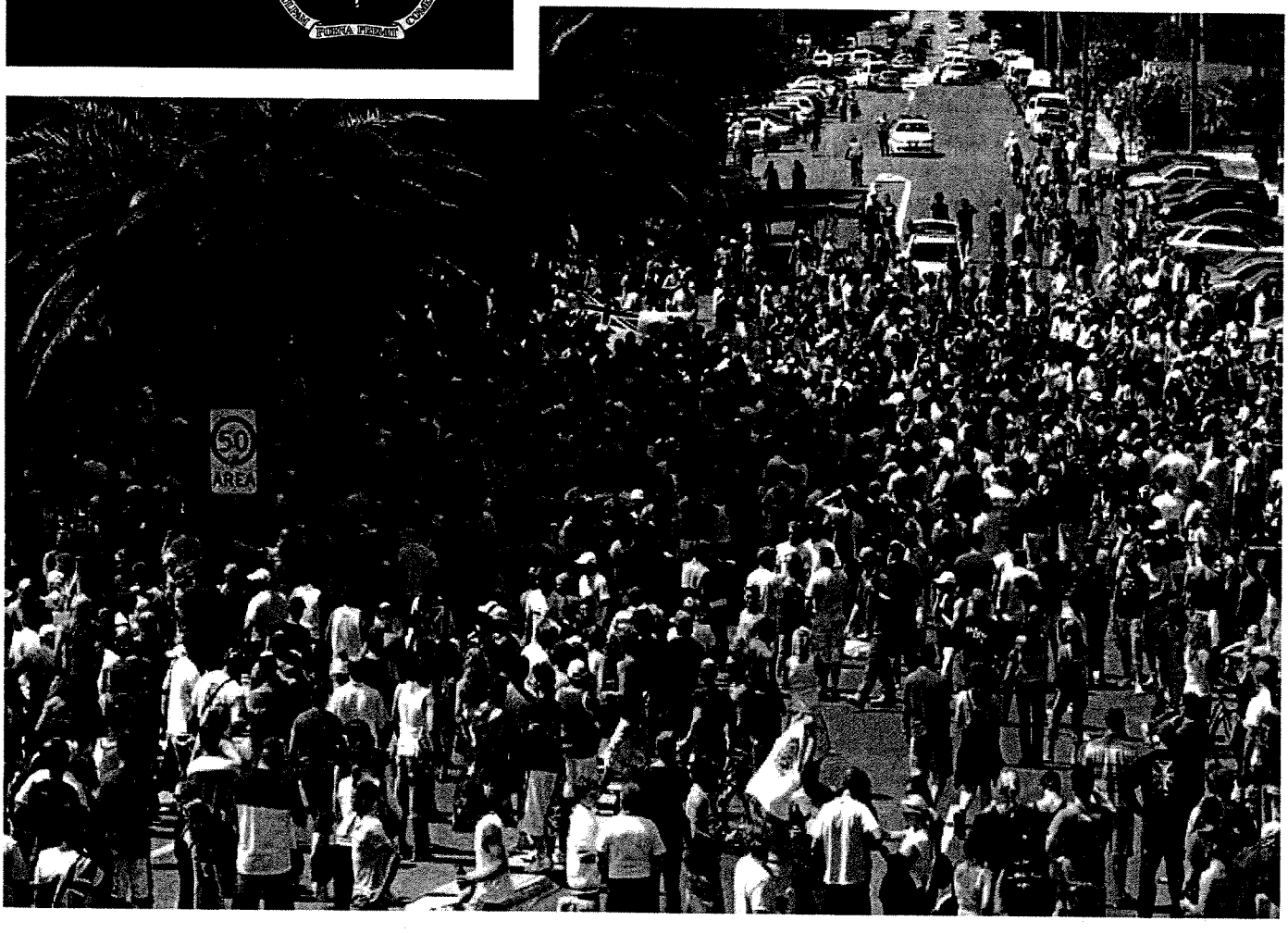
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Surf lifesavers bashed - North Cronulla Beach

Monday 05 December 2005

Police are investigating an attack on two surf lifesavers at North Cronulla Beach in Sydney's south.

About 3pm yesterday (Sunday 4 December), four males of Middle Eastern appearance have confronted the male lifeguards and a verbal altercation has occurred. One of the lifesavers has then been punched in the face. A large number of Middle Eastern males have then converged on the area, surrounding the guards.

The pair was set upon and sustained several blows to their heads. The melee was eventually broken up and the offenders dispersed. The victims, aged 19 and 20, were taken to Sutherland Hospital suffering lacerations and bruising.

Police from Miranda Local Area Command attended the scene and spoke with a large number of witnesses in an effort to identify the offenders.

Inquiries into the incident are continuing.

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Man Arrested After Lifeguard Assault

Wednesday 07 December 2005

A man has been arrested this morning in relation to the assault on a lifeguard at North Cronulla Beach on Sunday.

Miranda Detectives arrested the 18-year-old Bankstown man at Petersham shortly before 10am.

He has been taken to Newtown Police Station where he is assisting police with inquiries.

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Man charged over Cronulla incident

Thursday 08 December 2005

Miranda Police have charged a man after a number of incidents on the North Cronulla beachfront yesterday.

A 20-year-old man was arrested shortly before 5pm after a press photographer allegedly had his equipment damaged while taking photos near the surf club.

Police and ambulance officers were in the area following an earlier incident in which two men were involved in an altercation nearby. One man suffered minor injuries in this incident.

The Riverwood man was taken to Miranda Police Station and questioned before being charged with malicious damage in relation to the photography incident.

He was allowed conditional bail and is due to appear in Sutherland Local Court on January 12.

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16 arrested in night of violence in Sydney

Monday 12 December 2005

Sixteen people have been arrested and charged with 41 offences after a night of anti-social behaviour.

Police have also issued a number of Field Court Attendance Notices for various offences.

General duties and specialist police from the Inner Metropolitan, Greater Metropolitan, Northern and Southern Police regions were deployed as part of a police operation following anti social behaviour at North Cronulla Beach, Maroubra and Brighton Le Sands yesterday afternoon.

Twenty-three civilians (20 males and three females) and two ambulance officers were injured at North Cronulla. Six police were injured suffering cuts, sprains and bruising.

The following people were charged:

- A 23-year-old Mortdale man was charged with malicious damage x 3, resist police, hinder police x 2 and assault police. He was bailed to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 24 January, 2006.
- A 25-year-old Cronulla man was charged with assault police x 2. He was granted bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 24 January, 2006.
- A 36-year-old Bondi Junction man was charged with resist arrest x 3 and possess prohibited drug. He was granted bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 24 January, 2006.
- A 34-year-old Cronulla man was charged with offensive manner and resist arrest x 2. He was granted bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 24 January 2006.
- A 17-year-old male juvenile from Cronulla was charged with assault police and will appear at Sutherland Children's Court on 24 January, 2006.
- A 33-year-old Kareela man was charged with offensive behaviour and will appear in Sutherland Local Court on 24 January, 2006
- A 28 year-old Cronulla man was charged with threaten violence and affray. He was granted bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 19 January, 2006.
- An 18-year-old Granville man was charged with possess knife in a public place, drive furiously and not display P Plate. He was granted bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 24 January, 2006.
- A 20-year-old Lugarno man was charged with affray and offensive behaviour. He was granted bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 2 February, 2006.
- A 21-year-old Greenacre man was charged with possess offensive implement and goods in custody. He was bailed to appear at Kogarah Local Court on 17 January, 2006.
- A 17-year-old male juvenile from Mascot was charged

with drive in a manner dangerous and negligent driving. He was bailed to appear at Sutherland Children's Court on 17 January, 2006.
- A 25-year-old Northmead man was charged with drive in a manner dangerous and negligent driving. He was bailed to appear in Kogarah Local Court on 10 January, 2006.
- A 21-year-old Jannali man was charged with resist police x 2 and was granted bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 2 February, 2006
- A 40-year-old Sutherland man was charged with offensive language. He was granted bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 24 January, 2006.
- A 24-year-old Cronulla man charged with offensive behaviour, affray, resist arrest and not comply with a direction. He was granted bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 13 January 2006.
- 20-year-old Riverwood man was charged with breach of bail condition and is expected to appear at Sutherland Local Court today.

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16 arrested in night of ongoing violence in Sydney

Monday 12 December 2005

Sixteen people arrested and charged with 42 offences after a night of anti-social behaviour.

Police have also issued a number of Field Court Attendance Notices for various offences.

General duties and specialist police from the Inner Metropolitan, Greater Metropolitan, Northern and Southern Police regions were deployed as a part of police operations following anti social behaviour yesterday afternoon at North Cronulla Beach.

Twenty-three civilians (20 males and three females) and two ambulance officers were injured at North Cronulla. Six police have reported injuries.

- About 9pm yesterday, police attended Maroubra Road near the intersection of Marine Parade to investigate acts of vandalism on up to 40 parked cars. A group of 60 males described as being of Middle Eastern/Mediterranean in appearance and allegedly armed with sticks and bats confronted a group of local men and a number of assaults occurred.

- Inquiries are continuing to locate and identify a person who climbed the flagpole at a Rockdale licensed premises, pulled down the flag and set it on fire.

- Three people were arrested for street offences after a group of up to 200 people assembled in a car park on the Grand Parade at Kyeemagh. Police moved the crowd on and issued a number of Field Court Attendance Notices.

- A police officer suffered a minor arm injury after she was hit by a car at Kyeemagh. She did not require hospital treatment. A 20-year-old man has been charged with menacing driving.

- At 10pm, approximately 200 people assembled in Bay Street at Brighton and began throwing missiles at police.

- Twelve people were arrested and charged after anti-social behaviour at North Cronulla yesterday afternoon. They are expected to appear in Sutherland Local Court on a date to be determined.

- A 20-year-old Gymea Bay man remains in a stable condition after being assaulted in Cronulla overnight. About 12.15am, police were called to the intersection of Elouera

and Hume Roads and were told by witnesses the man had been hit by a car and had suffered head injuries after being assaulted. A purple Ford Festiva was stopped a short distance away and a 19-year-old Riverwood man, a 21-year-old Condell Park man and an 18-year-old Revesby man are assisting with inquiries at Miranda Police Station.

- At Sutherland a man has been charged with riotous and offensive conduct

- Another man charged with offensive conduct

- A man has been charged with two counts of resisting arrest, one count of offensive conduct, one count of assault police, one count of malicious damage. As he was leaving Sutherland Police station, it will be alleged the man began damaging the front of the building. He has since been charged with another count of malicious damage.

- A man has been charged with one count of offensive language and two counts of resist arrest.

- A man has been charged with possess prohibited drug and three counts of resisting arrest.

- A man has been charged with two counts of assaulting police.

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Eleven Arrested After Overnight Incidents - Operation Seta

Tuesday 13 December 2005

Eleven men were arrested and seven people, including a police officer, were injured in a second night of unrest in Sydney's south and west.

Police involved in Operation SETA responded to a number of incidents after an initial confrontation at Lakemba.

Two men and three juveniles were arrested by police about 9.30pm after a replica pistol was located in bushes near the intersection of Mckeon Street and Fenton Avenue, Maroubra Beach. Six people were arrested in the Cronulla and Kingsway area after shops and vehicles were damaged there.

About 7pm last night (Monday 12 Dec) police were called to Wangee Road at Lakemba after a large group of people attending a Mosque became involved in an altercation with a cameraman.

Police attempted to resolve the situation with additional resources being called for. A female constable at the location was injured when a projectile struck her left knee.

Senior members of the Muslim community who were present, assisted police in the restoration of order at the Mosque.

Numerous other people rushed to the area and police were forced to implement traffic management strategies after cars and pedestrians blocked many roads.

Four police cars were damaged during the incident.

Police were able to disperse the crowd after some hours and traffic returned to normal.

There were no arrests made or reports of civilian injuries.

Shortly after 10pm two people were injured when they were attacked at a restaurant in Caringbah.

A 27-year-old Bexley woman suffered head injuries and facial bruising after she was struck with an object. Her 30-year-old husband came to her aid and was also assaulted. Both were conveyed to Sutherland Hospital for treatment.

About 10.30pm police received reports that up to 25 cars with numerous male occupants were at Caringbah and Cronulla.

