

MINUTES - SAFER COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (SCAT)
23rd FEBRUARY 2016
HELD AT SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL – JERVIS BAY ROOM (LEVEL 3)

Present:

Lili Hutchinson (Chairperson)	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Debbie Holmes	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Alan Blackshaw	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Margaret Simoes	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Donna Corbyn	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Dennis Williams	-	Sanctuary Point Concerned Citizens Newsletter
Kate Williams	-	Sanctuary Point Concerned Citizens Newsletter
Ralph Bristow	-	Gambling Impact Society
Anne Hollis-Coates	-	Orient Point Progress
Penny Espinoza	-	North Nowra Neighbourhood Centre Management Committee
Carol Thomas	-	Department Juvenile Justice
Detective Inspector Mark Robinson	-	Crime Manager – Shoalhaven Local Area Command
Ron Witz	-	Nowra East Pride
Jenny Rich	-	North Nowra Pride
Graham Connolly	-	Community Representative – Jerrinja Orient Point
Clr Mark Kitchener	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Allen Kruse	-	Sanctuary Point Community Pride
Sergeant Kevin Henry	-	Shoalhaven Local Area Command
Sue Davies	-	YWCA NSW
Chris Wright	-	Southern Cross Community Housing

Apologies:

Clr Amanda Findley	-	Shoalhaven City Council
The Hon Shelley Hancock	-	Member for South Coast
Jane Lewis	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Clr Allan Baptist	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Robyn Edwards	-	Department of Community Services
Helen Waterhouse	-	Shoalhaven City Community
Penni Wild	-	Southern Cross Community Housing

Sharon O'Brien	-	Department Corrective Services
Ben Stewart	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Carmel Krogh	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Michael Jarmin	-	Shoalhaven City Council
Craig Milburn	-	Shoalhaven City Council

Meeting opened at 2pm with Lili Hutchinson (Chairperson) welcoming attendees and inviting introductions.

Minutes of Previous Minutes

Accepted

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Shoalhaven City Council – CCTV

Nowra CCTV CBD upgrade is currently in tender process and Junction Street cameras are to be replaced with funding from Safer Streets Federal Grant (Proceeds of Crime).

Two applications have been lodged the first application is for:

- Two cameras for Bomaderry
- Two cameras for Sanctuary Point
- A microwave link between Sanctuary Point and Shoalhaven City Council Administration Building Nowra
- Mobile Portable CCTV

The second application is for:

- Fibre optic infrastructure to be implemented from Nowra Aquatics Centre to Shoalhaven City Council Administration Building Nowra, then further optic fibre from Shoalhaven City Council Administration Building Nowra to Shoalhaven Local Area Command – Nowra Police Station
- Eight CCTV cameras to be installed around Nowra Bridge pedestrian walk ways

General Business

Shoalhaven Local Area Command

- Summer Safe – Five extra Police from the Southern Region were recruited into the Shoalhaven Local Area Command during the summer safe period. This year's summer period was good in relation to previous summer periods. There was one assault at Huskisson on New Year's Eve and anti-social behaviour was not as bad as previous years.

- Drug dog patrols were undertaken in licenced premises over the summer period.
- Aggravated break and enters while someone is home has been a problem. A few victims have been elderly people. Three arrests have been made which has caused these break and enters to now decline.
- Arrest was made of a male offender who attempted to rob a 60 year old man in Nowra. The offender has been charged and bail has been refused.
- Retail theft has been a problem in the CBD, Stocklands and East Nowra. A group of young people have been identified with three young girls being charged.
- Steal from dwelling is opportunistic with items such as push bikes, lawn mowers etc being left out in the front yards of premises.
- Steal from motor vehicle is opportunistic with vehicles being left unlocked or valuables visible in the vehicle, windows are smashed to get the valuables.
- Fraud fail to pay for petrol are followed up individually. Stolen credit cards are being used as soon as possible with pay wave or are being traded or sold for drugs. CCTV is being good in identifying persons using stolen credit cards.
- Alcohol related crime is seeing licencee's or security being abused.
- Drink driving and burn outs have been targeted.
- Once every six week period the major crime for that period is being targeted.

Action Team

An action team works on projects together. Bringing issues to the table at quarterly meetings is essential as is identifying a Community with great need and assisting it towards its goals.

- Sanctuary Point Newsletter (excellent resource)
- Nowra East Pride (need more locals and services to assist)
- North Nowra Pride (need more locals and services to assist)

These are a few examples of Communities in need of development and building. Assisting Communities will alleviate pressure on service providers, Council and emergency personnel. Developing Communities will make the Shoalhaven a more cohesive region. A substantial decrease in violence and anti-social behaviour will occur in the wake of a Connected Community.

Crime Prevention Plan

Shoalhaven City Council is in the process of updating the Crime Prevention Plan comments can be emailed to Council before the 11/3/16.

Neighbour Day

Neighbour Day is Sunday 27th March 2016 your event can be registered at www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/My-Community/Neighbour-Day. Neighbour Day is

about just being neighbourly and enjoying a get together with your neighbours. It is not a Neighbour Watch group, although it is a main component of the Crime Prevention Plan. Knowing your neighbours and breaking down barriers.

Nowra East Pride

Nowra East Pride held a meeting at the Nowra East Public School on the 4th March 2016. Many people attended the meeting with a lot of issues and concerns discussed.

