



Botany Bay LAC
Community Safety Precinct Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 25 July 2018

MEETING DATE:	25/07/2018
LOCATION:	Westfield Eastgardens, Office Tower, Lvl 4, Suite 404
TIME:	9.00am
Chairperson	Senior Constable Rebecca LEO
Apologies	Inspector Darrin LAING

Police in attendance: Commander Hodder, Crime Prevention Officer Snr Cst Rebecca Leo, Intel Officer Snr Cst Rennae Nicholson, Proactive Crime Team A/Sgt Cheyne Burgess, Crime Coordinator Sgt David Cattell, Youth Liaison Officer/Licensing Officer LSC Rachel Warn, Traffic Supervisor Snr Cst Alex Weissel.

Others in attendance: Crystal Balkan - NSW Housing, Ron Cummins – Eastgardens Security Manager, Luke Caleo – Westfield Retail Manager, Linda Hurst – Centre Management, Muhammad Shahab – Westfield Security, Glenda Myers – Myer Loss Prevention Partner, Denise Mastrogiannis – Myer Store Manager, Jesse Thammakitpatrote – Merchandise Store Manager Myer, Addison McGerovern – Manager Target, Lisa Coutts – Cost Manager Country Road, Aileen Orrego – Country Road, Emon Mahamodul – Westfield Cleaning, Jarvia Warner – Conner Clothing, Leanne Clarke & Brittany O’Hare – Sportsgirl, Mitch Patison – Rebel Store Manager, Geoff Moses – Crown Group Eastlakes, John Mifsud – JJ Cahill High School, Brett Emerson – Eastgardens Kindy, Noel Marks – Lawrence Dry Cleaners, Chris Johnson – Store Manager Big W.

Minutes were taken by administrative officer, Jodie Cleland.

	Agenda Items	Comments
	Welcome	<p>Snr Cst Rebecca Leo welcomed all present. Introduced Botany Bay PAC Commander, Superintendent Hodder.</p> <p>Snr Cst Leo provided an overview of the role of the Community Safety Precinct Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- This meeting provides local community members to meet with police and discuss crime in the community, develop solutions to local crime, improve public safety, and raise understanding between policing and crime reduction.
	Current Issues	<p>Steal from Dwelling - mail theft has decreased from last reported period however there has been an increase in fraud incidents. Property recorded includes, currency, clothing, bikes and keys. This crime is increasing statewide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Crime prevention strategies being implemented are safety audits, letter box drops, BBLAC Facebook page sharing safety tips and Operations.</i>

- *DA (Development applications): Building Applications submitted to build new buildings (commercial and residential) and also renovations.*
- *Police and council add DA recommendations, examples for mail boxes to be built internally, shrubs trimmed low for street visibility (no hiding places for offenders) and CCTV to cover this area.*
- *NW Mascot is experiencing Break and Enter (Dwelling) including underground garages, due to the development of residential and commercial properties.*
- *Crime prevention strategies being implemented are letter box drops re safety tips, safety audits and patrolled taskings, there are major issues with the design of property buildings with fencing, access to mail boxes.*

BB Intel Unit gather Information then pass onto Officers who are then tasked to go to certain locations at certain times in order to carry out proactive policing duties.

- *Proactive policing includes: move on directions, person searches and HVP (High visibility patrols) on foot or in a marked Police car.*
- *Crime prevention strategies being implemented are increased shoplifting operations, more Loss Prevention Officers utilised by businesses, better quality CCTV, Facebook circulation of suspects have ended with good ID results and Security Audits carried out.*
- **Shoplifting Operations** involve plain clothes Police attending retail locations targeting offenders. These operations run regularly and will increase during busier times of the year (School holidays)
- *CPO can carry out a **Security Audit** in Business and Residential settings, by identifying the repeated crime pattern, then looking at different strategies using CPTED, and putting recommendations in place that are cost effective, and result in crime reduction.*

CPTED – Crime prevention through environmental design.

1. We look at what the problem / problems are.
2. We gather information such as conditions and factors that contribute to opportunities for crime.
3. We put strategies and or proactive measures in place tailored to suit the problem and location, and also make recommendations, (which can involve community input).
4. We see results.

Eg. A Chemist has reported several thefts over the last two weeks, Main item being vitamins. CPO attends and observes vitamins stocked in last aisle (Register located on opposite side of store) and shelving / aisles between last aisle and register are above head height – obstructing sightlines. A recommendation would be to lower shelving so employees can have clear sights of all customers over shelving.

Domestic violence.

Crime prevention strategies being implemented include DV Suspect Targeting Management Plan (STMP) operation, monitoring, taskings, letter box drops on home safety awareness and safety audits.

- DV STMP operations are run regularly and involve Police visits to offenders home, talking to both the offender and victim ensuring victim's needs are being met and offenders are complying with their AVO conditions.*
- Target Action Management Plan for DV offenders consist of each unit within the BBLAC managing recidivist DV offenders. A case is created for each offender. Each unit will visit their nominated offenders house on a regular basis and once again make sure they are complying with their AVO conditions and also make them aware they are being monitored. The offenders cases are updated regularly with the results of monitoring activities.*

Assaults (Non DV) Eg Neighbour disputes / Road rage incidences.

Assaults (Alcohol related Non DV) Eg Licensed premises.

- Crime prevention strategies being implemented are, working together with Housing/ Implementing security audits/ increased in proactivity.*
- Increased traffic patrols – Ops, enforcing road rules.*
- Increase in Licencing Ops / Business inspections. Licencing Officer having regular meetings re Liquor laws and enforcement.*

Mal Dam and SFMV.

