

Lake Macquarie

Community Safety Precinct Committee Action Minute

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership (25 February 2016)

Participating Agencies/Community members

POLICE REPRESENTATIVES	A/Superintendent D COX - Commander Lake Macquarie LAC Inspector B McGREGOR – Customer Service Duty Officer, Lake Macquarie LAC S/Sergeant T McDEVITT - Crime Co-ordinator Lake Macquarie LAC Senior Constable S. WHITEHEAD – Crime Prevention Officer K. PETERS – Intelligence Analyst, Lake Macquarie LAC
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES	Deadre HAM - Belmont NHW Anne HASLAM – Belmont NHW Tony ELLITT – Lake Macquarie Council Julie MOORE – Office of Sonia Hornery MP John QUINLAN - Sunshine Progress Association Stacy TURNBULL – Charlestown Square Sarah KANE - Charlestown Square Ross HARRIS – Stockland Glendale Kay FRASER – Councillor, Lake Macquarie Council Deahna RICHARDSON – Office of Yasmin Catley MP Bruce BAYLIS – Sunshine Bonnells Bay Chamber and Community Alliance Barry JOHNSTON – Councillor, Lake Macquarie City Council Tiffany JONES – Department of Human Services David SCOBELL – Belmont Chamber of Commerce Max McCORKELL – Cardiff Business Rosmairi DAWSON – LMCC and PCYC Morisset Antoinette BALNAVE – Cooranbong Business Chamber

APOLOGIES	Kay FRASER – Councillor, Lake Macquarie Council Josh SANSOM – Housing NSW Roselea NEWBURN – WICA Tony INKERSOLE – Securityworx Deb SIMS – Office of Jodie Harrison MP
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INTRODUCTION	Meeting was opened by Inspector McGregor who welcomed all to the meeting. The CSPC members then introduced themselves around the table before Sergeant Peters presented the Crime Data for the last quarter.
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Priority Crime Category	
Local Crime Type Priorities	<p>The Presentation was given by Sgt Peters, Intel Analyst, Crime Management Unit, Belmont. Crime Reporting Period between November 1 2015 and 31st January 2016</p> <p>ASSAULT (Non Domestic Violence) – downward trend for this category. Mr Cox explained the difference between Personal Violence Orders and Domestic Violence Orders. Sgt Peters said there were no issues with assaults in our Licensed Premises , and our Licensing Police continue to do a lot of work in this area.</p> <p>BREAK & ENTER Dwellings – We are averaging about 60 per month. Hotspots between Mount Hutton and Windale with 7 incidents each for the reporting period.</p> <p>BREAK & ENTER Non-dwelling – Hotspots are Cardiff and Tingira Heights. Mr Cox explained the recent proactive work resulting in the arrest of 4 offenders at Morisset for multiple Break and Enters on storage sheds.</p> <p>Max McCorkell asked about the Cardiff hotspot. Is that the industrial area? Sgt Peters said that it was the CBD area of Cardiff which had 5 break and enters over the 3 months which has thrown it up as a hotspot.</p> <p>MALICIOUS DAMAGE –Glendale still a hotspot for graffiti. Ross Harris stated that malicious damage has decreased at Glendale, although acknowledged that for the first 6 months of being targeted they did not report it.</p> <p>STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE – Highfields was a hotspot in December/January. People are still not locking their cars. Sgt Peters explained “urching” which is a term used for trying door handles to find unlocked vehicles. There were 3 offenders arrested for the offences in Highfields after a joint investigation</p>

with State Crime, which was a great result.

We average 95 reported steal from motor vehicle offences per month.

Cardiff is also a hotspot for the Command, with the MO shifting from fuel theft (last quarter at Cmeron Park) to property theft. Fuel theft has dropped off significantly.

STOLEN VEHICLES –Hotspots include Belmont, Belmont South, Warners Bay, Macquarie Hills and Cardiff.

Julie Moore asked, if trail bike theft was a break and enter or a stolen vehicle. Sgt Peters replied it could be both and explained how the offences are recorded.

Mr Cox said that we monitor and actively target people who are releasees for this particular crime (trail bike theft)

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS INVOLVING INJURY – Hotspot Charlestown. Sgt Peters said due to the sheer number of vehicles in that area the likelihood of an accident is increased.

PROACTIVITY – Proactivity mapping shows police area stopping, searching and moving on people in our crime hotspot areas. Lake Macquarie had 154 persons detected with drugs this period, and completed 753 person searches.

Intelligence & Operational Policing Strategies

Reporting Period & Upcoming:

- **QUAD LAC OPERATION:** Special Operations Group – **4 & 5 March**
- **CAP IN LAC:** Community interaction with Policing activities – **12 April**
- **Coffee with a Cop:** Bellissimo Cafe Belmont – **7 March**
- **PACC Meeting:** Police and Aboriginal Consultative Committee - **7 April**
- **Operation Compliance :** Traffic Enforcement -**10 February**
- **Tunbiliko:** Joint Partnership with Darling River LAC for Aboriginal youth **15 to 20 March**

Discussion Items

Mr Cox said, we were up and running here at Belmont, with the official opening scheduled for late March 2016. This Monday Toronto Police Station will move to Boolaroo which will operate 24/7. Toronto will be knocked down and rebuilt. Morisset is very close to opening and we can expect that in early April.

