Shoalhaven Community Precinct Committee Meeting Held Tuesday 3rd of May 2011 At Nowra Police Station

Meeting chaired by Superintendent Wayne Murray

A presentation was given to the meeting outlining criminal activity throughout the Shoalhaven This gave comparisons for the different criminal activities in each of the police sectors throughout the shoalhaven command.

eg Assaults – above police target for the month of March.

Domestic violence – slightly below police target for March.

Break and enter business premises – slightly above police target for March.

Steal motor vehicle – slightly above police target for the month of March.

Shop lifting – below police target for the month of March.

Over all the Huskisson Police Sector remained the quietest area within the Shoalhaven command, although it was noted Sanctuary Point remains the trouble spot for this sector.

Nowra as expected had the highest reported criminal activity, but it should be remembered that Nowra also has the greater population.

Again the police emphasis the need for the public to report accurately all suspicious activity and also lock cars regardless of the location. Also remove from view any valuables from within the car so as not to invite trouble.

Superintendent Wayne Murray reported that the new correctional centre is now fully operational with 400 inmates. To this point in time the centre does not appear to be attracting any adverse influences to the Nowra area, quite the opposite, as it has proven to have financial advantages for the Shoalhaven. Also reported, the much talked about cctv cameras are now in use throughout the Nowra business area.

It was asked of the meeting if it would be possible to have the local Huskisson crime statistics published in the "About Magazine". This matter was to be considered, but no promises given as compiling these figures could prove time consuming, and was reliant on having the staff to do this.

Pam Wells made mention of the possible traffic problems arising from the proposed traffic changes on the Wool Road at Vincentia once the Woolworths complex opens. Pam Wells, Brian Saunders and council to liaise re this matter.

Next meeting in three months – date and time to be advised.

Reported by Adele Farrant.