Action Points

Attendees:
See Sign on Sheet attached to Action points at end of this document.

2. Minutes & Outstanding

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3. Commanders Update: Superintendent Allan Sicard

- Supt Sicard thanked and welcomed all stakeholders to the first meeting of the consolidated command North Shore Police Area Command (PAC) and proceeded to explain that this means that the combining of Harbourside and North Shore Local Area Commands has facilitated the Police Commissioner Mick Fullers goal in putting more police on the street.
- The combining of resources here has meant that general Duties teams have increased by about 10 officers with 5 sergeants supervising each team along with a Duty Officer and these teams covered the 2 major sectors of north and south of the command. Further to this increase in frontline policing we also have a dedicated Domestic Violence team, Volume crime team and Street Policing teams come from the consolidation that have provided prompt quality customer service that previously would have taken longer due to restricted resources. The detective’s office has also doubled along with Proactive Crime teams and Traffic Units allowing all these units to increase and better manage workloads and develop operations. These teams all work together to get better results for the community.
- The Command also now has Vulnerable Community Liaison officers that provide support to frontline policing in dealing with homelessness, elder abuse, LGBTI community and Mental health issues. These officers provide links to services and assistance available in the community.

4. Overview of North Sydney & Chatswood Sector Crime for December 2017 – February 2018

Crime Summary, for the period of December 2017 – February 2018:

*Assault:
The number of incidents this quarter for both sectors is slowly decreasing in both sectors during these summer months. Although there were some assaults at Licensed premises within the Police Area Command (PAC) there were no trends or distinct hotspots for this quarter. Domestic Violence related assaults account for a large proportion of assaults recorded and Supt Sicard explained how this is considered a positive result as the whole of NSW Police Force regard increase reporting a sign that the crime is being exposed and dealt with appropriately.

*Break and Enter:
Break and Enter incidents have decreased in both sectors but there has been a sharp drop in incidents in the Chatswood sector. The Volume Crime team has allowed the PAC to promptly address upcoming trends, this was displayed in February when an offender targeted shops such as chemists and mobile phone shops for cash by smashing glass doors. As soon as this trend was identified by the intelligence unit the Volume Crime team targeted the offences and in less than week the offender was captured and the offences ceased.
Supt Sicard went on to add that the Volume Crime teams quick address to these incidents was a capability that previously did not exist in either command and a great example of how the PAC better serves the community. Insp Jones further stated that the vast majority of break and enter offenders come from outside of command making them harder to target as they are transient.

**Robbery:**
Robbery for both sectors has always been very low and continues to be low. During this quarter both sectors had a few robberies but most resulted in offenders being identified and charged with no further robberies recorded to date.

**Stealing:**
Both sectors are steady with the number of Stealing incidents and both are recording high numbers of Steal from Retail store offences with increased operations and staff targeting these offences. Steal from Dwelling offences are continuing in both commands with mail theft and bicycles from yards and communal garage spaces.

**Stolen Vehicles:**
Incidents continue to be low in both sectors, but both have also seen a slight increase in the number of motorbikes being stolen. The Volume Crime team are currently looking into this trend.

**Assault Domestic Violence**
Supt Sicard explained that his focus for the command is to ensure that all recorded incidents are dealt with correctly as the consequence of incorrect police action in Domestic Violence can mean someone dies. Hence the Domestic Violence team was established and they review all Domestic Violence matters and they assist General Duties in getting outcomes for each incident.

**Pro-activity:**
Pro-activity this quarter has steadily increased in most categories such as Person Searches, Move ons and Vehicle Searches and only a decrease in Drug Detections which is due to changes in procedure since the merging of the commands, Supt Sicard explained that he expects this to be rectified in the coming quarter with some highly skilled officers in the Proactive Crime team and detective office working diligently on upcoming operations.

