



**Gosford District Chamber of Commerce
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Dear

RE: Reported Crime Statistics Compared to Court Prosecutions and Sentencing

For some time Gosford Chamber of Commerce has been concerned with the above, both on the Central Coast and throughout Australia.

We have gathered below statistics and consulted with various authorities to compile this report, which we hope will create action by the relative authorities and media who receive it.

Attached sheets A1 & A2 show the number of crimes reported in Gosford LGA in the Year 2000. Year 2001 has not been used because Court statistics are not available as yet.

Sheets A3, A4 & A5 show Court statistics by charge and penalty from Criminal Court, Higher Courts and Juvenile Justice Courts for Gosford LGA.

Sheet A6 Compilation of statistics.

Assessment From Above Statistics

ASSULTS: Only 368 offenders were apprehended and went to court out of 797 offenders. i.e. 46%. Around 21% of these appeared to get a "Reasonably Severe Penalty" to deter them and others.

ROBBERY: Only 10 offenders were apprehended and went to Court out of 59 offenders. i.e. 17%. Around 20% of these appeared to get a "Reasonably Severe Penalty".

UNLAWFUL ENTRY WITH INTENT/BURGULARY, BREAK & ENTER: Only 137 offenders were apprehended and went to court out of 3048 offenders. i.e. 5%. Around 42% of these appeared to get a "Reasonably Severe Penalty".

NSW Recorded Crime Statistics (To Police)
1995 - 2000

Recorded Criminal Incidents

Gosford Local Government Area

Type of offence		1995		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	
		Total	Rate per 100,000 population	Total	Rate per 100,000 population	Total	Rate per 100,000 population	Total	Rate per 100,000 population	Total	Rate per 100,000 population	Total	Rate per 100,000 population
Homicide	Murder*	0	0.0	4	2.7	1	0.7	2	1.3	5	3.2	0	0.0
	Attempted murder	1	0.7	1	0.7	4	2.6	2	1.3	2	1.3	0	0.0
	Murder accessory, conspiracy	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Manslaughter - not driving*	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.7	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Manslaughter - driving*	1	0.7	3	2.0	1	0.7	1	0.6	1	0.6	0	0.0
Assault		737	502.4	908	604.4	1080	705.8	1023	660.2	1201	761.1	1307	816.0
Sexual offences	Sexual assault	56	38.2	53	35.3	69	45.1	75	48.4	54	34.2	77	48.1
	Indecent assault, act of indecency	85	57.9	71	47.3	104	68.0	63	40.7	78	49.4	101	63.1
	Other sexual offences	52	35.4	23	15.3	34	22.2	29	18.7	50	31.7	56	35.0
Abduction and kidnapping		8	5.5	4	2.7	9	5.9	5	3.2	3	1.9	6	3.7
Robbery	Robbery without a weapon	35	23.9	34	22.6	55	35.9	61	39.4	51	32.3	49	30.6
	Robbery with a firearm	4	2.7	10	6.7	9	5.9	13	8.4	8	5.1	16	10.0
	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	8	5.5	14	9.3	19	12.4	50	32.3	28	17.7	33	20.6
Other offences against the person		34	23.2	19	12.6	17	11.1	17	11.0	33	20.9	46	28.7
Theft	Break and enter - dwelling	1136	774.4	1641	1092.4	1926	1258.6	1913	1234.6	1886	1195.2	2523	1575.2
	Break and enter - non-dwelling	777	529.7	880	585.8	879	574.4	1158	747.4	1138	721.2	1343	838.5
	Possess implements	24	16.4	7	4.7	12	7.8	17	11.0	22	13.9	18	11.2
	Receiving	32	21.8	46	30.6	40	26.1	82	52.9	38	24.1	32	20.0
	Goods in custody	83	56.6	82	54.6	83	54.2	118	76.2	127	80.5	157	98.0
	Motor vehicle theft	652	444.4	657	437.4	856	559.4	1095	706.7	1034	655.2	1104	689.3
	Steal from motor vehicle	762	519.4	936	623.1	1018	665.3	1339	864.2	1276	808.6	1910	1192.5
	Steal from retail store	558	380.4	552	367.5	509	332.6	410	264.6	376	238.3	507	316.5
	Steal from dwelling	636	433.5	798	531.2	854	558.1	805	519.5	674	427.1	827	516.3
	Steal from person	135	92.0	96	63.9	113	73.8	105	67.8	101	64.0	149	93.0
	Stock theft	7	4.8	2	1.3	7	4.6	9	5.8	5	3.2	4	2.5
	Fraud	345	235.2	395	262.9	330	215.7	774	499.5	574	363.7	467	291.6
	Other theft	966	658.5	1378	917.3	1262	824.7	1246	804.2	1194	756.6	1346	840.4
Demand money with menaces		6	4.1	3	2.0	8	5.2	15	9.7	4	2.5	12	7.5
Extortion, blackmail		2	1.4	1	0.7	1	0.7	1	0.6	1	0.6	0	0.0
Arson		51	34.8	69	45.9	73	47.7	73	47.1	71	45.0	125	78.0
Malicious damage to property		1333	908.7	1905	1268.1	1781	1163.9	1997	1288.8	2051	1299.7	2543	1587.7

