



Minutes

Community Safety Precinct Committee Eastern Suburbs PAC

6pm, Monday 30 April 2018

Waverley Police Station

Chairperson – Superintendent BOX

Members Present:

Name	Agency
Supt Box	NSW Police
Insp Sly	NSW Police
Sen Cst Wasserman	NSW Police
Cst Saric	NSW Police
Cr Anthony Marano	Woollahra Council
Jacky Hony	Woollahra Council
Peter Lynch	Mill Hill/Bondi Junction Precinct
Cr Nick Maxwell	Woollahra Council
Cr Lucinda Regan	Woollahra Council
Ian Barber	Queens Park Precinct
Cr Harriet Price	Woollahra Council
Isabelle Shapiro	Woollahra Council
Juju Kalek	North Bondi Precinct
Mary-Lou Jarvis	Woollahra Council
Stephen Brajak	Charring Cross Precinct
John Batts	Bronte Beach Precinct

Apologies:

Name	Agency
Bill STAVRINOS	North Bondi Precinct
Lenore KULAKAUSKAS	Bondi Beach Precinct
Grant BEARD	Bronte Precinct
Julie McAlpine	Charring Cross Precinct
Cara Inia	Double Bay and Districts Business Chamber
Mayor Peter Cavanagh	Woollahra Council

Note

This is not a verbatim record of participants' comments

Minute Items

Meeting opened at 6:05pm

- Welcome by S/C Wasserman
- Acknowledgement of Country.
- Apologies

OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

AMALGAMATION AND COMMAND UPDATE

- Thank you for attending the first CSPC since the amalgamation between Eastern Suburbs LAC and Rose Bay LAC into the Eastern Suburbs PAC
- The amalgamation occurred in December 2017 and geographically it is a good fit with the two LGAs (Waverley and Woollahra).
- We now have a dedicated Community Engagement Team with three officers that look after the Crime Prevention and Youth portfolios, a Domestic Violence team with a Sergeant and two experienced officers and an increase in our Licensing, plain clothes and detective units.
- The amalgamation has provided us the opportunity to increase police presence with the use of the two Command buses.
- Benefit to the community is that the number of cars patrolling the Command has increased. Recently we have had a number of drug detections in the Double Bay area which has led to charges of drug supply. These have been recognised at the Region level.
- We task General Duties to work in each sector of the Command. Our response time to calls has not increased since the amalgamation.
- We have recently had 11 Probationary Constables join the Command. This increases our staff to 90% operational strength.
- After eight years at Eastern Suburbs LAC/PAC, I will be moving to the Sutherland PAC. Superintendent John Duncan who is currently at Ryde LAC will be commencing duty here on 14 May 2018. We have a good team here at Eastern Suburbs and I am happy that I am leaving it in good hands.

CRIME ANALYSIS AND POLICE PRESENTATION

Current Trending Crime Issues

Breach ADVO

This relates to breaches Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders. It does not necessarily involve any other offence such as an assault.

The NSW Police Force takes domestic violence very seriously. The 30 page DV policy and 91 page Code of Practice for the NSWPF response to Domestic and Family Violence is available of the police website.

One of the proactive strategies we use is to go to victims (properly known as 'Persons in Need of Protection' or PINOP) and ask them if there has been a breach of their order. We have been told about incidents that the PINOP did not think they should tell the police about due as they believe it is a minor incident, however breach is a breach no matter how 'trivial' and police will take action. There have also been incidents where the order prohibits a person from attending a home, police attend and that person opens the door. We also speak with the defendants

named in the order to tell them that we are 'case managing' the ADVO and monitoring compliance.

Since 2015 police have used video and audio recordings of victims in lieu of written statements. This is called Domestic Violence Evidence in Chief (DVEC) This allows the Magistrate to get a sense of what was happening at the time of the incident – injuries, emotional state of the victim etc. This can also be produced if the victim decides not to assist police with the prosecution and refuses to attend court. We have had successful prosecutions as a result of using DVEC.

DVStat is a list of 25 questions for female or 23 questions for male victims of DV (two questions relate to pregnancy). The answers are used to assess the victim's safety needs. The victim's details are also provided to a specialist domestic violence service who contact victims.

In a recent change, all new ADVOs are nationally recognised which means that the defendant cannot commit offences from another state. This is to combat the increase of technology facilitated abuse.

Our DV and Licensing teams have collaborated to produce drinks coasters which were distributed to licensed premises though out the Command for use on Australia Day. These were produced with the support of the Eastern Suburbs Liquor Accord.



Family and Domestic Violence Counselling Line – 1800 737 732

Lifeline – 13 11 44

Sexual Assault - Adult

There has been an increase in the number of reports of sexual assault offences with adult victims throughout the Central Metropolitan Region. This figure includes the report of historic offences.

It is thought that the #metoo, #timesup and Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse have encouraged victims to report offences to police.

As part of our proactive strategy to reduce incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault, we attend schools as part of the 'Love Bites' programme. Love Bites provides workshops on domestic and family violence, and sexual assault. It aims to promote and model respectful relationships for young people and bring about a attitudinal change in relation to these crimes.

