

# Police Community Meeting No. 4 – September 30, 2024

## Pottsville Community Hall

Guest Speakers – Dave Roptell  
Matt Woods

Present - 30 as per attendance record

Meeting Chaired – Wendy Pluckrose (President, Pottsville Community Association)

Meeting opened at 6.35 pm

Wendy Puckrose opened the meeting then handed over to Dave and Matt

- Crime for the first quarter of this year – 58 incidents
- Crime for the first half of this year – 39 incidents
- Main crime is malicious damage – 14 incidents

This is a good result as is down from the start of the year – but still not good enough. The past 6 months crime numbers are the best in 5 years.

Blitz not done yet, but still will be carried out shortly.  
Extra police patrols have taken place.

- Police to utilise Pottsville Beach Community Hall for activities for youths run by them.
- Corporate police signs to be put up about Ebikes.
- Police to conduct a community safety walk through around the main areas of Pottsville to identify areas of concern and where action needs to be taken e.g. more lighting, trees cut back. Corporate police signs to be erected around town.
- CCTV cameras – Police working with the TSC to get more installed. Tweed Heads does have some cameras. Need grants funding to pay for them.
- Police Youth Officers have been attending schools and pre-schools talking about bike safety, graffiti, bad behaviour.
- PCYC does work!
- Can Ebikes be confiscated? Police looking at it and may be instigated.

- “Responder App” – Good Send – gives direct location and live communication to police. At next community police meeting IT/Tech officer to be invited to show/teach those present how the app works. Will take about an hour.
- Throwing missiles at passing cars – police are aware and are on the watch whilst doing their patrols. Send a note to Matt for police to put on Facebook that throwing missiles at cars is illegal and an offence. PCA to also put on Facebook.
- Police Outreach Program – youths in trouble – police get a referral and collect them to attend the PCYC. Magistrates also give them a choice to attend, the police then get that referral. Police have had success with the program
- Illegal camping – police working with the TSC to try and move the campers on.
- It is illegal to ride bikes across pedestrian crossings and on footpaths. Again Matt to put on Facebook, and PCA to put on Facebook as a reminder.
- Overall Drive – new pathway – riders don’t dismount in front of the houses – even with the signs. Markings need to be painted onto the pathway to remind them. An accident waiting to happen.
- Suggested next community meeting – Friday November 8 at 6.30 pm.

Meeting closed: 7.25 pm