

Botany Bay LAC Community Safety Precinct Meeting Minutes Wednesday 27th, 2017

MEETING DATE:	27/09/2017	
LOCATION:	CATION: Mascot Police Station, Upstairs Training Room	
TIME:	2.00 p.m	
Chairperson	Inspector Darrin Laing	
Apologies	Commander McCusker	

Police in attendance: Inspector Laing, Crime Prevention Officer Snr. Cst. Rebecca Leo, Intel Officer Snr. Cst. Rennae Nicholson, PCT Sgt. Nina White, Detective Snr. Cst. Amy Gerrish.

Others in attendance: Crystal Balkan from Housing, Shareen McGuiness from FACS/Housing, Noni Hoskins, the Principal from Matraville Public School and Steve Williams, Community Safety Officer with Bay Side City Council.

Minutes were taken by administrative officers; Alexandra Beynon and Jodie Cleland.

Agenda Items	Comments
Welcome	Inspector Laing welcomed all present and provided an overview of the role of the Community Safety Precinct Committee. - 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. Snr. Cst. Rebcca Leo presented the presentation after Inspector Laing was finished welcoming everyone.
Current Issues	 Snr Cst. Rebbecca Leo explained that mail theft/stealing from dwelling has been high amongst NW part of Mascot lately. However, this problem is also on the rise state wide. Some crime prevention strategies that have already been put in place are safety audits, letter box drop, BBLAC Facebook page; sharing safety tips and operations. The Facebook page has been extremely successful in making offenders turn themselves into police due to the name and shame aspect and pressure from family members to do the right thing. DA applications are getting pressure to make new developments have built in mailboxes and added security measures like CCTV. Operation POSTBOX was conducted by the PCT unit on 31/8/2017 and had very successful results which were; 5 intel reports, 1 charge of possession, 9 person searches, 1 vehicle

search, and 5 move on directions.

Mascot is also experiencing a rise in Break and Enters (dwelling) including underground garages.

Steal from Retail is also particularly high at Eastgardens, South Point Hillsdale and BKK Eastlakes. Plain clothes officers are conducting shoplifting operations about every 2 months increasing during the Christmas period.

Domestic Violence, Malicious Damage, and stealing offences are prominent in Botany. Crime prevention strategies being implemented for these issues are the DV Suspect Targeting Management Plan (STMP) operation, monitoring letter box drops on home safety awareness and safety audits.

Incidents over previous 3 month period:

- **Banksmeadow**: Stealing from motor vehicle (1), Stolen Vehicle (1), Fraud (1), Steal from Retail (1), and other stealing (1).
- **Botany**: Break and Enter (6), Fraud (9), Assault (17), Stealing from motor vehicle (6), Malicious Damage (3), Other Steal (9), Stealing from Dwelling (4), Stolen Motor Vehicle (4), and Robbery (1).
- **Daceyville**: Assault (3), Malicious Damage (3), Robbery (1), Stolen Vehicle (1), Fraud (1), and Other Stealing (1).
- **Eastgardens:** Fraud (11), Assault (8), Malicious Damage (7), Other Stealing (2), Stealing from Motor Vehicle (2), Steal from Person (2), Steal from Retail (35), Stolen Motor Vehicle (1).
- **Eastlakes**: Break and Enter (4), Fraud (6) Assault (7), Robbery (1), Malicious Damage (5), Steal from Dwelling (2), Steal from Motor Vehicle (2), Other Stealing (3), Stolen Motor Vehicle (3).
- **Hillsdale:** Break and Enter (3), Fraud (2), Assault (6), Steal from Retail (5), Steal from Motor Vehicle (3), Malicious Damage (6), Other Stealing (1), and Stolen Motor Vehicle (3).
- **Mascot**: Break and Enter (7), Fraud (30), Assault (24), Stealing from Dwelling (9), Stealing from a Motor Vehicle (11), Other Steals (38), Malicious Damage (17), Robbery (1), Stolen Motor Vehicle (13), Stealing from Person (9), Stealing from Retail (5).
- Pagewood: Break and Enter (2), Assault (8), Other Stealing (3), Malicious Damage (4), and Stealing from a Motor Vehicle (2).

There have been many proactively operations happening in Daceyville, Mascot, and Eastlakes over the past three months which have had great results.

Open forum for community members to voice concerns / issues

 Shereen McGuiness raised a concern that she was getting reports of people living in units that they were not permitted to be in. She posed the question of what could be done to fix the situation.

	 Shereen also mentioned the event of the altercation between a tenant and contractor in the hallway of a unit block at Florence Ave. Steve Wiliams talked about the domestic violence coffee cup awareness program that his council have put together. This program will raise awareness of a common offense that is greatly under reported. Noni Hoskins mentioned the ongoing issue of parents stopping illegally or double parking outside Matraville Public School to drop off/pickup their kids. The intersection of Bunnerong Rd and Beauchamp Rd is busy and she is concerned about the safety of the children walking in and out of the school gates.
Delegated Actions	 Inspector Laing suggested to Shereen McGuiness that she look into the process of getting good quality CCTV cameras for the common areas of problematic housing complexes in the area. This would help ID who is unlawfully living in the complex as well as being an investigative tool for events that occur in common areas. Snr. Cst. Rebecca Leo was very interested in working with Bay Side council on their DV Coffee Cup project. Inspector Laing told Noni he would look into suggestions and get back to her regarding how to fix the pick up/drop off process at the school without illegally parking or double parking. Inspector Laing did say he would suggest to officers to go down there and ticket violators as an attempt to deter the offenders. Tips for Small Businesses: Clear tree branches away from mail boxes and entrances to
	the front of your dwelling so criminals have nowhere to hide Invest in good quality CCTV cameras.
Date for next meeting	To be decided at a later date.
Closure of meeting	Inspector Laing 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.
	.Meeting concluded at 3:45pm.