

**REPORT OF MEETING
AREA CO-ORDINATORS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
HELD AT GOSFORD POLICE STATION
SATURDAY 14 May, 2011.**

Time Commenced: 9.30am

Present: Bonnie Hawkins and Josi Fudge (Copacabana), Alison Bird (Wyoming/North Gosford), Peter Pauling (Kariong), Betty Shelton (Erina), Martin Wellington (St Huberts Island), Johan Luidens (Green Point), Eric Russell (Brentwood Village), Dennis Bill (Kincumber), Ruth Ross (Kincumber).

Apologies: Sue Edwards (Terrigal),

Welcome: All Co-ordinators and Progress Association members welcomed by S/Cst Corina Hassett.

Previous Minutes: Noted. Sent via email or in post.

Business Arising: S/Cst Hassett advised that the Youth Liaison Officer has attended Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Meetings. S/Cst Hassett further advised that the School Liaison Officer, as well as the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer would also be available to attend meetings in the NHW areas if requested. In particular, the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer could attend on or around White Ribbon Day.

The Community Engagement Program will be organised to attend the Wyoming Shopping Centre again and with the possible inclusion of the LAC mobile van.

General Business:

Crime Statistics:

S/Cst Hassett reminded those present that monthly crime stats are readily available from <http://www.aic.gov.au> and <http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au> (NB: these are hyperlinked for easy access). Further, that these stats and links may be included in the NHW newsletters. It should be noted however that the figures on-line are not as current as those given out at the meetings. The statistics given out at the meeting are current and are made available at the discretion of the Commander.

S/Cst Hassett advised that from the taskings 1st week of May overall the figures indicate:

Assaults have increased by **2**,

Break and Enters have increased by **4**,

Stealing (either from personal or premises) has increased by **8**,

Malicious Damage has dropped by **5**.

The top ten suburbs in order of main focus of incidents are:

1 Gosford	5 Terrigal	9 Green Point
2 Woy Woy	6 Wyoming	10 Narara
3 Umina Beach	7 Kincumber	
4 Erina	8 Springfield	

Crime Statistics: (Cntd)

Following incidents at Kariong the Highway Patrol has been more active around that area. This includes patrolling the Kariong Shopping Centre, Youth Centre, Reserve and local Service Stations. Patrols have also been increased around the women's refuge at Kariong following reports of a prowler. Additional areas that have required increased patrols include Terrigal CBD on Fridays and Saturday nights as well as the beach front and the Esplanade. There have been reports of squatters frequenting abandoned premises in Margin Street, Gosford. Pioneer Park at Point Frederick is also an area which has maintained patrols due to continued activity.

- **Community Safety Precinct Committee (CSPC):** CSPC meeting held 21 March 2011. Acting Crime Manager Goddard gave the COMPASS review and spoke on recent crime trends. Most noticeable was the ongoing Break and Enter offences. Intelligence reports indicate that although arrests have been made there is still a high BES rate overall. The next CSPC meeting will be held on 20 June 2011 at 10am Gosford Police Station.
- **Community Engagement Program:** S/Cst Hassett advised that a number of locations have benefited from this program this year. These include Wyoming, Gosford, Copacabana, Lisarow, Kariong and Woy Woy. Overall there was a good reaction by the local communities involved. Comments across the table indicated that this is a good initiative where the Police have good exposure and where residents can come forward to raise different issues. S/Cst Hassett indicated here that this Program will be re-visited at Wyoming, Green Point, Kincumber and Umina.
- **Operation Unite:** This national operation is an ongoing program currently underway targeting anti-social behaviour relating to alcohol and anti social behaviour. Around 250 arrests were made on the first night in NSW.
- **Customer Service Surveys:** S/Cst Hassett advised that the completed forms have been returned and the results for St Hubert's Island collated. The results will be given to residents in the next St Hubert's newsletter. In addition all victims of Break and Enter have been given the same survey and again there has been a good response S/Ct Hassett advised that the general response from the public was generally positive.
- **NHW and Internet:** Guidelines have been provided over the Internet to NHW areas. There are a number of points which need clarification and S/Cst Hassett advised she will attend to this.
- **NHW Australasia magazine:** (Made available to all present at this meeting).



Report of Area Coordinators:

Kariong – (Peter)

- There are parking issues at the shopping centre car park in Kariong. S/Cst Hassett advised that this should be brought to the notice of the shopping centre management and Council for their attention to make signs clearer.
- There are a number of unregistered trail bikes still being ridden around the area. S/Cst Hassett advised that the Highway Patrol is aware and that they also have trail bikers to counter this issue.