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Gosford Local Government Area

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		Total	Rate per 100,000 population	Total	Rate per 100,000 population	Total	Rate per 100,000 population	Total	Rate per 100,000 population	Total	Rate per 100,000 population	Total	Rate per 100,000 population
Drug offences	Possession and/or use of cocaine	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.6	3	1.9	1	0.6
	Possession and/or use of narcotics	5	3.4	8	5.3	18	11.8	29	18.7	39	24.7	36	22.5
	Possession and/or use of cannabis	260	177.2	202	134.5	209	136.6	204	131.7	163	103.3	160	99.9
	Possession and/or use of other drugs	16	10.9	12	8.0	19	12.4	33	21.3	47	29.8	33	20.6
	Dealing, trafficking in cocaine	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.6	0	0.0
	Dealing, trafficking in narcotics	1	0.7	0	0.0	7	4.6	5	3.2	5	3.2	3	1.9
	Dealing, trafficking in cannabis	27	18.4	16	10.7	23	15.0	20	12.9	6	3.8	11	6.9
	Dealing, trafficking in other drugs	8	5.5	9	6.0	7	4.6	10	6.5	9	5.7	3	1.9
	Cultivating cannabis	77	52.5	67	44.6	70	45.7	57	36.8	35	22.2	20	12.5
	Importing drugs	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Other drug offences	61	41.6	44	29.3	44	28.8	43	27.8	43	27.2	23	14.4
Offensive behaviour	Offensive conduct	97	66.1	93	61.9	69	45.1	64	41.3	62	39.3	60	37.5
	Offensive language	163	111.1	183	121.8	156	101.9	140	90.4	133	84.3	135	84.3
Prostitution offences		0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.9	4	2.5	4	2.5
Betting and gaming offences		0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.3	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Weapons offences		76	51.8	92	61.2	66	43.1	65	42.0	167	105.8	171	106.8
Against justice procedures	Escapee - Corrective Services custody	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.3	1	0.6	0	0.0	2	1.2
	Escapee - Police custody	1	0.7	3	2.0	4	2.6	4	2.6	3	1.9	4	2.5
	Escapee - juvenile detention	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Escapee - other custody	1	0.7	3	2.0	5	3.3	2	1.3	1	0.6	2	1.2
	Breach Apprehended Violence Order	83	56.6	164	109.2	249	162.7	238	153.6	233	147.7	274	171.1
	Breach bail conditions	37	25.2	38	25.3	44	28.8	42	27.1	52	33.0	48	30.0
	Breach of recognizance	14	9.5	21	14.0	20	13.1	14	9.0	22	13.9	22	13.7
	Fail to appear	40	27.3	49	32.6	28	18.3	19	12.3	6	3.8	27	16.9
		Other offences against justice procedures	159	108.4	156	103.8	163	106.5	102	65.8	130	82.4	126
Driving offences	Culpable driving	4	2.7	3	2.0	4	2.6	4	2.6	5	3.2	2	1.2
	PCA	385	262.4	413	274.9	445	290.8	437	282.0	446	282.6	584	364.6
	Drive while disqualified	124	84.5	134	89.2	158	103.3	218	140.7	276	174.9	330	206.0
	Drive manner/speed dangerous	40	27.3	37	24.6	42	27.4	54	34.9	73	46.3	59	36.8
		Other driving offences	393	267.9	454	302.2	527	344.4	738	476.3	886	561.5	2099
Other offences		358	244.0	541	360.1	635	415.0	585	377.6	1064	674.3	1678	1047.7