Four shops on The Kingsway were damaged and a large number of motor vehicles were damaged along Elouera Road at Cronulla.

A 35-year-old Lansvale man suffered head injuries and severe facial bruising after being attacked at a youth hostel in The Kingsway. He was treated at the scene and taken to Sutherland Hospital in a stable condition.

A 45-year-old Cronulla man was attacked at the corner of Hume and Sturt Streets, Cronulla as he placed his garbage bins on the street.

The man suffered broken ribs and head injuries as a result of the assault.

A 51-year-old Woolooware man was struck with a baseball bat at Cronulla and suffered a fractured forearm. He was conveyed to Sutherland Hospital.

About 11.20pm more than 100 people gathered at Bay Street, Brighton Le-Sands and threw garbage bins at a number of shopfronts.

Police called to the area were also pelted with projectiles and two of their vehicles were damaged during the incident.

Police involved in Operation Seta conducted proactive patrols throughout the afternoon and evening.

Police seized a number of discarded items in Arthur Byrne Reserve at South Maroubra.

During a search of roof tops along Marine Parade police also located more than thirty molotov cocktails and crates of rocks which appeared to have been stockpiled.

The eleven people arrested in the Cronulla and Maroubra areas are currently assisting with enquiries as Operation Seta continues.

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Police Respond To Numerous Public Order Incidents Across Sydney

Tuesday 13 December 2005

Five people have been charged this morning following a number of incidents overnight.

Eastern Beaches Local Area Command

Police were called to Maroubra Beach at 2pm yesterday (Mon 12 Dec) following reports that groups of people were armed with a variety of weapons, including baseball bats, golf clubs, steel poles, machetes, axe handles and other pieces of timber.

The weapons were seized, as well as crates of rocks and Molotov cocktails that had been positioned on rooftops on Marine Parade. A replica pistol was also found in bushes.

Five men were arrested and assisted police with their inquiries. They have since been released pending further investigations. They consisted of a 49-year-old Maroubra man, a 44-year-old Menai man, a 16-year-old Maroubra man, a 14-year-old Matraville man, and a 14-year-old Maroubra man

Campsie Local Area Command

Shortly after 4:30pm yesterday (Mon 12 Dec) police attended the Lakemba Mosque in response to information regarding possible retaliation.

Approximately 250 men began to congregate outside the mosque making known their intention to protect it from damage.

Police intervened and as a result of the scuffles three police officers received minor injuries.

Three police vehicles also sustained minor damage during the incident.

Miranda Local Area Command

About 10pm, approximately 25 carloads of men arrived in the Sutherland Shire area.

Four shop windows were smashed and 50 cars along The Kingsway received smashed windows and panel damage.

A 27-year-old Bexley woman and her 30-year-old husband were attacked at a restaurant at Caringbah both suffering

facial and head injuries.

A 35-year-old Lansvale man suffered head injuries and severe facial bruising after being attacked at a Cronulla youth hostel.

A 45-year-old Cronulla man suffered fractured ribs and head injuries as he attempted to place garbage bins outside his Hume Street home.

A 49-year-old Woolooware man suffered a fractured forearm after being struck by a baseball bat at Cronulla.

All five victims were treated at the various locations by ambulance and are being treated at the Sutherland Shire Hospital where their conditions are listed as stable.

Five men were arrested and charged with the following:

- A 26-year-old Guildford man was arrested and later charged with assault police, not comply with directions, drive manner dangerous and being in custody of a knife. He was bailed to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 19 January 2006.
- A 30-year-old Sandringham man was arrested and charged with assault, breach of bail and assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He was refused bail to appear at Kogarah Local Court today
- A 23-year-old Ashcroft man, a 27-year-old Punchbowl man, a 20-year-old Ashcroft and a 27-year-old Bankstown man were arrested and taken to Miranda Police Station. They were charged with affray and were bailed to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 12 January 2006
- A 26-year-old Guildford man was arrested and charged with drive manner dangerous and assault police bailed to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 12 January 2006
- A 22-year-old Hurstville man was arrested and charged with affray, malicious damage and not supply particulars bailed to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 12 January 2006.

St George Local Area Command

About 11pm police responded to a large brawl involving about 100 people in The Grand Parade and Bay Street, Brighton-Le-Sands.

When police arrived, the mob threw numerous objects at police and police vehicles, in which three were damaged. Two shops and the Brighton-Le-Sands Post Office were also damaged. The mob was dispersed from the area.

Anyone with information that will assist police with their investigations is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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Operation Seta police numbers boosted

Tuesday 13 December 2005

More than 150 mobile police patrols will be on the streets of Sydney tonight, forming part of an Operation Seta "flying squad" response to deal with any incidents of racial violence and disorder in Sydney's beachside and western suburbs.

Operational commanders agreed at an emergency meeting today to boost police numbers to deal with the new phenomenon of car convoys which were mobilised last night in a series of "smash and bash' attacks in Sydney's southern suburbs last night.

NSW Deputy Police Commissioner (Operations), Andrew Scipione, said in addition to existing police resources, officers were being called in from throughout the State, allowing an extra 450 police to be deployed tonight.

These include;

- 230 general duties officers, 150 OSG officers, 60 highway patrol officers, 20 Dog Units and the police airwing, Polair.
- Rescue Squad, Tactical operations Squad and further additional police on standby.

Strike Force Enoggera has been set up to investigate those involved in criminal acts arising from the racial violence.

Comprising detectives from Local Area Commands and State Crime Command the number of investigators has now been tripled from 12 to 36 officers.

Deputy Commissioner Scipione said the decision to increase the police presence reflected the seriousness of the racial violence witnessed in Sydney over the past 48 hours.

Commissioner Ken Moroney said he also welcomed the new police powers proposed by State Government today. He said these would be a critical tool in dealing with the outbreaks of public disorder witnessed in the past few days.

"This situation is unprecedented and there is no doubt the racial violence we have seen is not just a Sydney issue - it's a national issue," Commissioner Moroney said.

"Police are working hard with community leaders and Government to try to bring some calm to the situation, but there is no doubt this poses a major challenge for police and the community."

Commissioner Moroney assured the public police would have a strong presence in the suburbs identified as high risk, including Lakemba, Cronulla, Brighton Le Sands and Maroubra.

A special 24-hour hotline has also been established and police urge anyone with relevant information to come forward and assist their investigations.

The Operation Seta Hotline is 1800 131 555.

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- Police hunt armed bandits - Yagoona

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Wednesday 14 December 2005

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- Brave Officers Honoured At
- Four Indigenous Recruits
- Jason and Simon Blake have more in common than most brothers. Both live in their home town of Dubbo, both are married with young children, and today, both will be sworn in as probationary constables at a ceremony in Goulburn.
- Brothers In Arms
- Former Mayor Joins The Front Line
- Man Charged Over Alleged
- Castle Hill Police are investigating an incident shortly after midnight when a man was assaulted and his 4WD damaged.
- 'Operation Seta' restores calm across the Sydney metropolitan area
- Search for failed ram raiders - Lane Cove
- Police investigate suspicious fire - Auburn
- Man charged following alleged robbery and assault - Sydney's southwest

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- Teenage male being questioned over St Ives stabbing
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- Fatal motor vehicle collision - Rutherford
- Man stabbed - Campsie
- Police appeal for assistance to locate a missing woman and her three children - Tuggerah Lakes

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- Four-year-old girlreunited with father - Wattle Grove
- Police seek parents of four-year-old girl found at Wattle Grove
- Two males charged over St Ives stabbing
- Barricade situation - Gorokan
- Controlled detonation of explosives - Glenning Valley
- 15-year-old girl charged aggravated assault - Chippendale

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- Father Killed Son Survives Falling Tree - Kempsey
- Man Killed In Truck Collision - Kempsey
- Man And Girl Arrested With Alleged Stolen Property - Wollongong
- Man Struck By Lightning - Kingscliff

Thursday 08 December 2005

- Police release comfits after man critically injured in St Ives stabbing
- Appeal for assistance after attempted ram raid theft - Greenacre
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- Man charged over Cronulla incident
- Police evacuate 50 residents - Auburn
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- Plane crash - Broken Hill
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Monday 05 December 2005

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- Lithgow couple found deceased

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- Stabbing Investigation - St Ives

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- Man dies in crash after car hits tree - Peak Hill
- Fatal single vehicle crash - Mullengandra
- Eight dead in horror 24 hours on NSW roads
- Motorcyclist killed in single vehicle crash - Royal National Park
- Police launch massive bush search for missing teenager Niamh Maye
- Man dies after hit & run collision at Ashcroft
- Three dead in two car crash - Whittingham
- Three dead in two car crash - Whittingham
- Man charged over assault Ambervale
- Armed man confronts police - Newtown
- Fatal motorcycle crash - Millfield
- Fatal plane crash - Condobolin
- Man charged over sexual assault - Redfern

Friday 02 December 2005

- Police launch massive bush search for missing teenager Niamh Maye
- MEDIA ADVISORY
- Seven people charged, large clandestine drug lab - SCC Drug Squad
- Man charged over stabbing - Central Coast
- Man charged over serious assault - Northmead

Thursday 01 December 2005

- Man Questioned Over Serious Assault
- Third person charged over man's fake death
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- Homicide Squad Leads Investigation Into Shooting Death - Family Appeals For Help
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- Shopping Centre Fire - Wattle Grove

Wednesday 30 November 2005

- Detectives release comfit images over xmas day sex attack - Bondi
- Child killed in caravan fire - Canowindra
- Newsagents targetted in armed hold-ups - Sydney's southwest
- Holidaymakers rescued from heavy seas - Tathra
- Two men arrested, charged overshooting incident - Dalmorton

Tuesday 29 November 2005

- Singleton Youth To Appear In Court Today
- Investigation continues into fatal crash - Tea Gardens
- Police hunt Villawood escapee
- Four men charged over attempted home invasion - Cabramatta

Monday 28 November 2005

- Water Police Rescue Two Disabled Vessels - South Coast
- Detectives Appeal For Public Assistance Over Murder Of Woman - Parramatta
- Home Invasion - Bella Vista
- Man Stabbed Following Robbery - Tamworth
- Woman Charged With Supply MDMA Offences - State Crime Command Drug Squad
- Rescue Underway For Two Disabled Vessels And Dismasted Yacht- South Coast
- Youth charged after serious assault - Singleton
- Man charged after alleged attempted abduction - Haymarket
- Man charged after stabbing - Parkes
- Four men in court over alleged ATM theft attempt

Sunday 27 November 2005

- Four men charged over alleged ATM theft
- Detectives appeal for witnesses to serious assault - Singleton
- Man killed in single vehicle collision - Earlwood
- Man dies after 4WD rolls near Mudgee
- Detectives investigate serious assault - Singleton
- Man seriously injured after aggravated robbery - Campsie
- Three men arrested following ATM robbery - Fairfield
- No further action into alleged abduction - Albion Park
- Fatal motor vehicle collision - Villawood
- Serious Motor vehicle collision - Casula
- Youth charged after property destroyed by fire - Elizabeth Beach

Saturday 26 November 2005

- Off-duty officer assaulted - Dapto
- Drive by shooting - Guildford
- Man and woman charged over several break, enter & steal offences
- Two boys escape alleged abduction - Albion Park

- Appeal after man seriously injured - Mount Druitt
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Friday 25 November 2005

- Inmate charged over prison arson attack - Parklea
- Man arrested following stabbing - Parkes
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- Nation's largest drink driving campaign begins - Operation RAID
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- Post mortem identifies body as ultra-light crash victim
- Police seek male flatmate to assist investigation into death of former journalist Judy Henstock
- Two charged over pelican attack - Wollongong
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- Five taken to hospital after fire - Morisset
- Man dies in motorcycle crash - Roselands
- Man and two youths charged over break and enters - Grafton
- Man in court over south Maroota deaths
- Pelican dies after rock attack - Wollongong

Monday 21 November 2005

- $1.5 million counterfeit goods seized at local market - Maitland
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- Canoeists Found Safe And Well Near Bathurst
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- Man Dies When Tractor Rolls - Lower Portland
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- Man Dies After Being Hit By 4wd - Hinchinbrook

