



NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE SERVICE
NORTH SHORE LOCAL AREA COMMAND

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

ABN 84 042 840 292
Chatswood Police Station,
63 Archer Street CHATSWOOD NSW 2067
Telephone: (02) 9414 8518
Fax: (02) 9414 8511
E-mail: jewe1mat@police.nsw.gov.au

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Debbie HUTCHENS
Carlo PALAMARA
Matt JEWELL
Ian HELLSTROM

AGENDA

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday February 12th, 2008

Roseville Uniting Church Hall.

Commencing: 6:30 PM SHARP

- 1. Opening, Welcome, & Apologies received.**
- 2. Administrative Matters**
 - Amendment & acceptance of previous Minutes**
 - Matters Arising**
 - President's Report**
 - Other Reports if required**
- 3 Community matters and concerns as raised
Police Service Response**
- 4. Community Police briefing**
- 5. Meeting close**
- 6. Next Meeting of the North Shore LAC CSC**

Minutes of the North Shore LAC Community Safety Committee.

Minutes of the North Shore Local Area Command Community Safety Committee held at the Roseville Uniting Church Hall, Lord Street, Roseville at 6.30pm, 12 February 2008.

Meeting: Commenced at 6.45pm.
Chair: Senior Constable Matt JEWELL
Present: As per attendance sheet.
Apologies: As per apologies sheet
Late apology from Debbie HUTCHENS (President of Committee and Chair Person – Unavoidably detained)

1. Opening and Welcome.

The meeting was opened at 6.45pm by Matt JEWELL. Matt thanked all for coming before introducing the new Commander of the North Shore LAC **Superintendent Terry DALTON**. Mr. DALTON gave a short introductory speech thanking all for their attendance and his invitation to address the meeting.

2. Administrative Matters.

Amendments and acceptance of previous meetings.

There were no corrections to the previous minutes.

Moved by: **Lorraine LUSBY**
Seconded by: **Francis VISSELL**

Matters arising.

Archer Street Bus Lane. **Lorraine LUSBY** sought an update on the issue originally raised in the September meeting. **Senior Constable JEWELL** reported that the Highway Patrol were still being tasked to oversight this matter.

Closure of the Lane Cove Police Station – Is it happening? **Betty HOLT** sought confirmation or otherwise on the closure of the Lane Cove Police Station. **Superintendent DALTON** confirmed that to his knowledge the closure was to take place during 2008. Mr. DALTON went on to explain to the meeting that the proposed closure would have little effect on Policing in the Lane Cove sector and would in fact allow an extra Constable to be rostered on operational duties “on the street” rather than as a single unit in the Lane Cove Police Station performing counter duties. **Michael HAINE** inquired from the Commander as to who had made the decision. Superintendent DALTON was unaware where the directive had originated from.

Francis VISSELL asked whether the closure of Lane Cove would also lead to the closure of the Gordon Police Station. **Superintendent DALTON** stated he had no knowledge of that proposal. He and Matt **JEWELL** then explained the boundaries of the North Shore LAC.

Senior Constable JEWELL then went on to briefly explain the history of the formation of the North Shore LAC from the amalgamation of the Lane Cove and Chatswood Police Patrols.

Michael HAINE then raised the point of the advantage of having local knowledge by the “local policeman” and also asked whether certain Police were still restricted to certain areas. **Superintendent DALTON** explained the current position of the tasking of personnel of the North Shore LAC which extends to include the whole of the North Shore LAC rather than restricting a particular car crew to a particular area.

Reg MIU raised the question of residents ringing the Lane Cove Police Station requiring Police attendance in the Lane Cove area. Does that require Lane Cove to then relay the information to Chatswood Police Station by telephone before Police are despatched to the incident. Is it quicker for us to call 000 rather than call Lane Cove?

Senior Constable JEWELL then explained the Computer Aided Despatch (CAD) system to the meeting which directs/tasks vehicle to various jobs within the North Shore LAC.

Superintendent DALTON also added that it was important to note that Police vehicles are generally patrolling when not involved in a specific incident, and hence are quicker to respond to radio broadcast jobs than if they were sitting in the station waiting to react to a telephone call.