Meeting outcomes:

- A Neighbour Day event will be held on the 10th April 2015 in Douglas Street East Nowra with a clean up of the park as well on that day.
- Walking Group will be starting up.
- Phone contact list/neighbour tree created for better communication amongst neighbours.
- The forward direction is to be with a positive outlook and the plan is to build the Community without focussing on the perpetrators.
- The Housing Forum for residents will be held on Wednesday 16th March 2016 at 3:30pm to ask questions and to gain knowledge on how to deal with situations arising from social housing areas. Southern Cross Housing, FACS and East Nowra Neighbourhood Centre will be in attendance.
- Meetings for East Nowra Pride will be held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Nowra East Primary school. The next meeting is the 5th April 2016.

North Nowra Pride

North Nowra Pride are organising a Neighbour Day event at the Community Centre for a neighbourly get together and 2st will advertise the event on behalf of the group.

People are voicing concerns of attacks in the area and it may be an idea for the group to contact the Police Crime Prevention Officer to address a meeting.

Meeting Outcomes:

- Neighbour Day event to be held 3rd April 2016 - 1:30pm - 3:30pm at the North Nowra Community Centre (Hood Cl), BYO picnic, chair and blanket. There will be music, art and entertainment
- Wellness Fair 3rd July 2016 - 10am - 2pm. Focus on health and wellness practitioners in North Nowra area.
- North Nowra Tuesday Walkers is a walking group started by Jenny Rich through the Heart Foundation.

Sanctuary Point Concerned Citizens – Dennis Williams

Thank you to Donna Corbyn in achieving the skate park at Erowal Bay this has helped to keep children off the streets.

Friday at Sanctuary Point was a person with a knife threatening the Chinese restaurant and also a streets ice cream van. Dennis would like to know if CCTV picked this incident up.

The cricket club was targeted with vandalism and also taking lollies and cakes.
North Nowra Pride – Jenny Rich

Two people were attacked on Riverview Road. An elderly gentleman was attacked by 9, 11 & 13 year old boys, children seem to be instigating attacks in the area. The Police are currently investigating.

Residents are encouraged to phone Police for assistance.

Gambling Impact Society – Ralph Bristow

The ABC Ka-Ching Pokie Nation shows how the pokie machines are programmed for addiction.

Shoalhaven Local Area Command

Superintendent Joe Cassar has moved onto Wollongong. Announcement maybe made this week as to who the new Local Area Commander will be.

Nowra East Pride - Ron Witz

Nowra East Pride group will be holding their first meeting in the next two weeks. The group would like to see Police on pushbikes patrolling the area around East Nowra.

The group would like the some more of the 'No Valuables Left in Vehicle' cards which Shoalhaven City Council in partnership with the Police have produced. These cards will handed out around the East Nowra area by the group.

Southern Cross Community Housing - Chris Wright

Alex Pontello has been appointed new CEO of Southern Cross Community Housing.

If Police have any problems with tenants or properties of Southern Cross Community Housing please contact them to discuss.

YWCA NSW - Sue Davies

Sue requested a commitment from Shoalhaven City Council to continue to support the Domestic Violence Committee which meets the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Shoalhaven City Council – Donna Corbyn

Shoalhaven City Council and Sanctuary Point Community Pride Inc. partnered to submit a Community Safety Funding application to the NSW Department of Justice, Category Community Infrastructure to support delivery of social crime prevention programs. Activating public spaces, such as sports field, parks, cultural venues, and recreation and community facilities through installation of new infrastructure to promote safe and inclusive use of public space; for \$250 thousand to create a Youth & Community Play Safe Zone at Francis Ryan Reserve, Sanctuary Point. Successful applications and submissions will be announced in March 2016.

Sanctuary Point Community Pride - Allen Kruse

The Sanctuary Point Youth Club and Homework Room is opening on Monday and is available for Year 6 – Year 12 students in the Bay & Basin Area. The area that is being used is an unused part of the St Georges Basin Country Club and there is no access from the room to the club. The youth club and homework room is fully supported by the St Georges Basin Country Club and the Bendigo Bank.

Shoalhaven City Council – Margaret Simoes

The IN MEMORY exhibition was launched in 2014 at Shoalhaven City Arts Centre. The exhibition recognised Aboriginal service men and women of the Shoalhaven and their contributions to Australia's Defence Forces. A modified version of the original exhibition is now a permanent display at Nowra RSL Sub-Branch.

Nowra Youth Centre will be sponsoring the Aboriginal Youth Leadership camp in April this year. It is envisaged that the youth participants will establish a forum that would enable them to develop as leaders and engage in community development.

Shoalhaven City Council – Clr Mark Kitchener

As an elected member it is interesting to get the facts and perspective from the Police in relation to crime statistics in the area.

Orient Point Progress – Anne Hollis-Coates

An update on the progress of the possible Swimnasium was given.

Community Representative – Jerrinja Orient Point - Graham Connolly

Problem begins with kids, crime starts from home. The future to stop crime is educating kids. Crime from kids has increased over the past 5 – 10 years along with the use of alcohol and drugs.

Department Juvenile Justice - Carol Thomas

Youth programs are starting up where a young person leaves detention they are supported by a package for seven days to get enrolled at school.

Meeting Closed 3.10pm

**Next Meeting – 31st May 2016 – 2pm
Shoalhaven City Council
Jervis Bay Room – Level 3**