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- Four Arrested Over Shooting - Liverpool
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- Clan Drug Lab Uncovered At Motel - Darlinghurst
- Man's Body Washed Ashore - Brunswick Heads
- Charges Over Liverpool Shooting

Friday 18 November 2005

- Homicide squad arrest man for double murder
- Man arrested after explosive device located in car - Bondi
- Man arrested over package left at shopping centre
- Police urge locals to report drug activity
- Two men charged over hotel armed holdup - Strike Force Icely
- Foreign currency stolen - Rushcutters Bay
- Police investigate armed hold-up - Ryde
- Man to face court charge over Gymea murder
- Ram-raiders steal ATM from shopping centre - Bass Hill
- Global counter-terrorism expert visits NSW Police

Thursday 17 November 2005

- Man Arrested Over Death - Gymea
- Three men face courtover $2 million drug raid - Far North Coast
- Murder charge over Gymea death
- Soccer World Cup Qualifier
- Unit fire - Mathoura
- Man To Appear In Court Over Internet Related Crimes - Strike Force Whitbar

Wednesday 16 November 2005

- Two Men Charged Following Joint Nsw / Qld Operation: Gang Squad
- Police Investigate Man's Death - Gymea
- Animal Cruelty Charges - Wallsend
- Gymea - Update
- Three youths arrested after robbery - CBD
- Appeal for assiatsance after serious assault - China Town
- Unit Fire, Man Assaulted - Gymea
- Man Injured During Attempted Home Invasion - Bexley

Tuesday 15 November 2005

- Appeal for witnesses after ram raid - Milperra
- Escapee recaptured by police - Taree
- Two men charged following attempted armed robbery - Kingswood
- St George Police find $880,000 worth of cannabis in hydro house
- Assault on teenage girl - Manly Vale
- Two men arrested after police pursuit - Penrith
- Shots fired - Menai
- Motorcyclist killed - Woy Woy
- Crash investigation - The Spit
- Restaurant explosion - Tamworth

Monday 14 November 2005

- Two seriously injured in multi-vehicle crash - Spit Junction
- Police appeal for witnesses to abduction and robbery - Waratah
- MEDIA ADVISORY
- Elderly woman injured in bagsnatch - Roselands
- Man shot at Bonnyrigg
- Appeal for public assistance following armed robbery - Auburn
- Man arrested following siege - South Penrith
- Three charged on drugs offences - North Sydney

Sunday 13 November 2005

- Fire destroys house - Collaroy
- Body found in Macleay River - Kempsey
- Police extend search area, canvass of neighbourhood to continue - Lurnea
- Double fatality involving two young girls - Inverell
- Fatal motorcycle crash - Berkeley Vale
- Suspicious school fire - Terrigal
- Large cannabis crop seized - Ingleburn
- Toddler dies after being run over by bobcat - Orangeville
- Fire destroys house - Collaroy

Saturday 12 November 2005

- MEDIA ADVISORY
- Police find bushwalkers tired, hungry but uninjured - Blue Mountains
- Teenager to appear in court on robbery charges
- Man seriously hurt after truck crash - Bringelly
- Search for missing bushwalkers - Blue Mountains
- Fatal house fire - Glenfield
- Suspicious shop fire - Collaroy
- Major MVC - Bellambi
- Man in court on assault and firearms offences - Roselands
- Search for missing girl enters third day - Lurnea
- Shooting incident - Lambton
- Jewellery theft - West Pennant Hills

Friday 11 November 2005

- Police seek deceased's missing vehicle - Yagoona
- Homicide Squad arrest man over death of Toddler at Gorokan
- Body recovered - Peak Hill
- Two men arrested over break and enter - Casino
- Teenage girl attacked - Northmead
- Police crack $1M cannabis cultivation and supply operation - Emmaville
- Operation Drink Drive 2 - Day One Results
- Clandestine drug lab largest to be uncovered in Australia
- Search to resume for missing toddler - Lurnea
- Club employees robbed at gunpoint - Wauchope
- Two men charged with drugs offences - Green Valley
- House destroyed by fire - Bringelly
- Two men charged by Strike Force Piccadilly Detectives due in court today
- MEDIA ADVISORY

Thursday 10 November 2005

- Police warn public over hoax emails and text messages
- Terrorism related arrest - Sydney
- Large clandestine drug lab uncovered - Riverstone
- Passengers a secret weapon against drink driving - Operation Drink Drive 2
- Police search for missing toddler - Lurnea
- Two arrested during morning raids - Strike Force Piccadilly
- Man Charged Over Pseudoephedrine Possession - Cabramatta
- Police Search For Man After Woman Grabbed - Moree
- MEDIA ADVISORY

Wednesday 09 November 2005

- Clandestine drug lab uncovered - St Clair
- Man arrested after hospital rampage - Armidale
- Police investigate shooting incident - Bidwill
- Witnesses sought after police car maliciously damaged - Auburn
- Investigation update: Toddler suffered fatal head injuries - Gorokan
- Man arrested after hospital rampage - Armidale

Tuesday 08 November 2005

- Man in court over firebombing - Fairfield
- Fatal motor vehicle collision - Wyong
- $800,000 worth of opals and pearls stolen - Sydney CBD
- Police search for gunman - Rossmore
- Police investigate death of man - Taree
- Man charged over murder - Taree

Monday 07 November 2005

- Severe storm update - Broken Hill
- Police discover drugs in roadside vehicle check - Goulburn
- Police investigate firebombings - Fairfield
- Youth Charged Over Act Of Indecency - Ramsgate
- Search launched for missing autistic man - Narooma
- Missing Autistic Man Found Safe And Well - Narooma
- Fatal motor vehicle collision - Wagga Wagga
- Residents re-locate after severe storm - Broken Hill
- Man charged after barricade incident - Braxton
- Police investigate dog cruelty - Minto

Sunday 06 November 2005

- Women's bodies found after fire - Ganmain
- Missing four-year-old boy locateed - Lapstone
- Man seriously injured outside apartment block - Waterloo
- Search for missing boy continues - Lapstone
- Appeal for witnesses to fatal collision - Palm Beach
- Appeal for witnesses following serious assault - Kings Cross
- Man charged over serious assault - Waterloo

Saturday 05 November 2005

- Police search for men following attack on child - Bondi
- Police express full confidence in speed radars
- Police search for escapee - Malabar
- Two men die in industrial accident - Wagga
- Man seriously injured in crash - Ariah Park
- Man faces court on kidnapping, sexual assault charges - Rouse Hill
- $600,000 cannabis, hydroponic equipment seized - Tweed/Byron
- Man charged after shooting incident - Raymond Terrace
- Man dies in single car crash near Canberra
- Two charged following drug operation - Gosford

Friday 04 November 2005

- Man charged with sexual assault and robbery offences - Mt Druitt
- Man charged with aggravated indecent assault - Goulburn
- Eastbounds roads re-opened - Lane Cove

Friday 28 October 2005

- Central Coast couple arrested over daughter's abduction - Brisbane
- Charges Over 2002 Fast Food Outlet Stabbing - Bankstown
- Police hunt armed bandits - Lalor Park
- Man charged over murder - Dundas Valley
- Police investigate suspicious packages - Liverpool Railway Station
- $1.6 Million In Drugs Seized During Search Warrant - Yagoona
- 73-Year-Old Man Stabbed By In His Home By Intruder - Bexley
- Man Dies After Being Hit By Car - Parramatta
- Man Arrested Over Stabbing Death - Dundas Valley

Thursday 27 October 2005

- Man charged after 22 kilograms of cannabis seized - Sydney's East/Inner West
- 83-year-old man arrested on child sex offences - Bundeena
- Police appeal for witnesses to drive-by shooting - Kangaroo Point

- Police release image of man wanted over Kangy Angy murder
- 83-year-old man charged with child sex offences - Bundeena
- Joint Operation Seizes Illegal Tobacco and Alcohol - Mayfield
- Man arrested after serious assault at Hotel - Revesby
- Police discover drugs during vehicle stop - Marrickville
- Woman arrested after further drug raid - Sydney's South West
- Part of ear bitten off during fight - Bondi
- Pacific Highway re-opens after crash - Coffs Harbour

Wednesday 26 October 2005

- Baby girl found dead - Merrylands
- Two men arrested over Kangy Angy murder - Gold Coast
- Coffs Harbour stabbing charges
- $500,000 in cannabis seized - Sydney's southwest
- Violent newsagency robbery - Winston Hills
- Carjacking - Watsons Bay
- Pedestrian killed - McGraths Hill
- Attempted murder charge - Woy Woy

Tuesday 25 October 2005

- Police Investigate Shooting - Redfern
- Carjacking - Rose Bay
- Fast food robberies - Banksia, Punchbowl
- Two elderly deceased - Rooty Hill
- Two men charged with murder - Macquarie Fields
- Teenager shot with arrow at Tamworth - charges laid
- Man Charged Over Tahmoor Home Invasion

Monday 24 October 2005

- Police Investigate A Second Abduction
- Appeal For Information Following Two Robberies - Strathfield
- Task Force Gain Seek Person Wounded In Drive-By Shootings
- Man charged over stabbing murder of 19-year-old - Minto
- Appeal for information after Mayfield shooting
- Child dies after being found in backyard pool - Waratah West
- Search to resume for ultralight - Byron Bay
- Two killed in head-on crash - Hunter Valley
- Commissioner to launch child abuse police summit
- Youth dies after street fight - Minto

Sunday 23 October 2005

- Light Aircraft Crash - Byron Bay
- Molotov Cocktail Charges - Cambridge Park
- Fatal Trail Bike Crash - Warwick Farm
- Man Stabbed During Robbery - Sydney's CBD
- Two Questioned Over Dog Cruelty - Claymore

Saturday 22 October 2005

- Infant hit by vehicle - Mosman
- Light aircraft crash - Byron Bay
- Police seek missing Victorian woman
- Man Arrested After Shooting - Kings Cross
- Dog Killed By Youths - Claymore
- Four Injured During Armed Robbery - West Ryde

Friday 21 October 2005

- Attempted abduction update - Leppington
- Police appeal for information following robbery of elderly man at Campsie
- Attempted abduction update - Leppington
- Appeal for public assistance following the death of a homeless man - The Rocks

- Robbery Charges - Newcastle
- Appeal For Assistance After Robbery - Campsie
- Police Seize Cannabis Worth More Than $400,000 - Panania
- Shooting - Bankstown

Thursday 20 October 2005

- Two attempted abductions - Camden LAC
- Police seek man over Coffs Harbour stabbing
- Attempted abduction update - Ashfield
- Elderly blind woman dies in fire - Birmingham Gardens
- Youth charged over malicious damage - Doonside
- Police investigate hit and run collision - Summer Hill

Wednesday 19 October 2005

- Police investigate armed hold-up - Bonnyrigg
- Comfit issued following abduction attempt - Caringbah
- Rare motorcycle stolen - Glen Alpine
- Child pornography charges - Surry Hills
- Shots fired into unit Riverwood
- Body found following house fire - Belmont
- Campsie police investigate robberies

Tuesday 18 October 2005

- Police investigate possible abduction - Wiley Park
- Commissioner orders appeal
- Child pornography charges - Surry Hills
- Charges Laid Over Police Officer Assault - Telstra Stadium
- Stabbing And Assault Charges - Canley Heights

Monday 17 October 2005

- Two Youths Charged Over Armed Robbery - Homebush
- Attempted Abduction of Teenager - Ashfield
- Two Youths Charged Over Armed Robbery - Homebush
- Man Critical Following Single Vehicle Collision - Freemans Reach
- Man Charged With Five Counts Of Attempted Murder - Nowra

Sunday 16 October 2005

- Man Charged Over Aggravated Sexual Assault - Bourke
- Man Seriously Injured After Falling From Balcony - Merrylands
- Man Dies In Quad Bike Collision - Merrylands
- Second Person Charged Over Murder - Kangy Angy

Saturday 15 October 2005

- Police issue warning after abduction attempt - Caringbah
- Police investigate home invasion - Yamba
- Additional charges laid over alleged sexual assault - Goulburn
- Police warn children after abduction attempt - Hurstville
- Man clocked allegedly driving over 200km/h - near Gundagai
- Fatal semi-trailer, car collision - Sandy Point
- Police investigate armed robbery - Lakemba
- Police issue home security warning to residents - Tamworth
- Two people charged with drug cultivation - Raby