- Crime prevention strategies being implemented are, increased patrols / proactivity around hot spot areas.*
- Facebook postings on safety tips.*
- Youth OPS (consists of mobile and foot patrols around hot spot areas such as Eastgardens, schools etc) talking to youth.*

Incidents over previous 3 month period:

- **Banksmeadow:** Assault (5) Break & Enter (1) Fraud (2), Malicious Damage (5) Steal from Motor Vehicle (4) Steal from Person (1) Stolen Motor Vehicle (2)
- **Botany:** Assault (18) Break & Enter (9) Fraud (17) Malicious Damage (16) Steal from Dwelling (1) Steal from Motor Vehicle (13) Steal from Person (1) Stolen Motor Vehicle (5)
- **Daceyville:** Assault (4) Break & Enter (0) Fraud (1) Malicious Damage (2) Steal from Dwelling (2)
- **Eastgardens:** Assault (5) Break & Enter (2) Fraud (8) Malicious Damage (19) Steal from Dwelling (1) Steal from Motor Vehicle (9) Steal from Person (4) Steal from Retail (56)
- **Eastlakes:** Assault (11) Break & Enter (2) Fraud (7) Malicious Damage (17) Robbery (1) Steal from Dwelling (8) Steal from Motor Vehicle (2) Steal from Person (1) Steal from Retail (2)
- **Hillsdale:** Assault (5) Break & Enter (3) Fraud (5) Malicious Damage (4) Steal from Motor Vehicle (1) Steal from Retail.
- **Mascot:** Assault (35) Break & Enter (12) Fraud (63) Malicious Damage (24) Robbery (2) Steal from Dwelling (14) Steal from Motor Vehicle (26) Steal from Person (3) Steal from Retail (10) Stolen Motor Vehicle (11)
- **Pagewood:** Assault (4) Break & Enter (2) Fraud (8) Malicious Damage (6) Steal from Motor Vehicle (3) Steal from Retail (7)
- **Rosebery:** Assault (1) Break and Enter (2) Fraud (9) Malicious Damage (1) Steal from Dwelling (2) Steal from Motor Vehicle (1) Stolen Motor Vehicle (1)

Intelligence Officer Snr Cst Renae Nicholson presented the crime trends in the PAC since the last meeting.

Side Notes:

- Steal from Person (SFP) consists of any person taking something off another person within arm's reach.
- Other steals include things like stealing a bike of a veranda or a pot plant from a front garden.
- Assaults usually fall under Domestic Violence situations, Alcohol fuelled patrons at / or around licenced premises" and road rage assaults have been on the rise recently.
- SFMV were on the rise over the last 3-month period.
- The higher rates of crime in Mascot are attributed to the continuous movement of people around the train station and the developments of high rise buildings being built in the area.

Proactive Crime Team A/Sgt Cheyne Burgess discussed crime prevention strategies.

Proactivity:

- Person searches, Move On's, Drug Detections, Bail Compliances have been running throughout the past three months, with a successful result.

Examples:

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Drug Detection (27) - Mascot 2) Person Search (118) – Eastlakes 3) Move on (23) - Botany <p>Comparison between the Sept/Nov and Dec/Feb period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - aspects of crime were down except stealing from a retail store, Break and Enter, Steal from Dwelling and Steal from Motor Vehicle.
<p style="text-align: center;">Delegated Actions</p>		<p>Crime Prevention Tips for Small Businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural surveillance (Clear sight lines / ability to be seen through the naked eye). Eg. Can you be seen from outside? Landscaping trimmed low to prevent visual obstruction. • Access & Control CCTV / Lighting / gates / barriers / Locks. • Territorial Reinforcement Public/private space obvious. Eg. Cash register area concealed and off limits to customers. Have clear signage “Premises under CCTV surveillance”. <p>Ongoing Crime Prevention Targets and Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Shoplifting Operations (Includes Westfield) Plain clothes. • Crime Prevention Operations including safety audits for businesses and residential premises. Weekly community engagements (Crime prevention stall) • Licensing Operation – Licensed venues targeting alcohol related crime and anti-social activity. • High Visibility / Covert Operations • Pawn Shop Audit • Media Briefing, CCTV Footage assisting Police to ID Offenders that is used on NSW Police Facebook in an attempt to ID offenders. • Drug Dog Operations. <p>Side Note:</p> <p>Discussion with retail workers about what they should do when a theft occurs. Reporting the theft asap (better description of POI) to Police rather than the Police Assistance Line (PAL). Strategies – Installing a High definition camera. Superintendent HODDER stated that there is high retail theft but there is a high conviction rate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Westfield Operations) Sgt Burgess stated that the Police are working with Westfield on issuing banning notices for Juveniles who continue to trespass.

		<p>Youth Liaison Officer: LSC Rachel Warn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Operations – Public Schools - Operation JAT – Juvenile Truancy - Plain cloths officers on Buses (recent problem with girls targeting Asian Students) <p>Licencing Officer: LSC Rachel Warn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of high rises means more licenced cafes. - Firearms, safety audits, inspections. - BB Liquor Accord – Twice per year. <p>Traffic Officer: Snr Cst Weissel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed the different traffic operations - Heavy Vehicle compliance /public passenger vehicle compliance /RBT / General traffic enforcement. <p>Community Engagements: CPO OP – 10.07.2018</p>
	<p>Date for next meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be decided at a later date. • Possibility meeting to be held at Westfield Eastgardens.
	<p>Closure of meeting</p>	<p>Senior Constable Leo thanked all present for the valuable time and contribution to Botany Bay LAC Community Safety Precinct meeting and invited everyone to have something to eat and drink and to continue discussions with others present before leaving.</p> <p>Meeting concluded 11am.</p> <p>ACTION: Snr Cst Leo to distribute pamphlets to Crystal from Housing to distribute to clients regarding home safety awareness.</p>