



**PENRITH LOCAL AREA COMMAND  
MINUTES OF THE PENRITH/ST MARYS COMMUNITY SAFETY  
PRECINCT COMMITTEE**

**Penrith Police Station  
High St, Penrith  
22 March 2012**

**Meeting Opened:** 10:15am, by Chair, Supt Z (Ben) Feszczuk APM

**Attendees:**

Superintendent Ray Filewood, Commander, St Marys LAC  
Superintendent Ben Feszczuk APM, Commander, Penrith LAC  
Mrs Deanne Bell-Smith, Executive Officer, Penrith LAC  
Insp Grant Healey, Crime Manager, Penrith LAC  
Insp Karen Clougher, St Marys LAC  
Insp Darryl Jobson, Crime Manager, St Marys LAC  
Ms Yvonne Perkins, Penrith City Council  
Mr David Burns, Penrith City Council  
Mr Stuart Ayres, MP, Member for Penrith  
Mr Mark Holme obo Tanya Davies, Member for Mulgoa  
Ms Gay Hawthorn, Penrith City Centre Assoc.  
Mr Max Harrison, Kingswood Traders Association  
Mr Stuart Brooks obo Mr Wayne Cooper, Operations Manager,  
UWS

**Apologies:**

Mr Wayne Cooper, Operations Manager, UWS  
Tanya Davies, Member for Mulgoa  
Ms Jill Woods, Chief Executive Officer, Penrith Chamber of  
Commerce

**Adoption of previous  
Minutes:**

Mr David Burns incorrectly recorded as both present and absent from previous meeting. Mr Burns was in fact present.

**Business arising from  
Previous CSPC minutes:**

- ✚ Crime Prevention Officer, St Marys to confirm that State Rail CCTV camera at Werrington Railway Station's new car park are covering the area appropriately.**

Supt Filewood advised the South car park has three cameras with one covering the entrance and other two placed in strategic positions. Since July 2011 a total of 9 incidents have been recorded for this area and include: six (6) pro-active person searches, two (2) stealing offences and one (1) judicial matter.

**CPP:** Insp Grant Healey provided update of CPP advising of new priorities and ideas being brought forward. CPP looking at public spaces rather than specific crime types. Attendance at meeting is remains problematic, however, core members continue to provide support and include Penrith Local Council, Maritime & Roads and LGR's.

Alcohol related crime remain an issue. Meetings are continuing on a quarterly basis.

Supt Feszczuk APM explained the basis of the CPP and targets provided for the Penrith CPP.

**Correspondence In:** Nil

**Correspondence Out:** minutes of previous minutes and Agenda circulated by Supt Feszczuk APM

**Crime Review:**

- ✚ Penrith LAC – Presented by Insp Grant Healey  
Statistics cover the period from 1 December 2011 – 1 February 2012**

**Crime V Target**

A Compass chart showing the number of key crime incidents versus target categories was tabled, with the Command performing better than target in all categories.

**Top Ten Crime Categories**

A chart showing the top ten crime categories was tabled, with Stealing, Malicious Damage, and Assault being the three most frequently occurring crimes in the three months ending February 2012.

## **Crime by Suburb**

A chart showing crime by suburb was tabled, with Penrith, Cranebrook and South Penrith being the stop three suburbs for crime.

## **Trends**

### **Assault**

Assault (Alcohol and Non-DV) is trending well below last year's actual level and showed an improvement for the year ending 28 February 2012 at 27.8% below BP target. The top 3 licensed premises for Assault incidents are Penrith Rugby League Club, Phriction Nightclub, and The Red Cow Hotel. Approximately, 20% of all Assault incidents are alcohol related. DV Related Assault (proactive) is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 24.9% above BP target. Sexual Assault is trending below last years level and is 24.2 below BP target.

Review to be conducted re Forensic Medical Unit. Police believe this unit is the greatest asset to police in being an independent source of evidence. MP Stuart Ayres made request for detailed information regarding this scheme. Insp Grant Healey to provide.

### **Break and Enter**

Break and Enter (Dwelling) is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 13.6% below BP target. Break and Enter (Non - Dwelling) is also trending below last year's actual level and is currently 47.4% below BP target. A chart showing residential Break and Enter by suburb was tabled, with Penrith being the suburb which accounts for over 50% of offences occurring in Penrith LAC.

### **Robbery**

Robbery is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 5.3% below BP target.

### **Stolen Vehicles**

Stolen Vehicles is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 28.4% below BP target. Penrith is the top suburbs for stolen vehicles incidents.

### **Fraud**

Fraud is trending below last years actual level and is currently 9.8% below BP target. 61% of fraud offences are people failing to pay for fuel at service stations.

### **Malicious Damage**

Malicious Damage is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 12.9% below BP target. 11.0% of malicious Damage incidents are graffiti. Penrith and Cranebrook are the top two suburbs for malicious Damage incidents.

### **Stealing (ex SFMV)**

Steal from retail store (ex SFMV) is trending well below last years' actual level and is currently 29.4% below BP target.

### **Steal From Motor Vehicle (SFMV)**

Steal From Motor Vehicle is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 18.0% below BP target.

### **Drug Detection (Possess)**

Drug Detection is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 1.0% above BP target.

### **Injury/Fatal Crashes**

Injury/Fatal Crashes are trending below last years' actual level and are currently 11.9% below BP target.

### **Proactive Policing**

Charts for Proactive Policing were tabled showing tasking and deployment of police by crime category and by location.

## **St Marys LAC – Presented by Insp Daryl Jobson**

The following crime categories are over the business plan target for the year to date:

Assault (DV Related), Break Enter & Steal (Dwelling), Steal from Retail Store, Steal from Person, Steal from dwelling and Injury and Fatal Crashes.