St Hubert's Island – (Martin)

- Martin advised that the previous notification of a cab driver being stopped by the police in Kariong has been resolved.
- There has been a letter written by the residents regarding the issue of young drivers' car racing on the Island. S/Cst Hassett is passing this information on to Highway Patrol.

Copacabana – (Josi)

- Josi passed on thanks to the Youth Liaison Officer who attended the NHW meeting. Unfortunately there was a low attendance at the meeting even though it was widely advertised.
- There has been an incident of harassment and intimidation against a resident who had their door smashed by a skateboard rider.
- There have been incidents of abandoned cars in the area. S/Cst Hassett advised that Council should be contacted in this regard and the contact number is **4325 8473**.
- There has been more graffiti on rock face wall and surf club and this will be removed by Council.
- Josi commented that the NHW Guidelines which were posted on the Internet was a good idea.
- The customer survey which has been prepared by the Police will be distributed with the next NHW newsletter.

Copacabana – (Bon)

- Still ongoing concerns re anti-social behaviour and drinking on the foreshore, as well as camping.
- The graffiti has been bad and this has been discussed at the NHW meetings. Rotary is prepared to help with the clean-up.
- There have been incidents of littering in the Motel lane created by the workmen who are involved with laying the foundation to the Motel. They have been approached and asked to contain the rubbish.
- The restaurant has now been closed permanently.

Wyoming/North Gosford – (Alison)

- Alison advised she now has a changed email address.

- There was a recent break-in at premises in Berry's Head Road which led to a lot of damage.
- There are ongoing problems with the caravan park at Wyoming.
- There was an incident of an attempted break and enter at a home where the resident was asleep in the home at the time.
- There is an on going issue with youths drinking in the paddock area adjacent to Brooks Avenue.
- Graffiti is still ongoing. Council is very good at responding to removal of graffiti when advised.
- A Graffiti Action Day is proposed for 15 May where the local community will have a clean-up. Previous days like this have been well supported.
- Alison asked that thanks be given to officers who attended an incident at Katandra reserve which involved her son. Advised to write letter to the command so notification can be made on the officers service registers for good police work.

Green Point – (Johan)

- The occurrences of vandalism at the shopping centre are still occurring.
- There is also anti-social behaviour in the area.
- The owner of a parked trailer full of rubbish who was asked to remove or clean up the offending matter abused the nearby resident. S/Cst Hassett advised here that if the resident involved wished to contact her, she would make a record of the incident.

Brentwood Village – (Eric)

- Brentwood is still in receivership and a legal action is in train, so the sale of the Village has not occurred.
- The occupancy rate is low and now dropped by about 50%. The condition of the properties in the Village has been allowed to run down.
- Residents are still extremely concerned regarding the number of empty villas and for their safety in this situation, particularly when there are unknown workmen around who are, apparently, leaving doors unlocked when exiting. This could possibly promote the likelihood of squatters if the knowledge of vacant villas becomes widespread.
- There were two break-ins which were reported to Police. In one instance the intruder cut the screen while the resident was at home. In the other, a person scaled a fence and veranda to gain entry but when disturbed fled the scene.

Dennis – (Kincumber)

- There are still trail bikes going around with no headlights and no registration plates. S/Cst Hassett advised that this information has been passed on to the Highway Patrol.
- There was an occurrence of a youth approaching a resident and intimidating her.
- Graffiti is still prevalent in the area.
- There have been found registration plates in the area. S/Cst Hassett advises that found plates should be returned immediately to the nearest Roads and Traffic Authority office to prevent offenders from using them in fail to pay for petrol offences.

Ruth – (Kincumber)

- There has been an increase in the number of break-ins and theft in the area. In particular the theft of a GPS and wallet.
- A car was stolen and dumped on Dunlop Hill.
- There have also been two break-ins at the local service station.
- There has also been an application for a shop and general store to have a liquor licence. Impact statement has been prepared due to concerns over enough liquor outlets already around in a small area.
- There have been a number of youths smoking and drinking in groups at the rear of buildings in the area.

Betty – (Erina)

- Betty expressed surprise that Erina was number four in the top ten of the tasking figure.
- Single female residents have been advised that as a deterrent to intruders to leave a pair of men's boots or shoes outside the front door.
- The issue of trolleys being left around is creating an eyesore and is still a common occurrence.

Meeting dates for 2011- 9.30am Saturdays

6th August 11

12th November 11.



Meeting Closed: 10.45am