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## CHIFLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND

### Community Precinct Meeting

**Date/Time:** 4.05pm 22 JULY 2020  
**Location:** Lithgow Council Chambers

**Attending members:**

**Chifley LAC:** Superintendent O'Brien, Chief Inspector Rankin, Inspector Sammut.

**Council:** Mayor Ray Thompson, Maree Statham, Darryl Goodwin, Cassandra COLEMAN, Wayne McANDREW,

**Other members:**

**Apologies:** General Manager Craig BUTLER , Jo SMITH  
Lydia CUMMINS LINC General Manager, SC Rose- Victorian Border Deployment.

Meeting opened at: 4.05pm

**Introduction and welcome:** Inspector Sammut

**New Correspondence:** NIL

**Matters arising from the previous minutes:** Nil

**Outstanding actions:** Nil

**CRIME REPORT AND PRESENTATION:** Dennis MARTIN – CHIFLEY LAC Intelligence Officer.

Power Point Presentation covered 12 months figures on Crime Statistics to June 2020 and 5-year comparison figures - 2016 to 2020

**BES Dwellings**

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Trends shown nil major trends- targeting of common offenders for here and Blue Mountains

### **BES non-dwelling**

Similar to above, fall of BES into Schools over period.

### **Malicious Damage:**

Good trends but recent spate of Graffiti.

### **Robberies:**

Not currently an issue for Lithgow. Discussion of false reports of this offence.

### **Steal from motor vehicles:**

Some spikes in this category, some targeting of RMS sites. People leaving vehicles unlocked with wallets and purses then getting a run of pay wave fraud with the cards.

### **Steal from Retail:**

Not huge figures but occurring and likely to increase in current climate, bottle shops being targeted. Discussion re identifying offenders with good CCTV systems.

### **Drug Detections:**

Trending up slightly. Cannabis still favoured followed by Amphetamine. Increase in Cocaine detections in area.

### **Fraud:**

Relatively steady currently, increasing across the state. Scams continue to evolve.

### **Stolen vehicles:**

Relatively steady locally.

### **Assaults:**

Trending down.

### **Alcohol related Assaults:**

Good figures locally.

### **Assaults DV:**

Increase in incidents particularly those that are mental health related in the COVID period.

### **Fatal MVA's:**

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Two locally in the last 12 months, Sodwalls and Capertee/Glen Davis area.

**Good Police work: Proactivity discussed as well as current extra OPS/OSG crews during Covid period.**

**CRIME MANAGER: Discussed good work by local Police and Detectives- targeting theft and copper theft. Issues at Gaol with unrest and assaults. Aggravated Bes and robberies often drug related on premises involved in that trade. Numerous historical sex assault matters reported and investigated- time consuming investigations. Det Sgt Paul ROE OIC of Dets- background in targeting OMCG groups for State Crime. Pointed out variance in year to year crime figures but when looked at over 5 years trends are generally good.**

**DO SAMMUT; Some issues with local correctional Centre being worked through. Much of it attributable to lack of visitors re COVID and follow on of drugs not being introduced. STAFF good enthusiastic and proactive crews. 2 x new staff coming. Lithgow continues to be largely a safe part of NSW.**

**SUPERINTENDENT O'BRIEN: COVID situation will run in to 6 months and likely longer. Clusters likely to spread. Difficulties for Police- deploying local staff week to week to border controls. Working with Correctional centres re planning. Deployment of local OSG teams locally during COVID has been successful in addressing local crime etc. vehicle stops of offenders, drug couriers and COVID issues. Lithgow staffing numbers good, currently 2 x vacancies across the Command/ Crime figures generally have been good. Nil sex predators in area/ fear in community- use of Social Media re policing and informing community. Ongoing work re wanted persons including Ben Bott. I am approaching 8 months in the Command- working away when required re COVID. Likely to get tougher over next period before it improves. Supplying Police rolling over weekly to Border controls including Inspectors. Explained regional response re North, South and Western Region re border.**

### General Business.

Nil further

No further business.

Meeting closed:5.05pm

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