

LACHLAN LOCAL AREA COMMAND – COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING

DATE: 22 AUGUST 2011

TIME: 11.00 AM

VENUE: FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL

PRESENT

Supt. Robert Ryan	Commander, Lachlan Local Area Command
S/C James Dolbel	CPO, Lachlan Local Area Command
Phyllis Miller	Mayor, Forbes Shire Council
Carissa Bywater	General Manager, Forbes Shire Council
Ken Keith	Mayor, Parkes Shire Council
Carissa Bywater	General Manager, Forbes Shire Council
Susan Woodley	A/Executive Officer

APOLOGIES

Kim Jones	Deputy Mayor, Lachlan Shire Council
Kent Boyd	General Manager, Parkes Shire Council
Des Manwaring	Mayor, Lachlan Shire Council
George Cowan	General Manager, Lachlan Shire Council

Meeting opened by Superintendent Ryan. Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Superintendent Ryan advised that the new Business Plan for Lachlan has been distributed, a copy of which will be sent with the final targets

Crime Overview

Alcohol Free Signs have been erected in the Parkes CBD. Police will continue to focus on enforcing liquor laws.

Alcohol related problems with minors continues to be a concern – Police have been confiscating alcohol found on young persons and are speaking to hosts of parties advising them of their obligations in relation to serving alcohol to minors.

The Machinery Shop at Parkes High School was broken into over the weekend. Patrols will be increased at schools in the area.

There was some discussion about the fencing around schools seen in the metropolitan areas. Superintendent Ryan advised that there was a major decrease in break and enters when they were erected.

Action: Superintendent Ryan to follow up with the School Safety Union and/or Department of Education regarding possibility of securing this type of fencing for local schools.

Supt. Ryan reported the following Crime Statistics for July 2011:

Steal from Motor Vehicles	13 overall for July, 6 in Forbes
Non Domestic Assaults	28, 19 of which were alcohol related
Drug Detections	10 for July, mainly related to operation conducted in Parkes.

Spray Paint Agreement

Discussion regarding the Spray Paint Agreement that is now up and running in Forbes. There is a register at paint shops where a person's name is recorded when they purchase spray paint so Police are able to monitor sales. This information is only available for Police and should assist in curbing graffiti related crime.

Community Engagement Forum

Superintendent Ryan would like to arrange a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce in Forbes so members of the community, outside the Council Forum, can contribute to what their concerns are within the community. Mayor Phyllis Miller will email details to Susan Woodley so this can be arranged.

Neighbourhood Watch

The current program operates in both Parkes and Forbes. In conjunction with the current format, a new program called 'eyewatch' will be introduced in February, that essentially will be run over Facebook. There will be two styles of 'eyewatch' pages available:

1. Open Facebook Page
2. Closed Facebook Page

It had been suggested that Police VIPS monitor the sites and respond to information that is posted, however this will not be the case at Lachlan LAC.

Superintendent Ryan asked that suitable citizens be considered to monitor the new sites. Training will be provided. The 'eyewatch' program will prove beneficial in that people can focus on the particular area they are interested in within the community.

S/Cst Dolbel and Superintendent Ryan will attend the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Forbes to advise of procedures and developments in relation to the 'eyewatch' program.

GENERAL BUSINESS

STAFFING

S/Cst Angela O'Brien – commenced in Parkes.
Cst Ashlyn Johannson – commenced in Parkes
Sgt Deanne Jeffress – to commence as HWP Sergeant in Parkes.
Cst Priestly – Resigned from TAG Unit.
Forbes – full contingent of staff.
Parkes – Two vacancies
All outstations are now fully staffed.

Superintendent Ryan went on to advise that we are looking at increasing the TAG unit to include a Sergeant, which will provide more flexibility in the way the unit runs.

Lachlan Council have put aside finance allocated to the installation of CCTV cameras – will be going ahead in the near future.

S/Cst Dolbel advised that Tim Watts has been appointed as the new Manager of the PCYC in Parkes. He is keen and pro-active and has got the Driver Education Program up and running once again.

The Condobolin Skateboard Site has been selected, with work to commence in the near future.

S/Cst Dolbel advised that Northparkes Mines has allocated \$15000 funding to assist police in the development of crime prevention strategies. A proposal is currently being formulated. Supt. Ryan advised the changes to Emergency Management arrangements regarding roles of involved persons.

Next Meeting to be held on 10 October 2011 at Parkes Shire Council