NSW Local Criminal Courts Statistics 2000
 Penalty by charge in Wyong and Gosford Local Courts for selected offences

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Gosford

Penalty	Assault		Robbery		Unlawful entry with intent/burglary, break and enter		Property damage	
	Assault	% Assault	Robbery	% Robbery	Unlawful entry...	% Unlawful entry...	Property damage	% Property Damage
No penalty	87	26.9%	4	80.0%	13	19.7%	23	16.5%
Offence proved, dismissed	23	7.1%	-	-	-	-	13	9.4%
Offence proved, discharged with bond	31	9.6%	-	-	-	-	6	4.3%
Nominal sentence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fine	37	11.4%	-	-	2	3.0%	26	18.7%
Payment of compensation	1	0.3%	-	-	2	3.0%	12	8.6%
Licence disqualification / suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond	79	24.4%	-	-	13	19.7%	33	23.7%
Community Service Orders	24	7.4%	-	-	11	16.7%	9	6.5%
Orders made (Migration Act only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No action taken	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed to juvenile institution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Imprisonment	25	7.7%	1	20.0%	20	30.3%	7	5.0%
Community Aid Panel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Home detention	5	1.5%	-	-	3	4.5%	4	2.9%
Periodic detention	7	2.2%	-	-	-	-	1	0.7%
Suspended sentence	5	1.5%	-	-	2	3.0%	5	3.6%
Total	324	100.0%	5	100.0%	66	100.0%	139	100.0%

/ ● Reasonable Sentence
 18%
 61 People
 114 People.

20%
1 Person

47%
31 People

15%
21 People

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10
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NSW Higher Courts Statistics 2000
Selected offences by penalty for principal offence

Windsor District Court	Acts intended to cause injury	Unlawful entry with intent/burglary, break and enter	Property damage and environmental pollution
Imprisonment	3	9	-
Home Detention	-	-	-
Detention in juvenile institution	-	-	-
Periodic detention	-	1	-
Suspended sentence with supervision	-	1	-
Suspended sentence	-	-	-
Community Service Order	-	1	1
Order with supervision	4	-	-
Order without supervision	1	1	-
Order without conviction	-	-	-
Fine	1	-	-
Disqualification	-	-	-
Compensation order made	-	-	-
Order of the court	-	-	-
No conviction recorded	-	-	-
Total	9	13	1

Source: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (ref: vmk2002361)

Reasonable Sentence: 33% 85%

14 People

Source: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (Ref:vmk2002361)

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2 May 2002

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Dear Mr Black

I am writing in regard to your request for information about juvenile detention statistics for the Gosford LGA. We have collated the following information for the 1999-2000 financial year:

Penalty by Charge

Control Orders Fixed Term	24	●
Control Order: Add Term – DJJ ¹ supervision	<4	●
Community Service Order/Railway Reparation	7	●
Probation – DJJ supervision	9	
Probation – other supervision	<4	
Probation without supervision	10	
Recognisance and Fine	<4	
Fine	28	
Recognisance with supervision	6	
Recognisance without supervision	9	
Dismissed with caution	15	
Other proven outcomes	27	
Unproven outcomes	61	

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less Unproven 61

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¹ DJJ - Department of Juvenile Justice

Reasonable Sentence ~ 24/10

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Types of offences

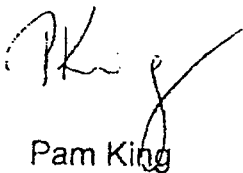
Aggravated assault	<4
Other acts intended to injure	31
Other dangerous acts	<4
Robbery, extortion and related offences	5
Burglary, break and enter	22
Motor vehicle theft related offences	17
Other theft related offences	36
Deceptive offences	<4
Illicit drug offences	11
Property damage – environment pollution	18
Public Order	20
Road Traffic – Motor vehicle regulatory offences	5
Justice – Government Ops offences	17
Miscellaneous offences	12

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Please note that for reasons of confidentiality a count of less than 4 is recorded for a category when statistics show a count of 1, 2 or 3.

If you require any further assistance please contact Nora Bodkin who is this department's Coordinator, Planning and Research. Ms Bodkin's contact telephone number is (02) 9289-3461.

Yours sincerely



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