



LEICHHARDT LOCAL AREA COMMAND

COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 2 March 2017 – 10am - Glebe Police Station – Old Glebe Court House

MEMBERS

Lance Kittscha
John Maynard
Deborah Lennis
Jan Wilson

Housing NSW
City of Sydney Council
Inner West Council – Leichhardt
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LEICHHARDT LOCAL AREA COMMAND

Superintendent Paul Pisanos
Detective Inspector Gavin Beck
Sergeant Stephen Whalley
Sergeant David Westgarth
Senior Constable James Riganias
Senior Constable Renee Fortuna
Kim Smiles Executive Officer

Commander
Crime Manager
Crime Coordinator
Intel Supervisor
Crime Prevention Officer
Youth Liaison Officer
minutes

APOLOGIES

Kieran - Glebe Youth Services; Michael Modder – FACS Housing NSW; Allan Hogan, Glebe Society

OPENING ADDRESS

- Meeting opened by Sergeant Whalley – welcomed all attending and all attendees introduced themselves
- Meeting chaired by Superintendent Pisanos.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 8 September 2016

- Accepted by Senior Constable Riganias, seconded by Deborah Lennis

ISSUES OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Nil issues outstanding from previous meeting held 1 December 2016.

CRIME – HOT SPOTS WITHIN LEICHHARDT LAC

Summary provided from 02/12/2016 to 21/02/2017 by Sergeant David Westgarth, Intel Supervisor.

ASSAULTS

- There were a total of 133 reported assaults in the period between 02/12/2016 and 21/02/2017.
- Of these 133 incidents, 24 alcohol related, 2 child abuse related, 65 domestic violence, 6 drug, 2 mental health and 16 with no associated factors.
- Review of DV offences and assault by DVLOs to ensure legal action is taken where appropriate.

BREAK AND ENTER

- Slight increase in this category from last quarter.

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STEAL FROM DWELLINGS

- Mainly mail and bicycle theft. Strategies include Social Media, letter box drops, increased patrols of 'hot spots'.

STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

- Thursday's had the highest recorded incidents for this category.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- In late December 2016 the Command had **8 new probationary constables** commence duty. They were welcomed by Jamie Parker Balmain MP, given an orientation tour of the local area by an elder from the Glebe Community and attended a training session with the youths from the Friend in Hand Program at the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre.
- Senior Constable Fortuna gave an overview of the youth programs run by Leichhardt LAC.
- **Girls Who Box** (in conjunction with PCYC and Glebe Youth Services – for girls between the ages of 12-14 years) Every Monday Senior Constable Fortuna collects these young girls at 6.30am for 7am start for a training session at Balmain PCYC.
- **Friend in Hand** (in conjunction with PCYC - approximately 8 to 15 youths attend) run every Tuesday and Thursday. These young people are collected at 5.30am, provided breakfast and a training session at PCYC, then taken to their respective schools at 8am.
- **Young Warriors** (in conjunction with Bondi Boxing Club) run every Thursday by Senior Constable Fortuna at Bondi Boxing, currently 4 to 6 young people attending.
- **1-2-3 Program** – a youth initiative to build futures for our local youth. The Command is liaising with local high schools to create career exposure through corporations to provide opportunity for workshops, internships and employment. Run in conjunction with PCYC, Goodman Salesforce and PeoplePriority. Partnering with like-minded people and organizations that share the same values and passion for Australia's future leaders. Maintaining the long-term integrity of the program through clear mandates and ongoing structures for review.
- On 13 December 2016 the Command hosted a **Christmas Party** in the Glebe Old Courthouse for the attendees of the youth programs, approximately 40 attended. The Command received a generous donation of \$4,000 from the Leichhardt Liquor Accord, this money will go toward youth programs in the command. The youth were also presented with gifts donated by Goodman.
- In January 2017 school holidays our Youth Liaison officers along with a member of PCYC took several young persons to **Wet and Wild** and on another day they went along to Salesforce who held a workshop on coding, which all found very informative.
- In April 2017 the Youth Liaison officers and a member from PCYC will take be taking some young people to the Police college in Goulburn for a tour.
- **Coffee with a Cop** – Thursday 23 February, several officers from the command joined members of the community at Saint John Espresso Café (73 St Johns Road Glebe) for coffee and conversation. This was a great opportunity for members of the community to discuss any concerns with officers from the Command in an informal setting. **Jan Wilson** commented this was a good initiative and hope it is run again next year in a different location.

