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**CENTRAL WEST POLICE DISTRICT – Parkes, Forbes & Lachlan LGA’s
COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: 30 June 2021

VENUE: Teams Meeting

TIME: 10.00am

PRESENT:

Superintendent Steve Kentwell	Commander, Central West Police District
Acting Detective Inspector Andrew Barnes	Acting Crime Manager, Central West Police District
Chief Inspector Scott Rayner	Officer in Charge (Parkes), Central West Police District
Acting Inspector Susan Mackenzie	Officer in Charge (Forbes), Central West Police District
Leanne Swansbra	General Administration Support Officer, Central West Police District
Councillor Ken Keith	Mayor, Parkes Shire Council
Kent Boyd	General Manager, Parkes Shire Council
Councillor Phyllis Miller	Mayor, Forbes Shire Council
Councillor John Medcalf	Mayor, Lachlan Shire Council
Greg Tory	General Manager, Lachlan Shire Council

APOLOGIES:

Chief Inspector David Maher	Professional Standards, Central West Police District
Mr Phillip Donato MP	Member for Orange
Steve Loane	General Manager, Forbes Shire Council

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 29 March 2021 were reviewed and accepted, there were no outstanding actions.

CRIME OVERVIEW – Acting Detective Inspector Andrew Barnes

An overview of the Compass Crime results for 3 months (March 2021 – May 2021) for the entire Central West Police District was provided. The crime categories currently over the target were reviewed: *Sexual Assault (Adult)*, *Assault (Non-DV)*, *Assault (Alcohol and Non-DV)* and *Malicious Damage*. The year to date (YTD) results in relation to Pro-activity were discussed, the targets set for the entire District. Crime overview provided as follows:

- *Sexual Assault - Adult* – There were 6 at Forbes, 1 at Bedgerebong, 1 at Parkes and 1 at Tullibigeal. 1 Incident at Forbes and Bedgerabong are still under investigation. 3 of the Forbes incidents were historical matters.
- *Assault – Non DV* – There were 33 *Assaults* that occurred with 4 with a legal action and the rest under investigation, 20 of those were *Common Assault* which is a lower level assault and 13 *Actual Bodily Harm*
- *Assault – Alcohol – Non DV* – There were 10 incidents at Parkes, 5 of those were *Common Assault* and 5 *Actual Bodily Harm*. 2 with a legal action and 1 still under investigation. In Forbes there were 9 incidents with nil legal actions, 7 *Actual Bodily Harm* and 2 *Common Assault*.

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- *Fraud* – There were 13 incidents in Parkes and of those were 5 *Unauthorised Access* to computerised systems, 5 *Scams* and 2 *Fail to Pay*. In Forbes there were 10 incidents including *Fail to Pay*. In Condobolin there were 4 incidents with 1 under investigation, 3 *Unauthorised access* and 1 *Scam*.
- The monthly crime totals for Parkes were reviewed:
 - ✓ *Break and Enter – Non-Dwelling* – Parkes was up with 6 each for April and May. 3 incidents had a legal action.
 - ✓ *Premises Type* – There were 5 Business, 4 Recreation, 2 Rural and 1 each for Licensed, Education and Utilities.
 - ✓ *Injury and Fatal MVA* – The average for Parkes is currently down from 3 to 2. The monthly total has been up for the last 2 months, 3 each for April and May.
 - ✓ *Steal from MV* – The average for Parkes is currently down from 11 to 8. The monthly total was up for May compared to the two previous months. 1 incident resulted in a legal action with the YP being charged and placed on Conditional Bail to reside at a location away from Parkes. As at 20/06/2021 there had only been 2 incidents recorded at Parkes for the month.
- The monthly crime totals for Peak Hill were reviewed:
 - ✓ *Malicious Damage* is down.
- The monthly crime totals for the Forbes LGA were reviewed:
 - ✓ In relation to Forbes *Assault – Domestic Violence* and *Alcohol* is up.
 - ✓ The average for Forbes is currently down from 8 to 6, however, the monthly total has been up for the last 2 months
 - ✓ There have been 21 *DV Assaults* during the last 3 months and 8 of those have resulted in a legal action with a further 3 under investigation. 20 of the 21 incidents were *Common Assault* only. 4 incidents were alcohol related and 1 drug related.
 - ✓ As of the 28/06/2021 there had only been 2 incidents recorded at Forbes for the month.
 - ✓ *Malicious Damage* – The average for Forbes is currently down from 16 to 10. The monthly total has been up for the last 2 months. There have been 32 *Malicious Damage* incidents during the last 3 months and 8 of those have resulted in a legal action with a further 2 still under investigation.
 - ✓ *Steal from MV* – The average for Forbes is currently down from 8 to 4. The monthly total has been up for the last 2 months. There have been 25 *Steal from MV* incidents during the last 3 months. The most stolen being Cash, Communications and Tools. There had been an additional 6 incidents recorded at Forbes for the month.
- The monthly crime totals for Condobolin were reviewed:
 - ✓ In relation to Condobolin, the overall statistics are generally positive across the board with low level crime on a level field. *Malicious Damage* is the most common occurrence.
- The monthly crime totals for the Lake Cargelligo were reviewed:
 - ✓ In relation to Lake Cargelligo, the monthly statistics is low level crime and down on trends with no major issues. In April there was a spike in *Malicious Damage*.
 - ✓ *B&E Non-Dwelling* – The average for Lake Cargelligo is currently even at 1. The monthly total has been up for the last three months. There have been 8 *B&E Non-Dwelling* incidents during the last 3 months. 2 incidents resulted in legal actions and a further incident is still under investigation. There was 1 incident recorded at Murrin bridge for the month of June.
- The definition of Rural Crime is the incidents of crime that impact on the function of the pastoral, agricultural and aquaculture industries. Incidents of Rural Crime for the district are heading down.

