



## Minutes

**Crime Prevention Committee Meeting**  
**Date: Monday 19 February 2018**  
**Venue: Committee Room**  
**Time: 3:30pm**

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Present and Apologies
2	Previous Minutes
3	Business Arising from Previous Minutes
4	BOCSAR Quarterly Recorded Crime Statistics
5	Police Report
6	CCTV
7	General Business



**Improved lighting in Queen Elizabeth Park Lithgow**

This matter has been referred to Council's Operations Committee for consideration.

**ACTION**

**THAT**

The discussion on Business Arising from the previous minutes be noted.

**MOVED:** Sue Rose

**SECONDED:** Jeff Smith

**ITEM: 4 BOCSAR QUARTERLY RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS**

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**SUMMARY**

The latest NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to September 2017 was provided for the committee's consideration.

**COMMENTARY**

The BOCSAR Quarterly Crime Statistics report dated September 2017 gives the following data on Lithgow.

**1. Trends in recorded Criminal Incidents in Lithgow LGA for major offences over the 24 months to September 2017**

There was a 31.5% reduction in Break and Enter Dwelling offences and a 56.1% reduction in Steal from Motor Vehicle offences in the 24 months to September 2017.

**1. Ratio to NSW rate (per 100,000 population) of recorded criminal incidents for major offences for 12 months to September 2017.**

- Break And Enter Non- Dwelling were 2.0 times the NSW rate
- Lithgow rates of Robbery with a weapon not a firearm were 2.2 times the NSW rate

**2. Actual number of recorded criminal incidents in Lithgow LGA for major offences over 12 months to September 2017 compared to the 12 months to September 2016.**

	Actual Number of Recorded Offences Lithgow	
	12 months to September 2017	12 months to September 2016
<b>Murder</b>	0	2
<b>Assault (Domestic Violence Related)</b>	110	88

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	<b>Actual Number of Recorded Offences Lithgow</b>	
	<b>12 months to September 2017</b>	<b>12 months to September 2016</b>
<b>Assault (Non-Domestic Violence Related)</b>	117	128
<b>Sexual assault</b>	23	21
<b>Indecent assault etc.</b>	14	25
<b>Break And Enter Dwelling</b>	112	146
<b>Break And Enter Non-Dwelling</b>	61	89
<b>Motor vehicle theft</b>	38	58
<b>Steal From Motor Vehicle</b>	87	76
<b>Steal from retail store</b>	29	66
<b>Steal From Dwelling</b>	87	91
<b>Fraud</b>	119	150
<b>Malicious Damage</b>	297	299

The committee asked if BOCSAR LGA level data is available for crime sub-categories eg the individual offences within the fraud category. Council staff will investigate.

The committee also discussed the Tech Savvy Seniors training being run through the Library and if it could include cyber and financial security. Council staff will investigate.

**ACTION**

**THAT**

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to September 2017 be noted.

**MOVED:** Kath Compton                      **SECONDED:** Clr Goodwin

**ITEM: 5          POLICE REPORT**

**SUMMARY**

A report was provided by the Police on local crime and Policing activities.

**COMMENTARY**

Senior Constable Sue Rose provided the following report:

**Domestic Violence** - An average of 74% of alleged offenders in Lithgow District are charged by Police compared to a NSW average of 60%. This reflects local policing policy to charge rather than release alleged offenders.

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In the three month period November 2017 to January 2018 there were 111 reports of domestic violence – November 38, December 37 and January 36.

48% of these were found not to involve an offence, 15% involved physical assault and 15% a breach of AVO.

Many DV offences also involve damage to property.

In the three month period November 2017 to January 2018:

**Break and Enter dwelling and non-dwelling** offences were down.

**Alcohol related assault** – there were 9 offences, most being in the home.

**Malicious Damage** – there were 52 offences.

There was discussion on the Local Liquor Accord which has not met for some time. Council staff to contact Alan Beattie at Bathurst Police to discuss reforming the Accord.

Clr Goodwin spoke about policing policy in relation to homeless people. Homelessness is a social issue, not an offence and Police will only “move people on” when an offence is being committed.

**ACTION**

**THAT** The Police report be noted.

**MOVED:** Sue Rose

**SECONDED:** Kath Compton

**ITEM: 6      CCTV CAMERAS**

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**SUMMARY**

No update on current issues with CCTV cameras was available.

**COMMENTARY**

Council staff were asked to contact Lithgow Railway Station to see if CCTV in and around the station is working.

**ACTION**

**THAT**

The discussion on CCTV cameras be noted.

**MOVED:** Kath Compton

**SECONDED:** Danny Whitty

**ITEM: 7      GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**1. Lighting in Wallerawang**

Danny Whitty asked what could be done to improve the street lighting from Wallerawang School to James Parade and if bollards could be installed to prevent cars being parked on the footpath.

Council staff to investigate.

**2. 2018 Meeting Schedule**

The Committee resolved to meet during 2018 as follows from 3.30-4.30pm:

Monday 21 May 2018

Monday 20 August 2018

Monday 19 November 2018

**ACTION**

**THAT**

The discussion on General Business be noted.

**MOVED:**      Danny Whitty

**SECONDED:**      Mayor Lesslie

**Meeting Closed 4:30pm**

**Next Meeting**

**3.30pm Monday 21 May 2018**