

**Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting
Lake Illawarra Police District
7 June 2022
MINUTES**

Attendance:

Supt Craig Ireland, Ch/Insp Gordon Dunlop, Ch/Insp Don Faulds, A/Insp Anthony Peterson, A/Sgt Jo Cummins, SC Di Martin CPO, Sgt Paul Brodie DV T/L, Sgt Nick Park THPC, Paul Grebert Albion Park Business Chamber, Mark Miller & Meegan Martinez Shellharbour Council, Ian Fitzgibbon Dapto Business Chamber, Scouts, Robyn EXO, Glen Sutherland ACLO, Ray Kearin VIP.

Apologies: Paul Scully MP, Louise Croker, Nick Guggisberg Kiama Council, Gareth Ward MP, Insp Dan Richardson

Minutes: Robyn Harris

Meeting opened: 10am

Opening: Welcome to all attendees and introduction from A/Insp Anthony Peterson. Glen Sutherland acknowledgment to country.

Actions Outstanding from Previous Meeting – Nil

Welcome:

A/Insp Peterson introduced himself and went through the agenda. Insp Richardson is currently on secondment and I am currently the holder of this portfolio.

Commander's Welcome - Supt Craig Ireland

Thank you for your attendance at the meeting today. The meeting schedule will be reviewed as it appears to clash with Parliamentary sittings and the change of schedule may assist with more attendees.

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Glen Sutherland was awarded Police Officer of the Year and was acknowledged by Commissioner Karen Webb at the Dinner. This is an honour for Lake Illawarra Police District and for the tireless effort Glen puts in.

Supt Ireland has been working with Wollongong Council to mandate the wearing of lifejackets in an attempt to prevent the loss of more lives at Hill 60. The legislation, which is pending ratification, rests with Council Local Government Areas but is difficult to enforce by Rangers. Police in conjunction with Marine Area Command will carry out random education prior to enforcement and the serving of fines. The legislation is an attempt to create a responsible attitude and make it safer for the fisherman, families and the community.

Sergeant Nick Park – Traffic Highway Patrol Command

There has been an exponential increase in traffic since 2011 with housing development and infrastructure, increase in the volume of traffic with the same staffing levels which is a challenge when deploying resources.

There has been a reduction in statistics for PCA since COVID but an increase in drug use and testing of oral fluid illicit drugs. Currently there is more of an influence of Methamphetamine than alcohol.

THPC works closely with Lake Illawarra PD, Local MP's and the Council Road Safety Officers.

Engineering of the roads needs to be addressed to ensure compliance and traffic flow. Blocking intersections on Russell Street near the school and parking on the streets at Shell Cove and not in the residential garages are just a couple of areas of concern.

The recent natural disasters have caused traffic flow problems and the community needs take responsibility and be aware of the risks on the roads at these times.

Shell Cove Marina is being regularly tasked along with other hot spots. When reporting road related issues the most important item is the registration of the vehicle, footage supports the claim but without the rego little can be done.

Traffic monitoring cameras are currently in place on Pioneer Drive and Lake Entrance Road meeting up with the octopus.

Paul Grebert – Albion Park BC voiced his appreciation for Sgt Park's perspective on the current deployment of staff and taskings in the Police District.

Sgt Paul Brodie Domestic Violence Team Leader

Sgt Brodie is the Team Leader of 9 staff at Lake Illawarra PD he is passionate about his role. LIPD also houses the Southern Region High Risk Offenders DV Team. This is an added resource for Lake Illawarra to tap into. 50% of the workload of Lake Illawarra Police relates to Domestic Violence events. The % is high but this indicates the public are coming forward and reporting abuse. High Risk Offenders are not only DV but drug dealers and disqualified drivers and can be targeted in this way to remove them from the situation.

DVEC recording of statements from victims has increased guilty pleas. Victims are then not required to give evidence in person and can also give evidence via Audio Visual Link. Not all DV victims give statements but can be arrested and charged with secondary evidence on Body Worn Video (BWV) presented to the court as evidence.

Specialist DV Prosecutors are engaged and the DV Liaison Officers support the victims with the Court Procedures.

Compliance checks are being carried out on the victim and the offender in the first 6 weeks as this is when breaches usually occur. Alcohol conditions are often placed on the order.

