

NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL AREA COMMAND
 COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE
 MINUTES
 17 February 2010

Chairperson: Superintendent Cruickshank

Attendees:

Superintendent Cruickshank	Northern Beaches Police	Superintendent
Inspector Wonders	Northern Beaches Police	Crime Manager
Senior Constable Boss	Northern Beaches Police	Crime Prevention Officer
Sergeant Jones	Northern Beaches Police	Intelligence Sergeant
A/Sergeant Pillay	Northern Beaches Police	Licensing
Rob Stokes	Member of Parliament	State Member for Pittwater
Brad Hazzard	Member of Parliament	State Member for Wakehurst
Michelle Ray	Warringah Council	Rep for Mayor of Warringah
Harvey Rose	Pittwater Council	Mayor for Pittwater
Angela Boyle	Pittwater Council	Community Development Officer
Melinda Hewitt	Pittwater Council	Community Development Co-ordinator
Russell Wolfe	Warringah Council	Safety/Comm Services
Linda White	Warringah Chamber of Commerce	Rep for Vice President
Harris Taimaiono	Narrabeen Lakes Chamber Of Commerce	President
Domenic Larosa	State Transit Authority	Depot Mgr of Mona Vale
Rob McConnell	Terry Hills Tavern	
Andrew Laurisden	Harboard Diggers	CEO
Amanda Watkins	MDECC	Drug Counsellor
John Re	Rotary Club of Brookvale	
Debra Drummond	Local resident	

Apologies:

Lindsay Godfrey	Pittwater Council	Manager Community Library
Vicky King	Warringah Council	Manager Community & Safety
Jeanette Padilla	Avalon Chamber of Commerce	President
Jonathon O'Dea	Member of Parliament	State Member for Davidson
Keith Ralfs	Pittwater Business Ltd	President

Meeting commenced at 9.10am

1. Official welcome

Meeting opened and official welcome by Superintendent Cruickshank. Police staff introduced to attendees by Superintendent Cruickshank.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes:

Minutes of previous meeting were moved by A/Sergeant PILLAY and seconded by Michelle Ray.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes:

Nil outstanding items

4. Crime Overview

▪ **Assault – Non Domestic Violence**

37% of these incidents are alcohol related

Hotspots are Brookvale, Mona Vale and Newport

Hot times for assaults 12 midnight, predominately Friday and Sunday

Occurring mainly in outdoor/public places, 46% followed by residential 22%

▪ **Assault – Domestic Violence**

28% of these incidents are alcohol related

Hotspots are Warriewood, Dee Why and Newport

Hot times for assaults are 11am – 12 noon, predominately Friday and Sunday

17% result in AOABH and the main MO is physical force

▪ **Break & Enter – Dwelling**

Hotspot locations are Collaroy 11%, Narrabeen 11%, Bilgola 9% and Dee Why/Harbord 9%

Hot times are 8pm and 3am for night time and 7am- midday for daytime predominately on Tuesday

Main method of entry is ground floor front door followed by opened door.

▪ **Break & Enter – Non Dwelling**

Hotspot locations are Brookvale, North Manly, Narrabeen and Cromer/Dee Why

Business/commercial premises 71% of Non Dwelling Break and Enters

Hot time is 2pm for day time and 9pm and 1am-2am for night time, predominately on Monday

Main method of entry is ground floor front door.

▪ **Stealing**

Hotspot locations are Brookvale, Dee Why, Warriewood and Mona Vale

Hot time is Midday and 5pm predominately on Saturday

Ongoing shoplifting operations involving plain clothes police has been successful in targeting shoplifting offenders.

▪ **Steal from Motor Vehicle**

Hotspot locations are Brookvale, Dee Why, Warriewood, Newport and Mona Vale
Hot time is 2pm, 4pm, 6pm and 4am predominately on Tuesday

Most vehicles targeted are unlocked.

Police have had difficulty educating the community to lock their vehicles in order to reduce the steal from motor vehicle offences

Crime Prevention Officers continue to complete letter box drops in high risk areas reminding residence to lock their vehicles and remove all valuables.

