



**Botany Bay LAC**  
**Community Safety Precinct Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2017**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	13/12/2017
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Mascot Police Station, Upstairs Training Room
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 p.m
<b>Chairperson</b>	Inspector Darrin Laing
<b>Apologies</b>	Commander McCusker

Police in attendance: Inspector Laing, Crime Coordinator Sgt. Cattell, Crime Prevention Officer Snr. Cst. Rebecca Leo, Intel Officer Snr. Cst. Rennae Nicholson,

Others in attendance: Crystal Balkan from Housing, Ron Cummins, Westfield Eastgardens Risk and Security Manager, and Steve Williams, Community Safety Officer with Bay Side City Council.

Minutes were taken by administrative officer, Alexandra Beynon.

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<p>Inspector Laing welcomed all present and provided an overview of the role of the Community Safety Precinct Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This meeting provides local community members to meet with police and discuss crime in the community, develop solutions to local crime, improve public safety, and raise understanding between policing and crime reduction.</li> </ul> <p>Snr. Cst. Rebcca Leo presented the presentation after Inspector Laing was finished welcoming everyone.</p>
<b>Current Issues</b>	<p>Steal From Dwelling (mail theft) is high within the NW Mascot area. This crime is increasing statewide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Crime prevention strategies being implemented are safety audits, letter box drops, BBLAC Facebook page sharing safety tips and Operations.</i></li> <li>• <i>DA (Development applications): Building Applications submitted to build new buildings (commercial and residential) and also renovations.</i></li> <li>• <i>Police and council add DA recommendations, examples for mail boxes to be built internally, shrubs trimmed low for street visibility (no hiding places for offenders) and CCTV to cover this area.</i></li> <li>• NW Mascot is experiencing Break And Enter (Dwelling) including underground garages, due to the development of residential and commercial properties.</li> <li>• <i>Crime prevention strategies being implemented are letter box</i></li> </ul>

*drops re safety tips, safety audits and patrolled taskings.*

*BB Intel Unit gather Information then pass onto Officers who are then tasked to go to certain locations at certain times in order to carry out proactive policing duties.*

- *Proactive policing includes: move on directions, person searches and HVP (High visibility patrols) on foot or in a marked Police car.*
- *Crime prevention strategies being implemented are increased shoplifting operations, more Loss Prevention Officers utilised by businesses, better quality CCTV, Facebook circulation of suspects and Security Audits carried out.*
- **Shoplifting Operations** *involve plain clothes Police attending retail locations targeting offenders. These operations run regularly and will increase during busier times of the year (School holidays/Christmas period)*
- *CPO can carry out a **Security Audit** in Business and Residential settings, by identifying the repeated crime pattern, then looking at different strategies using CPTED, and putting recommendations in place that are cost effective, and result in crime reduction.*

**CPTED** – Crime prevention through environmental design.

1. We look at what the problem / problems are.
2. We gather information such as conditions and factors that contribute to opportunities for crime.
3. We put strategies and or proactive measures in place tailored to suit the problem and location, and also make recommendations, (which can involve community input).
4. We see results.

*Eg A Chemist has reported several thefts over the last two weeks, Main item being vitamins. CPO attends and observes vitamins stocked in last aisle (Register located on opposite side of store) and shelving / aisles between last aisle and register are above head height – obstructing sightlines. A recommendation would be to lower shelving so employees can have clear sights of all customers over shelving.*

**Domestic violence, malicious damage & stealing offences prominent in Botany.**

*Crime prevention strategies being implemented include DV Suspect Targeting Management Plan (STMP) operation, monitoring, taskings, letter box drops on home safety awareness and safety audits.*

- *DV STMP operations are run regularly and involve Police visits to offenders home, talking to both the offender and victim ensuring victim's needs are being met and offenders*

are complying with their AVO conditions.

- *Target Action Management Plan for DV offenders consist of each unit within the BBLAC managing recidivist DV offenders. A case is created for each offender. Each unit will visit their nominated offenders house on a regular basis and once again make sure they are complying with their AVO conditions and also make them aware they are being monitored. The offenders cases are updated regularly with the results of monitoring activities.*

Intelligence Officer Snr. Cst. Renae Nicholson presented the crime trends in the PAC since the last meeting.

