

**Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting
Lake Illawarra Police District
7 December 2021
MINUTES**

Attendance:

Supt Craig Ireland, Insp Wunderlich, Insp Dark, Sgt Allyson Weston CPU, SC Kellie Hallinan, SC Jayke Graham PCYC, Mark Miller Shellharbour Council, Nick Guggisberg Kiama Council, Anna Watson MP Shellharbour, Michael Barnes South Coast Scouts, Maria Sanda Albion Park Chamber of Commerce, Armando Reviglio Wollongong Council, Katie Darby Stand By, Amy Bertakis Stand By, Nicole McKenzie EXO

Apologies: Gary McKay Kiama Business Chamber, Paul Scully MP, Paul Grebert

Minutes: Nicole McKenzie

Meeting opened: 10am

Opening: Welcome to all attendees and introduction from Insp Dan Richardson
Insp Dan Richardson acknowledgment to country.

Actions Outstanding from Previous Meeting – Nil

Welcome:

Insp Richardson introduced himself and went through the agenda. This is my first Community Safety Meeting as we had a Portfolio shuffle.

Port Kembla Geographical Inspector: Insp James Dark - HR

Dapto Geographical Inspector: Ch/Insp Donald Faulds – Accountability & Compliance

Oak Flats Geographical Inspector: Insp Aaron Wunderlich – Professional Standards

Kiama Geographical Inspector: Insp Daniel Richardson – Youth & Crime Prevention

2 Big issues we will talk about this morning is Domestic Violence and Mental Health

We will discuss an Overview on COVID and what we have been doing

Trail Bikes – Issues every summer and what we have and will be doing around this space.

Supt Craig Ireland

Thanks for coming along, I arrived in August, when I arrived Covid was all we were doing it was the vast majority of what Police were tasked to do, ensuring compliance with the Public Health orders, anyone that was Covid positive, ensuring they were in their homes and where they should be, checking on their welfare, we become a support network for NSW Health, no complaints here, we were overwhelmed especially when we hit 300 cases just in our area, we had to get ADF as we only had so many cars to get around to everyone, in which we borrowed 2 cars from Kiama Council and we thank them very much for that.

34 years in the Police, I was in Griffith but born and bred here in Wollongong.

The focus at the moment is Domestic Violence, it accounts for greater than 50% of our workload, every morning we review crime for the last 24 hrs and every single day its Domestic Violence that out ways every other crime category combined. Its supporting victims and ensure the offenders are put forward to the courts.

In terms of this meeting, please contribute and let us know what is important to the community. I like to see us work with the community, eg Trail Bikes we need to identify these offenders and the community has to feel confident in reporting them, and if we can approach them when there off their bikes it's a lot safer.

Introduction around the room.

Crime Review & Analysis/ Summary – Sgt Allyson Weston

Charts Statistics - 1 July 2021 to 30 November 2021

- Crime Chart on Assault (non DV), Assault DV, Break and Enter -Dwelling, Steal from Motor Vehicle
- Domestic Violence Chart – Showing Assault / Breach AVO

Covid

- 5000+ Pandemic jobs including Crime Stoppers CAD jobs
- Local Covid enforce team for the Public Health Order (1/9/21) with ADF support (from 14/9/21-28/10/21)
- Over 6000 PHO welfare checks completed
- Over 20 emergency food packs delivered by police-baby formula, sanitary items, cat food, bread, milk, fruit, veg, etc
- Identified the at-risk members of the community- arranged accommodation, referred to agencies, daily phone calls, checked on families, NSW health to attend residences for testing etc
- Media Strategies to support the PHO vaccination strategy
- Nominated strategically placed vaccination hubs in our community

Mental Health

- Quality control all Mental Health related incidents
- MHAPP Team – Partnership with NSW Health
- Virtual Assessments if MHAPP team not available or patient is in custody
- NSW Health Local Suicide Prevention Committee
- Media Strategies
- Educational sessions-Healthy relationships targeting youth
- RiseUp – PCYC

MHAPP – (Mental Health Ambulance Police Project) – Trained Health Clinicians here at Lake Illawarra PD, they are here 2pm to 10pm 7 days a week, any Mental health incident they will respond to and assess on scene, this stops the person being assessed in hospital, fast track them into a hospital or offer resources.

Youth Suicidal Prevention – about 12 months ago we had a rise in youth suicide mainly around the Kiama area, we developed a local Youth Suicide Prevention committee, brought together Police, Health and Dept of education to share information. We shared or was at risk and put education around Suicide prevention and support around students who were raising those red flags that we may not have known about, closes a lot of caps when you collaborate.

