# Crime Prevention Committee Meeting

**Date:** Monday 14 March 2016  
**Venue:** Hartley Building  
**Time:** 4.00pm

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ITEM 1: PRESENT AND APOLOGIES


Apologies: Juli-Ann Brozek and Councillor Frank Inzitari

Officers: Matthew Johnson

Declaration of Interests: NIL

ACTION

THAT The present and apologies and declaration of interests be noted.

MOVED: Councillor McAndrew SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 14 December 2015 meeting were ratified by 3 committee members and will be reported to Council on 21 March 2016.

ACTION

THAT The ratification and reporting of the previous minutes to Council be noted.

MOVED: Councillor McAndrew SECONDED: Inspector Sammut

ITEM 3: BUSINESS ARISING FROM 14 DECEMBER 2015 MINUTES

NIL

ITEM 4: INFORMATION SHARING ON INCIDENCE OF LOCAL CRIMES

The committee discussed how information on shoplifting, malicious damage, graffiti and street offences can be quickly shared between the Police and business owners to facilitate early arrests. The Committee was advised that the Police currently post CCTV images onto facebook as a means of getting the
community to identify suspects and are willing to share information with business owners, provided it does not involve sensitive issues or juveniles. The Police also agreed to attend a Lithgow District Chamber of Commerce meeting to discuss these matters further.

**ACTION**

**THAT** The discussion of information sharing between the Police and business owners be noted.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew  SECONDED: Danny Whitty

**ITEM 5: CRIME INCIDENTS IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK**

The Mayor advised that she has received numerous calls from people neighbouring Queen Elizabeth Park regarding anti-social behaviour in the park, including a recent fire. Council staff were asked to investigate the installation of movement sensor lighting, the upgrade of CCTV cameras and to letterbox neighbouring residents encouraging them to report all incidents promptly to the Police.

The Committee also discussed reports of anti-social behaviour near the Wallerawang skate park and Memorial Hall.

**ACTION**

**THAT:**

1. The discussion on anti-social behaviour in Queen Elizabeth Park and Wallerawang be noted.
2. Council staff investigate the installation of movement sensor lighting and the upgrade of CCTV cameras in Queen Elizabeth Park and letterbox neighbouring residents encouraging them to report all incidents to the Police.

MOVED: Wayne Turner  SECONDED: Inspector Sammut

**ITEM 6: INCREASING NUMBERS OF HOMELESS PERSONS TRAVELLING TO LITHGOW**

The committee was advised of the increasing number of homeless people arriving by train in Lithgow. This appears to be a result of a large increase in homelessness in Sydney and that the train to Lithgow is perceived as safer than sleeping on the streets in Sydney. Most homeless people travelling to Lithgow appear to be spending only a short time here before returning to Sydney by train although there have been occasional incidents of trouble.
It is likely that once the unseasonably warm weather ends there will be less homeless people travelling to Lithgow.

ACTION

THAT The discussion of homeless people travelling to Lithgow be noted.

MOVED: Danny Whitty SECONDED: Inspector Sammut

ITEM 7: POLICE REPORT

The Police representatives reported on the number of recorded incidents for the period December 2015-February 2016. The Police further advised that there were no fatal motor vehicle incidents during this period.

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<td>Break and Enter (dwelling)</td>
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<td>Break and Enter (non-dwelling)</td>
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<td>Malicious damage</td>
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<td>Assaults</td>
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<td>Domestic Violence</td>
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<td>Stolen Motor vehicles</td>
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<td>Police searches</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>31</td>
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ACTION

THAT The discussion on the number of recorded incidents for the period December 2015-February 2016 be noted.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew SECONDED: Johan Nilsson

ITEM 8: GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Emora Park: Inspector Sammut spoke of the very successful community BBQ’s being held in Emora Park that were helping to build connections between the Police and young people in particular.

2. Policing of Large Events: The Police advised that depending on event type and numbers, the Police will be moving to a user pays system for large events whereby the event organiser pays for some of the policing costs required for the event. This may in future apply to Ironfest, Halloween and LithGlo.
3. Danny Whitty thanked the Police for the way they responded to a recently reported incident in Wallerawang.

4. The Committee asked that committee members be provided with media stories around crime issues in the LGA with copies to be tabled at each meeting.

**ACTION**

**THAT:**
1. The discussion under General Business be noted.
2. Council staff investigate the provision of a basketball hoop in Emora Park.

**MOVED:**  Senior Constable Rose   **SECONDED:** Simon Schmitzer

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**Meeting Closed 4.55pm**

**NEXT Meeting**

Monday 20 June 2016 at 4.00pm in the Hartley Building