

# NSWPF Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Venue: Community Room Blacktown Westpoint

11am – 1pm

**Chair:** Senior Constable Catherine Heise

**Minutes:** Andrea Lamas

<b>Attendance</b>	Brett Lane – Blacktown Workers, Brad Bunting – Blacktown Council, Craig Brown & Carl Riley – Blacktown Westpoint, Jose Vasquez – Blacktown Council, Jane Attard-Taylor – NWSWDVCAS, Paul Bartolo – Sydney Trains, Michelle & Steve – Blacktown Bunnings, Nereda Illingworth – Tafe NSW, Deborah Neill – Tafe NSW, Jaime Mack – BACC, Ebony O’Connor – Parliament NSW, Allan Green – Blacktown Council, Chris Myers – Sydney Trains, Sarah Van Bentum – Kids Helpline, Kathy – Blacktown Council
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## Minutes

Items/ Discussion	Actions
<b>Introductions/ Welcome</b> Inspector Daniel Bennett opened the meeting and did the welcome to country	Inspector Daniel Bennett
<b>Tactical Operations Unit Presentation – Sydney Police Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Normally don’t do community presentations</li><li>• Brett Smith – police officer over the last 30 years, working in TOU, specialized</li><li>• Overview of how it fits into the PAC<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Tactical operations group<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Three main units<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recue and bombs unit</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	A/Inspector Brett Smith

