



# North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee



**Date:** Tuesday, 7 December 2021  
**Time:** 9:30am – 10:30am  
**Location:** Chatswood Police Station, Level 1, Chatswood

## Action Points

**Attendees:**

See Sign on Sheet attached to Action points at end of this document.

Meeting was opened at 9.35am by Detective Chief Inspector Simon Jones.

## 2. Minutes & Outstanding

No	Date	Outstanding Actions	Responsible	Status
1	7/12/2021	<b>Finalise NSPAC CSPC Action Points</b> Send out Action Points from 7.12.21 to all recipients	Ch. Insp. Huleatt	Complete
2	7/12/2021	<b>NSWPF CSPC Website update</b> Post Action Points from the 7.12.21 meeting to the NSW Police Force Internet Website	S/Cst Alexander	Incomplete
3	7/12/2021	Date of next meeting to be determined and invitations sent out	Ch Insp. Huleatt	Complete

## 3. Commanders Update: Superintendent Jenny Scholz

Superintendent Scholz welcomed everyone to the meeting and commenced her update by reflecting on the year and how COVID had once again presented the community with many challenges. She was pleased with the level of compliance shown by the local community when it came to adhering to the often changing restrictions being imposed upon them. Ma'am Scholz said she was very proud of the dedication and adaptability she had seen from her officers throughout this time also. Ma'am Scholz informed those in attendance that NSW Police handed back control of Operation Corona Virus as lead agency to NSW Health on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Ma'am Scholz advised she had attended a number of planning meetings for NYE with North Sydney Council and other organisations who are all working together to ensure the night goes ahead without any unforeseen incidents.

Ma'am Scholz noted we had a spike in aggravated break enter and steal incidents in recent months and that addressing this crime trend has been a top priority. Further stating that the command has run a lot of operations as well as working on delivering preventative messages. Ma'am Scholz told the meeting that North Shore Police had laid 25 charges against offenders in the 3 months relating to these offences.

Finally Ma'am Scholz concluded with personal news that after 36 years in the NSW Police Force she is retiring with NYE being her last day of active duty. Ma'am Scholz said that she has thoroughly enjoyed the past 18 months she has spent as Commander of North Shore Police Area Command.

## 4. Overview of NSPAC Crime for 1 September – 30 November 2021

### \*Assault:

The hotspot for Assaults for the quarter was in Cremorne in a small geographical area but none were linked, all were minor in nature. Assaults for the PAC are down this quarter when compared with the same period as last year but with the covid restrictions lifting in mid October the number of incidents has steadily increased with more people being out in venues such as pub, restaurants and clubs.

Our Licensing and Street Policing Team are ramping up on high visibility patrols since the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions in the state, at pubs and clubs in our command, to deter assaults. Proactive teams continue to run operations to deter youth assaults and antisocial behaviour in hotspots in the command.

### \*Break and Enter:

There were a few hotspots, North Sydney where businesses were targeted in late September, Naremburn with residential day offences, St Leonards where construction sites were targeted in the night and Chatswood where it was a mix of business and residential premises targeted.

Aggravated Break and Enters with keys stolen to then steal the victim's car, continues to occur across the region. The strike force continues to address this problem, a number of arrests throughout the quarter have impacted these offenders but monitoring of these offences will continue.

74% of Break and Enter in North Shore PAC are at Residential premises and a further 17% were at Business/Commercial premises.

### \*Robbery:

Robbery offences remain very low, with no hotspots as there are so few incidents. Offenders charged in all robbery offences this quarter.

### \*Stealing:

The hotspot is still in Chatswood CBD with 47% of stealing offences in the CBD being from Retail Stores, though during the lockdown period there were very few steal from retail offences.

This quarter theft of parcels and packages from mail room in residential unit blocks was the focus of the command during covid lockdown as many people had items delivered to them. Prevalent offenders were identified and targeted during this period and these types of offences have decreased in the last month.

Steal from Motor vehicle offences continue to occur in the command and we ask that the community make the conscious effort to lock and secure their vehicles and remove valuable items from cars when leaving it overnight.

### \*Stolen Vehicles:

There is no hotspot as the number were relatively low this quarter, down 9% on the same time last year. Of note is several luxury vehicles stolen when the keys were stolen during aggravated break and enters, these offenders continue to be targeted by most Metropolitan commands as it affects a lot of them.

The make of vehicles stolen in the command is quite varied.

