

HWCV General Meeting Minutes - 4 June 2007



Meeting commenced at 7.10pm with 14 persons present..

Apologies: Meg Bishop and Graeme Gibson, Kate Broadhurst, Alan Burrows, Sue Willis, Stephanie Knight, Gary Kelson, Peter Sutton, Paul Sutton

Leslie introduced Detective Inspector Glen Broadhead and Senior Constable Nick Drennan from the NSW Police. Glen is in charge of the Shoalhaven crime management unit (cmu) which includes the licensing unit. The cmu takes on community issues and responds to them. Its role is to make the environment as difficult as possible for criminals to operate. They have a pro-active style of operation. He spoke about the licensing unit and described how they operate tactically - "how to get the best bang for our buck". They can operate in plain clothes and use video cameras in covert operations. They are concerned about serious breaches eg under age drinking. They try to keep the trucks out as much as possible (try to minimise the use of police vehicles) and minimise harm to the Police. They have an enforcement policy direction in relation to licensed premises and

- can use a big stick if necessary.
- Focus is on alcohol related crime -70% of crime in Shoalhaven is alcohol related
- Tough stance on alcohol related crime
- Glen stressed that the Police "need the community to keep talking to us"- the information comes from the community - need to report all incidents- to enable the police to build up a dossier
- The police are understaffed and have to cover long distances eg Huskisson station covers Sussex Inlet.

Nick spoke about the quiet and good order of the neighbourhood being the responsibility of the publican. The licensing court can reduce hours of trading, impose conditions, can close a place down but need information. Nick emphasised that the police do have the power to address the issues. They place a high importance on community issues and commended HWCV for the law and order survey undertaken and the dialogue established with the police. The extension to the husky pub trading hours was discussed - the extension was approved by the Council and now the pub has to deal with the Licensing court. Submissions will be taken from the community and Nick will advise Steve Murphy when the hearing is due. Nick requested every bit of information that can be provided. (eg damage to signs at White Sands Park) The police have an MOU with the Council for information sharing. Premises cannot

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approval. If the hours are extended there is still an opportunity to monitor and lodge an appeal. Nick stated that his job is to reduce the amount of crime in our area. His phone number is 44219650. The Huskisson police station is staffed until 4.00am on weekends and 2.00am on weekdays and after these times police have to travel from Nowra. He stated that serving alcohol to intoxicated persons is an offence. Steve Murphy and Allan Burrows can relay any issues from HWCV members as they communicating with Nick. Nick circulated data showing through the linking method that Huskisson has a high level of alcohol related crime and the Husky pub is rated at 3 – highest on the linking score list for a source of alcohol related crime.

Treasurers report - \$900 was paid to Jo (town planner) and current balance is \$613. Leslie suggested to draw the raffle at the July meeting. A movie night fund raiser is planned for August.

General Business

- the development proposal for Beach St was discussed. Suggestion made to write to Sartor –NSW Planning minister re heritage, stormwater, character and carparking – refer to DA 071650. (check this) – comes under DCP 71.
- RSL carpark – no further news except the plan will be on display for comment
- Leslie asked if the meeting supported a letter from Vincentia ratepayers expressing concern re the lack of height limits in the Jervis bay regional environment plan. The meeting agreed that this be circulated to the HWCV reference group for approval for HWCV to be co-signatories.