



Minutes

Community Safety Precinct Committee Eastern Suburbs PAC

6pm, Thursday 9 August 2018

Waverley Police Station

Chairperson – Superintendent DUNCAN

Members Present:

Name	Agency
Supt Duncan	NSW Police
Det/C/Insp Glynn	NSW Police
Insp Sly	NSW Police
Sen Cst Wasserman	NSW Police
Cr Dominic Wy Kanak	Deputy Mayor Waverley Council
Scott Field	Waverley Council
Cr Peter Cavanagh	Mayor Woollahra Council
Cr Harriet Price	Woollahra Council
Cr Isabelle Shapiro	Woollahra Council
Cr Anthony Marano	Woollahra Council
Jacky Hony	Woollahra Council
Jennifer Zim	Office of Gabrielle Upton MP
Katherine O'Regan	Sydney East Business Chamber
Kellie Prescott	Sydney East Business Chamber
John Batts	Bronte Beach Precinct
Max Setz	Bronte Precinct
Grant Beard	Bronte Precinct
Stephen Brajak	Charring Cross Precinct
Peter Lynch	Mill Hill/Bondi Junction Precinct
Juju Kalek	North Bondi Precinct
Bill Mouroukas	Penkivil Precinct
Ian Barber	Queens Park Precinct
Karin Brennan	South Bondi / Tamarama Precinct

Apologies:

Name	Agency
Lenore KULAKAUSKAS	Bondi Beach Precinct
Cr Lucinda Regan	Woollahra Council

Note *This is not a verbatim record of participants' comments*

Minute Items

Meeting opened at 6:05pm

- Welcome by Insp Sly
- Acknowledgement of Country.
- Apologies

OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

AMALGAMATION AND COMMAND UPDATE

- Introduction for new PAC Commander, Superintendent John Duncan
- The priorities of the Command are prevention and disruption of crime, response to crime, engage with the community and maintain public safety.
- The Command has a total strength of 222 Police and 9 Administrative officers
- The number of robberies, residential break and enter and assault offences have decreased over the past 10 years
- The National Terrorism Threat Advisory System currently rates Australia a 'Probable' – credible intelligence indicates that individuals / groups continue to possess the intent and capability to conduct a terrorist attack. Further information can be found at <https://direct.secure.nsw.gov.au/useful-resources/guidance-material/content.html>

CRIME ANALYSIS AND POLICE PRESENTATION

Forty-Six Hour Gap Negotiation

On 1 July 2018, ESPAC police were called to a home in Bondi where a man was threatening to commit self harm. He wasn't home and attempts were made across a number of PACs to try and interact with the man.

Later that evening police were called to the vicinity of the Gap in relation to two men fighting, with one being armed with a knife. Police arrived within minutes by which time the man had been dis-armed and had jumped the safety fence. Local police commenced negotiation with him about 7pm that night.

It was cold, windy and rainy that night and for much of the 48 hours negotiation. The temperatures on both nights dropped below 6 degrees.

Police from our command were deployed there for the duration of the negotiation as were 10 negotiators; rescue squad; Marine Area Command; Polair; and Ambulance.

The man was sheltering in a little cave and accepted food and drink. Around sunset on the third night, he agreed to come to the fence to accept a hot meal. At this time he was restrained by force ending negotiation.

Digital Driver Licenses (contains updated information obtained since the CSPC meeting)

The Digital Driver License (DDL) trial which has been running in Dubbo is being expanded to the Eastern Suburbs. Residents of Bondi, Bondi Junction, Bronte, Clovelly, Coogee, Randwick and Waverley (or postcodes 2022, 2024, 2026, 2031 and 2034) will be invited to take part in the metro trial.

To participate in the trial, you will need a MyService NSW Account.

During the trial you will still need to carry your plastic driver licence card.

The benefits are fewer cards to carry, convenience (you can update your details and renew your license from your mobile device, security, and real-time information.

The trial was successful when it ran in Dubbo from October 2017 to February 2018.

School Zones (as requested by Cr PRICE prior to meeting)

Parents are causing the most grief around school zones. Parking offences can and do cause major traffic congestions around schools. Whilst we have had no major incidents within our PAC, there have been fatal collisions outside schools due to congestion blocking visibility.

The HWP are tasked to patrol school zones each morning and afternoon. Parking offences are captured on the in-car video. Infringement notices are then processed electronically which means that the car owners will receive the infringement a week or so later. Given that parking infringements within school zones attract demerit points, this means that drivers may have lost their license before they get the notices. Police generally will not stop at the time as this leads to further congestion around the school.

One of the main offences is Disobey No Parking sign.

These signs are designed to turn over vehicles so the school zone can service the school efficiently.

Drivers are permitted to stop in a NPZ for no longer than 2 minutes. If your child is not ready – that driver needs to move on and go around the block.

The driver must also remain within close proximity of the vehicle ie, get out, help the kids get in and that is it.

Double parking is the other big problem.

Random Drug Testing (RDT)

RDT which has been in use for years now includes cocaine as well as cannabis and methylamphetamine.

If the road side test indicates the presence of one of these drugs, the driver is arrested and taken to the police station for a second test. If this test comes back positive, the driver's license is suspended immediately for 24 hours.

The sample taken in the second test is then sent to a lab for testing. If that comes back positive, the driver will be charged.

10 penalty units for first offence (\$1100) or 20 penalty points for subsequent offences (\$2,200)

Current Trending Crime Issues

- Steal from Retail
- Sexual Assault - Adult
- Assault – not domestic violence related

DEMONSTRATION OF BOCSAR WEBSITE

S/C Waserman demonstrated the use of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research: BOCSAR website - <http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/>

Using the crime tool, you can view crime details for the entire state.

UPCOMING OPERATIONS

- City to Surf -12 August
- Wear it Purple – 31 August
- Festival of the Winds – 9 September
- Jewish High Holidays – September to October
- Operation Pedro (pedestrian and bicycle)
- Drug Dog Operations
- Retail Theft Operations
- Late Trader Operations
- Truancy Operations
- Domestic Violence Operations
- Team Operations

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Cr Shapiro raised that Woollahra Council is now part of the Liquor Accord.

- Cr Shapiro raised that investigations are underway to determine if increased lighting is required around Gap Park.
- Cr Shapiro reported that The Eastern Suburbs Suicide Prevention Network will be holding a mental health first aid course for members of the media.
- Cr Shapiro said Woollahra Council is also looking at options for bollards/temporary bollards for community engagement events.
- Cr Wy Kanak enquired if Eastern Suburbs PAC adhere to the recommendations of the Reports on Deaths in Custody and what the current situation is with the new police building proposal. Supt Duncan confirmed that any new development would take into consideration the recommendations of these reports. At this stage there is no time frame for the new building.
- Cr Wy Kanak asked about police awareness and response to homelessness. Police follow corporate procedures and only deal with homeless people when posing a danger to themselves or others.
- John BATTIS raised that there has been some instances of people riding skateboards dangerously in Macpherson Street, Bronte. There has also been evidence of drug use in Bronte Park. Bronte Park is regularly tasked to be patrolled by police and this increases when the weather is warmer.
- Paddington Police Station continues to operate as a shop front station as it has for many years.
- S/C Wasserman advised that the Community Engagement Team is available to attend community events or groups to provide information sessions etc. Contact can be made through Rose Bay Police Station.

OUTSTANDING ACTION:

- Nil

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**