Friday 14 October 2005

- Police Search for Missing Man - Sydney Harbour
- Police appeal for witnesses following serious motor vehicle collision - Gerringong
- Fatal pedestrian crash - Mascot
- Police investigate car, mini-bus collision - Umina Beach

- Motorcyclist killed in collision with car - Longueville
- Youth charged over attack that left woman paralysed - Lakemba
- Woman killed by runaway 4WD - Mt Keira
- Teenager charged over stabbing - St Marys
- Gold coins found - Mascot

Thursday 13 October 2005

- Police appeal for witnesses following sexual assault - Padstow
- Youth arrested over stabbing that left woman paralysed - Lakemba
- Police appeal for witnesses following sexual assault - Padstow
- Attempted ATM Theft - Kellyville
- Police investigate carjacking - Lewisham
- Man charged with murder by Strike Force Renata detectives
- Man assaulted and robbed - Penshurst
- Police investigate armed robbery - Cranebrook
- Pedestrian critically injured by skateboarder - The Rocks
- Four youths charged over street robberies - Ultimo, Darling Harbour
- Two men charged over hydroponic cannabis seizure - South East Asian Crime Squad

Wednesday 12 October 2005

Tuesday 11 October 2005

Monday 10 October 2005

- Man Charged Over Assault On Woman And Four-Month-Old Baby - Windang
- Charges Laid Over Man's Death - Kangy Angy
- Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash - Kiama
- Man Charged After Car Stolen/Pursuit - West Hoxton
- House Destroyed In Suspicious Fire - Campbelltown
- Third Arson Attack On Church - Bass Hill
- Two Charged Over Attack On Cabbie - Carlton

Sunday 09 October 2005

- Man arrested, questioned over suspicious death - Kangy Angy
- Stop domestic violence - call Triple '0'
- Stop domestic violence - call Triple '0'
- Police investigate suspicious death - state's Central Coast
- Fatal pedestrian collision - M4
- Man stabbed during fight - St Marys
- Teenager dragged 140 metres down road, seriously injured - Mona Vale
- Boy loses foot after fall under train - Newcastle
- Charges after assault on clergyman - Newcastle
- Malicious wounding - Marrickville
- Home invasion - Wiley Park
- Three charged over home invasion - Bourke

Saturday 08 October 2005

- Police, family appeal for information over double homicide - South Maroota
- Man charged with assault - Moama
- Man Charges With Drug Offences - Auburn
- Man Charged Over Attempted Armed Robbery - Lambton
- Missing 10-year-old Girl Found
- Fatal MVC - Edensor Park
- Serious MVC - Merewether
- Suspicious Fire Destroys Church - Bass Hill
- Fatal MVC - Hartley
- Two killed, truck and car collision - Hartley

Friday 07 October 2005

- Missing girl - Cringilla
- Lucky escape for boy - Camden LAC

- Man seriously injured in truck crash - Goulburn
- Fatal helicopter crash - State's far west
- Woman charged over drug seizure - Cabramatta West

Thursday 06 October 2005

- Firearm Discharged after Neighbour Dispute - Lightning Ridge
- Appeal for witnesses to armed robbery with wounding - Merewether
- Malicious wounding charges - Lakemba
- Child injured in building fall - Campsie
- Jewellery store ram raid - City
- Fatal pedestrian collision - South Windsor

Wednesday 05 October 2005

- FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION - MASCOT
- Appeal for information over unidentified body - Katoomba
- Police search for man reported swept off rocks - Wamberal
- Police search for man reported swept off rocks - Wamberal
- Man assaulted during home invasion - Sans Souci
- Police appeal to locate missing 23-year-old Eaglevale man
- Juveniles escape detention centre - Campbelltown
- Man wanted over break and enter offences - Sydney's inner-west and north
- Pedestrian killed in crash - Rosebery
- Man charged with murder - Guildford
- Man attacked by dogs - Ellalong
- Man charged over fatal collision - Berowra

Tuesday 04 October 2005

- Inquiries continue after fatal two car crash - Coolac
- Police investigate shooting - Guildford
- fatal collision - F3 at Berowra
- Images released following armed robbery - Lake Illawarra
- Official long weekend road toll remains at three - Operation Slowdown
- 1000 tablets stolen from pharmacy - Coolabah
- Two charged over assault - Auburn
- Aircraft fire - Moama
- Suspicious unit fire - Riverwood
- Burst water main - Redfern
- Liverpool stabbing - second man charged

Monday 03 October 2005

- Operation Vikings - Byron/Tweed
- Operation Slowdown - Results From
- Appeal For Assistance Following Assaults In Newtown And Stanmore
- Stabbing - Seven Hills
- Youth Charged Over Numerous Robberies - Inner West / Redfern
- Man Charged Over Hit - And - Run Collision - Bowraville

Sunday 02 October 2005

- Police appeal for witnesses to pedestrian injured crash - St Johns Park
- Police appeal for witnesses to pedestrian injured crash - St Johns Park
- Police appeal for witnesses to pedestrian injured crash - St Johns Park
- Operation Slowdown - Results From Day Two
- Barricade Charges - Blacktown
- Man Killed In Hit-And-Run - Bowraville
- Man Charged Over Stabbing Murder - Liverpool
- Stabbing - Kensington
- Hit-Run Charges - Coffs Habour
- Aggravated Armed Robbery - Matraville
- Man Arrested Following Stand-Off - Blacktown

Saturday 01 October 2005

- Man questioned over stabbing death - Liverpool
- Appeal for assistance following armed robbery Berkeley
- Man questioned over alleged fail-to-stop - North Coast
- Appeal for assistance to locate stolen opals - Coffs Harbour
- Police investigate stabbing, man critically ill - Liverpool
- Operation Slowdown - results from Day One
- Police officer injured in fail-to-stop collision - Coffs Harbour
- Pirate DVDs Seized - Wiley Park
- Appeal For Information After Armed Hold-Up At Bank - Randwick
- Teenager Found Safe And Well - Tweed Heads
- Man Charged Over Possesion Of Ecstasy - Enfield
- Eleven Arrested In Public Transport Blitz - Operation Vikings

Friday 30 September 2005

- Missing 14-year-old boy - Tweed Heads
- "A prediction we don-t want coming true" - Long weekend road toll stands at one
- Operation Abelia
- One man dead following single-vehicle crash - Dubbo
- Man slashed 38 times in aggravated robbery - Alexandria
- Public transport operation held over long weekend - Sydney, Hunter, Wollongong
- Police investigate double murder - South Maroota
- Police investigate double murder - South Maroota
- Service station robberies - charges laid
- Three arrested, $400,000 worth of drugs seized - Surry Hills
- Chilling holiday weekend crash prediction - could it be you?
- Armed robbery at service station - Enmore
- Man charged drug offences - Budgewoi
- Youth safe after missing in national park - Dareton
- Police investigate deaths at South Maroota - Hawkesbury

Thursday 29 September 2005

- Police recover capsized boat - Far South Coast
- Investigation begins into fatal plane crash - Tenterfield
- Police appeal for witnesses to stabbing - Redfern
- Police appeal for witnesses to stabbing - Redfern
- Light Plane Found - Tenterfield
- National Police Remembrance Day 2005
- Man Deceased In House Fire - Doonside
- Youth Charged After Fire - Narrabri
- Male Body Located - Barkers Vale
- Sexual Assault Charges - Marrickville
- Elderly Couple Robbed, Youth Charged - Kempsey

Wednesday 28 September 2005

- Youth in police custody after HAZMAT alert - Narrabri
- Drugs arrest - Albion Park
- Drugs arrest - Albion Park
- Police search for paraplegic man - northern NSW
- Police search for paraplegic man - northern NSW
- Body Discovered After House Fire - Padstow
- Body Discovered After House Fire - Padstow
- Pedestrian Accident - Belmore
- Double Fatal Mvc - Firefly
- Man Charged With Drug Offences - Canley Vale
- Man Charged With Drug Offences - Canley Vale

Tuesday 27 September 2005

- Man Assaulted On A Bus - Wentworthville
- Car Jacking and Armed Robbery - Bankstown
- Car Jacking and Armed Robbery - Bankstown
- Appeal For Public Assistance Following Indecent Exposure - Sydney's Inner West
- Operation Nitsana Charge Three After Robbery - Liverpool
- Man seriously injured after being hit by car - Revesby
- Man charged after $17,000 drugs seized - SF Tuga
- Man charged with sexual assault - Chatswood

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MEDIA ANALYSIS SHEET

PRINT MEDIA

Date of Media article	Publisher	Summary	*Reference:* Command & Control	*Reference:* Operation Response Capability	*Reference:* Equip	*Reference:* Training
17/11/05	St George & Sutherland Shire Leader Pg.14	Discusses trouble from 3 October 05 long weekend between Cronulla locals and people from South Western Sydney such as Bankstown. No ethnic descriptor mentioned. Social commentary. Insp O'Grady spoke about police response.		X		
06/12/05	REF: TELE pg 5 & 16 SMH pg 5	Fight for Cronulla: We want our beach back. Fighting words of the thugs who bashed the life savers. .				
06/12/05	REF: St George and Sutherland Leader, pg 1	Harassed: Coverage of Anti social Behaviour Issues at Cronulla.				
07/12/05	Daily Telegraph Pg.11	"Police played down a culture of gang violence at one of Sydney's best known beaches".		X		
"	" Pg.11	2nd article. Letters to the editor about behaviour of middle eastern males at Cronulla and other beaches. No police issues raised.				

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08/12/05	DTELE pg 1,5,30 & 33	Bad Blood Boil in Cronulla. SMS details REF: SMH pg 1				
09/12/05	REF: SMH, pg 6 TELE Front TELE pg 39 & 40 AUS pg 5 SMH pg 14	Police Comb the beach amid calls for calm. Helicopter over Cronulla beach. A/C Goodwin explains the tension between young men over who owned sand, sun & surf was nothing new in the area.				
09/12/05	MX (Sydney)	Fears that with all police attention at Nth Cronulla other beaches will be unprotected		X		
SEPARATION POINT – PRE AND POST 11TH DECEMBER 2005 – DAY OF CRONULLA RIOT						
12/12/05	Herald Sun Pg.1	"Police were powerless to quell the Cronulla violence resorting to batons and capsicum spray ...."		X		
"	" Pg.5	Reporting of events – no police issue raised.				

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12/12/05	Illawarra Mercury	Opposition leader calls for a "much tougher police response".		X		
"	" Pg.2	Goodwin says authorities expected violence after the assault on lifesavers and a brawl earlier in week.		X		
"	MX (Sydney)	Maroubra residents demand government and police restore law & order.		X		
"	" Pg.2	Scipione mentions that certain members of white supremacists were present. Article deals with beliefs & values of locals. No police issue raised relevant to terms of reference				
"	" Pg.11	Gangs of youths marauding through suburbs, eg. Brighton-le-Sands and flag burning. Police in riot gear in Rockdale. Lone policeman defending a person of middle-eastern appearance with capsicum spray from the mob.		X		X
"	SMH Pg.2	General article reporting incidents and referring to underlaying racism. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.7	Social issues and immigration. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.12	Social commentary by chairman of Community Relations Commission. No police issues.				

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12/12/05	" Pg.15	Mentions lack of police resources, media incitement and deep seated racism.		X		
"	" Pg.18	Praises actions of police. General commentary about social issues.		X		
"	" Pg.20	Social commentary generally. Finishes with "They should leave it to the police to sort gangs from other areas are coming in"		X		
"	" Pg.25	Effect of Bra Boys on lack of trouble at Maroubra by middle-eastern men. "The cops hate and fear the swarming packs of Lebanese		X		
"	The Age Pg.1	Reporting on events and actions of police to protect property and people		X		
"	The Australian Pg.1	Reporting on events. "Despite a heightened police presence ..... people were bashed ...". Iemma states "hooligans would face full force of the law".		X		
"	The Australian Pg.1	Police used batons, capsicum spray, dogs and mounted patrols to control crowds and protect people. Mainly social issues.		X		
"	" Pg.6	Social issues only.				

