

**Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting  
Lake Illawarra Police District  
8 September 2020  
MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

A/Supt Gordon Dunlop, D/Ch/Insp Broadhead, Insp Wunderlich, Insp Dark, A/Insp Peterson, A/Sgt Hanley, SC Dianne Martin, SC Jo Cummins, SC Tamara Davidson, Paul Grebert – Albion Park Chamber of Commerce, Mark Miller – Shellharbour Council, Louise Croker Kiama Council, Coco Agnatson Student Kiama Council, Greg Golledge obo Anna Watson MP Shellharbour, Imogen Todd, Student, Women's Health Centre, Robyn Harris EXO

**Apologies:**

C/Insp Pedersen, , Ian Fitzgibbon - Dapto Business Chamber, Gary McKay – Kiama Chamber of Commerce.

Erin Masters – Wollongong Council Youth and Development, Paul Scully MP Wollongong, Chantelle Martin SWOP, Joanne Megan SWOP

**Minutes:** Robyn Harris

**Meeting opened:** 10am

**Opening:** Welcome to all attendees and introduction from Insp Aaron Wunderlich  
Glen Sutherland ACLO Acknowledgment to our country.  
Introduction around the room.

Minutes from previous meeting accepted by D/Ch/Insp Broadhead and A/Supt Dunlop

**Actions Outstanding from Previous Meeting - Nil**

**Commander Welcome:**

A/Supt Dunlop welcomed the attendees at today's meeting, apologised for Supt Dean Smith absence and advised of his relieving position as the Assistant Commissioner at Region in Wollongong and deployment at the Victorian border. Discussed community and how we, have joint ownership of the community problems and solutions. .

**Crime Review & Analysis/ Summary – Inspector Aaron Wunderlich**

Insp Wunderlich introduced himself as the Inspector responsible for the Crime Prevention Unit. COMPASS is the source of our crime targets . The District has performed exceptionally well over the past two years except for a spike in malicious damage for the month of April. A Strike Force was pulled together and the offenders arrested and charged with 60 offences.

The PACER program is currently being trialled at Lake Illawarra PD where Mental Health Clinicians are working on the ground with General Duties attending the scene where the patient is and reducing the time delay to be assessed.

**Crime Presentation – A breakdown of figures at LIPD is shown**

- **Break and Enter Dwelling-** Lake Illawarra well within its target range. When compared to the same period last year, offences down considerably.
- July 2020- 17 offences (target of 51), July 2019 there were 27 offences. So far in 2020 there's been less offences each month when compared to the same month in 2019.
- Last 3 months- Peak Periods- Saturday morning, Monday & Thursday afternoon.
- Warrawong & Berkeley the top suburbs.
- Legal action taken 12/104 offences in June- August 2020. Legal Action rate in 2020 is 13.17%.
  
- **Steal from motor vehicle** 49.1% under target so far this financial year.
- In each month this year there's been less offences than the previous month in 2019.

- Friday morning is the peak period. Top suburbs are spread across the command.
- Steal from dwelling – anything from curb side to your house
- **Mal Damage**
- Between 17th July 2020 and 29th July 2020, 65 vehicles had their windows smashed in multiple suburbs within Lake Illawarra. Police obtained CCTV and identified a vehicle. We conducted a canvas of the area and had vehicles forensically examined. We focused patrols in key areas and times.
- About 2:15am on 29 July 2020 Lake Illawarra Police were patrolling the area in relation to reports of car windows being smashed in the Oak Flats area. The occupants of the car were arrested and conveyed to Lake Illawarra Police Station.

As it starts to warm up, we will see seasonal increases in some crime: steal from motor vehicles especially around beachside carparks, increase in traffic offences as more people visit the area, also a marked increase in anti social behaviour and alcohol related crime.

Additional operations will be run to deploy staff to the known areas. If there are areas of concern in each geographical location it would be an advantage for this to be brought to the attention of the Inspector responsible for the area.

Louise Croker – Kiama Council raised the issue of the increase in Domestic Violence referrals to Community Service providers not reflected in police numbers.

The non reporting to police can often be due to the escalation of the offence if police are notified.

A/Supt Dunlop indicated that there has been a spike in the Aboriginal Community as the BAD V program had ceased due to COVID. Strategies have been implemented to reengage and this has been beneficial to the community.