Chair then asked if there were any further matters arising?

Lorraine LUSBY asked about the traffic lights at the intersection of Centennial Avenue and Pacific Highway, Chatswood which she had raised at the previous meeting. **Senior Constable JEWELL** informed the meeting this matter had been brought to the attention of Sergeant UNDERWOOD, North Shore Traffic Sergeant. The problem is well documented and is being addressed by the traffic committee.

The Chair then undertook to mention the list apologies tendered prior to the commencement of the meeting.

3. Community matters and concerns – Police Force Response.

Senior Constable JEWELL firstly wished to mention the community sponsored Fingerprint vehicle and acknowledged the generosity of the \$500 donation from **Riverview College** towards the retention of same. **Cr EBBICK** (Lord Mayor Kuring Gai council) asked the chair to explain what the Fingerprint car was. **Senior Constable JEWELL** explained the purpose of the car and its use by Senior Constable MILES, the North Shore LAC remaining sworn fingerprint gatherer, and the benefit of the sponsorship in providing an extra vehicle for that purpose. He also informed the meeting that for the 2006-7 year the vehicle had been sponsored by the RSL sub branch. **Cr. EBBICK** undertook to have a Mayoral donation sent from his Council towards the sponsorship. He also stated his belief that all Councils in the LAC should be contributing towards that vehicle and undertook to contact the other Lord Mayors for similar donations. **Superintendent DALTON** also explained the added benefit of the sponsor vehicle in that it avoided the need to take another marked Police vehicle off the road to fulfil that purpose.

Ralph BERTINETTI mentioned the electronic RTA notice board which was installed on the Pacific Highway at Roseville. He questioned the positioning of the board above the traffic control lights and the distraction it caused when flashing messages to motorists which took their attention away from the traffic lights. **Senior Constable JEWELL** undertook to refer the matter to the local Traffic Committee.

Betty HOLT raised the matter of traffic access to the Westfield carpark from Albert Avenue. Due to the Mowbray Road side access now being prevented by blocking off the median strip a right hand turn arrow is needed to aid access into the carpark. **Senior Constable JEWELL** undertook to also refer that matter to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

Betty HOLT also raised the need for a right hand turn arrow from River Road into Tambourine Bay Road from both east and west. A right hand turn lane is provided but no traffic arrow is included. **Senior Constable JEWELL** also undertook to refer that matter to the Traffic Committee.

Mayor EBBICK asked how the Graffiti problem was progressing in the North Shore LAC. He stated that the problem now appeared to be increasing more in the Turramurra end of the Kuring Gai council towards the boundary with North Shore.

Superintendent DALTON explained the measure undertaken to combat the problem. He outlined operations mounted by the North Shore Pro Active Team, some recent arrests made and details of equipment seized and also a profile of some of those arrested. He reiterated the need to remain vigilant and to continue to report such incidents to Police.

Mayor EBBICK then informed the meeting of the positive feedback he had received from the Community as to the policing within the North Shore. He went on to say he supported those comments and he believed the Police were doing an excellent job.

Cr. **EBBICK** then apologised and excused himself from the meeting to attend another appointment.

Superintendent DALTON acknowledged the comments by Mr. **EBBICK**.

Michael HAINE then asked if the North Shore LAC was regarded as a “soft” Command?

Superintendent DALTON explained the perception that due to the area being well established both in terms of longevity of residence and Policing strategy it may be thought of as such. He went on to explain that continued attention to information and intelligence gained from the community and the flexibility to adapt Policing methods in place to meet the changing needs of the community would ensure that perception would continue.

Francis VISSELL mentioned the prevalence of Graffiti on overhead bridges throughout the LAC and asked how residents can get Police to respond when they see this actually being committed? **Senior Constable JEWELL** stated that if persons are seen committing such malicious damage then Police should be called immediately. If the graffiti is noticed after it has been committed then the relevant Council should be contacted.

Superintendent DALTON also mentions the existence of private Security employed by Willoughby Council to 2am in the morning and the part they play in deterring such incidents. Perhaps other Councils should also be looking towards those extra deterrents. **Senior Constable JEWELL** then outlined the recent arrest of a 28 year old man at Lindfield Railway Station for graffiti on a train and also on the station after alighting.