The following video is played as part of the Love Bites programme and discusses the concept of 'consent' using tea as an analogy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGoWLS4-kU>

NSW Rape Crisis Counselling Service – 1800 424 017

Lifeline – 13 11 44

Assault

Whilst this continues to be a seasonal trending crime type for both LGAs, we have actually seen a decrease in the number of assaults compared with last year.

Most offences occur in outdoor areas with only 8% of assaults occurring within licensed venues.

Alcohol is an associated factor in over 50% of offences, however in many cases this is consumed on private property.

The majority of offences are common assault (resulting in no or minor injury).

Steal from Retail

Steal from Retail is a results driven statistic. The reason we traditionally trend high in this crime category is because of regular shoplifting operations.

The 'hot spot' for retail theft is Bondi Junction, however the rate of retail theft offences in the Woollahra LGA has increased by 9.3% in the past five years. The number of offences is relatively small, therefore any increase in the number of offences results in a large percentage increase.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Coffee with a Cop will be held at the Cosmopolitan Café, 203 Oxford Street Bondi Junction from 10:30am on Tuesday 8 May 2018.

UPCOMING OPERATIONS

- City to Surf -12 August 2018
- Drug Dog Operations
- Retail Theft Operations
- Late Trader Operations
- Truancy Operations
- Domestic Violence Operations
- Team Operations

GOOD ARRESTS

Double Bay

On 21 April 2018 ESPAC police pulled over and searched a vehicle after it was seen to be driving in a suspicious manner around Double Bay. Police allegedly located 51 bags of cocaine, cannabis and Valium.

A 20 year old Rosebery man was charged with 2 x 'Possess prohibited drug'; 'Supply prohibited drug greater than indicatable quantity'; 'Deal with proceeds of crime'; 'Possess prescribed restricted substance'; 'Driver not wear seatbelt' and 'Drive whilst disqualified'.

An 18 year old Maroubra man was charged with 'Supply prohibited drug more than indictable quantity'; 2 x 'Possess prohibited drug' and 'Deal with proceeds of crime'.

Vaucluse

On 15 April 2018 police noticed a vehicle travelling at excessive speed. The vehicle was stopped and the driver asked to produce her license. The driver stated that she had left her bag at a nearby party and was driving friends to other parties for cash. The driver received a phone

call at which time she asked the caller to bring her bag so that she could give her license to police. Police told the female that the vehicle would be searched at which time she allegedly tried to hide two bag of cocaine between the driver's seat and the centre console. The woman's friend then attended the scene with her bag. Police looked in the bag and allegedly located 37 bags of cocaine and an amount of cash.

The 28 year old Carnes Hill woman was charged with 'Supply prohibited drug greater than indicatable quantity' and 'Deal with proceeds of crime'.

Bondi Junction

On 7 April 2018 police conducted a drug dog operation at the bus rail interchange. Two men were seen to actively avoid the dog. They were stopped by police and searched. Police allegedly located 50 capsules of MDMA.

A 21 year old Peakhurst man was charged with three counts of drug supply

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Cr Shapiro asked about the response to the Gap post amalgamation.

Rose Bay and Waverley Police Stations both have monitors displaying the CCTV at the Gap. Although all crews now start from Waverley Police Station, crews are tasked to different 'sectors' which includes the Watson's Bay area. Jobs are given a priority and concern for welfare jobs are given priority. As a result, cars from all sectors will respond. Also, since we the Command now encompasses the Gap, the Mental Health portfolio which was previously held by a Sergeant has now been to an Inspector to manage.

- John BATTIS asked about the recent suicide at Westfield Bondi Junction, if there was a special procedure as it was in a public place and is there anything we can do about it?

This death is treated the same as another other death in that we take the same procedure of declaring a crime scene, calling investigators etc. There is no special procedure for a death occurring in a public place.

- Juju Kalek asked about the building of a new Waverley Police Station.

We are currently looking for a location for to house police currently located at Waverley Police Station whilst it is being rebuilt. This must be within the bounds of the Command.

- Cr Anthony Marano asked if all four stations will remain open and will staff work out of the same station or do they move around.

The Command will retail all four stations being Waverley; Rose Bay; Bondi and Paddington. All General Duties police work out of Waverley but are tasked to work out of one of the other stations for the shift. Detectives work out of Bondi Station and the Crime Management Unit are at Rose Bay. We have police at Paddington, and the Highway Patrol which are not attached to ESPAC are stationed there too.

- Cr Isabelle Shapiro stated that Woollahra Council usually holds two meetings on a Monday night and therefore may not be able to attend CSPCs held on a Monday night.

OUTSTANDING ACTION:

- Senior Constable Waserman to forward contact details for the Mental Health Duty Officer to Cr Shapiro – email sent to Jacky Hony with these details on 1 May 2018. COMPLETED
- Cr Shapiro asks that police provide a report about Mental Health interactions at the Woollahra Safety Committee meetings – noted by Sen Con Waserman and Insp Sly who attend these meetings. This information will be provided. COMPLETED
- Send information about Coffee with a Cop to Woollahra Council for promotion. Information forwarded to the Marketing Co-ordinator, Community Services on 3 May 2018. COMPLETED

CSPC Minutes are available at: https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_prevention/policing_in_the_community/community_safety_precinct_committees/cspc_central_region

**Meeting Concluded at 7.30pm.
Next Meeting – TBC**