OVERVIEW BY DETECTIVE INSPECTOR BECK

- As per key issues discussed from last meeting, the command is doing well in relation to crime.
- There have been a few warrants for recent arrests for mail theft and identity fraud
- Steal from dwelling kits being distribution to car crews
- Assaults higher than last year – 100% analysis does not reveal any particular trends
- Recent good results from arrests for drug supply.

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GENERAL BUSINESS / ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

- **John Maynard** commented that these youth programs are inspiring our youth in the command and are genuinely preventative.
- **John Maynard** asked is Sydney University involved in any youth programs and Superintendent Pisanos responded with an enthusiastic overview of the 1-2-3 program. **Dr Garner Clancy of Sydney University** is undertaking a student evaluation of the **1-2-3 program** which is driven by the command's Youth Liaison Officers, Senior Constable Brettle and Senior Constable Fortuna. He approached University of Sydney through a community pathway for the University (Dr Garner Clancy) to look at ways into tertiary education for our indigenous youth. There is a lot of opportunity for the indigenous community, as an example Senior Constable Fortuna was to be a mentor for a girls youth group this summer unfortunately this program did not proceed. It is anticipated this program will run in the winter months this year. Working with the university to build good relations with the LAC. No one is more proud of this program than the Commander and Detective Inspector Beck. **Superintendent Pisanos recognised the contribution of Con Pappas from the community** and his drive and energy to help the youth with contacting corporate organisations. The program starts at Level 1 (At Risk) which targets first offenders and case managed youth with mentoring, along with the contribution of PCYC the Command support the youth to progress to Level 2 of this program. Level 2 (Self Discovery) is about self discovery, ensuring the youth are ready for self awareness and understanding for exposure to career and life options. This is assisted with industry exposure, personal development workshops and pre-job ready programs. For the youth to transition to Level 3 (Transition) requires longer term mentoring, apprenticeships and industry work experience along with exposure to career and life options. This 1-2-3 Program is engineered to our LAC needs.
- **Superintendent Pisanos** – informed the meeting he has handpicked 12 officers to form a High Visibility Team (HVP). This team will work in full uniform, similar to the old 'police beats' in the past and will work under the supervision of two high achieving and energetic sergeants. They will work in the identified hot spots of the command. Will trial this team for 3 months then will review.
- **Jan Wilson** commented that she appreciates the police visibility and their genuine friendliness. Thinks the HVP is a good idea and will help to build positive relations.
- **Superintendent Pisanos** noted the command receives a lot of thank you cards in appreciation for their efforts. He noted in particular of a recent incident at a licensed premise which involved several arrests, the command received a thankyou from the proprietor. The command has also received letters of appreciation from persons who have attempted self harm and thanked the police for their intervention.
- **Deb Lennis** – commented that of the 3 LAC's in this council Leichhardt is the easiest of all 3.
- **Deb Lennis** – invited all to come along to the last outdoor movie showing on Friday 10/3/2017
- **Deb Lennis** – Council performed a street count of homeless persons in 7 locations, homeless is low in this command.
- **Deb Lennis** – The Kourri Knock Competition is looking like it will be held again in October this year, talks are ongoing with organisers.
- **John Maynard** – street count of homeless persons was completed by City of Sydney Council, 440 persons in their LGA. City of Sydney does not get a lot off issues in the Glebe area.
- **John Maynard** – There are backpackers frequenting the **cubby house in Jubilee Park** and they have received several complaints. Superintendent Pisanos commented that the command is aware of these issues and the area continues to be tasked for patrols.
- **Jan Wilson** – advised there will be no Glebe Street Fair run this year by Glebe Chamber of Commerce. Last year's Fair ran at a loss.
- **Lance Kittner** – Senior Constable Rigianas requested a list of Housing NSW properties in the command.

Meeting concluded at 11.05am

Next Meeting – Thursday 1 June 2017

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