

**SHOALHAVEN LOCAL AREA COMMAND
COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday 6 May 2009, 10:30 am
Training Room Nowra Police Station
Chaired: Inspector McNeil**

Attendance:

<i>A/Superintendent Wayne O'Keefe</i>	<i>NSW Police</i>
<i>Inspector Kevin McNeil</i>	<i>NSW Police</i>
<i>Paul McGroder</i>	<i>Shoalhaven Liquor Accord</i>
<i>John Kinsey</i>	<i>Sussex Inlet Chamber of Commerce</i>
<i>Brian Richardson</i>	<i>Ulladulla & District Community Forum</i>
<i>Pamela Wells</i>	<i>Basin Village Forum</i>
<i>Karen Hansen</i>	<i>Shoalhaven Heads Chamber of Commerce</i>
<i>Peter Vincent</i>	<i>Basin Village Forum</i>
<i>Terry Smith</i>	<i>Basin Village Forum</i>
<i>David Anthoness</i>	<i>Nowra Youth Services</i>
<i>Mayor Paul Green</i>	<i>Shoalhaven City Council</i>
<i>Bruce Robinson</i>	<i>Office of Matt Brown MP – Member for Kiama</i>
<i>A/Inspector Kevin Henry</i>	<i>NSW Police</i>
<i>Kerry Smith</i>	<i>NSW Police (Minutes)</i>

Apologies: *Shelley Hancock, MP*

INTRODUCTION

Inspector Kevin McNeil

Inspector Kevin McNeil introduced himself and round the room introduction of those in attendance.

Inspector McNeil advised of the disbanding of the previous PACT Meetings which have been replaced with Community Safety Precinct Committees. Spoke of the aim of CSPCs, look at the concerns of this Committee, what it is going to attack over the next three months and how this will be done. Discussed the need to develop a network so all can work towards a common goal.

WELCOME

A/Superintendent Wayne O'Keefe.

One of the focus's of Commissioner Mr Scipione is the Police Force's approach to Customer Service. He recently introduced the Community Safety Precinct Committee as an avenue where members of the community could come together, sit down with Police to discuss the problems they are experiencing within the community and who to deal with them.

Recent Achievements

- . New Year's Eve in the Huskisson area – there was a lot of brawling and anti social behaviour however it was well managed with minimal problems. New Year's Eve is the biggest event on our calendar. We had 78 officers on the street on one shift and other resources bought in from other areas.
- . We currently have 143 officers on our books with an authorized strength of 130.
- . We are seeing problems occurring with unplanned events being advertised over UTube and MySpace. Recent event in Currarong attracted 200 kids . We need to work with Council in creating more Alcohol Free Zones so we can confiscate the alcohol from the kids and tip it out.
- . Alcohol and licensed premise's problems generally take care of themselves as they are Policed under Government Legislation There has been much work with the Liquor Accord however the problem is not with licensed premises as much as with underage drinking and kids being supplied alcohol by adults. . We need to work with the Community in addressing this issue – need community support in getting the message across to parents/adults that it is not appropriate to supply alcohol to underage kids.
- . ANZAC Day - The ANZAC Day Operation was based at Wollongong and was controlled by the Region Commander Mr Murdoch. All available officers were rostered to work from Wollongong to south of Bateman's Bay on the day. The Shoalhaven had only a few minor incidents. Wollongong experienced the biggest problems which resulted in us providing them with assistance.
- . Sampson Crescent - Over the past few months have had some great success working with the Department of Housing in the Sampson Crescent area. Recently in one night 13 - 14 people were arrested for various anti social offences. Problems are occurring in the area due to the poor conditions of the Public Housing.

As a result of meetings conducted with Council and Department of Housing , 17 skip bins were delivered to the area and a clean up conducted. A safety audit has also been conducted to strategically install street/security lighting. Some residents have been relocated and warnings gone out to other families that they will be moved to other areas if they continue to create problems.