Due to the Victorian Border Deployment staffing levels have been affected at the District impacting our normal workload. The DV Unit and District has increased targeted compliance checks, checking on repeat offenders and interacting with DV and breach of AVO cases. Lake Illawarra District has had success with the charging of offenders.

Ch/Insp Broadhead raised the DV / Interagency Safety Action Meetings. This is where a client is identified and a Case Tracking Action Plan is implemented. Lake Illawarra PD is also on a working party with Illawarra Shoalhaven Area Health Service in relation to Sexual Assaults.

### **Community Engagement Summary – SC Dianne Martin**

An overview of the difficulties facing the officers deployed to the Victorian Border.

With the use of crime mapping areas have been identified that have been targeted with steal from motor vehicle and break enters. The Crime Prevention Van is used to advertise the presence of the police and engage with local businesses and do letterbox drops with safety tips to households.

Our Facebook page has over 23K followers and is a platform for Community engagement events, wanted person, good news stories, Crime prevention information and Tips and to promote our future engagements.

Safer by Design audits have been conducted and if have a specific location let A/Sgt Hanley know and we can book it in.

Fit for Life is an ongoing PCYC program that is run Tuesday and Thursday mornings to engage young people in activities.

Commander's Active Citizens program is being run for the 8<sup>th</sup> year and is still well attended and engaging for the participants.

Wear it Purple Day was held at Dapto High and officers engaged with students and teachers.

Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils have provided funding to conduct the Graff Off program. The Youth Liaison Officers will be working with this program in relation to offenders giving back to the community.

A donation from the Oak Flats Lions Club has enabled Lake Illawarra Police District to purchase bags that will be utilized to provide information to the elder community. We are grateful to the Club for their donation and ongoing support to the community.

Upcoming events:

- School safety talks
- Elder safety talks
- PACC meeting
- TRSF - Tamper resistant screw fitting
- Resilience program
- Commander's Active Citizen Program

[Oak Flats Train Station Sunday 13 September 20 Oak Flats Train Station Carpark.](#)

**Community Feedback/Questions:**

The attached links may be of assistance to sourcing information for your communities.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/cyberbullying>  
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

**Closing:** A/Supt Dunlop gave an overview of the events of 2020. Bushfires, floods and a Pandemic and the impact on the resources of the NSW Police Force. The deployment to the Victorian Border was a swift movement of 550 officers to border check points. There are currently 441 police and 362 ADF officers on the ground, with a proposed cut off of December. This obviously rests with the Premier and how Victoria can control their outbreaks.

**COVID -19** has seen the postponing of numerous events in the Illawarra. We have adapted well to the current environment and rallied with the staff that we have available to protect the community.

A debrief was held after the meeting to review the content and presentation and look at a way forward to engage the Chamber, Community and Agencies.

I would encourage all members to contact your geographical Inspector and bring to their attention any concerns or activities that we need to be aware of or can actively participate in. Alternatively email Robyn with agenda items or questions and these can be included in the December meeting or referred to the relevant area.

**Meeting finished:** 11.05am

**Next meeting:** 10am Tuesday 8 December 2020, Lake Illawarra Police District  
Meeting Dates for 2021 10 am Tuesday 9 March, 8 June 7 September, 7 December.

**ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING:**


## **For Information: Geographical areas aligned to Inspectors**

### **KIAMA Sector**

Inspector Dan RICHARDSON – [rich2dan@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rich2dan@police.nsw.gov.au)

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, Werri Beach, Bombo.

### **OAK FLATS Sector**

Inspector Aaron Wunderlich – [wund1aar@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wund1aar@police.nsw.gov.au)

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**

Inspector Brian PEDERSEN – [pede1bri@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pede1bri@police.nsw.gov.au)

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**

Inspector James DARK – [dark1jam@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dark1jam@police.nsw.gov.au)

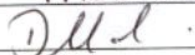
Port Kembla Sector spreads from Port Kembla across to Berkeley and south past Primbee. Other suburbs included are Unanderra (industrial area), Cringila, Lake Heights and Warrawong. This sector also surrounds the southern border of the Port Kembla Port and aligns with Wollongong Police District's southern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


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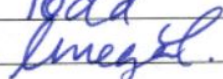
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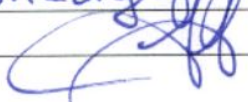
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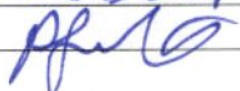
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