

Wagga Wagga Local Command
Community Safety Precinct Committee Action Minutes
16 November 2011

Participating Agencies/Community members

Kerry PASCOE – Wagga Wagga City Council – Mayor
Sgt Ross JACKSON – NSW Police, Crime Co-Ordinator Wagga Wagga
David GALLOWAY – Kapooka ARTC
John WANTLING – ADF – RAAF
Paul FERNON – Housing NSW
Larry BUETE – Wagga Wagga Business Chamber
Superintendent David Simmons - Commander, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command
Detective Insp SMITH – Crime Manager, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command
Sgt Ross JACKSON – NSW Police Force, Crime Co-Ordinator Wagga Wagga

Apologies:

Daryl MAGUIRE – Member of Murrumbidgee
Tony CHECKER – Commandant RAAF
David HAY – Commandant ARTC Kapooka
Adrian LINDNER – Charles Sturt University
Phil PINYON – Wagga Wagga City Council – General Manager
Paul HARDING – NSW Dept of Housing, Wagga Wagga
Edwina MARKS – Wagga Wagga City Council

Meeting Opened: 10am

Previous minutes & outstanding business:

Minutes accepted by Larry Buete.

BUSINESS CCTV LIST TO BE SENT TO WWCC – Further advice is to be provided to WWCC in respect of the legislation for businesses in CBD to install CCTV.

CSU TO NEGOTIATE DATES FOR POLICE TO ATTEND TO GUEST SPEAK – Sergeant Jackson has negotiated the visit to take place at orientation period 2012. CMU Police will attend.

Crime overview – Detective Inspector Rod Smith

Presentation provided to the meeting in relation to the statistics recorded for Wagga Wagga LAC.

Eyewatch 2011 – Detective Inspector Rod Smith

This is what has replaced Neighbourhood Watch program.

It is an online system using facebook.

Volunteers are required and a 1 day training program will be conducted. Once trained they will assume a role as a Volunteer In Policing.

Wagga LAC wish to identify either a geographic or demographic group interested in commencing the project.

CCTV Review

ACTION: Meeting to be arranged between Mayor, General Manager WWCC, Wagga Wagga Police and Wagga Business Chamber regarding progress / legislation regarding CCTV in public places.

Skate park – Koorinal

The committee concur that seating is required, water facilities for the kids, bins.

Mayor Pascoe recommended a possible 2 hour parking limit to the area in which the cars are placed for sale at present.

This was supported by the Committee. The parking needs to accommodate parents of children using the park and ensuring supervision.

Police presence will be provided to meet the kids that are using the facility.

Police planning for Christmas and New year

Additional funding has been applied for to ensure extra police can be rostered for the festive season.

Detective Inspector Smith announced to the Committee that New South Police Force is establishing the Dog Squad at Wagga Wagga. In the near future (2)

Police will be recruited with (2) police dogs to this Station.

The Dog squad is a state resource, however will be stationed at Wagga Wagga.

School Patrols

Sergeant Jackson advised these patrols increase during the holiday period.

General Business:

Issue of Drug use/supply was raised by David Galloway. Detective Insp Smith told the meeting there is an increasing trend in the use and sale of a Schedule 8 drug called Fentanyl patches. These patches are slow release morphine. Police are aware that offenders have doctor shopped for this drug.

Oxycontin remains a problem.

Alcohol however remains the biggest problem in Wagga Wagga.

Lighting at Bolton park skate park was raised by Mayor Pascoe.

Detective Inspector Smith advised that Police do not support the lighting for these types of areas, however were in favour of ambient light from Bolton Park without lighting up the skatepark. **The Mayor intended to address this with council.**

Police asked Paul Fernon to provide a list of vacant housing properties to the LAC prior to the commencement of school holidays in December. **Paul Fernon agreed to provide this list to police prior to 16 Dec 2011.**

MEETING CLOSED 1045am

NEXT MEETING: To be Advised.