- . There has also been some work done in the Jerringa community with a clean up conducted to remove old car bodies from the area resulting in a renewed respect and ownership of their own community area.
- . Community Partnerships have been conducting taskings involving removal of graffiti.
- . Habitat Bus/Summer Bus – was used to transport kids to and from the local shows.

WHAT IS A CSPC AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Inspector Kevin McNeil .

Computer Presentation - overview of CSPC

INFORMATION ON CSPC AND AIM FOR 2009/10 and SHOALHAVEN STATISTICS

Inspector Kevin McNeil

AIM: “To reduce Alcohol Related Crime”

. Computer presentation - Overview of statistics – in the last 5 year there has been an increase in alcohol related crime from 5,395 incidents in 2004 to 7,214 in 2008.

(Paul MGroder quoted that the Shoalhaven is 25% above the average in alcohol related crime.)

- 39% of reactive crime is alcohol related.
- 92% of assaults are alcohol related
- 82% of robberies are alcohol related and
- 41% of sexual assaults are alcohol related (30% of sexual assault reports are historical) – sexual assault has received a lot of attention through the media resulting in people coming forward to report assaults that occurred some time ago. The problem we are experiencing now is young girls 13, 14 year olds who run away from home, go to a house filled with alcohol and then report that they have been sexually assaulted. Frequently they don't remember what has occurred on the night.

A/Superintendent O'Keefe introduced Travis Green who is a student working in the Shoalhaven Command under the MURA Cadetship Program and gave an overview of the program.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Pamela Wells

. Suggested that consideration be given to conducting these meetings in the evening to allow young people to get involved. Need to get good young kids active in these initiatives. Youth worker to contact her to discuss strategies to get young people involved.

Names and contact details of those in attendance at this meeting to be circulated.

David Anthoness

. The Nowra Youth Services are currently in the process of getting a van set up which will carry lots of sporting, BBQ equipment and will be available for use by village community groups in their youth related activities/initiatives. Information will be advertised soon.

Paul Green

. In my role as Mayor I have had a wonderful time working with the Police.

. Crime Prevention Plan - There has been some good initiatives undertaken and we are 1/3 of the way there. The \$100,000 van will be utilized in “hot spot” areas to address problems. The van will be multi purpose, will be used for Career Expo, Shows, Domestic Violence incidents, sites of murders, protracted investigations etc.

. The Shoalhaven Business Chamber and Council have been involved in setting up a Graffiti Cleaning Trailer which is available for use by any village should they need it.

. The Draft Crime Prevention Plan has now been endorsed by Council.

. Council is currently working with groups in East Nowra to clean up the area around the shops and to develop strategies to improve the environment on a long term basis including educating young people not to

Council is working with Coles and Woolworths to have them install wheel locks on shopping trolleys. At this stage Woolwoths are coming on board and I foresee a good outcome.

The issue was raised regarding the early opening of the Coles and Woollies bottle shops at 7 am and 7.30 am respectively. Do they need to open so early? General discussion followed regarding this matter.

Terry Smith

. The Police visibility in the Sanctuary Point area has increased with regular patrolling by HWP cars. The anti social behavior problems that we have been experiencing with has quietened off.

Inspector McNeil advised of the increased taskings in the area and that intelligence gathering in the area has also been enhanced.

A/Superintendent Wayne O'Keefe

. Police powers have really increased over the last few years, however we don't want situations occurring where we are forced to use these powers. I look to this committee to develop strategies to prevent these situations occurring, education and intervention before Police involvement.

David Antghoness

. Youth Services are looking at including a Youth Beach Volley Ball Event on Mollymook Beach as part of the Blessing of the Fleet activities next year.

John Kinsey

. Would like to acknowledge the good work done by Simon Schippers at Sussex with the implementation of Alcohol Free Zones.

Good work in this regard also at St Georges Basin. Council happy to have come on board and progress the introduction of further alcohol free zones

No further general business, meeting concluded at 12.00 am

Next Meeting TBA.