Robberies are on par with Business Plan Target for the year.

The following crime categories are under the business plan target for the year to date:

Alcohol related assaults, Break Enter & Steal (non-Dwelling), Steal from Motor Vehicle, Stolen Motor Vehicles, Fraud, Malicious Damage and Steal from Motor Vehicle.

By suburb, the most amount of crime occurs in St Marys, Kingswood, Colyton, Werrington and Cambridge Park.

### **Assault**

52% was domestic violence related. 32% was alcohol related.

Assault (DV Related) is 20 below BP target for the year.

Assault (Alcohol & Non DV) is 49 below BP target for the year.

Hotspots for Alcohol and Non DV Related Assaults are North St Marys and St Marys near licensed premises.

**Sexual Assault**

There have been 71 reported sexual assaults year to date.

**Robbery:**

12 below BP target year to date. Robbery, armed robbery and robbery with aggravation (more than one offender) all equally contribute. Hotspots are around St Marys, Kingswood and St Clair.

**Break and Enter Dwelling**

25 above the BP target year to date. Cambridge Park, Werrington, Oxley Park and Kingswood had the most offences.

**BES Non Dwelling**

12 below the BP target year to date. St Marys had the most offences.

**Stolen Vehicles**

63 below the BP target year to date. Kingswood had the most offences. Holden vehicles were the majority of vehicles stolen.

**Drug Detection - Supply**

4 below the BP target year to date.

LAC had two very good arrests of suppliers whom it is believed to have been active for over a ten year period.

**Drug Detection – Possession**

62 below the BP target year to date.

**Fraud**

10 above the BP target year to date. Fail to pay from service stations equated to the vast majority of offences.

**Malicious Damage**

282 below the BP target year to date. St Marys and Kingswood being the targeted suburbs.

**Stealing (ex SFMV)**

Hot spot is St Marys CBD and Kingswood. "Other steal" was the contributing offence followed by steal from retail store then steal from dwelling. St Marys was the targeted location.

**Steal from Retail Store**

6 above the BP target year to date.

**Steal from person**

25 above the BP target year to date.

**Steal from Dwelling**

27 above the BP target year to date.

Supt Filewood to appear in article in next Penrith Press addressing this issue.

**Steal from Motor Vehicle**

25 below the BP target year to date. St Clair, Kingwood, St Marys and Erskine Park were the Hot Spot Suburbs. A majority of the offences occur in residential areas.

**Powers Move On**

There have been 369 move ons year to date.

Question raised if it was possible to determine if placement of Methadone clinic was responsible for offences in its vicinity. – Mr Holme advised meeting of current undertaking by Tanya Davies in conjunction with Health services for relocation of clinic to provide better services ie relocation to Mt Druitt hospital. Whilst there is no “quick fix” alternative avenues are being sought.

Question re Anti-social behaviour and it relation to alcohol. Insp Healey advised meeting between the times of 3pm-5pm school aged children are responsible for most anti-social offences. After 5pm alcohol was a contributing factor.

Council questioned if there was a record of anti-social behaviour contributed by mental health issues in public spaces. Insp Healey advised there is no current recording of mental health intervention for public spaces as police are not classified as “experts” in the mental health area. Council advised issues of Local Churches once being the gathering points for persons but as libraries are now offering social services, air-conditioned and open for extended periods they have now become meeting points for the homeless and mental health persons.

**Powers Person Searches**

There have been 1388 person searches year to date.

**Injury/Fatal Collision**

4 above BP target year to date

**Contentious Issues:** Nil

**Community feedback  
to committee members  
re police activity:**

Nil issues

**General Business:**

Yvonne Perkins advised of development of new safety plan for this year with consultation with the public through social media including face book. Current technology has provided avenue for greater communication with the public. Whilst focus groups will remain, social media will allow for broader community awareness. To commence in April of this year.

The group Crisis Mission is currently serving breakfast from the Judges car park. Originally this group was serving meals from outside of this area, given the recent weather they have moved under the shelter of the car park, this is not an ideal situation and they are working with council to find premises. Until such premises are found council permission has been granted to continue to serve from this area. Activities are being monitored by Council.

Correspondence has been received at Council regarding anti-social behaviour at Koolyangarra Park, Cranebrook. Council have placed bollards in the area and continue to monitor activities.

Correspondence sought a commitment from police and council to address issues surrounding this area. Supt Feszczuk APM advised he was aware of resident concerns and the area is attended by police on a regular basis.

Mr Holme spoke on behalf of Ms Tanya Davies and provided communication from the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts, Mr George Souris MP. Correspondence noted Ms Davies discussions from previous CSPC in relation to how venues are currently categorised under the "scheme".

Mr Souris advised *"it is intended to review the operation of the scheme in 2012 and have regard to the Government's initiatives including the Three Strikes disciplinary scheme, which commenced on 1 January 2012. As part of that review, the Government will consider whether larger venues are treated equitably under the scheme, in addition to ensuring that the scheme is consistent with, and complementing other, alcohol-related initiatives, such as the strengthened move on powers for police, the new intoxicated and disorderly offence, and the trial of sobering up centres."*

Mr Max Harrison wished to compliment the police of the St Marys LAC regarding recent theft of electrical wiring from Mission Australia Building and assistance received by police.

**Next Meeting:** St Marys LAC, June 2012 - date to be advised

**Meeting Closed:** 11:55am

**ACTIONS:**

**Insp Grant HEALEY to provide MP Stuart AYRES with detailed information regarding Forensic Medical Unit and arrange meeting with head doctor.**

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