

Monaro Police District

Community Safety Precinct Committee Action Minutes

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership

9th of November 2023

Participating Agencies/Community members

NSW Police Force:

Monaro Commander, Superintendent John KLEPCZARCK
Detective Chief Inspector Neil GREY
Inspector Joshua BEAUMONT
Inspector Bradley HUGHES
Inspector Danielle BYRNE
Senior Constable Emma TUBMAN
Senior Constable Kim WEGNER

Snowy Monaro Regional Council (SMRC):

Councillor Chris HANNA

Public Schools NSW:

Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC):

Invited but not in attendance

Federal Member for Eden Monaro:

Invited but not in attendance

State government (Monaro)

Lee EVANS

Chambers of Commerce & Industry / Business Chamber:

Jindabyne Chamber of Commerce – Adam

Googong community representative:

Samantha REMMERS

Welcome & Introduction: 10.15am

Action Items

Action Details

Measures taken

Conducted by **Superintendent John KLEPCZARCK**, Commander, Monaro Police District. Thanked everyone for coming. Meeting was important so police have a greater awareness of what is happening within the community and opportunity to address concerns members of the community may have.

Previous minutes: Last meeting on the 23rd of August 2022. Nil minutes forwarded due to length since meeting and new committee members.

Action items outstanding: Nil

Crime Review:

Detective Chief Inspector Neil GREY:

Generally, crime is up on previous years in Assaults, both Domestic and Non- Domestic in the Monaro Police District (PD) have seen increase since last reporting period and are over our business target with an increase across the whole of the Monaro PD. Other area that has seen an increase have been incidents at Schools, Age care homes, Robberies, Steal from Motor vehicle offences, stolen motor vehicle offences.

With regards to DV related assaults currently 35% above trend and with approximately 70% legal action rate. Will remain as focus of the command with view to improve our action rate. The increase on Robberies is mainly the result of one young person committing multiple robberies. This Young person has been dealt with and no further incidents have been reported for the last few months. Break and enters in dwelling and non-dwelling, steal from motor vehicle offences and stolen motor vehicle offences, many of the offenders reside in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). Many of these offenders come across from the ACT and commit offences in Queanbeyan including Jerrabomberra, Googong and the newer suburbs of South Jerrabomberra. ACT Police have recently run Operation. This Operation targeted

ACT Offenders for offences such as the steal from motor vehicle offences and stolen motor vehicle offences. As a result of the operation several ACT offenders have been bail refused and as a result in the month of October and a pleasing drop in these offences.

There is a decline across the Monaro PD in malicious damages, we are under our business target. Incidents are generally smashed windows, there is no increase in graffiti with most of the offending in Queanbeyan. Police are continuing to apply different strategies to target and prevent crime.

Traffic Crashes with injures have been reducing across the Monaro PD. The however remain a focus and recent joint operations with the command and ACT targeting illicit drug driving and intoxication given the change in the laws around illicit drugs. Now the recent change has not yet impacted overall incidents.

There has been an increase in DV related assaults. A reason for this may have been a change the increased awareness. Monaro PD have been posting several messages on Facebook reminding people needed to report these offences tom police. The increase of assaults generally also has been related to increase in reporting particularly from age care facilities and schools. These are not always actionable due to cognitive issues with the offenders.

Superintendent John KLEPCZARCK:

ACT offenders causing issues within the Monaro PD and encouraged all Committee Members to maintain open lines of communication between their organisation and police to report crime and patterns of crime so that the Monaro PD can be informed about issues in the community. There is an expectation coming with the BOCSAR report or increases in crime categories that will be noted with this report. In relation to the increase in rates will relate to an increase in reporting and not necessarily an overall increase in crime trends historically. The increase in retail theft is related to the running of police operations targeting this crime and overall increase in detection. Break and enters have been reducing but remains a focus of the Command. Motor vehicles crashes remain a focus to the command with joint operations planned to target illicit driving and prevent flow on affect any increase in road trauma. The recent changes to ACT illicit drug laws are a concern as they may spill over to crime in the Monaro Police District.

The Command is looking to put more resources into these areas and always looking for feedback for the community through meetings such as these.

General Business

Samantha REMMERS discussed issues with Young Persons at local Skate parks in Googong and vandalism. Issues arising from Young Persons damaging the parks. Also, she had received traffic complaints around schools and the businesses in Googong. There were also other complaints around vehicle thefts and break and enters but these have recently been reducing. They also were dealing with enquires with people on preparing their homes when they were away for extended time periods over Christmas.

DCI GREY informed **REMMERS** to continue to work with Traffic and joint operations targeting the exit road in and out of Googong targeting vehicle theft and general traffic related driving behaviours. Including the road leading South out of Googong to give better coverage.

Senior Constable TUBMAN informed **REMMERS** she was happy to complete a further risk assessment on the skate parks to harden the risk for vandalism and offered to put safety messages on social media as to general crime prevention of the Christmas holidays.

Superintendent KLEPCZARCK stated that he would consider increasing patrols of the schools and businesses Googong area to create further deterrence.

Lee EVANS stated there no concerns she could bring up at this stage but looking forward to the next meeting.

Chris HANNA stated that local Council had suffered numerous damages to local street signs. The damage was believed to be caused by vehicles running the signs over. There were also concerns over local retail thefts. Lastly, he was given feedback from the local business owners over lack of feedback after they had made a report to the local Police.

Superintendent KLEPCZARCK stated that police will consider running theft operations in the area to combat the retail thefts further. As to the lack of feedback there was automatic 7 days follow up however this can always be improved.

Emma TUBMAN also discussed how she is available to conduct risk assessments of business and give advice on hardening the businesses to reduce the thefts.

Superintendent KLEPCZARCK thanked everyone for coming to all Committee Members that he was always contactable.

DCI GREY also thanked all for attendance.

Action Items	Action Details	Measures taken
Increase partolls of Googong school zones	Extra patrols of areas of concerns and targeting of roads in and out of Googong.	Extra patrols and tasking of members of the Crime Prevention Unit to complete risk assessments of areas to deter further incidents.
Theft of retail stores	Risk assessments and consideration of operations in the local area.	CPO to work with local businesses in developing Crime Prevention Strategies to deter shop lifting.

Meeting closed: 11.45 am

Next meeting: April 2024.