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12/12/05	" Pg.6	2nd article. Mentions actions by police to protect people.		X		
"	" Pg.9	"Sydney Police should stop the softly, softly approach"	X	X		
"	" Pg.10	"Police Minister and Commissioner Ken Moroney are equally to blame for not calling for a tougher police response".	X	X		
"	Daily Telegraph Pg.1	Police pelted with beer bottles, used capsicum spray and "struggle to control 5000 rioters"	X	X		
"	" Pg.2	2nd article. Locals at Maroubra fear attacks but there are no references to police action or inaction.				
"	" Pg.2	3rd article. Premier says "Police had enough manpower". Malcolm Kerr, Member for Cronulla says "People are frustrated and angry and not seeing enough police visibility".		X		
"	Daily Telegraph Pg.3	Reporting events. No police issues.				

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12/12/05	" Pg.3	2nd article. Report of flag burning incident at Brighton-le-Sands RSL. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.4	"The riot squad were in force, but they could do little except stand and watch while the crowd whipped itself into a drunken frenzy". Remainder of article reporting event.		X		
"	" Pg.4	2nd article. Mention of neo-nazi's involvement in Cronulla incident. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.4	3rd article. ".... Claims at police at Cronulla were under-resourced and ill-prepared ....". "Police had resources to do the job". Lack of police generally.	X	X	X	
"	" Pg.5	"Transit officers (at Cronulla) were outnumbered". 50 police were brought in to ensure the train could leave the station.		X		
"	" Pg.5	2nd article. About Cronulla local Glen Steele. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.6	Social commentary and reporting of events.				

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12/12/05	Daily Telegraph Pg.20	"The response of the State Government and the police leadership was totally inadequate". "Understaffed Cronulla Police Station. Other general commentary.	X	X		
"	" Pg.21	Reporting of events and racial tensions. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.21	2nd article. Issues of growing resentment in Cronulla community about the behaviour of middle-eastern men towards locals and "Police haven't done anything and we're fed up with it".		X		
"	" Pg.23	Social commentary. No police issues.				
13/12/05	Bankstown Express Pg.3	Reporting of events. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.10	Social commentary by Mayor of Bankstown. No police issues.				
"	Gold Coast Bulletin	".... things were out of control and I was horrified"		X		
"	" Pg.16	Social commentary. No police issues.				

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13/12/05	" Pg17	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	Hills Shire Times Pg.3	Arrest of Northmead man from Cronulla riot. No police issue.				
"	Illawarra Mercury Pg.2	Reporting events and comments by Moroney, Goodwin and Premier. No police issues.				
"	"	2nd article. Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.3	Sutherland Shire Councillor opinion piece. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.4	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	Macarthur Chronicle Pg.4	Vehicle fire at Woodside. No police issues.				
"	Manly Daily Pg.1	Discussion of local surf lifesaving implications and whether or not to hold a scheduled carnival. No mention of police in article. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.7	From Brad Hazzard – Wakehurst M.P. – "The police and the government need to make sure that it (Sunday) is the end of it, but I fear it may not be".		X		

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13/12/05	" Pg.10	Discussion of having the annual surf carnival. No police issues.				
"	Manly Daily Pg.30	Concerns by members of surf clubs to attend annual carnival on Northern Beaches and as to appropriateness at this time. General concerns referred to. No police issues.				
"	MX (Sydney) Pg.1	Motolov cocktails and rocks being stored by Maroubra residents on rooftops to get revenge on any middle-eastern males vandalising property. Police commanders will hold crisis meetings today to plan responses to violence ..."		X		
"	" Pg.18	Letters to editor – opinions. No police issues.				
"	SMH Pg.1	"Sydney erupted in a second night of racial violence.."		X		
"	" Pg.2	Social commentary. No police issues.				
	" Pg.6	Recalling of Parliament to introduce new laws – Part 6A LEPRA		X		
"	"	"Police act swiftly to curb attacks".		X		

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13/12/05	" Pg.9	Letters to editor. No police issues				
"	" Pg.11	"..... rising levels of violence in the Sutherland Shire".		X		
"	SMH Pg.12	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.13	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.13	2nd article. The Mayor of Sutherland, Kevin Schreiber, praised police performance in Sunday's riot".		X		
"	" Pg.13	3rd article. Relates Goodwin's comments on police strategies in Operation SETA.		X		
"	" Pg.14	Arrest of a person who breach bail. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.16	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg16	2nd article. Police request more power to close liquor outlets.		X		

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13/12/05	" Pg.16	3rd article. About Alan Jones inciting action at Nth Cronulla because police were powerless to address crime issues.		X		
"	" Pg.17	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.24	Social commentary. No police issues				
"	SMH Pg.24	More police needed in Cronulla and not having to come from Miranda. Policing needs to be closer to the community and respond quickly and decisively.		X		
"	" Pg.24	2nd article. Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.26	Letters to editor. Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.27	More letters to editor. On letter refers to "The 5000 residents who protested and took to the streets have had a gut full of police and government inaction over their complaints".		X		
"	" Pg.28	Social commentary. No police issues.				

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13/12/05	" Pg.28	2nd article. Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.30	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	The Age Pg.1	Reporting events and police actions.		X		
"	" Pg.2	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	The Australian Pg.1	Reporting of events and social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.1	2nd article. COP " .... promised a review of tactics – even the possibility of the use of water canons – to break up unruly crowds"		X	X	
"	" Pg.4	John Howard flys to Malaysia during riots for talks about trade with Asian countries. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.4	2nd article. Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.4	3rd article. Social commentary. No police issues.				

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13/12/05	" Pg.4	4th article. "Police save four lives from mob violence"		X		
"	" Pg.11	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.12	"Blame race riots of police force neglect"	X	X		
"	" Pg.12	2nd article. "Why Sydney's riots were different from the beach riots of the 1960's"		X		
"	" Pg.13	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	The Australian Pg.13	"Arrests are the right response to the weekend Sydney riot"		X		
"	" Pg.13	2nd article. Letters to the editor. Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	Australian Financial Review Pg.5	Reporting events with social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.50	Social commentary. No police issues.				

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13/12/05	" Pg.56	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	Daily Telegraph Pg.1	Reporting events. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.1	"A second night of violence erupted across three suburbs last night"		X		
"	" Pg.2	".... within 20 minutes police resources were stretched". Story about how police could not cope with violence across metropolitan area.		X		
"	Daily Telegraph Pg.2	Report of events. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.3	Report of events. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.3	2nd article. Report of events. No police issues				
"	" Pg.3	3rd article. Formation of full-time riot squad. Criticism by Cronulla locals of a "softly, softly" approach by police.		X		

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13/12/05	" Pg.4	Timeline of events. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.4	2nd article. Story of how police saved people from mob violence.		X		
"	" Pg.4	3rd article. Report of events and police involvement.		X		
"	" Pg.5	"It was totally out of control"		X		
"	" Pg.7	Insurance report covering damage to property during riot. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.7	"I know why they didn't do anything. Police were outnumbered".		X		
"	Daily Telegraph Pg.7	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.7	"Residents claim that police were ill-prepared for the violence" at Maroubra.		X		
"	" Pg.18	Piers Akerman article asking why had police allowed the situation reach the level it did. S/F Enoggera is a "better late than never" approach. Criticised police attention to problem only after riots occurred.		X		

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13/12/05	" Pg.18	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.18	2nd article. Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.19	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.21	Letters to the editor. Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	St.George & Sutherland Shire Leader Pg.2	Report of events. No police issues.				
"	St.George & Sutherland Shire Leader Pg.2	Letters to the editor. Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.4	Calls for Cronulla police to be strengthened.		X		
"	" Pg.5	Report of events. No police issues.				

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13/12/05	" Pg.9	"There is not a regular uniformed police presence in Cronulla"		X		
"	" Pg.10	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.11	Social commentary. No police issues.				
"	" Pg.12	Numbers of charges post-riot. Just reporting facts. No police issues.				
There were articles from other regional newspapers. These were not analysed. Only the main papers and Sydney suburban local papers were analysed. No print media **after** 13/12/05 was analysed.						

Item No.

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'2GB'
Broadcast Synopsis

4th December 2005 to 9th December 2005

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Ray Hadley

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The information contained within this document is not intended as a strictly verbatim record of every conversation between radio presenters and those contacting or corresponding with radio station 2GB between 5th December 2005 and the 9th December 2005. Instead the information provided is a verified and an accurate synopsis of what was broadcast during selected talk-back programs with possible relevance to what has become known as the 'Cronulla Riots' from 11th to 13th December, 2005.

The intent behind the synopsis is to provide members of Strike Force NEIL with insight into the content, theme, style and tone of some broadcasts and a source document for the report.

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INTRODUCTION

The media response in the lead up to and during the "Cronulla Riots" was extraordinary. Media interest was aroused by an incident at the North Cronulla Beach on the 4th December, 2005.

That incident involved an altercation between surf life savers and a group of Middle Eastern men.

Strike Force Neil conducted a review of the relevant media reporting surrounding this incident to assess its impact upon the police response.

Volume three of the "Cronulla Riots" review contains an extensive and broad sample of the electronic and print media material that was examined.

The electronically recorded material is stored on a number of CD's and DVD's which are stored in a separate folder as an annexure to this volume.

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TRANSMISSIONS

Monday, 5th December 2005 - THE ALAN JONES PROGRAM

Alan Jones leading commentary;

- Stabbing of Rowan Barker.[4]
- Harassment of school girls. Commented knives were placed against their stomach or genitals.[5]
- Inflation of knife statistics by NSW Police.[6]
- Fugitive terror suspect held in Lebanon offered a deal to return to Australia if he turns in six (6) men recruited for a Jihad and, if he pleas guilty, for planning to bomb the Sydney Harbour Bridge.[7]
- *"Just to complete the picture...a story just in"*...reading from a police report...of four (4) Middle Eastern people attacking two (2) life guards at North Cronulla Beach.[8]

✆ CALLER BILL (General Comment):

- *General comment about police support & powers*
- Last week caller's son was bashed at Cronulla Beach by Lebanese during school hours for a surf training exercise. They bashed my son & knocked his two friends unconscious. The police advised the Lebanese males will be counselled.

Jones Response:

- *"Like hell they will be."*
- Jones placed the caller on hold to obtain further details.[9]

Incident as Recorded on COPS.

About 2:15pm 28/12/2005 three school students were in the North Cronulla Toilet black getting changed after finishing a surfing sports day with their school. Four (4) young persons of Middle Eastern appearance were also in the toilet block getting changed. One of the school students made eye contact with one of the Middle Eastern youths and made a private joke with his friend about his appearance. The Middle Eastern youth asked the school student if he had a problem. The Middle Eastern youth pushed the school student over. A Middle Eastern youth then said "I don't like his hair let's smash him." A fight has then ensured. One school student was fallen to the ground. Another school student has requested the Middle Eastern youth to back off. The Middle Eastern youth then commenced punching and kicking the school student on the ground. The fight was eventually stopped and police were called.

[4]Source: 051205AJ0538am.
[5]Source: 051205AJ0538am.
[6]Source: 051205AJ0538am.
[7]Source: 051205AJ0538am.
[8]Source: 051205AJ0538am.
[9]Source: 051205AJ0623am.

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Police located the Middle Eastern youth at Cronulla Railway Station & all were spoken to, their details obtained & allowed to continue home whilst police further investigated the matter. As 29/03/06 three (3) of the Middle Eastern youth have been formally interviewed, one (1) has been charged, three (3) have been officially cautioned.

One 5/12/05 a male by the name of Phil or Bill contacted 2UE & spoke with Alan Jones. The caller stated his son and two young males were assaulted in the Cronulla Surf Club change room during a Surf training exercise. The caller claimed both his son's friends were knocked unconscious. The caller advises POIs were Lebanese. The caller claims police were involved and the POI were identified and officially counseled.[10]

6:30am News (Erin Maher)

- *Police Investigation in the assault of the two life guards. Stated the two life guards were just about to come off duty.*[11]

7am News (Erin Maher)

- *Reference made by Macquarie News journalist Elle Caboonam-King to the life savers being on duty.*[12]

✆ CALLER: BILL

Bill: Talks about the issue and raises race (Lebanese as an issue). States it was an orchestrated attack by the Lebanese Community. Bill asks,"What type of grubs do we have?"