Ralph BERTINETTI then asked about reports he had heard about an incident in the LAC involving a man and a bow and arrow. **Superintendent DALTON** confirmed the occurrence and gave a brief description of the incident at Artarmon and the steps necessary to bring the incident to a satisfactory conclusion.

Paul NOLAN then mentioned seeing cash in numerous vehicles in full view of passers by in the streets of Roseville during his walks. He asked why people were still doing this. **Senior Constable JEWELL** reiterated the need for security of vehicles and necessity of removing valuables from vehicles when left.

Michael HAINE then asked if it were possible for a copy of the LAC's weekly press release to be forwarded to those editors responsible for the Neighbourhood Watch newsletters. **Senior Constable JEWELL** undertook to make some arrangements for that to happen.

Betty HOLT then asked if there had been incidents reported of young persons illegally entering back yard swimming pools. Are residents liable for any injuries they incur? **Superintendent DALTON** informed the meeting that to his knowledge this had not become an issue in the LAC and further that the question of injury incurred by trespassers should not be an issue for the resident.

Tom JAMBRICH mentioned the current detours in place for motorists wishing to go from the Pacific Highway onto Epping Road and the insufficient signage to re-direct traffic. He also mentioned graffiti at the Killara Post Office. **Senior Constable JEWELL** spoke about the Epping Road re-design and the associated problems to motorists. He also undertook to raise the graffiti removal problem with the Mayor on the 13 February when he meets him during the CBD Security meeting.

4. Community Police Briefing. - Superintendent DALTON

Superintendent DALTON provided the meeting with information relating to recent crime matters as follows;

- Armed Robberies being committed on licensed premises within the LAC and throughout Sydney. Local strategies put in place to combat these matters and recent arrests for same.
- Chatswood CBD robbery of young persons by other young persons and the arrest of two females for same.
- Aggravated break and enter offences being committed in the LAC over the past 2-3 months. Suspect identified and proactively targetted leading to arrest in Redfern in late January. No similar offences committed since.
- Wallets and handbags stolen from shoppers in Chatswood CBD. Suspects identified as 2-3 young girls and operation in place to arrest same.
- Theft of scrap metal, copper wire etc. from building sites and storage depots. Recent theft of copper downpipe from Willoughby Girls High.
- Steal from Motor Vehicles – Continuing theft of portable GPS equipment and laptops from parked vehicles. Education regarding security of same.
- Malicious Damage – Graffiti – already mentioned.
- Hot spots for congregation of young persons – café in Chatswood CBD, Chatswood oval and skateboard park, Beauchamp Park, Pottery Green

Ralph BERTINETTI asked if Police had any knowledge of car jacking's being committed where some item is placed over rear window of target vehicle causing driver to stop and get out of vehicle leaving engine running allowing offenders to jump into drivers seat and drive away. General concensus from Police that this method had not been encountered in this LAC and no knowledge had been circulated of this method. **Inspector BELL** informed that there had only been one carjacking in the LAC late last year at Chatswood.

Lorraine LUSBY reported that she was aware that in both the Lane Cove West and Chatswood Bowling Clubs, the CCTV was only activated after the club had been closed for business. **Senior Constable JEWELL** undertook to speak to both clubs concerned regarding same.

Bruce McADAM asked how many incidents are cleared up from one arrest?

Superintendent DALTON explained examples of large scale theft where numerous offences are committed by one person resulting in many charges and other incidents of one person arrested and charged with one offence. He sited example of recent arrest of long term employee of a Chatswood business where approx. \$150,000 of property was recovered from large scale theft over a number of years.

Paul NOLAN suggested the meeting might consider the attendance of local resident Childrens Court Magistrate Liz ELLIS as an excellent guest speaker.

Betty HOLT sited recent example of young persons in the street near her home and called Lane Cove Police to patrol the area. Do not be afraid to call the Police.

Meeting closed: 7.45pm

5. Next general meeting of the North Shore LAC CSC:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 8 April 2008 at the Chatswood Police Station - Briefing Room.