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Camden Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting

MINUTES

08/08/2019

Facilitator: Sergeant Gornall

Attendees: Superintendent Julian Griffiths (Camden PAC), A/Insp Rachael Eagle (Camden PAC), Sergeant Phil Gornall (Camden PAC), Senior Constable Greg Loudon (Camden PAC), Shannon Magee (Camden PAC – minutes), Michelle Kramer (Camden Council), Trish Hill (Yerranderie Committee), Val Moskvitch (Camden Seniors), Keith Maddock (Camden Lions, Camden Seniors), Tony Raco (Greenfields Development Company), Steph Tate (Australian Botanic Gardens), Courtney Turner (Wollondilly Council), Annalise Hurst (Wollondilly Council), Bob Clayton (Tahmoor Chamber of Commerce), Brad Page (Narellan Town Centre), Barry Jones (Jones XL PL), Lauren Jones (Jones XL PL).

Apologies:

Welcome: Sergeant Gornall.

Agenda Items:

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting: Tabled, Moved and Seconded**
 - Meeting opened at 10.07am by Sergeant Phil Gornall.
 - Each committee member introduced themselves.
2. **Command's response in The Oaks/Picton sector since May 2019 presentation by A/Inspector Rachael Eagle.**
 - Nil increase in overall crime in The Oaks/Picton sector.
 - Discussed the role of The Oaks car crew – there is no set day for rostering this crew on.

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- Large amount of RBT/Business inspections being completed by this car crew.
- On 27/7/19 & 28/7/19 a joint interagency overnight operation was conducted to target illegal activities on rural properties within the remote western areas of Camden PAC.
- Have seen an increase in hydroponic setups in the area. Committee were asked to remain vigilant and remember not to enter any protentional identified hydro houses due to many hazards including incorrectly run electrical wires.
- Reminded committee members to secure premises/vehicles as members of the community are still not locking/securing their property. Also reminded committee not to report crime through Facebook – this has been noticed by Police that members of the community are telling people on Facebook about crimes that have not been reported to local Police.
- Trish Hill asked if any property has been recovered from the recent B&E at The Oaks – Police advised a car had been recovered however investigations are still underway, other property not yet recovered.

3. Crime Coordinator presentation- unit operations. – Sergeant Phil Gornall

- Discussed the upcoming name change from 'Crime Management Unit' to 'Crime Prevention Unit'. This change is yet to be finalised however will not affect the work done by the unit.
- Discussed the impact and importance of the CSPC meetings and Community engagement days.
- Camden PAC have been increasing their social media presence on Facebook and try to post daily.
- Discussed effects of social media using the term 'crime spree'. Stats discussed; Robbery: nil since the last meeting was held, also discussed the role of the Real Time Intelligence Centre in relation to Robberies.

Break and enter: 10 in June; 8 in May and 19 in April Question raised about the mentioned break and enters in Oran Park: were they a dwelling or non-dwelling? Explained that water meters are being stolen when people want to use a large amount of water i.e. filling a new pool. Sgt Gornall advised Michelle Kramer this may be something council can look into and be aware of in regard to development applications.

Break and enter non-dwelling were under for the yearly target.

Steal from motor vehicles discussed: 41 in June; 32 in May, predominately at night between 6pm – 12am, mostly tools from utes that aren't secured.

Malicious damage is very sporadic and mostly within the northern sector.

- Val Moskvitch suggested tradies engrave their tools to help ensure stolen tools being returned to the owners.
 - Question raised to see if 'T Bone' graffiti offender has been identified? Police advised not as yet.
 - Question raised if there is a spike of minor crimes during school holidays possibly cause by school kids? Police advised this is not the case.
 - Michelle Kramer thanked Police on behalf of Council for their assistance trying to reduce malicious damage graffiti in the local area.
 - Significant arrests discussed.
 - Police explained the difference between a break and enter and aggravated break and enter/break and enter in company.
 - Our Proactive Crime Team are constantly engaging in disruption strategies to identify / reduce drug supply within the local area.
 - Senior Constable Louden has been speaking to local real estate agencies regarding steps to ensure prevention of hydro houses in rental properties.
 - Domestic violence discussed. Last months legal action rate was 88%. Domestic violence is a major focus of Police as it is currently our biggest crime.
- 4. Crime Manager presentation – Detective Chief Inspector Shane Woolbank.**
- Detective Chief inspector Woolbank unable to attend due to another meeting.
- 5. Crime Prevention Officer Presentation –Crime prevention strategies, Senior Constable Greg Louden**
- Discussed the role of the Crime Prevention Officer and the balance between being reactive and proactive.
 - Presentation on Police messages that Camden Police are putting on Facebook page to prevent crime including strategies to prevent break and enters and illegal graffiti etc.
 - Police thanked Narellan Town Centre for their excellent process in relation to CCTV within the centre.
 - Discussed recent presentations the Police have presented to local schools re: Domestic violence, cyberbullying and sexting. Discussed the need for parents to be vigilant in monitoring their children's social media/electronic devices.
 - Discussed upcoming community engagement days and domestic violence strategy meetings.
 - Discussed the importance of education regarding laws and how to report crime.
 - Discussed the NSW Government CCTV scheme and its effectiveness/ who is eligible.

- Question raised re: social media strategy presentations by Police durations – Police advised these can be done in 45 minutes if groups would like Police to present these.
- Discussed the use of 2 minute educational videos on the Police Facebook. Discussed the official approval processes that need to take place first.
- Discussed the need for enhancement of the current curriculum to include road safety etc. Senior Constable Loudon will make enquiries re: mandatory programs/curriculum inclusions.
- Camden PAC Open Day will be held on 31/08/19 and all are welcome to attend. Event has been created on Facebook.

6. Command Update – by Superintendent Julian Griffiths.

- Apologised for late attendance – had to attend another scheduled appointment.
- Career overview provided. Started as Commander at Camden PAC on 14/07/19. Have lived in the Camden local area since early 2000's. Was a Sergeant attached to Camden in the early 2000's and also relieved as Camden PAC Commander when Narellan Police Station first opened. Was then attached to Sutherland PAC for 7 years followed by St George PAC for the past couple of years.
- Superintendent Griffiths explained that he takes crime very seriously and personally and every morning all crime are reviewed regardless of how minor they are. Camden PAC has a big focus on community meetings and we rely on info/feedback from the community. Discussed the issue of the reluctance by the community to report crime and reiterated the importance of reporting any suspected domestic violence.
- Superintendent Griffiths explained he is happy to come out and meet/talk to community groups.

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

- Bob Clayton – Just wanted to say that it is a loss of an experience officer for the force regarding the officer involved in the William Tyrell case comment.
- Michelle Kramer – Welcomed Superintendent Griffiths on behalf of council. Superintendent Griffiths discussed the use of alcohol related violence prevention strategies from St George. Council stated they are willing to provide support.
- Discussed the effectiveness of the 'Cup of tea' video as it is very simple and to the point and worth a watch.
- Trish Hill - thanked Police for their ongoing patrols in Yerranderie to deter crime.
- Tony Raco – Asked if there has been an increase of students physically attacking teachers? Police advised this has not been the

case as most incidents are verbal abuse which are dealt with in house by the schools.

- Camden PAC have 27 students doing work experience this week.
- Police advised committee members to think of anyone who would benefit from attending these meetings and pass their details onto Police for an invitation to be sent.

Meeting closed: 11.50am

Next Meeting: 28/11/2019