### Malicious Damage

The Malicious Damage hotspot in Milsons Point is a mixture of damages but a few are shops with damages to windows, these offences occurred across the quarter.

Approximately a quarter of all malicious damage recorded in the command continues to damage to vehicles for example dents, scratches and parts broken off. Some are targeted and appear to be linked to road rage or parking dispute incidents, others are random attacks.

### \*Pro-activity:

Proactive policing categories such as Person Searches and Move ons were low during the lockdown but are expected to rise with more people venturing out in the summer months.

Operations will be conducted by all teams in the command being proactive and conducting person searches, vehicle searches, and giving move on directions where necessary.

## 5. General Business

Julie Burgess enquired if QR check in information was used to assist with tracking offenders. Crime Manager DCI Jones advised that that information is not available to us.

Multicultural Community Liaison Officer Amy Dong introduced herself and provided a brief update on the MCLO role and urged those in attendance to reach out should they require her services

Ma'am Scholz informed attendees that from late January Deputy Commissioner Karen Webb will be NSW Police Force's new commissioner, Ma'am Scholz stated the new commissioners focus will be on family and sexual violence.

DCI Jones stated Strikeforce Sweetenham had been established to target young persons from around Sydney who were stealing high performance motor vehicles from across the North Shore and other parts of Sydney. DCI Jones said police recently arrested two 18 year old males both with an extensive history of breaking into homes during this arrest a police vehicle was rammed.

Mr Jones also noted a good arrest recently following a tip off from a member of the public who had observed a male standing outside an abandoned home, police attended at the same time as a package was delivered to the home and discovered the package contained a large quantity of cocaine.

Danny Houseas noted an increase in people sleeping rough in the Kuring Gai Council LGA. Senior Constable Wilson stated we have been working closely with a number of organisations to provide support and emergency accommodation to those in need. He asked those who come across people sleeping rough to get in touch with him as he may be able to assist with arranging support services and accommodation.

Senior Constable Wilson noted an increase in mental health incidents in recent months. Mr Jones wanted to impress upon the meeting that incidents where there is early reporting and police have early intervention there is more likely to be a positive outcome saying the earlier we are involved the better.

## Outstanding Action Points

No	Date	Outstanding Actions	Responsible	Status
		Nil		

## Next Meeting

The next meeting date for the North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee is 10:00am Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Chatswood Police Station.

**North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting  
SIGN ON SHEET – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 9:30am**

**Members of Parliament**

Jonathon O’Dea – Member for Davidson	Apology
Anthony Roberts Member for Lane Cove represented by Zorica Kaye-Smith	Apology In attendance
Gladys Berejiklian member for Willoughby	Apology
Felicity Wilson Member for North Shore	Apology
Lisa Forrest – Office of Felicity Wilson	In attendance

**Mayors**

Pam Palmer – Lane Cove Council	Apology
Gail Giles-Gidney – Willoughby Council	Apology
Carolyn Corrigan – Mosman Council	Apology
Jennifer Anderson – Kuringai Council	Apology
Jilly Gibson	Apology

**Chamber of Commerce**

Chatswood Chamber – Julie Burgess – Secretary	In Attendance
Northbridge & Castlecrag Chamber – John Lightfoot	Apology
Artamon/St Leonards Chamber – Nick Logan	Apology

Lane Cove Council - Valerie Stamper – Road Safety Officer	Apology
Ranjeet Singh – Mosman Council	In attendance
Mosman Council - Danielle Woods – Manager, Compliance	In Attendance
Angelique Lubomirof – Lane Cove Council	In Attendance
Kuringai Council – Danny Houseus	In attendance

Johathan Napper – Scentre Group Westfield	Apology
Mandarin Centre Manager	Apology
Julie Burgess CCC	Apology

**North Shore Police Area Command**

Superintendent Jennifer Scholz – Commander NSPAC	In Attendance
Detective Chief Inspector Simon Jones – Crime Manager NSPAC	In attendance
Sergeant Scott Horwood – Crime Coordinator NSPAC	In Attendance
Sergeant Lance Stebbing – Domestic Violence Team Leader	Apology
Constable M Alexander – Crime Prevention Officer NSPAC	In Attendance
Constable Jenni Brown – Crime Prevention Officer NSPAC	In Attendance
Senior Constable Jon Wilson	In Attendance
MCLO Amy Dong	In Attendance
Intel Analyst – Tracey Martin	In Attendance