Domestic Violence

- 9 Police Officers in the Domestic Violence Team
- Quality control all Domestic Violence related incidents
- AVO Compliance – Operation Safer Families & Redirect
- SAMS – High Risk – 25 referrals a month
- Media Strategies
- Educational sessions
- RiseUp – PCYC – Target the children at risk
- A lot of work is put in for Reinforcement and Prevention
- DV reporting was down during Covid, more reports from the community
- DV offending no significant spike, locally and state-wide
- AC Ma'am Talbot – One of her Portfolios is Crime Prevention, and she is looking ahead 10-20 years, history shows if a child is brought up in a household of DV, they will think its normal to yell scream use violence, working with the PCYC and targeting our youth in schools we are trying to break the cycle before it happens.
- Currently have a Compliance check operation on til the end of December, we are going to victims and offenders houses and ensuring they are complying but also ensuring there aware of the terms of the conditions.

Trail Bikes - SC Finch (Trail bike operator) chatted to the members

- Regional Trail Bike Squad operate out of Lake Illawarra
- Partnership with Council – signage & education and reporting
- Media- A Current Affair, FB, local media, education in schools.
- Encourage Crime stoppers reporting to target individuals.
- Seizing bikes
- Enforcement
- Educating people about motorbike safety
- Intel based – targeting known areas

PCYC Activities – SC Jayke Graham spoke

- Introduction on role – Youth Engagement Officer, case manage kids
- Fit4Life - Kiama of a Tuesday (top 20 Child at Risk are encouraged to attend) breakfast is provided after. Thursday (9 High risk offenders) more one on one and
- Food Hamper Deliveries
- Job Ready program - 1 week program for students wanting white card and first aid certificate

Upcoming programs

- Fit for Work – Runs a whole term 3 days a week
- Operation Unite – Friday evening Youth night, plays video games, eat pizza, play basketball, play music.
- Operation redirect – targeting local hotspots for youth related incidents
- Operation Pivot – Focus on child at risk and high-risk offenders, door knocking to check on how things are going
- Another Youth officer starting soon, don't have a School Liaison officer at present.
- YCM looking at starting a Fit for Life Dapto next term

Community Feedback/Questions:

Would like more Crime Prevention Pop ups in Shopping Centres – Action Item 1

Stand Up – Collaborating with Police so they can get in contact and support families after a suicide within 24hrs

Anna Watson wanted stats on the Cockles – Action Item 2

Commander Closing:

Important that the community has confidence in us when reporting, I have confidence in the Police that work in this Command that they are trying to make a difference, we are happy to serve the community and I want the community happy with the way we serve them. Thank you for your time, Merry Christmas and Happy and safe New Year.

Meeting finished: 11.35am

Next meeting: 10am Tuesday 8 March 2022, Lake Illawarra Police District

ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING:

Add Crime Prevention Pop Up Strategy	
Cockle – Crime Prevention Stats – Anna Watson MP	

For Information: Geographical areas aligned to Inspectors**KIAMA Sector**

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Kiama Sector covers Dunmore (Near Kiama Waste facility) to Gerroa Road, near Bolong Rd, Shoalhaven Heads. This sector also covers from the coastline to Jamberoo Mountain Rd and up to the Illawarra HWY, Robertson. Suburbs include Kiama, Minnamurra, Kiama Downs, Kiama Heights, Gerringong, Gerroa, Jamberoo, Curramore, Knights Hill, Foxground, Warri Beach, Bombo.

OAK FLATS Sector

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Oak Flats Sector covers from Shell Cove north to Windang. The sector then included Shellharbour, Shellharbour City Centre, Calderwood, Blackbutt, Barrack Point, Barrack Heights, Warilla, Mount Warrigal, Lake Illawarra, Oak Flats, Albion Park Rail, Albion Park, Tullimbar, Tongarra, Macquarie Pass and Yellow Rock.

DAPTO Sector

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Dapto Sector covers from Haywards Bay to Cordeaux Heights and includes Dapto, Dumbarton, Kanahooka, Koonawarra, Haywards Bay, Horsley, Kembla Grange, Wongawilli, Penrose, Marshal Mount, Unanderra and a small section of Kembla Heights.

PORT KEMBLA Sector

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Port Kembla Sector spreads from Port Kembla across to Berkeley and south past Primbee. Other suburbs included are Unanderra (industrial area), Cringila, Lake Heights and Warrawong. This sector also surrounds the southern border of the Port Kembla Port and aligns with Wollongong Police District's southern boundary along Five islands Rd from the Spring Hill Rd intersection.

