

Mid North Coast Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes
Kempsey Shire Council
14 February 2017

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Supt FEHON	NSW Police
Det /Insp K FEHON	NSW Police
Sgt SAINSBURY	NSW Police
Liz CAMPBELL	Kempsey Shire Council
Marilyn BREEN	Kempsey Shire Council
RL BLOMFIELD	Community member
Rosemary PENNY	Community member
Stan OULD	Community member
Trish DARCY	Community member
Graeme CUNYNGHAME	Community member
Katie COLE	Community member
Robert COLE	Community member

Apologies:

Mark YOUNGBLUTT	Dept of Education
Sharon GRIFFITH	Port Macquarie Hastings Council
Vicki MELOUNEY	Community member
Katherine EMERTON	Dept Premier & Cabinet
Bob MUMBLER	Community member
Insp CAMPBELL	NSW Police

Start: 10.15am

1) Introduction and Welcome

Supt FEHON welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and interest. Police officers present were introduced to those in attendance.

2) Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

3) Crime review by Sgt Sainsbury

- Comparison for the past 3 months compared to the same period last year
- Control charts - main crime categories – past 3 years
- Summary of offence specifics over the past 3 months
- Offender / Victim demographics for 2016.

Hastings Cluster:

November to January comparisons compared to the same period last year saw the following variations

Assault	down 13 incidents or 8%
Break & Enter	down 61 incidents or 73%
Drug Detections	up 19 incidents or 12%
Fraud	down 17 incidents or 21%
Malicious Damage	down 19 incidents or 13%
Robbery	down 1 incident or 50%
Stealing	down 59 incidents or 22%
Stolen vehicle/vessel	down 21 incidents or 60%

Assaults Current average of 52 per month. February projection is 42. 46% DV related, the same % Alcohol related 56% in residential premises, 27% in public places Prominent times: 12am-3am on Sunday & 9pm to 12am on Saturday

Break & enter Current average of 26 per month. February projection is 22. 73% in residential premises, 16% in business/commercial Wednesday the most prominent day. 3pm to 9pm the most prominent time.

Drug Detections Current average of 31 per month. February projection is 44. Significant spike in December due to Festival of the Sun. 57% cannabis, 17% methyl/amphetamines, 16% MDMA (Ecstasy) 69% in public places, 22% in residential premises, Most prominent day / time: Friday / 3pm-6pm

Fraud Current average of 25 per month. February projection is 27. 46% deception offences, 28% fail to pay. 47% in business/commercial, 45% in residential premises, Most prominent day / time: Thursday / 9am – 12pm

Malicious Damage Current average of 44 per month. February projection is 53. 6% Graffiti related 58% in residential premises, 23% in public places, Most prominent day / time: Saturday / 3pm – 6pm, 22% DV related, 20% alcohol related

Robbery Current average of 1 per month. February projection is 0. Only 2 robberies in the past 3 months. Both armed robberies in Wauchope. One offender has been charged with both offences.

Stealing Current average of 93 per month. February projection is 75. 45% other steal, 26% steal from m/vehicle, 16% steal from retail store, 37% in public places, 33% residential & 21% in business/commercial. Most prominent day / time: Saturday / 12pm – 3pm

Stolen vehicle/vessel Current average of 10 per month. February projection is 12. 97% were vehicles (1 vessel) 54% in public places, 38% residential. Most prominent day / time: Saturday / 12pm – 3pm & 3pm – 6pm

Nambucca Cluster

November to January comparisons compared to the same period last year saw the following variations

Assault	down 30 incidents or 52%
Break & Enter	down 20 incidents or 50%
Drug Detections	down 9 incidents or 38%
Fraud	up 6 incidents or 32%

Malicious Damage	up 2 incidents or 3%
Robbery	up 1 incident or 50%
Stealing	up 4 incidents or 5%
Stolen vehicle/vessel	up 2 incidents or 9%

Assaults Current average of 20 per month. February projection is 22. 49% DV related, 38% Alcohol related. 56% in residential premises, 20% in public places. Prominent times: 6pm to 9pm on Friday & 9pm to 12am on Sunday

Break & enter Current average of 12 per month. February projection is 11. 55% in residential premises, 15% in educational. Thursday the most prominent day.. 3pm to 9pm the most prominent time.

