

Camden Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting

AGENDA 30 November 2017

Facilitator: A/Inspector Dale Abbott

Attendees: A/Superintendent Paul Fryer - Camden LAC, Inspector Jayne Doherty – Camden LAC, A/Inspector Dale Abbott – Camden LAC, Sergeant Phil Gornall – Camden LAC, Senior Constable Greg Loudon – Camden LAC, Neil Williamson – Camden LAC, Shannon Magee – Camden LAC (minutes), Pania Gregson – Greater Narellan Business Chamber, Davina Smith – Turning Point Camden, Sharon Hartnett – Wollondilly Shire Council, Amber Archer – Tahmoor Town Centre, Amanda Taylor – Harrington Plaza, Val Moskvitch – Camden Seniors, Keith Maddock – Lions community volunteer, Stephanie Tate – Australian Botanic Gardens

Apologies: Jai Rowell - Member for Wollondilly, Chris Patterson – Member for Camden, Lara Symkowiak – Mayor Camden Council, Ron Moore – General Manager Camden Council, Josephine Roccisano – Manager Greenfields Development Company, John Siemon – Mount Annan Botanic Gardens, Jacky Moore – Executive Manager Lifeline Macarthur, Ally Dench – Executive Director Wollondilly Shire Council

Welcome: A/Inspector Dale Abbott – Customer Service Duty Officer Camden LAC

Agenda Items:

- 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Tabled, Moved and Seconded**
Meeting opened at 10am by A/Insp Abbott. Previous minutes tabled; moved by Keith Maddock and seconded by Val Moskvitch.

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2. Commands response in The Oaks/Picton sector since Feb 2017 presentation by A/Insp Abbott

- Discussed the recent implementation of The Oaks Car Crew which works in the Oaks 1 day a week x 2 officers including local resident Police Officer LSC Simon Jones. Also supported by the Proactive Crime Team, Intelligence Response Team, Detectives, Crime Management Unit, Highway Patrol and other Police resources as required.
- Powerpoint presentation of the crime stats for August – November 2017 in The Oaks sector. Also discussed the proactivity stats for August – November 2017 in The Oaks sector.
- Question raised re: Do Police track offender stats? Answer by Police: Yes, Police do daily reviews of this and track legal action rates.
- Discussed community perception that these stats are high. Police explained how events are reviewed each morning in the daily crime meetings and are reviewed qualitatively not just quantitatively.

3. Crime Manager presentation – D/Insp Jayne Doherty

- Insp Doherty explained the role of the Crime Manager.
- Powerpoint presentation of Crime Stats from 1 June 2017 - 27 November 2017.
- Discussed Police response to Domestic Violence including the implementation of Region Domestic Violence teams, our Domestic violence intervention team, Safety Action Meetings and what the purpose of these meetings are.
- Explained how breaches of Apprehended Violence Orders are watched over by region management.
- Discussed the role of the Crime Prevention Officer in relation to reducing/preventing number of Break and enters in the area. Senior Constable Loudon attends tradie days to speak to local tradies and educate them on how to best protect worksites from theft etc.
- Discussed the role of the traffic committee to reduce the number of injury and fatal crashes within the local area.
- Question raised by Debbie Dewbery re: Domestic violence and AVO stats – are they mostly people that are recidivist offenders/victims? Inspector Doherty explained that in a lot of incidents this is the case. Discussed how these incidents are report and recorded.
- Question raised re: Drug cultivation – do Police believe there is a reduction of drug cultivation due to the recent increase in housing development? Inspector Doherty explained that there are more indoor hydro houses in the area – particularly areas with large amounts of rentals. Discussed how Polair air tasked to patrol.
- Keith asked if it is still an offence to leave your car unlocked. Police explained that yes, that is still the case. Keith also asked would it be beneficial to put up signs in local car parks stating it is an offence and the fine amount. Discussed at length.
- Question raised as to whether Ice is a major drug problem within Camden LAC. Explained that it is the same across the state.

4. Crime Coordinator presentation – Camden LAC Domestic Violence Intervention Team (DVIT) – Sgt Phil Gornall

- Discussed the Domestic Violence Intervention Team which commenced in June 2017 and consists of 3 officers.
- Discussed the role of the Crime Coordinator.
- Currently 2nd in the region for number of Domestic Violence incidents. Future development and population growth in the area will also affect this. Discussed how changes in reporting, social media, cultural changes have increased these stats.
- Discussed proactivity stats of the Domestic Violence Intervention Team since its implementation.
- Question raised re: Whether domestic violence stats usually have alcohol as a contributing factor. Police explained how this is looked at and asked when an offence has occurred.

5. Crime Prevention Officer Presentation – Cyber safety presentation and safety talks, safety audits, council D.A's and Volunteers in Policing by Senior Constable Greg Loudon

- Crime Prevention PowerPoint presentation by Senior Constable Loudon – Explained the role of the Crime Prevention Officer.
- Discussed how Camden LAC recently received a sponsor vehicle. Aim is for the community to see us out there. This vehicle is not a response vehicle.
- Discussed the Camden LAC Facebook page and how we utilise it to identify offenders. Currently have 88% success rate. Senior Constable Loudon showed examples of how beneficial Facebook is in identifying persons of interest even when the CCTV footage is poor.
- Discussed Development Application process. Recently received DA's for a private hospital, George IV Inn, Oran Park.
- Cyber safety talks – Police completed 50 cyber safety talks during 2017. Targeting online bullying and online sexting issues.
- Senior Constable Loudon encouraged community support and suggestions. Greater community chamber expressed interest in Police attending one of their meetings to talk on these issues.
- Discussed the need for more education regarding the background of phone apps and how they can be hidden or misused by children.
- Police requested feedback on what we can do to get people to see / interact with our Facebook page.
- A suggestion was made to link the page on some of the local community pages on Facebook.

6. Command Update – by Commander A/Supt Paul Fryer.

- Commander Supt Ward Hanson currently on annual leave.
- Re-iterated how much focus is on Domestic Violence, not only within Camden LAC, but across the state. Domestic violence intervention team tasked to target this issue.
- 64 mental health incidents attended to by Camden Police during the last month.

- Police recently spoke to Camden and Wollondilly Councils regarding how best to prevent terrorism attacks. Barriers are placed at intersections during major events to protect from vehicle borne attacks.
- Discussed alcohol related crime – Police have identified issues with a couple local pubs which are being addressed with the licensee's.
- Discussed the NSWPF re-engineering. Camden LAC not merging with another LAC.
- Discussed recent good Police work.
- Thanked all for attending and supporting the local Police.

7. General Business / Open Discussion and Questions from the floor.

- Botanic Gardens also commented on how they are using vehicles to prevent possible vehicle borne attacks at major events held within the Gardens.
- Debbie Dewberry suggested Police speak to local schools re: putting a spiel in their newsletters re: cyber safety.
- Thanked Camden Police for their proactivity.
- Camden Council advised they are having to provide an additional 50 bins per week indicating there are approx. 185 new residents each week. Also suggested putting a link of Councils page to promote the Camden LAC facebook page.
- Trish Hill discussed how excellent The Oaks car crew's presence in the area is. Very much appreciated.
- Keith discussed how he is grateful to attend these meetings and relay this info to community members to spread information.
- Davina Smith discussed her role and thanked Police for providing the stats during the presentations.
- Business chamber discussed the responsibility of venues re: responsible service of alcohol. Discussed Police limitations, the use of liquor accords and intervention meetings. Also requested Police to speak at one of their monthly meetings which Police are more than happy to do.

Meeting complete: 12.10pm.

Next Meeting: 5 April 2018 at 10am.