

Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting
Held Tuesday 2nd of August 2011
At Nowra Police station

Meeting chaired by Superintendent Wayne Murray.

The first issue on the agenda for each meeting is a crime statistic presentation for the three months prior to each meeting. Most criminal activity through out the Shoalhaven trended downwards for this period with the exception of Ulladulla area, where break and enters on business premises had increased.

Police having to conduct personal searches has increased, so to police having to ask persons to move on.

Both PCA's and MVA's have decreased throughout the shoalhaven over the past few months.

Holiday homes are being targeted. Offenders taking mainly plasma and flat screen TV's. Many of these properties are being advertised for holiday letting, which is an open invitation to the criminal looking for easy pickings. The Police would welcome any feedback from the community on how policing could be improved in relation to this matter.

The Police continue to be supportive of the cameras in the CBD. Some good outcomes have resulted from these cameras ie;- prosecutions and also in one case being able to clear one wrongly accused person of any wrong doing. The Police are generally in favour of installation of these closed circuit cameras in all business districts however privacy and civil liberty issues need to be considered.

Superintendent Murray reported on the difficulties of police staffing throughout the Nowra command. The nature of the job of a Police Officer means there will always be officers unable to attend work for various reasons, long term sick leave being the greatest problem.

Several months ago the Basin Villages Forum produced a small flyer encouraging all residents to report all suspicious activity, be it major or minor. The aim of this flyer was to encourage the reporting of incidents to Police to help investigations, and secondly by having the public reporting incidents, police statistics would show where there was a greater need for more Police Officers to be stationed. This flyer was presented to the "Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting" and was well received by all. Please see attached.

Superintendent Wayne Murray reported there were no further developments regarding a police station at Sanctuary Point, but he and his officers were supportive of a centrally located station within the Shoalhaven.

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

Reported by Adele Farrant