



NSW Police Force

**Police
Aboriginal
Consultative
Committee
(PACC)**

Working Together
to Build a Safer
Community

Reporting Commands

Brisbane Waters Police District

Hunter Valley Police District

Coffs Clarence Police District

Lake Macquarie Police District

Newcastle City Police District

Port Stephens/Hunter Police District

Mid North Coast Police District

Manning Great Lakes Police District

Tuggerah Lakes Police District

Tweed Byron Police District

Richmond Police District

Lake Illawarra Police District

Hume Police District

Murray River Police District

Murrumbidgee Police District

Riverina Police District

Monaro Police District

South Coast Police District

Barrier Police District

Central North Police District

Central West Police District

Chifley Police District

New England Police District

Orana Mid-Western Police District

Oxley Police District

Blacktown Police Area Command

Mt Druitt Police Area Command

Nepean Police Area Command

Campbelltown City Police Area Command

Liverpool City Police Area Command

Redfern Police Area Command

Leichhardt Police Area Command

Eastern Beaches Police Area Command

Inner West Police Area Command



The Aboriginal Strategic Direction 2018 - 2023 guides the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) in their engagement with the Aboriginal community so that genuine partnerships can be developed and the community can be part of the solutions to problems in the community, making their communities safer.

An aim of this policy is to involve Aboriginal people in a consultation process so that they gain an understanding of the objectives and goals of the NSWPF as well as police gaining an understanding of Aboriginal issues from the community's perspective. Having the community engaged in this process can have significant impact on decreasing the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system and to ensure community safety.

Police Aboriginal Consultative Committee (PACC)

The PACC is the first tier of a three-tier reporting system that sends information up to the Commissioner of Police. These advisory bodies meet four times per year in the 33 commands reporting under the ASD.

PACCs are a forum that permits both police and Aboriginal people to address problems in the Aboriginal community associated with crime, crime prevention and community safety.

The PACC are not to be used for complaints about police or other Government agencies but is there to address the issues of reducing Aboriginal crime rates and community safety issues.

The Commander will generally chair the PACC meeting where available but he/she may be represented by the Aboriginal Engagement Officer (AEO) or sector supervisor. Minutes of the meeting will be provided to the Commander within 5 working days.

The commander will ensure that appropriate specialist police officers such as Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO), Youth Liaison Officer (YLO) or units attend these meetings as required to address specific issues, e.g. domestic family violence, youth issues, sexual offending and child abuse.

The PACC operates under a Terms of Reference and Operating Guidelines to ensure the smooth running of the meetings.

The PACC is open to all members of the Aboriginal community including young Aboriginal people and both genders. The Community will be informed of the meetings via letter box drop, posters in community organisations, email and social media, where available, the Aboriginal Inter-Agency Committee.

Consideration will be given to the venue being disability friendly and one that is considered neutral by all parties, e.g. PCYC, High School or Local Government Council rooms or if acceptable the police station.

Other NSW Government and non-Government agencies will be welcome to attend the PACC meetings please be aware that participation is specifically for concerns and debate regarding local policing and community safety issues and not to be used as a forum for your agency or organisation's issues.

Aboriginal Action Plans

A major role of the PACC is to contribute and assist in developing and implementing the LAC's Aboriginal Action Plan, this plan will assist, guide police/Aboriginal interventions and focus on 'local solutions for local issues'. The Action Plans provide Aboriginal people a voice in how their community is policed.

Once the Aboriginal Action Plan is finalised it will be signed jointly by the Local Area Commander and a member of the PACC nominated by the community members present.

The Action Plan should be a combination of both policing priorities and those key issues identified by the Aboriginal community, e.g. prevention of elder abuse, truancy, unsupervised children roaming.

The Aboriginal Engagement Officer at each Police Area Command or Police District will ensure that the Aboriginal Action Plan priorities are addressed regularly with the Aboriginal community.

