



3. Police Report



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The attached report has been received from Area Commander, Inspector Paul Dimery of the Whangarei/Kaipara Police.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Attachment:

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WHANGAREI POLICE**REPORT TO THE WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL****APRIL / MAY 2010****INTRODUCTION**

The last two months have proved exceptionally busy for Police on a number of fronts. This has proved challenging. Staff right across the board have performed outstandingly to meet the challenges of the criminal world, ensuring victims are well supported, our drug dealers are targeted and the cowardly that attack their families are dealt with in an appropriate manner.

CRIME STATISTICS

- 283** Arrests made by Patrol Group in April
- 1010** Bail checks carried out by Patrol Group in April
- 10** DNA's taken this month by Patrol Group in April
- 1** Vol prints taken by Patrol Group in April
- 8** Burglaries attended by Patrol Group in April
- 91** Domestics attended by Patrol Group in April

35 arrests for the April/May period made by the Tactical Response Group

In addition to these arrests, CIB dealt with large amounts of violent offending ranging from Rapes and Grievous Bodily Harm to Criminal Harassment where young females have been followed in a menacing manner.

Offenders on 15 drug dealing charges have been captured. An offender for Rape of a Girl Under the Age of 12 Years has been charged as has an offender for Sexual Connection With a Girl 12-16 yrs.

A brutal pack rape in the Vine Street carpark culminated the last month's trend of sexual violation. I really wonder about the humanity of this type of offending and question whether the offenders have any morals or human compassion. This behaviour absolutely disgusts me.

CRIME TRENDS:

Local Police were heavily involved in Operation Lime which was a national operation which targeted "Switched on Gardner" shops. The bigger percentage of the turnover from these shops was from cannabis related dealings. The "Switched on Gardner" shop was closed for a short period of time.

Burglaries in the Kensington and Otangarei area have been prevalent. These have been associated with the rise in young people attempting to gain their 'patches' for Mangu Kaha Blackpower. A small group of "prospects" under the guidance of a

patched member have been committing numerous offences. Three of these people have been identified and charged. One of them is a youth who, after being arrested, escaped custody from the care he had been placed in. He has recommenced his criminal activities.

CITY SAFE

A successful meeting was held in conjunction with Owen Thomas and Dave Palmer at the Whangarei Police Station for a small number of Councillors. They were shown some of the collaborative work taking place between Police and Council and how our common interests overlap. The CCTV process was show-cased and this has proven once again its worth with footage of a vicious attack in Vine Street being recorded. This will form part of the Police prosecution.

ALCOHOL

Some major progresses being made with a confirmation from the managers at Police, Health and Council to support our practitioners with alcohol related offending, particularly around licensed premises. A MOU is currently being drafted which will ensure high level support of all three organisations. This should remove procrastination and give a clear direction.

ROAD POLICING

- 33** Excess Breath Alcohol recorded by Patrol Group in April
- 33** Motor vehicle accidents attended by Patrol Group c
- 1239** Infringement Offence Notices were issued by Patrol Group in April.
- 152** Traffic Offence Notices issued in April by Patrol Group.

It is expected that now that the wet weather has arrived after many months of dry roads there will be a large increase in collisions. There needs to be a clear message given to the public that they need to drive within the conditions, not the speed limit. There will be numerous instances where the speed limit is far too high for the prevailing conditions, which will clearly result in crashes.

As you will see there were three Excess Breath Alcohol prosecutions by the Patrol Group alone, last month. These are not our dedicated traffic patrols so the inference is that we are only catching a small percentage of those willing to take the risk, but more importantly place others at risk.

There were **47** Excess Breath Alcohol by the Traffic Alcohol Group, however they only spent a small percentage of the time in Whangarei, having been deployed mostly in the mid and far north.

One offender blew 908 - this is his 4th EBA; and a second blew 1134 - this is his 2nd EBA. *I just wonder how the second guy managed to stand up!*

SUMMARY:

Whangarei Police have received some unwelcome press around investigation of child assaults. This has caused some major consternation to those staff who are actually carrying out the work highlighted above. I re-iterate what I have said many times to this Council, Whangarei is very privileged to have such a high calibre of dedicated and professional staff. They are committed to making Whangarei a safe place to live and work and a safe place to drive for both locals and 'out of towners'. I feel privileged to be the Area Commander of such staff.

Inspector Paul Dimery
Area Commander, Whangarei / Kaipara
May 2010