

Of the twelve LAC crime statistics types - Wyong hot spots -The Entrance has six of the highest percentage of crime by incident type and clearly the highest percentage of crime in the LAC (9,257 incidents in total for 2010)

It is clear that the crime is in The Entrance and that is where the Police need to be. The Local Area Command also needs to be where the crime is and not relocated to Wyong.

Geocoding results for all incidents in the Wyong LGA, by offence type, 2010

Offence type		Geocoded to					Not geocoded*	Total
		Geocoded to a landmark	Geocoded to an address	Geocoded to an intersection	Geocoded to the street centroid	Geocoded to the suburb centroid*		
Assault - alcohol related	No.	32	552	96	84	50	0	814
	%	4	68	12	10	6	0	100
Assault - domestic violence related	No.	12	617	20	34	10	0	693
	%	2	89	3	5	1	0	100
Assault - non-domestic violence related	No.	125	406	198	168	101	0	998
	%	13	41	20	17	10	0	100
Break and enter - dwelling	No.	6	715	1	14	6	0	742
	%	1	96	0	2	1	0	100
Break and enter - non-dwelling	No.	50	301	29	117	31	0	528
	%	9	57	5	22	6	0	100
Graffiti	No.	146	245	33	63	10	0	497
	%	29	49	7	13	2	0	100
Malicious damage to property	No.	304	1,661	224	317	90	0	2,596
	%	12	64	9	12	3	0	100
Motor vehicle theft	No.	38	347	87	46	12	0	530
	%	7	65	16	9	2	0	100
Robbery	No.	5	20	26	10	6	0	67
	%	7	30	39	15	9	0	100
Steal from dwelling	No.	4	445	1	19	5	0	474
	%	1	94	0	4	1	0	100
Steal from person	No.	40	32	15	28	13	0	128
	%	31	25	12	22	10	0	100
Steal from motor vehicle	No.	90	817	122	129	32	0	1,190
	%	8	69	10	11	3	0	100
Total	No.	852	6,158	852	1,029	366	0	9,257
	%	9	67	9	11	4	0	100

* Incidents that are not geocoded or geocoded to the suburb centroid are not included in the hotspot analysis.

Less than 50% of incidents are geocoded to an address or landmark caution should be taken when viewing hotspots for this offence.

The Wyong Shire Council's State of the Shire report tells us that beside the high rate of Domestic Violence in the Shire, Sexual Assault, Indecent Assault, Break and Enter to Dwellings, Motor Vehicle Theft, Stealing from a Motor Vehicle, Stealing from a Dwelling and Malicious Damage are all above the NSW average rate per 100,000 population. (NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research 2009.)

- **how best to use the Police to protect and serve our community.**

Comment: The biggest reported crime in The Entrance is Malicious damage to property. It is not stated but TEPCP draws the conclusion from results of research that a high percentage of the incidents are alcohol related. (LAC crime statistics)

It would appear that the best use of resources would be to:

- Get out of their cars and actually inspect patrons in liquor premises to ensure the legal service of alcohol.
Feedback says:"The only problem we see is that we very seldom see police in Marine Parade or the car park and when we do they are in their vehicles and gone in a flash. Five years ago we would occasionally see them walking on the foot patrol through the area."
- Visible police presence at venues at closing time.
- Limit the number of retail liquor outlets (already 8 within a 2 mile radius in The Entrance Peninsula) – by more stringent conditions e.g. undertake impact study on the community with applications for liquor licences and/or outlets
- Program to reduce underage drinking and earlier closing times in hot problem areas such as hotels and clubs
- Educational program in schools aimed to discourage underage drinking and encourage responsible behaviour

- **the effectiveness of the current Local Area Command structure.**

Comment: *The Tuggerah LAC has one of the largest number of Police in the State. There may be better LAC boundaries that result in a more local police presence and faster responses in some areas.*

The Tuggerah Lakes Local Area Command's (LAC) Crime Prevention Officer, Senior Constable Murray Alcock on 20 July, 2010 in a presentation on an "Update on Law and Order" to TEPCP advised:

"The size of the command presents special difficulties to the Police. The social problems of Wyong Shire, headed by high unemployment, low income families, and poor education outcomes was highlighted when Murray explained that Tuggerah Lakes LAC was number two in the State when it came to Domestic Violence. Domestic Violence is a very time consuming activity for Police and limits their ability to always respond to calls in a timely manner."

- **Police numbers including alternative measures on strength.**

Comment: *There is a perception that The Entrance is unsafe. A recent survey of senior high school students by the Revitalise The Entrance group confirmed that they thought that The Entrance was unsafe and would prefer to go to Terrigal.*

There is a clear need for a more obvious Police presence in The Entrance. Statistics show one side of the problem, but perceptions have a big impact on the tourist economy of The Entrance and people have to see Police and feel safe, especially during major events sponsored by the Town Centre Management.

There probably needs to be more office staff to support police officers.

- **where improvements can be made to the current allocation of police resources.**

Comment: *TEPCP is not in possession of sufficient facts s regard present allocation to comment, however there always seems to be a budget limit with regards to petrol and overtime which limits effective policing.*

- **The reporting of Police numbers**

Comment: *While it is easy to get total strength the actual breakdown is harder to get. For example at The Entrance Police Station the actual number on duty after leave secondment, court duties, shifts so that the number actually on duty is known on a daily basis would be useful.*

TEPCP would like to take this opportunity to thank you for consulting us on this important issue to our community.

Yours Sincerely



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Dear Mr. Darlington,

As you may be aware, the NSW Minister for Police and Emergency Services, The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC, recently launched the comprehensive audit of police resources that the NSW Liberals & Nationals committed to prior to the State election.

The audit will be lead by former Assistant Commissioner Peter Parsons APM and will determine and examine:

- where Police are and where they need to be
- how best to use Police to protect and serve our community
- the effectiveness of the current Local Area Command structure
- police numbers including alternative measures of strength
- where improvements can be made to the current allocation of police resources
- the reporting of police numbers

I intend on making a submission to Mr. Parsons as part of the audit and would appreciate your input on behalf of your organisation.

Submissions should be received by my office no later than 22 July 2011. Please include your preferred contact details for the purposes of acknowledgment, clarification or response.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

CHRIS SPENCE MP
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