▪ **Robbery**

Predominantly outdoor/public place, 57 % - majority aggravated robberies

Most have occurred in Dee Why, Mona Vale, Avalon and Collaroy.

There is no predominant hot time period or day

The main MO is intimidation and punch and alcohol related in 56% of incidents

The numbers are quite low for the size of the community and most offences involve youth offenders and youth victims.

▪ **Stolen Vehicles**

Most vehicles stolen from this LAC are recovered locally

Majority of vehicle stolen from outdoor/public places followed by residential premises and carpark

Hotspots are Manly Vale, Narrabeen, North Narrabeen and Collaroy Plateau

Hot time periods are 7am to 4pm predominately on Wednesday followed by Tuesday and Friday

▪ **Malicious Damage**

Hotspot locations are Dee Why, Mona Vale, Brookvale and Collaroy

Majority have occurred at residential premises followed by outdoor/public place and educational premises

Hot times are 10pm and 1am, predominately Friday and Saturday

Graffiti currently accounts for 18% of reported Malicious Damage

▪ **Injury and Fatal Crash**

Mona Vale is the main location followed by Frenchs Forest

During January the majority of accidents had no associated factor 97% and 3% were speed related

Hot time is 1pm

Predominate days are Tuesday, Friday and Sunday

▪ **Mona Vale and Collaroy CBD**

Main licensed premises currently causing concern is Collaroy Hotel.

Offences are mainly malicious damage, assaults and street offences

Predominate nights being Friday and Saturday

Linda White enquired as to whether or not there were any other issues such as malicious damage being reported in relation to Collaroy Hotel.

Superintendent Cruickshank stated that reported issues predominately pertained to noise complaints.

Inspector Jones stated that there does not appear to be many malicious damages occurring that are linked to the Collaroy Hotel.

5. Mona Vale Safe Working Party

Angela Boyle advised that the last Mona Vale Safe Working Planning Committee held their last meeting during December 2009 where it was proposed that the working party be extended to include the Newport and Avalon Villages. The first meeting of the extended working party is scheduled for April 2010. Update to be provided by Angela (or council representative) after this time.

6. Northern Beaches Licensing Accord

Andrew Laurisden stated that they were currently in the process of rebuilding the liquor accord and attempting to obtain the involvement of licensed premises in the area. There is current ongoing planning with the Pittwater and Warringah Councils in order to extend the accord. A/Sergeant Pillay stated that the Northern Beaches LAC Licensing Unit had established a good working relationship with the pubs and clubs within the area. A/Sergeant Pillay further stated that they were currently working with the Department of Liquor and Gaming in order to address the issues that have been identified at Collaroy Hotel.

7. General Business

Harvey Rose raised concerns that he had had received from the general public pertaining to anti social behaviour occurring on State Transit Buses on the Northern Beaches on Friday and Saturday nights. He expressed concern pertaining to a particular incident that occurred on a Saturday night where young persons were assaulting, intimidating and causing fear to other passengers, damaging the bus and refusing to pay for their fares.

Sergeant Jones advised that four youths who were not Northern Beaches residence were arrested by police for these offences.

Superintendent Cruickshank advised that police responded to all incidents reported immediately however the majority of these incidents reported are after the incident and therefore police are relying heavily on CCTV footage to identify offenders.

Domenic Larosa advised that CCTV footage is provided to police as soon as possible. He further advised that the attitude of the State Transit Bus drivers is starting to change and they are taking immediate action by ejecting offensive passengers from the busses. He further stated that when the busses are damaged they are removed from their route, which is resulting in further issues such as malicious damage of bus stops and verbal abuse of bus drivers.

Detective Inspector Wonders stated that he attends monthly strategy meetings with State Transit Bus Security. Police are relying heavily on the drivers of the buses to report any problems to police immediately in order for police to respond and take the appropriate action. Operations targeting anti social behaviour on the busses are being conducted as regularly as possible and as funding allows, with policing resources being utilised as best as possible.

Linda White asked if there had been an increase in malicious damage incidents to bus shelters as a result of the anti social behaviour and damage to the buses causing the buses to be removed from their normal route of travel.

Harvey Rose asked for figures/statistics pertaining to State Transit Buses related assaults and malicious damage of bus shelters.

