

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

Tuesday 22 May 2012, 10:40 am
Training Room Nowra Police Station
Chaired: Superintendent Wayne Murray

Attendance:

Superintendent Wayne Murray	NSW Police
Inspector Glen Broadhead	NSW Police
Sergeant Ian McManus	NSW Police
John Kinsey	Sussex Inlet Chamber of Commerce
David Tarbert	Cudmirrah/Berrara Progress Association
Brian Richardson	Ulladulla & District Community Forum
Bill Seelis	Berry Chamber of Commerce
Kerry Smith	NSW Police (Minutes)

Apologies: Adele Farrant, Pamela Wells, Shelley Hancock, Garry Wilbraham

Minutes of last meeting 17 January 2012 accepted as corrected by John Kinsey and seconded by David Tarbert.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Superintendent Wayne Murray

Welcomed all to meeting and introduced Sergeant Ian McManus of the Shoalhaven HWP.

	ACTION ITEMS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		
Speeding Trucks/Traffic Concerns in Berry Speeding along JB Road, Naval College Road and Huskisson Vincentia areas.	<p>Advice from Sgt McManus – HWP Police are tasked regularly to Berry to conduct speeding enforcement - as late as yesterday – using RTA funds for overtime.</p> <p><i>Commander Murray commented that he regularly sees HWP vehicle sitting at “The Arbour” Berry – highly visible Police vehicles do change behaviour of drivers – they will slow down when they see a Police vehicle.</i></p> <p>Sgt McManus further advised that HWP Police are tasked to school zones to conduct speeding/parking enforcements. Spoke of the HWP taskings involving JB Road and Wool Road taking into account the new development in the area. Cars are always tasked to Vincentia and Huskisson. With regard to Naval College Road JB – it is a very narrow winding road and the safety aspect of patrolling the road, HWP car turning around to chase a speeding vehicle, must be taken into consideration.</p> <p><i>From David Tarbert – Can we have more taskings at Sussex Inlet and Berrara – there are a lot of B-Double vehicles speeding along Sussex Inlet Road.</i></p>		Action: Sgt McManus for tasking meeting.

CRIME PRESENTATION

Inspector Broadhead

Crime Stats for April reporting Period

. B&E Dwelling - currently is an issue for the Command. There were 74 B&Es for the month which is 23% more than last month and the highest monthly total for the year. Nowra, Bomaderry and Worrigea are the top suburbs with 70% of all Command B&Es occurring in East Nowra. 62% occur during the hours of darkness and property targeted is that which is easily carried - cash/wallets, phones, ipods, laptops. Some good work has been done recently with Operation Spartan so this month should look better.

. B&E Non Dwelling – we were experiencing some problems with this crime category earlier in the year but we have pulled back over the last 6 months. 28% of all B&E are on Non Dwellings -, top suburbs are Nowra, South Nowra and Sussex Inlet. There were 3 incidents involving schools at Nowra, Culburra and Vincentia. 60% occur over weekends.

Had a good result with the arrest of an offender who had committed multiple offences in Milton. That offender is now in custody.

. Steal from Dwelling – there have been 10 incidents for the month, 4 of these incidents relate to theft of cash from rooms in retirement villages. *Commander Murray commented that Retirement Villages need to take some ownership of their internal security measures.*

. Steal from motor Vehicle – is a problem throughout the whole eastern seaboard – Wollongong, Lake Illawarra, Shoalhaven and Far South Coast LACs all experiencing problems. Top suburbs are Nowra, North Nowra and small spikes in Ulladulla and Sanctuary Point. 20% of incidents occur during daylight – is an opportunistic crime – people leaving cars unlocked. Property stolen includes cash, laptops, GPS, ipods and phones. 5 offenders were charged last month.

. Retail Theft - Mainly confined to Nowra sector. Targetted premises are supermarkets and liquor stores. The Command is running Retail Theft Operations in conjunction with retail stores which has resulted in a number of good arrests. Thursday night is the peak period.

. The Command has come out of the summer period into the quieter winter time - . From now until August we will be conducting Operation Toad which is an operation to target B&E and Steal from MV. Is a Region Operation with OSG involvement from this Command and neighbouring Commands. Will also involve officers from TAG, CMU HWP and Dets.

Question from John Kinsey – Are the CCTV cameras in the CBD still operating.

Broadhead – Yes. They are a great tool to assist investigators in establishing if known offenders are seen in the vicinity of B&E incidents.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Superintendent Murray

. Most crime categories have shown a decline in volume.

. Command morning meetings have undergone a structural change – Ulladulla and Huskisson are linked into the meeting via conference phone so timely updates can be relayed to and from the sectors. Also HWP can be contacted during the meeting whilst they are on Patrol so they can be informed of latest crime updates.

. The recent 150th Celebrations were excellent. We had a great response from Council – the flags along the highway and across the bridge we very well received. The Open Day at the Berry Police Station was well supported – was a good opportunity for old Police uniforms and items of interest to be displayed and for community members to be entertained by the Police Band and have a look at some of our modern vehicles and equipment. Coupled with the Awards Ceremony and the Opening of the Old Police Station Museum Display the 150th celebrations proved to be a major community event.

. I attended the Berry Probus Meeting in June and spoke to members and I will be also attending the Bomaderry Meeting in June.

. We now have 2 Detectives working out of Ulladulla Station and also have a Licensing Officer at Ulladulla and 4 Highway Patrol Officers. In a couple of weeks Inspector John Behrendt Duty Officer will also be working his day shifts at Ulladulla, at least 1 day per week.

. Ulladulla Station underwent \$200,000 renovations recently.

. From the last lass coming from the College we received 3 Probationary Constable who will in time be rotating through Ulladulla and Huskisson.

