- **18.12.09 – 01.01.10** – Christmas and New Year Period 2009/2010 - Operation ‘Safe Arrival’
- **31.12.09** – New Year’s Eve celebrations – public order, traffic and licensing issues. Region wide operation.

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- **26.01.10** – Australia Day celebrations at North Ryde Common.

UPCOMING

- The Domestic Violence Liaison Officer will be promoting once again the 16 days of activism, which is an international campaign highlighting the prevalence of violence against women in November 2009, which includes White Ribbon Day is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Officially, the 16 Days of Activism begins on November 25 -White Ribbon Day, and ends on December 10 – World Human Rights Day.
- This year, the theme of the 16 Days of Activism is not violent, not silent. On duty police officers will be supplied with a White Ribbon to wear on November 25 2009 and

- DVLO will also be participating in the running of a stall at Eastwood during this time with the Eastwood DVLO to promote the 16 days of activism campaign on Friday 4 December 2009. The stall provided booklets and other material about the campaign and information about local resources and strategies to target domestic violence in the local community

2. COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS - S/CST STONE

Powerpoint presentation conducted outlining results of community survey.

1500 surveys conducted. Return rate of 4.45%. Overwhelming majority of respondents satisfied with police activities in their local communities. Some feedback provided in survey relative to perceived crime trends in identified areas.

3. LICENSING PRESENTATION – S/CST LAURIE BUCKLEY

Local Licensee's Meetings

- Introduced **2** local licensee's meetings per year, involving representatives from each of the Hotels and Clubs in the Gladesville Local Area Command
- Meetings held in **April** and **October**
- Over **90%** attendance - discussing local issues and strategies relating to reducing alcohol related crime on and around licensed premises

Introduction of an SMS Alert System

- Commended in **May 2009**
- Involves a senior police officer emailing licensee's and providing them with "**real time**" information about an incident that has occurred involving a licensed premise
- These include: **Robbery Offences, Serious & Large Frauds, Breaking & Entering Offences**
- We provide information about the **location, description of offenders, vehicles used, any weapons used and last known directions**

Voluntary Function Notifications

- At the meeting in April, 2009 **ALL** licensee's present agreed to voluntarily participate in notifying local police of **ANY** functions being held on their premises that would warrant notification or the licensee had concerns about
- Examples are: **18 & 12st Birthday's, end of year functions, Buck's & Hen's parties etc**

Local Liquor Accord Initiatives

- **Secure Cab** – a taxi voucher system to provide a safer and more reliable taxi service to licensed venues
- **Fake ID** advertisement at Licensed Venues (recently promoted by the Eastwood/Gladesville Liquor Accord)

KEEP ON TRAC

- Local and unique initiative involving an "**awareness program**" primarily targeting **Year 12 students**

- Focuses on **Thinking** about the choices they make, taking **Responsibility**, being accountable for their **Actions** and considering the **Consequences** of their choices and actions
- Conducted over a **3** week period in September, 2009 involving **8** local high schools
- Presented to over **700** students

RESULTS

EVALUATION QUESTION	PERCENTAGE
Was the information provided today what you expected?	92% - YES
How much did you learn?	30% - A LOT 59% - SOME
Were you aware of many of the facts and figures mentioned during the presentation?	41% - NO
Are you now more aware of your responsibilities and the consequences of your choices/actions?	97% - YES
Was today's presentation worthwhile attending?	92% - YES
Please tell us how you rate the presentation	16% - EXCELLENT 43% - VERY GOOD 28% - GOOD

5. RAILCORP OVERVIEW OF REPORTED INCIDENTS PREPARED BY STO BEATH

Operation Vision V, commenced on the 20th September 2009.

Based on historical trends, RailCorp Security Division have identified an increase in the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour on the rail network during the period leading up to and including Christmas, New Year and summer holidays.

It was also identified that the usual temporal distribution pattern would likely change (generally more incidents occurring later in the day and early on the next succeeding day particularly on Thursday, Friday/Saturday and Saturday/Sunday).

On Sunday 20th September, 2009, RailCorp Security Division commenced Operation "Vision V" working in close consultation with the NSW Police. Operation Vision V involves the allocation of additional Transit Officer and Police resources and the employment of specific strategies to target the anticipated increase in anti-social behaviour on the rail network. The strategies employed by Security Division included:-

- High Visibility Train Patrols (HVTP) with a particular focus on high risk times - resources were deployed on train patrols in the evenings and later particularly on Thursday, Friday/Saturday and Saturday/Sunday.
- Saturation patrols of services operating on specific lines on specific days to create maximum visible impact.
- Refreshing Transit Officers on procedures for dealing with suspicious behaviour and unattended items.
- Focussed High Visibility operations with NSW Police.

Other

West Ryde RWS: 7 events mal damage Oct to date, Sept: 1 mal damage, 1 Domestic, 1 Aggressive behaviour

Mac Park RWS: 2 Mal damage, 1 Interfere Equipment Oct to date

Macquarie Uni Orientation day 18-09-09

16 Transit officers were allocated to stations and trains on the ECRL Line for this event which went reasonably smoothly causing no major issues, around 4000 extra passengers were carried for the day, but has the potential to be a bigger issue in the future.

New Timetable & World Masters Games

Both these commenced on Sunday the 10th Oct, and this involves the full operation of trains through the ECRL, involves the implementation of this line into the main network, which will turn both Epping and Chatswood into major interchanges

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Proactive Crime Team

A/Supt Vellar discussed Proactive Crime Team (1 Sgt and 8 Constables) being redeployed to Ryde Police Station in November to provide improved services to the Ryde and Top Ryde City areas.

Graffiti

A/Supt Vellar asked how are the various organisations are working to reduce graffiti in their areas?

Tony Abboud indicated that the 'The Weekly Times' features an incident of graffiti each edition, and the Chambers offer a reward of \$5000 for conviction of the offenders responsible for the featured graffiti.

Clr Astridge discussed the rapid removal programme currently utilised by Hunters Hill Council to remove graffiti from public spaces.

Clr Astridge also questioned whether featuring graffiti in local newspapers may encourage offenders who would get enjoyment from seeing their work in the paper.

Tony Abboud indicated he would take that on board and discuss it with the involved stakeholders.

Julianne Taffa discussed problems with graffiti on private premises and the reluctance of some store owners to clean up graffiti on their premises.

Boronia Park Drop in Lunch Service

Janice Poynton indicated that between 8 and 19 residents drop in to the lunch service each Thursday, and that the service is not being advertised as that would only encourage persons from outer areas to attend which was not desired.

Traffic

Clr Astridge discussed the number of vehicles failing to stop at stop signs in the Massey street area during shopping times, and also at the intersection of Westminster and Jordan streets.

Sgt McDonald indicated she would cause police to be tasked to this area to address the issue.

With nothing further the meeting was closed at 11.20am

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10 February 2010. Venue to be determined.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS:

Action Item	Responsibility
Liaise with Ministry regarding new draft policy and legislation	Mr Victor Dominello