

Community Safety Precinct Committee.

MINUTES.

16th May 2011

Attendance:

Superintendent Mark WRIGHT	MW	(Blacktown LAC Commander)
Mr Alan PENDLETON	AP	(Blacktown City Council)
Mr John ROBERTSON MP	JR	(Local Member Blacktown)
Mr Nathan REES MP	NR	(Local Member Toongabbie/Seven Hills)
Mr David BAMFORD	DB	(Rotary Club of Blacktown City)
Mrs Lynette PLUMMER	LP	(Ass. Principal Doonside Public School)
Mr Robert CRUM	RC	(Centro Seven Hills)
Mr Neale VAUGHAN	NV	(Blacktown Workers Club)
Mr Michael CHARLTON	MC	(WestPoint Shopping Centre)
D/Inspector Ian WOODWARD	IW	(Blacktown LAC Crime Manager)
Sgt Yvette SMITH	YS	(Blacktown LAC Intelligence)
Cst Julianne HARRISON	JH	(Blacktown LAC Crime Prevention Officer)

Apologies:

Ms Michelle Rowland MP	MR	(Federal Member for Greenway)
Mr Mitchell STRUYVE	MS	(Principal Hills Sports High)

Absent:

Mrs Susan VOGELS	SV	(Sydwest Multicultural Services)
Mr Ed HUSIC MP	EH	(Federal Member for Chifley)
Michelle PARR	MP	(Doonside Community Cottage)
Natalie CHIAPPAZZO	NC	(Blacktown Youth Services Association)

Minute Taker:

Constable Julianne HARRISON (Blacktown LAC).

MEETING OPENED: 9.15am

COMMANDER: Welcome. Blacktown Local Area Command's new Crime Manager, Detective Inspector Ian WOODWARD introduced. Discussed refining the way minutes are taken for the meetings as they will be posted onto the Internet.

INTEL: PowerPoint Presentation – Crime overview for Blacktown Local Area Command covering the months of February 2011, March 2011 and April 2011.

GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH RESPECT TO THE CRIME OVERVIEW / CRIME STATISTICS WERE PRESENTED BY SERGEANT YVETTE SMITH.

COUNCIL: Enquiry about victims who have been assaulted (non DV incidents) that do not want to give victim statements to police. Suggested that it may be due to fear of retribution?

INTEL: Quite a number of victims are fearful and will not give police a statement but there are also people who refuse to give a statement simply because they do not want to.

WESTPOINT: Query about whether banning notices for Shopping Centres work?

GENERAL DISCUSSION HELD ON BANNING NOTICES AND THE NEED FOR ALL INCIDENTS TO BE REPORTED TO POLICE.

CENTRO: Stated that there are a few problems at Seven Hills Shops. A number of the shop owners are scared of retribution and damage to their shop.

COMMANDER: It is important that all incidents are reported to police so that something can be done.
A meeting with Centre Management at Seven Hills to be organised by Crime Manager.

>> OUTSTANDING ACTION == A meeting with Centre Management at Seven Hills to be organised by Crime Manager <<

INTEL: In regards to stealing motor vehicles, a number of rego / number plates have been taken which doesn't make sense as they are not being used in any other crimes.

GENERAL DISCUSSION HELD ON HOW PEOPLE NEED TO BE EDUCATED ON NOT LEAVING VALUABLES IN THEIR CAR - ESPECIALLY WALLETS, NAVIGATIONAL DEVICES, MONEY, CREDIT CARDS, COMPUTERS, ETC.

COMMANDER: Next month Blacktown Local Area Command is having a meeting with a representative from Brisbane Council regarding their success with graffiti. Need to have strategies that are 'full circle' plans.

GENERAL DISCUSSION HELD ABOUT MALICIOUS DAMAGE. ALSO DISCUSSED: THE IDEA OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE DEALT WITH UNDER THE YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT (YOUTH CAUTIONS / CONFERENCES) TO HELP IN THE CLEANUP OF GRAFFITI.

COUNCIL: Enquiry about people who live at Doonside in Department of Housing and whether they report graffiti to police.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION HELD ON REPORTING BOTH FROM
VICITMS AND WITNESSES.**

COMMANDER: A lot of people do not want to report incidents and have fear of retribution.

CPO: Doonside Pride Meeting is this week.

**>> OUTSTANDING ACTION == *Blacktown Crime Prevention Officer to attend
Doonside Pride Meeting this coming week* <<**

GENERAL DISCUSSION HELD ON REPORTING CRIME AS WELL AS:

- WORKING WITH COUNCIL TO HAVE MORE OPERATIONS.
- CBD WATCH TO MAKE BLACKTOWN CBD A SAFER PLACE.

**OVERVIEW / BOCSAR STATISTICS
PRESENTED BY DETECTIVE INSPECTOR WOODWARD:**

D/INSPECTOR: Numbers are down in most statistics / areas.

GENERAL DISCUSSION HELD ON:

- PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF LALOR PARK SHOPS AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION.
- HIGH VISIBILITY POLICING (HVP) INCLUDING MOUNTED POLICE.
- POLICE VAN HAVE BEEN TASKED IN THE PAST WITH POSITIVE FEEDBACK RECEIVED.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

ROTARY:

Rotary have had a meeting on youth issues.

- Discussed how Police can work better with young people.
- Produced Annual Report, showing women appear to have higher numbers for drinking.
- Auburn Council received money from POCAR (Proceeds of Crime Amendment Reg 2007) for CCTV cameras. Maybe we could consider this also; we need to talk to POCAR.
- Raised – upgrade the current program (previously been given to New Zealand people) to be a 2x hour program on traffic and rehabilitation.
- There are 2x youth camps run a year – next one is in September 2011.

D/INSPECTOR:

Blacktown Local Area Command have a newly appointed Licensing Officer.

WESTPOINT: Information gathered indicates that 20x million people have come through WestPoint Shopping Centre.

GENERAL DISCUSSION HELD ON POLICE OPERATIONS AND RESOURCES USED IN BLACKTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMAND.

ROTARY:

- Rotary have made requests for grants for Com4unity.
- \$36,000 – SWITCH program already has 96x people on the list interested. Community are very supportive of the program. Representatives from Blacktown Workers Club and Toongabbie Seven Hills RSL Club have been invited to the event so they can see their money in action (invited to the Showcases).
- It is very appreciated the support that the pubs show.

GENERAL DISCUSSION HELD ON COM4UNITY AND SWITCH.

COMMANDER:

- WestPoint Shopping Centre have been supportive. During the holidays they hire (pay for) youth workers to walk around the Centre instead of staff members.
- Blacktown youth workers will become “rotor active” and will assist with developing future young people in being Rotarians.
- For the next “Showcase” held at WestPoint Shopping Centre the pub owners will be invited again. Also the Mayor will be invited to attend.
- Suggested to present an expression of interest into Blacktown City Council for computers to be given to Com4unity.

COUNCIL: As Blacktown City Council renews the computers, they will be able to give them out to community groups that need them.

OFFERS OF VENUES FROM BOTH BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL AND BLACKTOWN WORKER’S CLUB FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

MEETING CLOSED: 10.45am

NEXT MEETING: Monday 29th August 2011 – Level 2, Training Room at Blacktown Police Station
