



NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE

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Minutes – Community Safety Precinct Meeting

Albury Police Station
Wednesday 09/09/2009
Start: 10:15am

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Title
Superintendent Gary Commins	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Local Area Commander
Sergeant Paul Gay	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Intelligence Supervisor
Senior Constable Brad Mundie	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Field Intelligence Officer
Senior Constable Matt Barnes	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Crime Prevention Officer
Ms Heather Webster	Albury City Council	Community Safety Officer
Mrs Kate de Hennin	Albury City Council	Road Safety Officer
Mrs Denise Osborne	Greater Hume Shire	Mayor
Mr Gary Poidevin	Corowa Shire	Mayor
Ms Kerryn Arnold	Chamber of Commerce	Business Manager

Apologies: Inspector Blanchard and Ms Patricia GOULD

Convenor: Superintendent Gary Commins.

Welcome to attendees by Superintendent Commins.

Introduction of Mrs Gail Ambryn (Aboriginal Issues Liaison Officer – Albury LAC) by Sgt Paul Gay. Brief overview of Ms Ambryn's position explained by Mrs Ambryn and Superintendent Commins.

Adoption of Community Safety Precinct Meeting minutes of 10/06/2009. Proposed by Sgt Gay and seconded by Mr Poidevin.

Action Arising From Last Meeting:

ACTION: Sgt Gay to provide crime overview (statistics) of Jindera in presentation. *Completed Jindera information included in current crime trend overview.*

ACTION: Crime Prevention Officer to conduct safety audit and make enquiries with Department of Education & Training. *Completed – Crime Prevention Officer has attended Jindera Neighbourhood Watch and consulted Jindera School Principal.*

Action Items:

ACTION: Crime Prevention Officer to consult Licensing Supervisor regarding end of season sport team trips.

ACTION: Sgt Gay to consult S/Cst Watson (Youth Liaison Officer) regarding Albury City's graffiti removal program.

Presentation of Crime Trends and Overview of Business Plan Crime Targets by Sgt Gay

- Business Plan results for 2008/2009 overview. Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling) +38 above target and Steal from Motor Vehicles +126 above target were notable. Sgt Gay indicated that SFMV results for last year were the most disappointing for the command when compared to other crime types.
- Results of the June - August 2009 Business Plan results were generally positive. Of note, Malicious Damage +4 above target and Steal from Motor Vehicles -22 below target.

- Overview of legal action rates for Albury LAC compared to other level 2 Commands. Albury LAC performing particularly well in regard to robbery, assault and stealing.
- Overview of Hume Shire, Corowa Shire and Albury City areas incidents
- Overview of strike force 'Focus' results for 12 week period. Brief comments made by S/Cst Mundie.
- Question from Ms Webster about whether the majority of the steal from motor vehicle were unlocked. Sgt Gay advised a significant number of stealing and breaking offences are committed on unlocked/unsecured premises/vehicles, but stressed that although this was a contributing factor, it was not the most prolific but one to be aware of.
- Question from Ms Arnold regarding offences occurring at businesses. Sgt Gay advised that there had been an increase of offences on non dwelling premises some months ago, however currently the incidents have reduced to below business plan targets.

General Business – Around the Table

Senior Constable Barnes:

- Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) members have posted out 100+ letters to business operators (fencing, gates, auto electrical and others related to home and business security industry) in the Albury, Howlong and Corowa areas with the aim of organising a crime prevention/target hardening expo for Albury most likely in the early part of 2010. The EXPO concept was discussed at length by all participants with a consensus to go ahead and plan such an activity. Strong support indicated by Council representatives.

Motion: That the Crime Prevention EXPO concept be further developed by S/C Barnes, supported by Albury City Council, with a view to conduct the same towards the end of the year, early 2010.

Proposer: S/C Barnes

Seconded: Mrs Denise Osbourne

Motion carried unanimously by all present.

- Neighbourhood Watch groups encouraged to make an application for funding from councils or relevant grants for basic items (chairs, benches, displays, etc) to assist with their program.

Mr Poidevin:

- Question regarding police strength at Corowa. Superintendent Commins advised that overall in the Command we have an authorised strength of 143 and current actual strength of 147. In relation to Corowa, all positions are filled at present. One highway patrol position will be vacated in the future and, at that time, advertised.

Mrs Osbourne:

- Recent incidents vandalism, break and enter at the football club of alcohol and fire at Luthern Church in Jindera have had an impact on the community.
- Information that the Bowen family has returned to Jindera – seen in town.
- Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Jindera next Tuesday.

Ms Arnold:

- The Chamber of Commerce and its members support the aims of the committee.

Ms Webster:

- Brief overview of the Albury City Council graffiti removal program and the success of similar initiatives in other areas such as Bourke and Griffith. Superintendent Commins suggested this program appears to have similar objectives to the graffiti project being undertaken by the Youth Liaison Officer, S/Cst Watson. Superintendent Commins requested Sgt Gay consult S/Cst Watson regarding the programs (see action).
- Nite Rider Bus update – expressions of interest to be advertised in near future. The bus service amounts to \$63000 per year in operating costs.
- CDAT applying for funding in relation to sporting clubs and alcohol consumption. Sgt Gay made comment that he believed

- Question in relation to policing resources as a result of end of season sports trips. Superintendent Commins indicated that beats commitment will be increased over warmer months and highway patrol resources are tasked to the CBD area (where majority of licensed premises are situated) as required. Crime Prevention Officer to consult with Licensing Supervisor regarding end of season sport team trips (see action).

Mrs de Hennin:

- Continue to work closely with highway patrol.
- Advertisement campaigns over Christmas period focussing on drink driving, including Operation RAID.
- Application for funding has been made for black spots. Some spots may be attributable to increased traffic flow due to freeway, ie Guinea and Macauley Streets, Albury.
- Collisions involving bicycles in Albury is above the state average. Program addressing this commencing soon.

Superintendent Commins:

- Provided an overview of the history and objectives of the Law Enforcement Torch Relay which will be in the Albury and Wodonga area on the 03/10/2009.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 09/12/09

Meeting end: 11:20am.