Jones: "What kind of grubs. This lot were Middle Eastern, we're not allowed to say it but I am saying it."

Bill: "I didn't know that. This is a planned orchestrated attacked by the Lebanese community who are targeting Anglo-Saxons."

Jones: "Then they get on the mobile phones these cowards". Jones talks about the details of the incident. A large number of Middle Eastern male converge on the scene and assault the victims. "Let's hope they get locked up."[13]

✆ CALLER MIKE (Friend of life saver)

- Friend is not so well
- 12 Middle Eastern males in group
- Mike did not fear for his safety as he was trained in martial arts.
- Stated the victim had blood pouring from his head and his eyes had rolled back.
- General description of incident.

[10]Source: 2UE AJ 05/12/05 – 5:50am / COPS E:25142617 / Case C:27784383.

[11]Source: 051205AJ0623am.

[12]Source: 051205AJ0653am.

[13]Source: 051205AJ0853am.

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Jones: What was the purpose of the attack?

Mike: These Middle Eastern guys started looking and saying stuff at my mate [life saver]. The fight started.

Jones: Where was the public?

Mike: Everywhere. At North Cronulla we're tired of it, it happens every second weekend. Police have been down on many occasions.

Jones: Was your mate in swimming trunks?

Mike: He was in boardies at the time. There were three (3) other guys with him at the time. Before no time there were eight (8) people running out from no-where. I put myself in between everyone.

Jones: Why would they listen to you?

Mike: I had a cap on, I had shorts on. People are getting quite annoyed and it will escalate. I've seen this happen a dozen times this season. We need a [police] presence near the walkway constantly.[14]

Jones: Michael, leave it there. I'll make sure your view is convoyed to the Commissioner today.[15]

Carry: Jones speaks of police numbers with a caller.[16]

✆ CALLER – DONNA (Mother of one of the 20 year old surf life saver)

Donna: 3rd Generation surf life saver. When the boys [surf life saver] were about to sign off the Middle Eastern males approached them and told the boys to get off their beach. With that my son said where he to look after you to stop you from drowning. With that these men knocked the 19 year old unconscious, he has nearly lost his eye, he is off work because of his head injuries. My son has severe head injuries and he had been told to stay off work but can't because he has a new job. Something needs to be done because this is my son and I don't feel safe to let my children on the beach again.

Jones: You hang on there and we'll talk to you off air. There has to be an end to this, from what Mike said earlier on this is not the first time this has happened, if this has been happening over and over again what the hell are the authorities doing about it. Steve Laye has rung through; he is the Rescue Services Manager for surf life Saving Sydney.[17]

✆ CALLER: STEVEN LAYE [Surf life Saving Representative]

Steve Laye: This is an on-going issue. We making sure we don't walk off this beach, we'll continue patrols. We won't allow anyone to harass life savers. We need to support of police and council. We'll boost our numbers if need be.

Jones: Explain this to me, over of injuries. What happens to these kids, who compensates them for loss of work?

Steve Laye: The volunteers are covered. These guys injured yesterday become our number one priority. We have counsellors and peer support people.[18]

[14]Source: 051205AJ0908am.

[15]Source: 051205AJ0923am.

[16]Source: 051205AJ0923am.

[17]Source: 051205AJ0923am.

[18]Source: 051205AJ0923am.

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✆ CALLER: ANNA (General Comments)

Anna: General Comments about police response.

Jones: Need to be more vigilant in rounding these mongrels up & seeing the courts support the police. General criticism about court sentencing.[19]

✆ CALLER: DEBORAH (Mother of son injured at Cronulla on Australia Day)

Deborah: Son was attacked & put hospital on Australia Day. It was reported to police but no action was taken.

Jones: We'll just get some details off air.

Deborah: Our boys aren't going into the Shire because there are always fights. We came out with the First Fleet. We're Australian through & through.

Jones: This is absurd.[20]

Details of this actual incident as recorded on COPS E:22958273; - Australia Day 2005

On 26/01/2005 police were conducting duties regarding Australia Day Celebrations at Dunningham Park, Elouera Road Cronulla. About 9:55pm Police were approached by Joel Baker (Son of Deborah Baker) regarding an assault. Police observed Mr Baker to have a major laceration to his lower lip, bruising to his right eye, a graze to his right knee and bleeding to his right foot. Mr Baker stated he had been drinking with friends at the 'Wall' in Cronulla when attacked by another male. Mr Baker could not provide police with any description of the male attacker and was reluctant to provide police with details about the incident. Although Mr Baker did state he may have been talking loudly and the POI has assaulted him because of this. Police further questioned Mr Baker about this incident and he remained very vague and refused to supply further details. An ambulance was called to assist Mr Baker with his injuries and to convey him to Sutherland Hospital for treatment. The investigating police commented that the identity of the attacker was not known and is unlikely to be known as the area where the incident occurred was not covered by security cameras. The investigating officers noted the victim was moderately intoxicated at the time.[21]

On 15th February 2005 police obtained a formal statement from Mr Baker. Greater detail of the incident was provided. In this statement Mr Baker could not "...**really describe the guy that hit me other than he looked Maori and was about 18-20 years old. I had never seen this guy before...The guy that hit me just came from no where.**"[22]

✆ CALLER: FREEDA (General Comment)

Freeda: We need the death penalty. If you exterminate some of these creatures the others, perhaps, will think a little better and not behave the way they do.

Jones: If the death penalty was a deterrent why would they putting the 1000th person to death in America, surely the 999 after the first would have been deterred. Freeda you can't on the one hand to say it is against the law for an individual to take someone's life and then say it is OK for government to take someone's life.[23]

[19]Source: 051205AJ0923am.

[20]Source: 051205AJ0938am.

[21]Source: COPS E:22958273.

[22]Source: Police Statement from Joel Baker 15/02/2005 – See Miranda Case File 05/181.

[23]Source: 051205AJ0938am.

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Monday, 5th December 2005 - THE RAY HADLEY PROGRAM

Leading Stories:

- Shock in radio station 2GB re stabbing of Rohan Barker. Needless.
- Story about a 25 year old women stabbed at Croydon Park in own home.
- Children being stalked and assaulted on their way to and from school.
- A gang of men of Middle Eastern Appearance setting upon surf life savers.
- 21 year old women at Redfern being raped by 15 men.[24]
- All dreadful crime. The one affecting us here is the attack on Rowan Barker.
- Speaks about the details of the incident involving Barker. Discussed the injuries and treatment at hospital.
- General anti-sentiment comments about civil libertarians. I've had a guy full of these type [Civil Libertarians] of people.
- Hadley spoke to a mate who is a police officer last night. He tells me when he confronts a young person who becomes violent it is likely they will be carrying a knife.
- Request for assistance with Rowan Barker.[25]

✆ CALLER: A/SUPT PHIL DAY (LAC a Kuringai)

Hadley: Overview of Barker's condition.

Day: Strike Force Badgery established. Have 10 Detectives working on case. D/Insp Bamfield heading up investigation.

Hadley: Is this a rare occurrence?

Day: Yes particularly within this command. General discussion about the investigation and appeal for information about a small white sedan in the area about 11:30pm.

Hadley: Discussion about Hadley's conversation with his friend, a 24 year member of the police, about young people having possession of knifes?

Day: Constantly review procedures to reduce the risk.[26]

✆ CALLER: ROB (General Comment)

Rob: About these life savers that were bashed. In early March there is the state Surf life Saving Titles on at North Cronulla. Just wondering if the police are going to do anything down there. There will be lots of kids, seniors and masters down there for two (2) weeks.

Hadley: Provides general details about the incident. The incident was perpetrated by four (4) Middle Eastern males and bashed two (2) volunteers. February is a fair way off and I would like to see these bludgers caught.[27]

[24] Source: 051205AJ0958am.
[25] Source: 051205RH1008am.
[26] Source: 051205RH1008am.
[27] Source: 051205RH1023am.

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✆ CALLER: JO (General Comment):

Jo: Hi Ray how are you?

Hadley: A bit angry but apart from that I'm OK. Call terminated as caller wanted to discuss a matter currently before court.[28]

Hadley: - General Commentary

Hadley: General overview of life guard incident. A large number of Middle Eastern men converged on the area having been called there by the cowards that were involved. They cowards couldn't handle the two blokes themselves so they called a stack more down there. The two life savers were injured and taken to Sutherland Hospital. Inquiries are continuing. Unbelievable![29]

10:30am News – (Erin Maher)[30]

- Friends of two life guards attacked on duty at Cronulla say they were doing nothing wrong.
- Rowan Barker.
- Stalking of school children.
- Saddam Hussein bodyguard living freely in Australia.

Hadley: Review of emails – general crime sentiments.

✆ CALLER: CARL [bashing victim]

Carl: Was bashed in August this year (2005).[31] They put me in hospital. The incident happened in Como. The incident occurred after a party. About 8 or 9 people hit me. The police could not do anything about it as there were no witnesses. Going to cost about $12,000 to repair teeth.

Hadley: General comments about hosting parties.[32]

Hadley [Correspondence] - Email from Deborah (Mother of son killed at Emu Plains)

Deborah writes: How may attacks, how many deaths will it take for our legal system to serve justice. Kurt's death will affect our family and friends for every…when will magistrates listen to the community.[33]

11am News - Erin Maher[34]

- Mother (Donna) of life saver assaulted makes comment.
- Police Strike Force set up to catch youths responsible for stabbing Rowan Barker.
- State government to increase security at public schools after more reports of stalking and attempted abductions - in one incident a child threatened with knife.
- Anti-Terrorism Bill in parliament.

[28] Source: 051205RH1023am.
[29] Source: 051205RH1023am.
[30] Source: 051205RH1023am.
[31] Source: 051205RH1023am.
[32] Source: 051205RH1038am.
[33] Source: 051205RH1053am.
[34] Source: 051205RH1053am.

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Hadley: General Commentary about Rowan Barker

✆ CALLER: SUZY [Assumed Name] (Mother of one of the volunteers surf life saver)

Hadley: Your young bloke was on-duty yesterday with these two other young blokes, tell me what happened?

Suzy: These two young blokes were king hit. My son went to their aid...was trying to administer first aid to the one that was unconscious. When he stood up...some guy just absolutely smacked him in the head he fell backward, looked at the guy and recognised his face.

Hadley: He can give the police a description.

Suzy: The Police have already apprehended someone.

Hadley: I'm getting stacks of emails that tell me this is a regular occurrence where people come from the South Western suburbs, many of them of Middle Eastern appearance, these young hoods looking for a fight, looking for a scrap. Is that the case?

Suzy: It is unbelievable, you've go no idea. In the last 12 months it has just got so bad. They drive around in their cars, they clog up the car parks, they park anywhere and then they come in packs, its like animals hunting in packs. Its not two or three of them there is 30 or 40 of them.

Hadley: And this happened yesterday, four set upon the two young blokes who were working with your boy and then the mobile started going and then there was a pack of them.

Suzy: Literally dozen and dozens of them and there all the same, its not just one or two.

Hadley: This has been going on for some time, you say this has been going on for 12 months. Where are the police?

Suzy: The police come as soon as they ring them, Cronulla police station is 500 metres up the road.

Hadley: If this has been going on wouldn't you think the LAC would mount an operation...surely to goodness if people act in an anti-social fashion they get cleaned up?

Suzy: Suggestion about the council implementing paid parking. We don't want to take our younger children there now.

Hadley: They get there, either apart from hooding around, they eventually want a swim and what is this about this regarding the authority when they are outside the flags and are told to come back in, does that end up in a blue or is something else that happens?

Suzy: There are various different things. The main one is they hate being told you cannot swim there, they want to play football in the middle of a crowd of younger people. They want to take over the park and they stand on the walkways so no one can get past.

Hadley: I'll give you an example of this type of behaviour. I went to a resort (Sun City) on the Gold Coast three or four years ago with my family. We were there for a couple of days when the place was invaded by young people of Middle Eastern appearance. It worries me, they've got the Greek God bodies, spending heaps of time in the gym. All of a sudden we went down stairs, my young bloke at the time was 12 year old eyes dropped out of his head, there were three (3) naked women there on the sun lounges with these blokes, I would class them as working girls...so I walked back to the bloke at the counter I said, no big deal there are some women out there topless, that's fine, but I've kids out there and I don't think it is an appropriate forum. He said God mate I can't stop them, those blokes will bash me. So I moved out of the place. That's what happens they take over the place. Then I'll have the Muslim people ringing up saying you can't say that, well I can because I was there and you're a mum who sees this at North Cronulla Beach.