Sgt Ged Tysoe addressed the committee stating that the new PAC geographically now extends from the Spit Bridge Mosman up to Killara at Fiddens Wharf Rd and Stanhope Rd with the main station being Chatswood but substations in Mosman and North Sydney. We work with the Marine Area Command as we are largely bordered by the Harbour and have Lane Cove River running through the command. He stated that command with the merge is still very affluent in terms of socioeconomic status and so property theft will continue to be the focus for the PAC. For North Shore LAC Assault Domestic Violence reports increased, Break and Enters increased at the end of 2017 but have decreased since the merger, Steal from Motor Vehicle has decreased in the last quarter which is a good result whilst most other categories for North Shore LAC remained stable. Steal from Dwelling offences are usually targeted on unit blocks which the command has had increase in recent months due to development and the message to these residents is to ensure garage and storage areas are secured and items of real valuable should not be stored in these areas and ensure you retain details of items like serial numbers. Please encourage members of the community to call police when they see or hear suspicious activity so that we can promptly attend and hopefully prevent crime from occurring. Also utilise the skills of the Crime Prevention Officers here to help with target hardening strategies helping the community how best to protect themselves from crime.

5. General Business

- Mayor of Willoughby Council Gail Giles-Gidney asked if Chatswood is a safe place. Sgt Tysoe answered this question explaining that the North Shore area in comparison to the rest of the state is at the lower end of the range in relation to assaults and violent crimes but when it comes to property offences such as Break and Enter we are more in the medium range. The only category we rate highly in would be Steal from Retail store but with this incident category police take a very proactive role in detecting offences to curb it.
- Member for Davidson Jonathan O’Dea stated it appears the command is doing very well with the physical crimes but asked with the increased capacity to specialise are you now going to focus on electronic crimes, cybercrime, frauds and domestic issues around social media? Supt Sicard replied that the NSW Police has a fulltime Cybercrime Unit hence as an organisation we are ramping up on this type of crime and ultimately as a command we do want to work on this side as mail theft is an ongoing problem that leads to frauds and identify theft which has a big impact on the community.
- Nick Logan from Artarmon Village explained that he is a pharmacist at the village and is part of the community there that acts like a chamber of Commerce for the businesses. He praised the team work of the police in the past with addressing robberies
and traffic matters that he has witnessed. He also acknowledged the increase in officer to command and asked if they can support the command any further through such avenues as social media. Supt Sicard advised that the PAC likes to support community events such as the annual HMAS Penguin Fun Run and he will support other similar events in the community as they come around through information provided to the Crime Prevention Officers or the Crime Coordinator Sgt Scott Horwood. He suggested that the village could friend the PAC Facebook page and Nick advised that he has already done this and will monitor the site.

- Julie Burgess of Chatswood Chamber of Commerce advised that this year the Chamber will be supporting the Salvation Army to host Chatswood Sleeps Rough on 24th August 2018 to raise funds with sleep out to occur in Westfield carpark. Supt Sicard advised that the command will support this event.

- Estelle Renard of Middle Cove asked about the Neighbourhood Watch program and if they are still running. Con Mick Alexander explained that late last year Sgt Horwood and himself looked at the level of interest in starting it up again specifically in the Willoughby/Lane Cove area. The Willoughby community were receptive, and we are supporting them, but it is mainly running through social media, so you might see more come from this refreshed initiative in the coming year. Con Alexander encourages groups to link up to the PAC Facebook for media releases and other community updates and that as Crime Prevention Officer Con Brown and himself rollout programs that address victim target hardening and complacency in the community in protecting their property. Det Insp Simon Jones reminded everyone that the PAC reports weekly to the North Shore Times and Mosman Daily with trends that the community should be aware of as well.

- Estelle Renard further asked if banks work with police regularly with crimes involving them. Det Insp Jones stated that the police do liaise with banks, but they have their own systems for investigating but they do assist police.

- Martin Ellis of North Sydney Council asked if police were aware of the Safe Places program LGBTQI as it is now in North Sydney and works like the old Yellow Safe places program for children, in that places are identified as safe for members of the LGBTQI community to go when they are in fear or need help. Supt Sicard advised he will pass this onto the commands designated Gay and Lesbian Liaison officer.

