



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DELEGATE'S REPORT

13th March 2007

DR1	POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE TEAM (PACT)
FILE: 77	CLR JHB {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on attendance on behalf of the Mayor Councillor Betty Green at a meeting of PACT held at Port Macquarie on Friday 23rd February 2007.

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DESCRIPTION:

Matters included on the agenda were;

- **Release of Juvenile Offenders from Custody**

This matter has remained unresolved for several years with a Memorandum of Understanding between Juvenile Justice and Police still to be agreed upon.

- **Review of Crime Figures**

Whilst reports for the 12 months ending November 2006 indicated an overall improvement in the areas of Assaults, Break and Enter, Malicious Damage, Robbery, Stealing and Stolen Vehicle, the reports of the December – January period saw a continuation in improvement in Assaults, Malicious Damage, Stealing and Stolen Vehicles, with a slight increase in Break and Enter with Robbery stable.

Within the Macleay cluster 68% of reported crime occurs in Kempsey, 11% South West Rocks, 9% Gladstone, 8% Crescent Head and 4% Bellbrook.

The matter of Alcohol Free Zones versus Alcohol Prohibited Zones was raised however it appears the Police have no firm position in this regard.

The question was raised in respect to Police messages being scanned throughout the community and Superintendent advised that with the availability of digital schemes this problem could be overcome.

The next meeting will be held at Macksville on Tuesday 15th May 2007 at 12 midday.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the ongoing improvement in reported crime be referred to Macleay Development and Promotion Board.
2. That the Member for Oxley, Mr Andrew Stoner MP, be requested to make representations to the State Government to;
 - expedite the introduction of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Juvenile Justice and Police in respect to the release of juvenile offenders from custody
 - the provision of digital communications to country Police commands
 - review the appropriate legislation to allow the introduction of Alcohol Prohibited Zones into public places

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COUNCILLOR J H BOWELL