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Suzy: What happens when one of them drowns because the life savers won't go and rescue them because they're frightened of getting bashed when they do?

Hadley: That's good because there is one less to bash them, I don't care, I'm sick of it, I'm not in the mood today to pander to minorities.

Suzy: That's the same as your friend that was bashed.

Hadley: Thankyou, that's why I'm not in the mood for it. If I've got to get the LAC from Sutherland on to find out why these young men who come from South Western Sydney are taking over our beaches, I'll ask the questions if I have to ask the Local Member, the Premier I will. It's about time we reclaimed our beaches.

Suzy: We need more people like you, we're too frightened to say it.

Hadley: Someone has to do something about it.[35]

✆ CALLER: NIGEL (General Comment)

Nigel: They trying to overtake our beaches and Gunnamatta Park down there. Its now got to the point where I refuse to take my kids down there. Last summer we were approached by several gangs of youths, my kids were only 7 and 8 at the time. We felt threatened, they were pushed off the swings. Comments were made for us to disappear quick. This was Gunnamatta Park, its not safe now and I won't take the kids.

Hadley: Gee it's frustrating.[36]

Rowan Barker Incident

Hadley: General discussion about the incident. Spoke with Justin Kelly who had just visited Rowan Barker. Mr Barker recovering well and is expected to be home by the weekend.[37]

✆ CALLER: MALCOLM KERR (Member for Cronulla) – 11:53am

Hadley: I've spoken with one mum who tells me this has been going on and on.

Kerr: For some years we have had problems with gangs in Gunnamatta Park and in other parks, you've got a beach side suburb on a rail line. The police do their best down here, Supt Redfern was doing a press conference on it but it needs more resources, the police station at Cronulla needs to be upgraded, we've had a reduction in officers since the elections, it was high before the elections, well surprise, surprise we have lost 18 officers since then. We've got the summer coming up and Cronulla will continue to attract people from all over Sydney and the police need to be in a position, if they have the manpower, to stamp down on these things quickly.

Hadley: You can't have these men and women who are volunteers trying to enforce the law if people want to behave in an anti-social fashion and illegal fashion as well by assaulting people.

Kerr: These people give up their time to protect the public in terms of the swimming conditions and not there as a quasi police force and they should be getting gratitude for the work they do.

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Hadley Commentary:[42]

- Rowan Barker Welfare.
- Department of Immigration – Front page of Sydney Morning Herald – Saddam Hussein body guard granted a visa to Australia.
- Rowan Barker – Caller making comment about power of talk back radio. Commentary compared to a Victim Impact statement.[43]
- Lawyer Stephen Hopper – General comment about Hopper's career and clientele, and connections to NSW Premier Mr Morris Iemma

12 Midday News - Erin Maher[44]

- **North Cronulla Beach** – Surf life savers not intimidated in quitting North Cronulla Beach after an attack on two (2) life savers who were about to come off duty.
- **Body Found** – Victorian School leaver found on un-patrolled Queensland Beach.
- **Melbourne Crime Boss** – Trial.

Hadley Commentary:[45]

- Baulkham Hills Shire Council.
- Rowan Barker.
- U2 Concert Tickets.

1pm Midday News - Erin Maher[46]

- **Police Commissioner Mr Moroney** – Parliamentary Inquiry in Macquarie Fields – Commissioner reference to Macquarie Fields as not being a riot when compared to riots in France.
- **North Cronulla Beach** – Life savers at North Cronulla may change patrol tactics to avoid another attack on guards. Grab from Surf Live Saving Representative.
- **Rowan Barker** – Could be sent home in couple of days after stabbing.
- **Peter Falconio Trial** – General comment about progress of trial.
- General news.

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Tuesday, 6th December 2005 - THE ALAN JONES PROGRAM

5:38am – Alan Jones

Leading Stories:[47]

- **Rowan Barker** – Welfare, improving.
- **Morris Iemma** – Performance of government in terms of
  - Roads and tollways.
  - Water supply.
  - Health/hospitals.
  - Liverpool/Parramatta bus transit way.
  - Maintenance in Schools.
- **Commissioner Moroney** – The State Parliamentary Committee into Macquarie Fields. Dissatisfaction with the Commissioner referring to Macquarie Fields as a disturbance. I just heard the news, Police Commissioner Moroney was saying Macquarie fields was not a riot but a disturbance, I suppose this is the same type of disturbance as Rowan [Barker] faced on Saturday night, was that a disturbance or was that violence, was it a disturbance at North Cronulla Beach where they kicked the tripe out of a young bloke and knocked him unconscious, was that a disturbance? Can you believe this? Who is giving evidence, Police Commissioner Moroney; Col Gellatly in the Premiers Department, old Col he knows backwards all the crisis' in the State he presided over them all, he is still there, he is responsible for the whole of government response, and this is like ground hog day...the government have got no answers....I talked to Tim Priest about it....I'll show you these attacks at Cronulla have been going on all year, on Australia day Cronulla Beach same day, what have we done about it. We had the same thing down at The Rocks, I asked yesterday of Carl Scully office about knife searches and I got no response. What did Tim Priest say, you can solve this problem with a police presence, there is no police presence, why? Because it is only a disturbance.
- **Drug Trafficking** – Comment by Indonesia about an execution in Singapore and reaction about the 'Bali Nine'.
- **ARL** – Wayne Bennet avoiding media at the airport and the NRL conference.

6am News – (Erin Maher)[48]

- **Police officer assaulted** – Police at Macquarie Fields assaulted. Person produced a knife and screwdriver.
- **Voters Angry with Iemma Government** – Poll results.
- **Federal Opposition** – Federal coalition popularity falling.
- **Indonesia** – Country Foreign Minister
- **Australian Wheat Board** – Pay million dollars in kick backs.

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Alan Jones – General Commentary[49]

- **Morris Iemma** – Government performance and poll.
- **Assault in Surf Club Change Room** – General commentary about the assault of 15 year old at North Cronulla Beach change rooms on 28/12/2005[50]
- **Assault of Baker on Australia Day** – Deborah told me on Australia Day this year her 19 year old son was with a group of friends at Cronulla Beach, the son was attacked, punched in the face, lost three teeth, kicked on the ground, as he tried to run for safety he cut his foot on a broken bottle, there was blood everywhere, the attackers were Lebanese, the husband went to the Cronulla Police Station to report it and nothing happened. She said the kids aren't keen on pointing out who's responsible for fears of getting bashed up again. That was Australia Day this year, Cronulla Beach.
- **Life savers Assaulted** – Same story, Donna the mother of one of the life savers bashed at the weekend. The same story northing new, what's done about it. You know what's done about it, absolutely nothing.
- **Comment about Supt Redfern** – According to the Police this is the only assault that's occurred on any of the beaches at Cronulla this year. People are writing to me telling me otherwise. The life savers and locals say this happens every weekend, the police say this is the only assault that's occurred, no the only one they know about, get yourself down there and stay down there and have a presence, it's the only one that has been reported and people are frightened to report them because of what Debra said to me...people are terrified to open their mouth, the cowards will come after them again. I'm telling you this violence has been going on for a long long time and people there fear for their safety. If you live in Cronulla give us a call about what the police are saying...and in the context of all of that you have this state parliamentary inquiry into Macquarie Field, Ken Moroney was giving evidence yesterday, he said what took place in Macquarie Fields wasn't a riot but a disturbance. A disturbance, I suppose the same sort of disturbance we had at Cronulla where the young life savers were beaten senseless, were they disturbed as well? Was Rowan, from our News Room, was Rowan a victim of a disturbance, I suppose someone sticking a knife in his chest and his stomach was a violent vicious assault but a disturbance. We were sickened by Macquarie Fields, police on the defence, bottles and broken bottles and God knows what being thrown at people who were there policemen and women doing their job, they joined, they signed, the code of ethics that they agreed to was that they wanted to make a difference, and there they had to endure that kind of treatment and this was a disturbance. The same as Redfern was a disturbance. I mean it's beyond belief isn't it, and people are just sickened by it all with young life savers beaten senseless, Macquarie Fields is a disturbance, Rowan Baker our own men near the news room. I've got Mike who spoke to me yesterday a life saver, just listen to it, [Extract from interview with Mike 512/05],"...at least a dozen times since the start of this season...we need a presence." A dozen times, the police say it's the only assault that's occurred on any of the beach at Cronulla this year, Mike rang me and Mike said a dozen times since this season not this year. I've got a letter from back on Australian Day this year...[keeps repeating the incidents report to Jones]...what do the police mean when they say this is the only occurrence. This is happening everywhere. People are writing to me and saying the stabbing of Rowan is not a surprise and that it's, I'll quote from a policeman writing to me this morning it's a clear example of an area just like Redfern and Macquarie Fields where inappropriate police Commanders have won jobs over the old cops and have been allowed to ruin entire suburbs through incompetence, the Hornsby area is now suffering from the police Commander who was a duty Officer during the Cabramatta debacle and got promoted to Hornsby as the Commander. The area is run down, police have lost control of the streets, I don't think many people have foreseen the long term results of inappropriate and corrupt promotions. Tim Priest, who I spoke

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to yesterday, wrote to me way back in October and said I have to relate this story to you and I hope you have time to repeat it to your listeners as it typifies the debacle and the farce of Pat O'Shae decision some weeks back about community standards or lack there of, Karen and I returned from a [funeral]...we call into McDonalds at a northern Sydney suburbs [near St Ives] at 8:15pm...what took place next was indescribable... a group of youths started yelling out obscenities...my family was subjected to this behaviour until I approached them and made an offer they couldn't refuse...the manager approached the youths they protested saying they were allowed to express themselves how they see fit...after years in the Army and Police Force...I gave the group a taste of policing 1980's style...one thing O'Shae got right was that there doesn't seem to be public standards...[general discussion about public standards]...[blame the teachers and class room standards]...now you can go on and on but that behaviour has a manifestation in stabbing of Rowan Barker and the bashing of life savers at Cronulla Beach and when police say this is the only assault at any of the beaches Cronulla this year. John hello.[51]

✆ CALLER: JOHN (General Comments):

John: I went to move over to Punchbowl way, the next suburb to Riverwood, and I have had a couple of run in's with the Lebanese over here and a couple of words of advice for anybody who gets into trouble with them. If there's going to get into a fight, there's going to be a fight, you've got to stop more people coming, the first one you go for is the person who goes for his phone that stops the backup coming, that turns it into a fair fight and then you have every right to beat the living hell out of them because they've come to this country and their turning it into Lebanon.

Jones: If the police aren't there I can tell you something, whether we like it or not, the public will take the law into their own hands as the police presence isn't there and for the police to be saying it's a disturbance at Macquarie Field, a disturbance, I suppose, a Cronulla, I suppose Rowan innocently having a drink on the lawn on Justin Kelly's house was involved in a disturbance was he, it was violent, unacceptable criminal behaviour.[52]

✆ CALLER: GERARD (General Comment – Security guard):

Gerard: Lot of problems them, lot of disrespect towards elderly gentlemen and ladies on the street, I've seen bashing, and what the other caller said was correct is totally right about Lebanese people are not racist.

Jones: They are the ones that are racist, they are the ones that are racist, we are not racist we are accommodating whereever they come from so long as they live according to by acceptable standards.[53]

Gerard: Once again I sorry...respect Australia and the Australian way of living.

✆ CALLER: BARRY (General Comment):

Barry: Crime we are sick of it.

Jones: We are sick of it, we are sick of it, when you've got your Police Commissioner who is saying the Macquarie Fields was a disturbance, a disturbance, how fair dinkum are we about loading these people up. There's got to be a bit of fear in all of this, there's got to be a bit of fear. Alright Barry, good point.[54]

Jones: General discussion about Condobolin operating theatre.

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6:30am News – (Erin Maher)[55]

- **Police officer assaulted** – Police at Macquarie Fields assaulted. Person produced a knife and screwdriver. Grab by Police Media Unit.
- **Vehicle crashed into Campbelltown Hospital** – Thieves trying to steal ATM.
- **Voters Angry with Iemma Government** – Poll results.
- **Federal Opposition** – Federal coalition popularity falling.
- **Bashing Victim** – Lauren Huxley moving.

