Mid North Coast Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes Kempsey Shire Council Chambers 28 November 2017

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	
Supt FEHON Det A/Insp VANDERMAAT Sgt SAINSBURY S/Con GATES	NSW Police NSW Police NSW Police NSW Police	
Marilyn BREEN June MORLEY Noel MORLEY	Kempsey Shire Council Community member Community member	
Apologies:		
Liz CAMPBELL	Kempsey Mayor	

Start: 10:10am

1) Introduction and Welcome

Supt FEHON welcomed those in attendance at 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

- LAC Business Plan results for 2016/17 financial year
- Cluster Business Plan results for 2016/17 financial year and year to date
- Control charts main crime categories past 3 years
- More detailed analysis for Kempsey LGA (Macleay cluster)

Macleay Cluster: 12 weeks to 17/11/17

Assaults

124 incidents in this period 84 Common assaults 37 ABH assaults 6 GBH assaults 46% in residential premises 20% in public places 39% DV related 24% Alcohol relates 2% Drug related

Break & enter

101 incidents in this period83% residential premises6% business premises (Fast food outlets)

5% industrial premises 3% Educational premises 55% entry via door (front prominent) 28% entry via window (rear/side)

Drug Detections

40 incidents in this period

33 drug possession

1 drug supply

4 drug cultivation

1 self administer

1 other detection / seizure

22 involved cannabis

9 involved methyl/amphetamines

4 steroids

6 heroin

Fraud

25 incidents in this period

2 fail to pay

17 unauthorised access to funds

2 Scam - obtain funds

4 forgery

72% occurred at business premises

20% in residential premises

8% licensed premises

Malicious Damage

69 incidents in this period

4 incidents of graffiti

58% in residential premises

23% in public places

9% in business premise.

4% educational

10% alcohol related

23% DV related

Robbery

4 incidents in this period (no armed robberies)

3 in public places

1 residential premise

Stealing

182 incidents in this period

66 other steal

50 steal from vehicle

35 steal from retail store

36% from residential premises

23% from businesses

27% from public places

Stolen vehicle/vessel

28 stolen in this period

22 vehicles

4 trailers

2 motor cycle

50% from public places

29% from residential premises

CRIME DISCUSSION

During the meeting, there was a general discussion on the statistics presented above. Superintendent FEHON expanded on the increase in stealing occurring at retail outlets and indicated the impact on local businesses. Assault statistics also include those offences committed at Kempsey Gaol. The offences of Break Enter & Steal are recorded as below target although there has been an increase in the past 3 months - Strike Force PILLAPAI is currently targeting a core group of offenders responsible for this spike. There has been a noticeable increase in Police activity in South and West Kempsey. Several arrests have been made in recent days. One person is still outstanding and Police have circulated a media release for the main suspect. There has been strong community support in our attempts to locate and arrest this suspect but he has been able to maintain his flight. Police currently suspect the offenders are travelling to surrounding towns to avoid the Police presence in Kempsey. These areas are also being supported throughout the Operation. The offences committed are directly linked to drug use, property crime and an increase in heroin use.

Concerns over fraud and scam emails were raised. Internet security and device settings were discussed as the best solutions for personal and home devices.

Residents raised concerns over unregistered trail bikes riding dangerously on residential streets in Bunya Pines Estate. Possible addresses of offenders to be followed up and assistance will be sought from Highway Patrol and General Duties in patrolling the area at relevant times.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Body Worn Video – The trial has concluded and the devices will be rolled out over the entire Local Area Command in early 2018.

Summer Pro Active Unit – There will be an increase in High Visibility Operations targeting areas such as random drug testing, shoplifting and drug detection through the deployment of Bike & Beat Police to target antisocial behaviour and alcohol related crime.

Kempsey CCTV – 23 Cameras currently running in Kempsey CBD. 7 in South West Rocks. Cameras will soon be installed in Crescent Head near the beach carpark and skate park. A tender will soon be released for cameras to be installed in South and West Kempsey.

Residents questioned the Police staffing numbers in Kempsey. Superintendent FEHON expanded on the recent introduction of General Duties Support Unit staff (6 officers) and Operational staff such as Strike Force PILLAPAI and the Summer Proactive Team.

Future Meeting Dates

27 February 2018 – Nambucca Heads 5 June 2018 – Port Macquarie 4 September 2018 – Kempsey 27 November 2018 – Nambucca Heads

Finish 11:20am

Action Items			
Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies / Community member	Timeframe
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