Side Notes:

- Steal from Person (SFP) consists of any person taking something off another person within arm's reach.
- Other steals include things like stealing a bike of a veranda or a pot plant from a front garden.
- Assaults usually fall under Domestic Violence situations, Alcohol fuelled patrons at / or around licenced premises" and road rage assaults have been on the rise recently.
- SFMV were on the rise over the last 3-month period, but they appeared to be the same few offenders over the course of 2 or 3 nights.
- The higher rates of crime in Mascot are attributed to the continuous movement of people around the train station.
- Pagewood generally has a low crime rate, however there was an armed robbery at a newsagency not long ago.
- Assaults have slightly gone up in Eastlakes.

Incidents over previous 3 month period:

- **Banksmeadow:** Steal from Dwelling (1), Steal from Motor Vehicle (2), Assault (1), Malicious Damage (1), and Stolen Motor Vehicle (1), Break and Enter (3), Fraud (9)
- **Botany:** Assault (15), Stolen Motor Vehicle (3), Malicious Damage (16), Steal from Motor Vehicle (6), Other Steal (6).
- **Daceyville:** Assault (4), Break and Enter (4), Malicious Damage (8), Robbery (1), and Steal from Dwelling (1).
- **Eastgardens:** Assault (6), Break and Enter (1), Fraud (8), Mal Damage (8), SFMV (1), Other Steal (8), and Steal from Retail (82).
- **Eastlakes:** Assault (16), Break and Enter (1), Fraud (5), Mal Damage (6), Other Steal (4), SFP (5), SFMV (1), SFD (2), and SFR (1)
- **Hillsdale:** Steal Motor Vehicle (2), Assault (8), Malicious Damage (5), Steal from Retail (10), SFMV (2), Other Steal (2), SFD (2).
- **Mascot:** Assault (22), Break and Enter (11), SMV (9), Fraud (25) Malicious Damage (15), Robbery (5), SFP (8), SFR (2),

		<p>Other Steal (45), SFMV (14), and SFD (1).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Pagewood:</b> Assault (2), Break and Enter (2), Fraud (3), Robbery (1), SFMV (3). and SMV (1).</li> </ul> <p><b>Proactivity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Person searches, Move On's, Drug Detections have been running throughout the past three months.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Vehicle pulled over for speeding; had a cancelled licence.</li> <li>2) Drug effected man cautioned after coming across him. He had possession of a green leaf substance.</li> <li>3) Man approached for riding a bike without a helmet, was found with stolen credit cards.</li> </ol> <p><b>Comparison between the July/Sept and Oct/Dec period:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All aspects of crime were down except stealing from a retail store.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Engagements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Senior Men's Group Visit.</li> <li>- Wing Gap Visit.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Delegated Actions</b></p>	<p><b>Crime Prevention Tips for Small Businesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural surveillance (Clear sight lines / ability to be seen through the naked eye). Eg. Can you be seen from outside? Landscaping trimmed low to prevent visual obstruction.</li> <li>• Access &amp; Control CCTV / Lighting / gates / barriers / Locks.</li> <li>• Territorial Reinforcement Public/private space obvious. Eg. Cash register area concealed and off limits to customers. Have clear signage "Premises under CCTV surveillance".</li> </ul> <p><b>Ongoing Crime Prevention Targets and Strategies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular Shoplifting Operations (Plain clothes)</li> <li>• Operation JAT – Juvenile Truancy</li> <li>• Crime Prevention Operations including safety audits for businesses and residential premises. Weekly community engagements (Crime prevention stall)</li> <li>• Licensing Operation – Licensed venues targeting alcohol related crime and anti-social activity.</li> <li>• High Visibility / Covert Operations</li> <li>• Pawn Shop Audit</li> </ul>

	<b>Date for next meeting</b>	To be decided at a later date.
	<b>Closure of meeting</b>	Inspector Laing thanked all present for the valuable time and contribution to Botany Bay LAC Community Safety Precinct meeting and invited everyone to have something to eat and drink and to continue discussions with others present before leaving.  Meeting concluded at 2:45pm.