

# NSW POLICE SERVICE

## CHIFLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND



### Community Precinct Meeting

**Date/Time:** 4.00pm – 14.12.09

**Location:** Blayney Shire Council

**Attending members:**

Chifley LAC: Supt Mick Robinson, Inspector Hoolahan, A/Insp Det Sgt Fawkner, S/C Rose and S/C K Stutsel  
Blayney Shire Council: Bruce Kingham, Aaron Jones  
Lithgow City Council: Mayor Neville Castle, Roger Bailey  
Oberon Shire Council: Mayor Keith Sullivan.

**Apologies:**

Paul Toole, Gerard Martin and Janelle Middleton

Meeting opened at 4.10 pm by Supt M Robinson. Welcoming address and introduction of other police.

**Minutes from the previous meeting.**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 28/9/2009 be adopted. Roger Bailey and Keith Sullivan.

**Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

Inspector Hoolahan addressed and explained the circumstances surrounding the issues at response times to incidents at Oberon Hospital -Resolved.

Neville Castle questioned why the new supervisor from Portland is working a roster at Lithgow and not in his sector.

Superintendent Robinson explained that working in Lithgow gave the new supervisor an overview of the Command prior to commencing in Portland and the Sergeant will start in Portland at the beginning of the next roster (27/12/2009)

**Outstanding actions:** Nil from previous meeting.

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## **Chifley Commander Report:**

Superintendent Robinson gave an overview of the latest Crime report for the Command. A power point presentation was given showing the trends and comparisons for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Overall the LAC is positioned quite well. Break, enter and steal from dwellings down from 280 to 260. Steal motor vehicle from 263 to 178. Alcohol related assaults from 245 to 227. Some success with malicious damages. Proactivity up, as seen by the move ons increased from 389 to 700 and person searches from 700 to 1100.

Drug detections are up and this is a result of increased proactivity across the Command.

The LAC is focusing on traffic offences at present as there have been 89 fatals this year, double than for the same time last year. Most of these fatals were preventable. A combined operation including Chifley, Hawkesbury and the Blue Mountains is focusing on traffic offences. Due to the number of accidents across the Command, the perception may be that Highway Patrol officers are less tolerant.

## **Lithgow**

Assaults in Lithgow are showing a downward trend. Comparison from statistics for 2007 when the Nitespot was operating, now shows a significant reduction in alcohol related assaults over the same time period.

Steal from motor vehicles in Lithgow decreased since the "White caps disbandoned.

Mal damage in Lithgow predominately through licensed premises corridor. Police have been tasked to patrol licensed premises corridors and as a result now showing a downward trend in incidents occurring around these areas. The Lithgow CBD is a Hotspot for intoxication and resources are being focused in this area.

Mr Robinson also queried the closure of the Main Street Lithgow for New Years Eve. Mayor Castle from Lithgow City Council stated that a meeting to be held tonight to vote for/against the event.

## **Oberon**

There has been an increase in alcohol related assaults in the Oberon sector.

## **Blayney**

Nil persons arrested for break and enters from rural properties in the Blayney area. Several suspects but nothing has come to fruition. Heritage Park is currently a hot spot, along with St Josephs School. Police are tasked to these areas.

## **General Business:**

Keith Sullivan stated that having the new Sergeant in Oberon had boosted the confidence of the community. Sgt Heinze has been out and about in the CBD. Sullivan stated the other police don't seem to be as visible. Insp Hoolahan explained that one officer on annual leave and one officer HOD.

Bruce Kingham expressed concern that the schools in their area have had several malicious damages of late. Police have been tasked to patrol these areas.

Crime Prevention officer reported that:

Mail outs to all schools for vacation care security across the command completed. Several safety/security audits done across the Command, however recommendations often not acted upon.

A position for another police officer has been advertised at the PCYC Lithgow but to date there have been no takers for the position. Mr Robinson explained that the PCYC was not administered under the Chifley LAC jurisdiction.

Next meeting: 15th March 2010. 4pm – 5pm Bathurst Council Chambers.

Meeting closed at 5.15pm

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