. Operation Toad commenced 18 May – targeting anti social behavior. Officers will be conducting vehicle pull overs.

. Eyewatch Project was marketed through the Open Day at Berry. It is one avenue to get message across – some good information has come through it.

. Have had good media support from Adam Strainey 2ST. Very supportive of Police.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Item	Discussion	Response/Action
David Tarbert <i>Eyewatch Project</i>	David commented that Frank Flannigan from Sussex Inlet has sent numerous emails to the Command via eyewatch but has not had any response or feedback. His contact number is 44411267	Commander Murray advised he would have Constable Duade Paton look into this. Action: Commander Murray and Con Paton In the future would like to see a couple of closed groups formed to liaise with Constable Paton. Otherwise the Command is running reasonably well.
John Kinsey and David Tarbert <i>Graffiti, B&E and Anti Social</i>	Community Meeting conducted last night – well attended with about 50 people attending and Insp Stynes and Sen Con Chatfield. One of the things coming from Meeting was the lack of reporting of	From Commander Murray – need to get the message out to community of the importance of reporting all crime. Perhaps

<p><i>Behaviour Sussex Inlet</i></p>	<p>incidents to Police because people are scared to report.</p>	<p>community newsletter. Also speak to key people Insp Stynes, Sen Con Schippers and Sen Con Chatfield</p> <p>Advised that during the month of May Operation Austrans will be conducted targeting heavy vehicles. Police work with RTA doing roadworthy checks, licenses and log books. Police also will be doing speeding enforcement.</p>
<p><i>Correspondence received at Shoalhaven Command</i></p>	<p>Over the past couple of months numerous letters have been received from Shelley Hancock, Gareth Ward and Community Groups requesting Police address anti social behaviour and traffic problems in areas such as Egans Lane, Cambewarra Village, Callala Bay, Ulladulla, Bangalee, Sussex Inlet and Sanctuary Point.</p>	<p>From Commander Murray – we will look at extending membership to these community groups in future CSPC Meetings (if not already on invitee list) so they can take Policing information back to community members.</p>
<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>		
<p>Brian Richardson <i>Operation of Ulladulla Police Station</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Can we have longer night time opening hours at Ulladulla Police Station? . Have had concerns raised about people attending the Police station during the day only to find it closed. Can we have an administrative person rostered there 5 days per week. . Concern that only 1 response car available in Ulladulla area. 	<p>From Commander Murray - Ulladulla station is manned until 2am in the morning. If crime trends indicate the finish time for GDs can range from 2-4am. During the summer period with extra staff allocated to Ulladulla – finishing time is pushed through to have station manned 24 hours. The exists potential to have HWP officers start early at 5am to get them on the road patrols early.</p> <p>With regard to Ulladulla station being closed during the day – Pat Bevan is at the station 5 days a week from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. If station was unattended it may have been that she was at the post office for a short time or recently she was on leave and unfortunately we do not have the admin staff to replace her.</p> <p>Sgt McManus advised that all HWP sections are now under control of the Traffic and HWP Command based in Sydney. They do centralized taskings which allows for more out of area officers to be tasked to problem areas and more resources. However the Shoalhaven HWP still remains under Commander Murray and will attend Ulladulla on mass should a situation warrant.</p>
<p>John Kinsey <i>Motorised bikes</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Was raised at meeting last night – what are the rules regarding motorized bikes? There are a number of them driving around Sussex Inlet. 	<p>Sgt McManus – the motor must be under 200 watts and the main source of power be pedal power. If greater than that they must be registered and insured. Police</p>

David Tarbert
Notice of Reward signs

. Raised idea of placing Reward signs in shop windows in the Sussex Inlet area. This program is currently operating in the Jindabyne area with Council being the responsible body. Rewards of \$1,000 for information leading to conviction of offender for graffiti, vandalism etc. Local Sussex Inlet businesses have indicated they are willing to provide the reward monies.

General discussion on how this would work, who would be responsible for collecting monies, holding monies and following up with Police re offenders charged, put through Courts and convicted and then payment of reward.

. Could we please have the Command Crime Prevention Van attend Sussex Inlet –on a regular basis. Community members may be more likely to report crime to the van.

Bill Seelis
Celtic Festival Berry

. Expect 4,000 - 5,000 visitors to the town. Can we please have a Police presence. Highway will be closed 9.30am to 10.30 am.

. There have been approaches from community - why no pedestrian crossing in Berry, only pedestrian refuge? Checks made with RTA who stated “no pedestrian crossings on the highway” however Milton has one!

No further general business - Commander thanked all for attendance.

Meeting closed 12:00 pm. Next Meeting Tuesday 4th September 2012.

can take action. For pushbikes – if rider is over 12 years of age , the rules are that the bike must be ridden on the road, however Police use discretion to enforce this as sometimes it is safer to ride on footpath. All riders must wear an approved helmet. Motorised scooters must be registered and insured.

Commander Murray raised concerns regarding legitimacy of Police being involved in the process. David Tarbert to prepare sample sign with who they see as being the responsible agency and Commander Murray will obtain advising from Police Public Affairs.

Action: David Tarbert and Commander Murray

Commander Murray advised the van is usually utilized in conjunction with Community Events however keep raising it with us and depending on what’s happening at the time we will endeavour to get CPO Sen Con Chapman and van out to the area.

From Sgt McManus – Police have been tasked to attend.

Sgt McManus advised that Council looks after pedestrian crossings. With regard to the Milton crossing - this was erected many years ago and now every long weekend it becomes a real traffic problem with pedestrians crossing like “brown’s cows” causes major traffic jams. The solution is to have traffic lights installed .