Drug Detections Current average of 9 per month. February projection is 7. 79% cannabis, 21% methyl/amphetamines, 58% in public places, 42% in residential premises, Most prominent day / time: Thursday / 12pm-3pm

Fraud Current average of 5 per month. February projection is 12. 57% fail to pay, 24% deception offences. 76% in business/commercial, 10% in residential premises, Most prominent day / time: Tuesday & Sunday / 9am – 12pm.

Malicious Damage Current average of 19 per month. February projection is 26. 1% Graffiti related, 53% in residential premises, 23% in public places, Most prominent day / time: Friday/ 6pm – 9pm. 28% DV related, 31% alcohol related

Robbery Current average of 1 per month. February projection is 1. Only 2 robberies in the past 3 months, 1 each in Macksville & Nambucca Heads. 1 offender charged with an armed robbery of a fast food outlet, the other committed on a club.

Stealing Current average of 27 per month. February projection is 23. 30% other steal, 29% steal from m/vehicle, 17% steal from retail store, 47% residential, 23% in public places, & 19% in business/commercial. Most prominent day / time: Sunday / 3pm – 6pm

Stolen vehicle/vessel Current average of 4 per month. February projection is 6. 95% were vehicles (1 vessel) 55% in public places, 41% residential, Most prominent day / time: Saturday / 6pm – 9pm

Macleay Cluster results

November to January comparisons compared to the same period last year saw the following variations

Assault	down 32 incidents or 26%
Break & Enter	down 77 incidents or 72%
Drug Detections	up 2 incidents or 3%
Fraud	down 6 incidents or 14%
Malicious Damage	up 49 incidents or 31%
Robbery	down 7 incident or 140%
Stealing	up 36 incidents or 15%
Stolen vehicle/vessel	down 5 incidents or 15%

Assaults Current average of 38 per month. February projection is 45. 48% DV related, 38% Alcohol related 59% in residential premises, 18% in public places. Prominent times: 6pm to 9pm on Friday & 9pm to 12am on Thursday

Break & enter Current average of 38 per month. February projection is 37. 77% in residential premises, 6% each in business/commercial, education & recreation. Friday the most prominent day. 9pm to 12am the most prominent time

Drug Detections Current average of 24 per month. February projection is 20. 65% cannabis, 17% methyl/amphetamines, 13% Pharmaceutical. 45% in public places, 23% in residential premises, Most prominent day / time: Thursday / 12pm-3pm

Fraud Current average of 11 per month. February projection is 3. 46% deception offences, 38% other fraud, 3% fail to pay. 69% in business/commercial, 20% in residential premises, Most prominent day / time: Sunday/ 6am – 9pm

Malicious Damage Current average of 36 per month. February projection is 44. 4% Graffiti related. 51% in residential premises, 33% in public places. Most prominent day / time: Friday/ 3pm – 6pm. 15% DV related, 12% alcohol related

Robbery Current average of 1 per month. February projection is 2. 4 robberies in the past 3 months, 2 of these armed robberies. All incidents in Kempsey, 1 female offender charged with 1 incident, 2 male offenders charged with another incident.

Stealing Current average of 65 per month. February projection is 75. There has been an increase in steal from vehicle incidents in Kempsey in recent months as well as out at South West Rocks. 46% other steal, 33% steal from m/vehicle, 11% steal from retail store. 40% in public places, 35% residential, & 17% in business/commercial. Most prominent day / time: Friday / 3pm – 6pm

Stolen vehicle/vessel Current average of 8 per month. February projection is 8. 97% were vehicles (1 vessel) 53% residential, 38% in public places, Most prominent day / time: Wednesday / 9pm – 12am

Offender / Victim Demographics

2016 calendar year for the Mid North Coast

Assault Demographics

Offenders:

- 74% male
- 25-29 years most prominent age group
- 47% ATSI
- 50% unemployed

Victims:

- 52% female
- 22-24 years most prominent age group
- 34% ATSI

Break & Enter Demographics

Offenders:

- 79% male
- 15-17 years most prominent age group
- 61% ATSI
- 55% unemployed

Victims:

- 54% female
- 70+ years most prominent age group
- 15% ATSI

Drug Detection

Offenders:

- 75% male
- 25-29 years most prominent age group
- 33% ATSI
- 50% unemployed

Fraud Demographics

Offenders:

- 60% male
- 30-34 years most prominent age group
- 34% ATSI
- 69% unemployed

Victims:

- 55% male
- 55-59 years most prominent age group
- 7% ATSI

Malicious Damage Demographics

Offenders:

- 78% male
- 25-29 years most prominent age group
- 53% ATSI
- 50% unemployed

Victims:

- 57% female
- 55-59 years most prominent age group
- 26% ATSI

Robbery Demographics

Offenders:

- 90% male
- 21-24 years most prominent age group
- 86% ATSI
- 67% unemployed

Victims:

- 67% male
- 21-24 years most prominent age group
- 14% ATSI

Stealing Demographics

Offenders:

- 58% male
- 25-29 years most prominent age group
- 55% ATSI
- 55% unemployed

Victims:

- 57% male
- 70+ & 55-59 years most prominent age group
- 13% ATSI

Stolen vehicle/vessel Demographics**Offenders:**

- 58% male
- 21-24 years most prominent age group
- 65% ATSI
- 64% unemployed

Victims:

- 44% female
- 50-54 years most prominent age group
- 12% ATSI

CRIME DISCUSSION

Discussion on known offenders who have recently been released from custody with the likelihood that crime may increase. Police are working closely with Probation & Parole to monitor these individuals. Peaks and troughs in crime, particularly break & enter offences can be attributed to incarceration and release of these people. General discussion on the frustration of cycle of offenders coming in and out of custody.

Superintendent Fehon provided information on the body worn cameras being trialled in Kempsey. Good for evidence gathering in relation to consorting. Public Order & Riot Squad are using these devices with is a valuable tool in protecting police.

Superintendent Fehon advised the meeting of Inspector Stuart Campbell now at Kempsey alongside Inspector Neville. Inspector Aldridge has moved from Kempsey to Port Macquarie along with another duty officer down there. Inspector Flaherty is covering the Nambucca area but they all cover the entire LAC during afternoons and evenings. Mr Fehon encouraged those present to contact Duty Officers if they have any issues.

Other staffing changes included a new detective starting at Macksville to bring their staffing to 3 detectives covering the Nambucca Valley. A new GD officer has also started in the Nambucca Valley with another one to arrive shortly.

Detective Inspector Fehon gave a summary of the results of the Summer Proactive Team which was made up of 16 staff from various units. In the 6 weeks they were operating they submitted 443 events, 221 charges & 89 legal processes. Team focussed on warrant offenders & service of Domestic Violence AVO's in the Kempsey area. The team was selected based on officers with high workloads and good relationships with members of the community. Team included bike squad officers with two of these having the highest workloads.

Detective Inspector Fehon gave an overview of recent good arrests including;

- Arrest of an offender who held up a fast food outlet at Nambucca Heads with a knife.
- 2 offenders arrested and charged with drug and other matters from Strike Force Darran
- Serious assault at Stuarts Point Tavern on New Years Eve. 2 offenders arrested and a 3rd arrest likely.

- Violent domestic last week in Kempsey where the victim was covered in petrol. Offender has been arrested.
- Serious assault in Kempsey where a block splitter was used. Offender arrested.
- Offender arrested and charged with drug, firearm and assault matters stemming from a domestic dispute at Nambucca Heads.
- Offender arrested at Bowraville and a firearm recovered after shots were fired into a Nambucca Heads house.
- Offender charged with 2 robbery offences at Wauchope also charged with 2 offences at Port Macquarie.
- A break and enter offender at Port Macquarie identified, and currently wanted on outstanding arrest warrants.

GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business

CLOSING

Supt **FEHON** thanked everyone for being at the meeting..

Future Meeting Dates

10am on 9 May at Nambucca Shire

9.30am on 15 August at Port Macquarie (Victory in the Pacific Day)

Marilyn Breen advised that the previous date for the Kempsey meeting (21 November 2017) conflicts with a full Council meeting. New date to be selected in consultation with S/C Cherry.

Finish 11.20am.

Action Items			
Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies / Community member	Timeframe
New Date for 4 th quarter meeting at Kempsey	<i>Liaison between Council & Police to select a suitable date</i>	<i>S/C Cherry Marilyn Breen</i>	<i>9 May 2017</i>