- Martin Ellis asked if the command has any cyberbullying programs and if there is any link between the Domestic Violence and refugees in the community. Supt Sicard advised that cyberbullying is addressed through Youth Liaison Officer working with the schools, regular Principal forums and making all parties aware of services and support available. Sgt Horwood explained that there are no refugee settlements in the whole command.

- Nick Logan asked about support of mental health patients and Supt Sicard advised that he reviews mental health incidents daily to ensure appropriate action and support is provided and he has a Mental Health Liaison officer that works closely with health care providers and the hospital.

- Jonathan O'Dea raised parking issues on Castle Cove Dr with vehicles parking on the footpath. Supt Sicard stated he will pass this onto the Traffic office.

- Danny Houseas of Kuring gai Council asked about homelessness and services provided to them as it is not always timely, waiting 3 to 4 days for assistance for the person. Supt Sicard advised that he has a network of service providers that address from North Sydney to Kuring gai with specialist services and this is within 24hours. He clarified that beggars on the street that are not any harm to themselves or the community are not necessarily homeless and are not committing any offences in begging. Jonathan O'Dea added that the NSW government is proactively going out the assist homeless people through states services.

- Supt Sicard asked the committee if they were happy with new size of the group as the PAC for future meetings and addressing the separate areas in one meeting? The consensus that this was acceptable.

### 6. Outstanding Actions

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7. **Next Meetings**

The proposed meeting dates for North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee in 2018 are:

- Tuesday 19th June 2018
- Tuesday 18 September 2018
- Tuesday 11th December 2018

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| North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting |
| SIGN ON SHEET – Tuesday 20 March 2018 – 9:30am |

## Members of Parliament

- Jonathon O'Dea – Member for Davidson | In Attendance

## Mayors

- Pam Palmer – Lane Cover Council | Apology, no one replacing
- Gail Giles-Gidney – Willoughby Council | In attendance

## Chamber of Commerce

- Chatswood Chamber – Julie Burgess | In attendance
- Northbridge & Castlecrag Chamber – John Lightfoot | Apology, no one replacing
- Naremburn Progress Association – Roger Promnitz | In attendance
- Artarmon/St Leonards Chamber – Nick Logan | In attendance

## Council

- Lane Cove Council - Valerie Stamper – Road Safety Officer | Apology Valerie Stamper
- Ruth Jacka – Community Development Officer, Ageing & Disability | In attendance
- Mosman Council - Danielle Woods – Manager, Compliance | Apology for Anthony Keary
- Anthony Keary – Team Leader, Rangers | In attendance
- North Sydney Council - Martin Ellis | In attendance
- Northbridge Progress Progress Association - Max Menzies – President | Apology for Martin Ellis
- Neighbourhood Watch area – Estelle Renard | In attendance
- Kuringai Council - Danny Houseas | In attendance

## Shopping Centres

- Mandarin Centre Manager | In attendance

## Critical Infrastructure

- Roads and Maritime Services | Apology for Cameron McIntyre
- HMAS Penguin – Executive officer – Lt Commander Peter Thompson | In attendance
- HMAS Waterhen Naval Police Coxswain – Chief Petty Officer Denis McKenna | In attendance
- HMAS Waterhen Naval Police Coxswain – Leading Seaman Elizabeth Dove | In attendance
- Australian Catholic University Security Bob Pagett | Apology, no one attending.

## North Shore Police Area Command

- Superintendent Allan Sicard – Commander NSPAC | In attendance
- Detective Chief Inspector Simon Jones – Crime Manager NSPAC | In attendance
- Sergeant Gerard Tysoe – Intelligence Supervisor NSPAC | In attendance
- Sergeant Scott Horwood – Crime Coordinator NSPAC | In attendance
- Constable Alexander – Crime Prevention Officer NSPAC | In attendance
- Constable Jenny Brown – Crime Prevention Officer NSPAC | In attendance
- Ms Tracy Martin – Intelligence Officer NSPAC | In attendance
- Chief Inspector Kirsten McFadden – Customer Service | Apology