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- ✓ *Break and Enter* - Forbes had 1 incident from the three months from March to May.
- ✓ *Stealing* – Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Forbes recorded 1 incident where fuel was stolen.
- ✓ *Steal Stock* – There were no incidents at Condobolin and Forbes
- ✓ *Malicious Damage* – There were no incidents at Lake Cargelligo
- ✓ *Trespass* – There was 1 reported incident at Lake Cargelligo
- ✓ *Illegal Hunting* – There were 2 incidents reported at Condobolin. The hunters were identified, stopped and spoken to during a rural crime operation in the area.

ADVICE FROM COUNCILS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- **10th July – NAIDOC community event** at Bushman’s Hill (music, dancing, BBQ, stalls). Proceeding at this stage, will continue to monitor public health order
- **8-11th July – U13 Boys State Hockey Championships.** Still proceeding under Covid plan at this stage. No teams from Greater Sydney. Only regional teams (approx. 22 teams). Outdoor event will adhere to current regulations.
- **16-18th July – State Pennants Lawn Bowls Finals.** Still proceeding under Covid plan at this stage. No teams from Greater Sydney. Only regional teams. Outdoor event will adhere to current regulations. Being monitored closely regarding age group of players.
- **17-18 July – Trundle Show.** Still proceeding under Covid plan at this stage.
- **31st July – Cooke Park Pavilion Community open day** - Under review given cancelation of official opening and current covid environment
- **19th August – Activating the Low Carbon Economy Forum** - Still proceeding under Covid plan at this stage. Can pivot to online format if required.
- **22nd-28th August – Classic Outback trial** - cars from interstate travelling to Parkes and throughout central west for rally. Still proceeding under Covid plan at this stage. ORGANISERS IN PARKES FROM MELBOURNE THIS WEEK
- **24-25 – Peak Hill Show** - Still proceeding under Covid plan at this stage.
- **4th September – Trundle Bush Tucker Day.** Still proceeding under Covid plan at this stage.
- **9th October – Hockey One event.** Up to 2,000 spectators to watch visiting team from Sydney. Still proceeding under Covid plan at this stage.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Councillor Ken Keith commented that given the price of Livestock and Wool, Rural Crime unit are doing an effective job of keeping the numbers so low and they are also doing an amazing job for the District.
- Councillor Ken Keith enquired whether members of the public and businesses were complying with current covid restrictions. Superintendent Kentwell advised that there is a lot of information coming out from the Police Operation Centre. Police are doing a lot of work around transport including the XPT (Express Passenger Train) and main flights in and out of the area. Passengers are to be checked at Sydney before they leave to ensure they are eligible to return to the country region. Police are checking them as a secondary measure. If anyone is in breach of these health orders they are being turned around and issued Infringement Notices.
- Discussion held regarding the three buses that came out from Sydney to visit the Dubbo Western Plains Zoo and why bus companies continue to run during the current lockdown.
- Councillor Phyllis Miller commented on the spike of assaults occurring over snapchat and similar apps where organised fights are being uploaded onto these various apps for people to view and whether Police were aware of these occurrences and the actions they were

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taking. Acting Detective Inspector Barnes was not aware, and no comments had been made by his staff, however, Police can investigate it.

- Greg Tory inquired if the shortage of accommodation at Condobolin had been resolved. Superintendent Kentwell advised that this issue was resolved, however, he will follow it up with the Officer in Charge.
- Councillor Ken Keith advised that there are no major events taking place, however, the Annual Show and Elvis Festival are still going ahead permitting Covid regulations.
- Superintendent Kentwell advised that the District had an influx of Probationary Constables, and if offered more, he would accept.
- Chief Inspector Rayner advised that assaults and property offences are constantly on the radar, however, burnouts are on the increase in the Parkes area. Parkes Police and Highway Patrol have identified repeat locations and implementing strategies to identify suspect vehicles. The burnouts are occurring mainly on Saturday Nights around dusk and at locations such as Cooke Park adjacent to the RSL, Industrial estate and on the outskirts of town. Council assets at Keast Park have been damaged due to these burnouts. Media releases have been disseminated asking for members of the public to provide information as Police need enough evidence in order to prosecute these offenders.

Meeting Closed at 10.50am.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 22 November 2021 – location to be advised.

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