ACTION – Figures to be collated by Sergeant JONES and Domenic Larosa. To be tabled at next meeting.

Superintendent Cruickshank explained the Young Offenders Act regarding the eligibility of cautions and the progression to court for juvenile offenders. John Reid suggested that parents be made responsible for the actions of juvenile offenders and be liable for any compensation for damage to property etc. Rob Stokes acknowledged that juvenile offenders is definitely an issue however reiterated that it was a very complex issue. Stated that Parliament is aware of the issues and are attempting to develop strategies in order to address these issues. Superintendent Cruickshank stated that she was not aware of any instances where a young person has been ordered to pay compensation by the courts.

Harvey Rose left the meeting at 10am due to other Mayoral duties.

Michelle Ray requested an overview of the incident at Longreef Headland on Australia Day involving intoxicated youths. Superintendent Cruickshank stated that on Australia Day a male of about 24 years of age had arranged an unauthorised birthday party at the location. He posted the event on facebook which attracted a large quantity of uninvited, intoxicated youths who attempted to catch public transport from other Sydney suburbs to attend the party. Police were made aware of the situation and actively responded by intercepting the buses being utilised by the uninvited guests and forcing them to leave the area. Persons already at the location were put onto other buses by police and moved out of the area. Superintendent Cruickshank stated that the concern by police was the volume of persons attempting to attend the location and the physical location of the party due to attendees being under the influence of alcohol. Police did not respond to riotous conduct. Superintendent Cruickshank advised that police had liaised with the Local Council and the organiser of the party would be receiving an infringement notice for the unauthorised party.

Linda White enquired into any issues that may be forcibly anticipated over the Easter Holiday break based on previous years and past experience. Superintendent Cruickshank stated that a majority of the community tend to go away on holidays during this time and as such they should be aware of securing their homes while away. Police encourage the community to report any intended parties and advised that a state wide traffic operation is run over the Easter holiday period targeting speeding drivers. Police will also apply for funding in order to run High Visibility Policing operations over the Easter period targeting anti social behaviour. Sergeant Jones stated that the malicious damage incidents may increase particularly to school premises due to students being on school holidays however police are tasked accordingly to actively patrol and monitor local schools. A/Sergeant Pillay stated that the Mona Vale Hotel's busiest night of the year is the Thursday night prior to Good Friday. As such the Northern Beaches Licensing team will be rostered for duty and will be at the Mona Vale Hotel in order to address any issues and proactive police the location. Domenic Larosa asked for a list of all licensed premises closing times.
ACTION: A/Sergent Pillay to email a list of licence premises closing times to Domenic by next meeting.

Angela Boyle advised that the three months Graffiti Trial commenced on Monday 15 February 2010 in Avalon, Newport, Mona Vale and North Narrabeen shops. Melinda Hewitt or Lindsay Godfrey to provide an overview of the trial at the next meeting.

ACTION: Overview of Graffiti Trial to be provided at next meeting by either Melinda Hewitt or Lindsay Godfrey.

Angela Boyle stated that a review of the Liquor Licensing Policy was currently under way, working in consultation with the Northern Beaches Licensing unit. A report to council will be provided next month.

John Re raised the issue of the graffiti of the business at Brookvale and made enquiries into whether or not the young persons responsible were being made to clean the graffiti off the business.

Senior Constable Boss stated that she had spoken to all the business owners and advised them that police do not have the power to compel the offenders to clean the area and that it was the responsibility of the either the building owners or tenants to clean the area.

Debra Drummond, a local community member attended the meeting and addressed the committee. Stated that she was involved in a working party that were currently attempting to start up a non profit organisation responsible for organising entertainment on the Northern Beaches for youths under the age of 18 years. Debra stated that she was liaising and working in conjunction with Rob Stokes. Superintendent Cruickshank suggested that she speak to Senior Constable Boss and the Youth Liaison Officer at the conclusion of the meeting for some advise.

Amanda Watkins advised that there was an increase of local sporting clubs becoming involved in the Good Sports Program and that they were actively speaking out about drugs/alcohol and sport.

Meeting concluded at 10.30am

Next meeting to be advised.