Safety Action Meetings (SAM's), serious threats, are held fortnightly in conjunction with Health, Mental Health Services, DJC and SYFS and the Women's Refuge. This group meets to improve the safety of victims. Reoffending, juveniles are more likely to reoffend. A Mentoring program has been set up at Port Kembla Court for juveniles, this is about holding perpetrator's to account. Police cannot do it alone an interagency approach with the support of the community is required to improve the quality of the community.

A \$25 million dollar grant has been approved to build a Trauma Recovery Centre the first one of its kind in the Illawarra.

Meegan Martinez – Shellharbour Council

Council is preparing a Community Based DV information program to be incorporated with the White Ribbon Walk. Meegan will forward through the program.

SC Diane Martin Crime Prevention Officer – Elder Abuse.

SC Martin presented the current SCAMS effecting the elderly. Talks are presented at PROBUS, Aged Care Facilities, Conferences for the Ageing Community. A grant was received to provide sample bags containing relevant information on SCAMS, Home Safety, Protecting your Finance, SCAMS involving family members.

The Ageing Crime Commission has seen situations where the older generation sell their home to family members and move into a granny flat. The premise is then sold and the elderly parent

is left homeless. Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardianship are also included in presentations.

Talks are informative and SC Martin can be available to attend community activities,

Crime Review & Analysis/ Summary

Meeting all property crime targets. Our focus areas are DV and Fraud crimes which are relatively high.

Community Feedback/Questions:

Ian Fitzgibbon – Dapto Business Chamber

The Dapto Community Members were impressed that Senior Staff, Supt Ireland, D/CI Faulds attended the meeting. The meeting was positive, constructive and the attendance of Police was well received.

The attached links may be of assistance to sourcing information for your communities.

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/cyberbullying>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Commander Closing:

Thank you to Sgt Brodie, Sgt Park and SC Martin for your presentations.

The topics have been informative and covered a variety of subjects that impact on the operations of the District.

THPC and Proactive and General Duties officers are regularly tasked to Shell Cove.

Domestic Violence takes up 50% of the LIPD workload,

School education programs will include Respectful Behaviours, Sexual Consent, DV Behaviours (Generation to Generation).

The future direction of this education should lead to a reduction of DV cases in years to come.

Proposal to increase DV staff to assist with the workload. The legal action rate for LIPD relating to Breach AVO offences is 85-90% of offenders being put before the Courts, we also have very high arrest rates for DV Assault offences.

Meeting finished: 11.00

Next meeting: 10am Tuesday 6 September 2022, Lake Illawarra Police District

ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING:

For Information: Geographical areas aligned to Inspectors

KIAMA Sector

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Kiama Sector covers Dunmore (Near Kiama Waste facility) to Gerroa Road, near Bolong Rd, Shoalhaven Heads. This sector also covers from the coastline to Jamberoo Mountain Rd and up to the Illawarra HWY, Robertson. Suburbs include Kiama, Minnamurra, Kiama Downs, Kiama Heights, Gerringong, Gerroa, Jamberoo, Curramore, Knights Hill, Foxground, Werri Beach, Bombo.

OAK FLATS Sector

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Oak Flats Sector covers from Shell Cove north to Windang. The sector then included Shellharbour, Shellharbour City Centre, Calderwood, Blackbutt, Barrack Point, Barrack Heights, Warilla, Mount Warrigal, Lake Illawarra, Oak Flats, Albion Park Rail, Albion Park, Tullimbar, Tongarra, Macquarie Pass and Yellow Rock.

DAPTO Sector

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Dapto Sector covers from Haywards Bay to Cordeaux Heights and includes Dapto, Dumbarton, Kanahooka, Koonawarra, Haywards Bay, Horsley, Kembla Grange, Wongawilli, Penrose, Marshal Mount, Unanderra and a small section of Kembla Heights.

PORT KEMBLA Sector

Inspector James Dark – dark1jam@police.nsw.gov.au

Port Kembla Sector spreads from Port Kembla across to Berkeley and south past Primbee. Other suburbs included are Unanderra (industrial area), Cringila, Lake Heights and Warrawong. This sector also surrounds the southern border of the Port Kembla Port and aligns with Wollongong Police District's southern boundary along Five islands Rd from the Spring Hill Rd intersection.

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting:	Community Safety Precinct Meeting	Meeting Date:	7.6.2022
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