John Quinlan asked if it was a 12 month project. Mr Cox replied yes, complete knock down and rebuild. Mr Cox further said that rapid response will still be tasked into the area based on crime issues raised by the community as well as crime statistics. He made the example of the Slider bikes at Murrays Beach, where we have recently tasked police dur to community concerns.

Rosmairi Dawson asked if there were any actions targeting synthetic drugs. Sgt Peters said yes, but we were unable to expand to much but we are working on that at the moment. Rosmairi also requested the Community Engagement "Coffee with a Cop" come to Morisset. Mr McGregor said, we only hold four of those events a year, but will keep it in mind.

Deadre Ham asked about the new drivers licences being processed in India and taking 3 weeks to be issued. Julie Moore corrected that they are being processed in Parkes. Deahna RICHARDSON said Yasmin Catley has made reps to the Minister about time frames.

Ross Harris wanted to pass on his thanks for the good work done by LSCON Grothen in charging a person causing problems at Stockland Glendale.

Antoinette Balnave said they have had trouble with people breaking in to rural properties, as such, as a community they have a group on facebook to warn residents. Properties at Newport Rd at Martinsville are being targeted by a people in a white ute. As the number plate and make of the vehicle is not known, this has not been reported. **Sgt Peters** said, we have suspects in Morisset in a white ute that we have a plate of. We need the information of the incidents in order to link vehicles to incidents. Our data reflects a drop in Crime at Cooranbong. **Antoinette** said that was due to community vigilance. **Snr Sgt McDevitt** encouraged reporting particularly if persons are entering the property.

Sgt Peters asked about the methodone clinic was going and commented that we have tasked police into the area. **Antoinette** said that aside from issues with no available public transport, there have not been adverse issues arising from it.

Deahna Richardson thanked police for the response to antisocial behaviour in the Retirement Villiage. **Snr Sgt McDevitt** said that complaint generated quite a big response from police which resulted in some people being evicted from social housing.

Tony Ellitt said the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Network in Sydney works very well. There will be a Hunter Sub Branch of that network with the first meeting being in April. Tony said he was still trying to get a response from the Region Sponsor for Crime Prevention to invite them to the meeting. Graffiti wipes continue to be available from the Council .

Also a State Government Grant has been applied for at Charlestown to reduce anti social behaviour with space activation. **A/Supt Cox** asked if the lighting project was still going. Tony replied that it was, with the lights being turned off at 10pm.

Julie Moore asked about the recent school bomb threats. **A/Supt Cox** said we have a strike force investigating them. They appear to be a recorded message from overseas, our detectives are involved with the investigations.

Julie also said a lady attended her office and provided a flyer about a registered sex offender in the area. Julie provided the flyer to S/C Whitehead after the meeting. The information is vague, both the offender and the woman distributing the flyer are unknown. In Summary the message reads "Your children were exposed to a convicted paedophile who breached parole conditions between 2002 and 2008." There is insufficient detail to make any enquiries about this.

Julie also raised parking complaints in relation to Glendale East Primary School. **ACTION: Inspector Cox stated we would raise it with HWP.**

Julie also mentioned there seemed to be some improvement with the challenging behaviours of a client in the area. "He 's off the radar, so far so good".

Max McCorkell said Cardiff was continuing to have problems with a local offender. Ross Harris from Stockland informed the group the offender was charged yesterday.

Max said locals are concerned about the Mary St “gang” where it’s believed 3 people have recently moved from Wallsend to Cardiff. Sgt Peters said, we are tasking into the area. PTC (Police Transport Command) are also focusing on the area and the YLO (Youth Liaison Officer) is also working with those involved.

Max also gave further info about a location of local concern. Snr Sgt McDevitt encouraged the use of Crimestoppers to report information and explained the process of how we receive and action those reports locally.

Julie asked how long they take to come through and Snr Sgt McDevitt explained the reports are through to us very quickly, daily.

Max said he was not getting feedback on charges. A/Supt COX explained our victim notification system, and that the Police Assistance Line should not be taking reports that require investigation.

John Quinlan said the Morisset Peninsular is very isolated, Insp. McGregor arranged patrols out there that’s made a big difference, with the parties in the parks down the on Friday and Saturday nights.

Rosmairi Dawson mentioned Shingle Splitters at Sunshine is another spot for regular hooning.

Agreed updates to Crime Prevention Action Plan

Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies/Community member	Timeframe
Commence a Crime reduction Strategy tailored to individual needs of the targeted area based on local knowledge, more so than crime statistics/reported crime.	One local Area to be selected by group discussion at CSPC, for consultation on local issues and development of tactical and new strategies to resolve or reduce the issues discussed.	<i>Stockland Glendale (Graffiti)</i> <i>John Quinlan – Morisset (Stockton Street issues)</i> <i>Kay Fraser – Nords Wharf (Traffic)</i>	Date Due Ongoing

Senior Constable Whitehead thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting concluded at 11.40am.

The next meeting for the 2016 calendar - Thursday 26th May 2016 10am at Belmont Police Station.