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negotiations unit</li> <li>• Tactical operations unit             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Terrorism intel unit sits underneath</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Although it is Sydney based, there is regional support</li> <li>• Jobs charter: siege barricade, hostage situations, terrorism events, looking after international protected persons</li> <li>• Controlled through ANZPAA             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Judicious use of force should be reasonable, proportionate</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Commonwealth support to CT incidents – response to containment             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interoperability and standardisation                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supporting interstate counterparts</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Staffing: Full time and part time regional support with on-call response arrangements                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Eight month Intensive training</li> <li>▪ Then on the job</li> <li>▪ Development is considered – specialisation in specific area</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Supporting PACs                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Risk assessment based</li> <li>▪ Reducing risk and taking them into custody</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Protection and resolution</li> <li>• How many applicants are successful in going into the TOU? About 10%</li> <li>• Protection of identity – question on media footage etc.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Commander’s address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First CSPC meeting</li> <li>• Has been there for two months</li> <li>• NW Metro region – extends to Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury</li> <li>• Currently relieving Assistant Commissioner, but will be back at Blacktown PAC in a couple of weeks’ time</li> <li>• Previously TOU commander</li> <li>• Started in NSWPF at Blacktown in 1990</li> <li>• Tactical field ops supervisor – Lightning Ridge</li> <li>• Up and down the north coast</li> </ul>	<p>Superintendent Dave Waddell</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to Syd – 6 to 7 years ago</li> <li>• Then TOU</li> <li>• Then Blacktown</li> <li>• Blacktown structure - Commander, PAM, 5 x Duty Officers Crime Manager, CPU, General Duties and other areas</li> <li>• Priorities:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public safety – crime reduction                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Programs currently being run</li> <li>▪ Providing good customer service to the community</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Big issues:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth issues</li> <li>▪ DV</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Question to touch on DV – any suggestions on improving DV             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Education plays a key role</li> <li>○ Case management -men’s behavioral change – relationships Australia, 6 month program</li> <li>○ Putting AVOs in place and then enforcing it</li> <li>○ 40% of the work at the PAC is DV</li> <li>○ Awareness around DV has dropped since covid</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Command Crime Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Been at blacktown for over 11 years</li> <li>○ Always working in the Ds office as investigations manager</li> <li>○ Substantively filling in for the Crime Manager</li> <li>○ Crime figures and stats on BOSCAR</li> <li>○ CAD jobs – the number of calls to assistance within the community             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DV has reduced from last year to this year                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Very complex social issue</li> <li>▪ Arrest, charge, AVOs – police are a blunt instrument</li> <li>▪ Support networks around</li> <li>▪ Underreporting during covid – may be the case as individuals were at home with the offender</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Robberies have dropped                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Most in Blacktown are street robberies – shoes, phones</li> <li>▪ High success rates in identifying offenders</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Adam Wilson                  Crime Manager</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 60% prosecution rate in the last couple of months</li><li>▪ Less sophisticated offenders</li><li>○ Break and enter dwelling<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Lockdown with covid</li><li>▪ Now going back up</li><li>▪ Fingerprint hits, DNA, identifying offenders</li></ul></li><li>○ Malicious damage</li><li>○ Stolen vehicles<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Post covid increase</li><li>○ Solved through fingerprint DNA evidence</li></ul></li><li>○ Steal from motor vehicles<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Arrest of someone who was charged with 30 incidents alone</li><li>○ Take valuables out of cars</li><li>○ Lock vehicles</li><li>○ Investigation from region – lots of youth from this LGA stealing motor vehicles</li></ul></li><li>○ Last twelve months<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ High operation tempo in Blacktown and across the state</li><li>○ From August to January – one of the busiest in Blacktown<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Three murders<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two were stabbing murders</li></ul></li><li>▪ Dealing with traditional crime with a new social aspect<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not a Blacktown issue, it is a social issue</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>○ Kids coming together for social reasons<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Now carrying knives</li><li>▪ Violently assaulting one another</li><li>▪ Gang involvement</li><li>▪ Op Kella</li></ul></li><li>○ Youth team at Blacktown<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ways to identify children and young people who are at risk<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intervene</li><li>• Refer them to programs</li><li>• PCYC, OOHC</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>○ Mr Waddell: Corporate sponsor for youth for NW Metro</li></ul></li></ul>	
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<p><b>Youth Programs Presentation – Youth Command</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ PCYC programs</li><li>○ Youth engagement officer under youth command, work at PCYC but doesn't work for them</li><li>○ Two key roles within the PAC<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Case management</li><li>○ Running youth programs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Rise up strategy – eight-week programs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fit for life program – every Thursday<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Outreach fit for life programs in certain schools – increase police presence and engagement</li></ul></li><li>• Fit for change program<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Targeting youth who are engaging in antisocial and criminal behaviour</li><li>○ Exploring healthy relationships</li></ul></li><li>• Fit for work<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 10 weeks, 3 days a week</li><li>○ Aim to get them into employment</li></ul></li><li>• Fit together<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Cultural program</li><li>○ Haka Warrior</li><li>○ Pacific Islander communities<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Go into schools, work with youth who are undertaking program</li></ul></li><li>○ Not designed to target youth violence and gangs, it seeks to create a sense of community and ties it back to a sense of belonging – it targets gang and criminal behaviour as a secondary outcome</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>○ Enhancing awareness of DV through presentations and engagement<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Hasn't necessarily decreased numbers but the aim is that increasing awareness will result in decreasing DV long term</li><li>○ Run over a 6 month period</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>S/C Joel McMullan</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ideally hoping to run a fit for life for youth in OOHC</li> <li>○ Operation Pivot             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Youth Command’s response to youth violence</li> <li>○ Saturation operations – engaging with youth to understand what is happening, breaking barriers with youth who aren’t attending school</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Doorbell Project, Blacktown Domestic Violence programs presentation</b></p> <p>Doorbell project – giving cameras to vulnerable people. E.g. DV, elderly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Running for a couple of months</li> <li>○ Provides victims with a sense of security</li> <li>○ Referrals to the DV team</li> <li>○ Criteria to be eligible for the doorbell project</li> <li>○ Easy to instal – comes with screws and Velcro strips</li> <li>○ Motion sensed</li> <li>○ Education through schools             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Facilitator training in love bites – respectful relationships program                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Facilitated by SSO, police, community members</li> <li>▪ 20 people trained in love bites</li> <li>▪ Rolling that out into the high schools                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One booked in next month</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Aimed at year 10 students</li> <li>▪ Relationships at home, intimate relationships</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ People self-harming on the rail networks                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Police attending self-harming incidents</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>S/C Kate Wheeler                  DVLO Blacktown</p>
<p><b>Open Discussion</b></p>	
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