Jones: (Editorial about Cronulla) – The government will read about the Cronulla Beach fiasco...aspect of tradition is to respect life savers...down at Cronulla there's an infestation of idiots with youth gangs going to the beach and causing havoc, in particular an anger campaign of torment and abuse of local life savers and at the weekend the harassment got totally at of hand. The locals say this has been going on for years and the police yesterday said this is the only assault that's occurred on beaches in Cronulla this year. Who the hell is informing them? [Repeats the incident details involving the life saver Assault]...this much is clear these morons need to be caught and caught quickly and then they should be locked-up as long as the law allows and if it were possible banned from ever attending a beach again, for in attacking our life savers they are attacking us all. Was anyone talking about that yesterday in State Government? Not a single sentiment was expressed...[56]

- Everywhere you turn the RTA are allowing unsafe trucks onto road...
- NSW government trying to impose a scuba diving licence...
- Buladelah Hospital....
- Chatswood to Parramatta rail link...
- NSW Roads...[57]

7am News – (Erin Maher)[58]

- **Vehicle crashed into Campbelltown Hospital** – Thieves trying to steal ATM.
- **Police officer assaulted** – Police at Macquarie Fields assaulted. Person produced a knife and screwdriver. Grab by Police Media Unit.
- **Voters Angry with Iemma Government** – Poll results.
- **Federal Opposition** – Federal coalition popularity falling.
- **Bashing Victim** – Lauren Huxley improving rapidly.
- **Bali Nine** – Execution of Bail nine and emotional response by Australians.

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yesterday that what happened at Macquarie Fields wasn't a riot it was a disturbance, the same kind of disturbance that caused Rowan being to be stabbed, the same kind of disturbance, I suppose, that caused the life savers on Cronulla Beach to be bashed unconscious, what are we talking about? The Police were frightened by Lebanese gangs, they did nothing, and the Police Commissioner told the Parliamentary Inquiry into Macquarie Fields said that what happened was a disturbance it wasn't a riot, what are we talking about? What was Morris Iemma talking about yesterday? What's Canberra on about yesterday? None of these things. This disconnect between politicians and the public is massive and the poll demonstrate that...why don't we close down the parliament and give it to Kerry Packer to run...

- **Rowan Barker** – Welfare improving, he is out of intensive care. I raised the question about knives in the community...life is imitating art...way back in 2003 we were talking about searching and the searches was producing a frightening array of knives were the words I used, Carl Scully hasn't been heard from, the Police Minister, how many knives searches have occurred this year or this months what do they revealed? Or aren't they happening...[General discussion on knives searches]...or are the statistics doctored as they have been in the past. Several years ago the Blacktown Sergeant Mark Finlin wrote to me to say that knife search numbers were being systematically inflated so that Commanders could impress their superiors[63], well what did the Police Service do, they did the obvious, they ignored Sergeant Finlin they blamed him despite his early allegation of cheating in promotions exams had been proven correct, they did the usual, they tried to select someone to investigate My Finlin's complaint, who may have had similar problems in his own command. Only after Sergeant Finlin took his complaint to the Ombudsman was an investigation conducted that proved Mark Finlin was right. Well he's like Tim Priest, if you open your mouth and talk the truth they don't want to know about you in the police hierarchy and now Mark Finlin is now a former Policeman. I've got Mark Finlin on the line

✆ CALLER: MARK FINLIN (Former Sergeant at Blacktown)[64]

Jones: So you got dudded as you told the truth.

Finlin: The investigation that was carried out was in, my view, it was a substandard investigation and no one was held accountable for it and they attributed the outcome to problems within the computer system rather than any individual being directly involved in the fabrication or deliberate fabrication of statistics.

Jones: So you took your complaint to the ombudsman?

Finlin: I did.

Jones: And he found that knife searches were being recorded and when in fact they were not being conducted.

Finlin: Correct.

Jones: So in other words that is blatant dishonesty and a betrayal of the public.

Finlin: You see the focus then, as is the case now, is on statistics based policing.

Jones: And if you can get the statistics up you'll get a promotion.

Finlin: Correct.

Jones: The ombudsman said, *"The reliance on the NSW Police Annual Report figures to demonstrate the success of policing strategies to reduce the presence of knives is clearly subject to challenge."* It said, *"Sergeant Finlin's concern is that knife statistics have been artificially inflated and that concern has proved correct."* He has done a substantial good to NSW Police and the community in coming forward with his concerns and causing them to be investigated. For that substantial good you're run out of the Police Force.

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Finlin: It was a combination, to cut to the chase, I received threats and veiled threats. The organisation does not support whistle blowers, they do not support people who come to them with the truth and expect commanders to do the right thing and when they don't you are left with little choice, or no choice, you either go to the media with the issue or you bury your head in the sand and let it continue.

Jones: And it eats you away. If knife search statistics were being doctored then, knife search numbers, why wouldn't they be doctored now, is that why I haven't heard from Mr Scully in the last 24 hours?

Finlin: To give you an example Alan within 3 months of that investigation having been completed, my wife and I went to the local picture theatre and we were waiting outside for the movie to start. Two local police approached a young lass who was sitting down in school uniform, obviously in year 11 or year 12, and she was reading 'Lady Chatterly's Lover', she had her school bag there, she's in school uniform, she's minding her own business, these two police approach her, they take her name down, they search check her bag and then they go on their merry way. I have absolutely no doubt that three (3) months after the investigation was supposedly finalised that these police went back to the police station, recorded a knife search being conducted on this young lass and no doubt a move-along as well.

Jones: And she was just reading a book.

Finlin: Reading a book. Reading her High School...

Jones: See the spin merchants get promoted, the whilst blowers get sacked and pushed on.

Finlin: I only recently discovered, Alan, under a Freedom of Information application that when I laid my complaint about promotions corruption that there was a strategy at least considered by the hierarchy of the police department to actually charge me with interfering with an internal investigation solely to prevent me from going to the media.

Jones: And prevent the truth from being known.

Finlin: That's it.

Jones: I haven't heard, Rowan has been stabbed, I challenged Carl Scully yesterday to tell us how many knife searches have been conducted in the last month, the last year, what have those knife searches revealed and I've heard nothing.

Finlin: You won't hear anything because the statistics are not reliable in relation to knife searches and move-ons, they haven't been since the start, they aren't now. The review the ombudsman office is supposed to be conducted on a regular basis, I don't know what the outcome is but recently, the last one I heard of the same thing was happening, the statistics in the view of Ombudsman's Office weren't reliable.

Jones: So this bloke doesn't have anything to fear walking up the street in St Ives on Saturday with a knife because no one is going to ask him whether he has a knife or not and when he stabs Rowan Barker he races off into a car and then there is a whole hell of a job trying to find out who he is.

Finlin: This issue is I support the police have a tendency to target the soft targets, the young girl sitting reading her text rather than the person at the corner intimidating people.

Jones: And the Mark Finlins' who tell the truth are former policeman.

Finlin: Correct.

Jones: Good to talk to you Mark. Carl Scully where are you, how many knife searches have there been and what have they revealed?[65]

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8:00am News – (Erin Maher)[66]

- **Health** – Government doing poor job.
- **Vehicle crashed into Campbelltown Hospital** – Thieves trying to steal ATM.
- **Indonesia** – Respect Sovereign right to execute people.
- **Hussein Trial**
- **AWB Scandal**

Jones: [Commentary][67]

- Sale of lost property found on City Rail.
- Immigration.
- Voters unhappy with Iemma Government...
- **[Cronulla Beach]**...Cronulla Beach, some problems down there, Andrew Tink was right. He said Sunday's assault was as a result of a reduction of police in the Cronulla area with 18 officers not replaced in the past year. Here we had two young life savers attacked by a gang of Middle Eastern men one of whom said get off our beach. The Middle Eastern bloke saying to our blokes get off our beach, the young life saver said we're here to protect you to save you from drowning, so they got hit. Within a minute both young men were being punched up by 16 men who attacked a third member of the club, aged 15, who tried to stop the fight. All three were left with bruising to their faces, one of the boys with stitches to his head after being king hit from behind, real gutless and cowardly stuff, and representatives of the North Cronulla Club and Surf life Saving NSW met police yesterday, and what the politicians were talking about yesterday anything but that, anything but that! Morris Iemma is that going to happen in your State, who spoke about knife related crime yesterday, not a politician that I know of. I see Bob Sendt, S_E_N_D_T, the Auditor General, has found the state government spent more than it was supported to on the Liverpool Busway [Discussion about public transport].....
- NSW Parliament Joint Select Committee into the Cross City Tunnel [Interview].[68]

8:30am News – (Erin Maher)[69]

- **Vehicle crashed into Campbelltown Hospital** – Thieves trying to steal ATM.
- **Melbourne Taxi Driver** - Questioned by police after collision with pedestrians.
- **Police from Macquarie Fields assaulted.**
- **Voter survey.**
- **Former Premier, Mr Carr, appearance before Cross City Tunnel inquiry.**

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Jones: [Commentary][70]

Cronulla Correspondence: I have to say to you...we talk about things like family break ups and you get emails everywhere, it's a long time since I seen correspondence like this and this all Cronulla and I am very grateful to you but how could someone in the police hierarchy and government not know what you know, what you've written here. There is a tsunami of these things....I'm glad that you have written...

[Correspondence] – *I am a resident of Cronulla, my 9 year old son and I were at beach and witnessed the appalling and violence behaviour yesterday afternoon, my son's a nipper and we're at the beach every Sunday. I was absolutely sick to the stomach to see the young volunteer hit to the ground unconscious, my son also witnessed this violent attack and had only just returned from the kiosk to walk down the walkway when this was taking place. I was at the beach on the Queen's Birthday Holiday...*

Jones: ...now remember police today are saying its the only assault that's occurred on any of the beaches at Cronulla this year, who the hell is talking to these people...

[Correspondence Continues]... *I was at the beach on the Queen's Birthday Holiday, I've never felt so uneasy and threatened as I had that day, there were groups of Middle Eastern young men all around they were abusive to people, taunting young girls as they passed, the language was disgraceful and they didn't care there was grand-mothers, mothers and children around. It was quite clear to me that they were not there to have a nice day at the beach but to cause as much disruption and violence as possible, subsequently there was a huge fight, it distressed me greatly, to see a group of young men have so much hate. At one point there was a group tried to push another young man over the edge of the wall. Fortunately the police arrived and the gangs dispersed. Other groups of men that day started playing football on the beach, the ball was hitting families and one man dived to get the ball and fell on one young boys surfboard and broke it, this young boy had saved all year to purchase the board. The groups also berating the life guards, who as you know are volunteers. Alan I am not racist, I have very close friends who are Middle Eastern and many friends of different cultures. It is clear these groups of men come to cause trouble.*

[Correspondence from Greg] – *Greg says, here I go again sitting there in your studio. I wish for you to visiualise North Cronulla beach, its not just a few Middle Eastern bastards at the weekend, its thousands. Cronulla's a very long beach and it's been taken over by these scum, especially North Cronulla. It's not a few causing trouble its all of them, its an attitude you feel, when ever you go there its just straight out racism it will not go away. The police have their hands tied, reduced numbers, reduced powers, I wish there was an answer. The only answer is to run away or hope for a governing body with backbone. Both my kids were at those incidents with these mongrels, my daughter was even stalked by Billal Skaff before he went to prison. I would like to send you some digitals of the human pollution on the beach, I would like to know where to send them, I'll take them this weekend. I'm grateful; I'll be in touch with you.*

[Correspondence from serving police officer] This is not the only one of these I've heard, it opens by saying, Mr Jones I'm a serving police officer and I'd appreciate it if you don't mention my name but several of them; *the disgraceful attacks on Rowan Barker and the volunteer life savers at Cronulla on the weekend are symptomatic of a much larger problem and that is the abandonment of suburban police stations. I know there is a competing need for anti-terror police, large public order management policing obligations and all manner of large scale operations but these are entirely at the expense of suburban policing. I work at a medium sized suburban local area command, we have two police permanently on-loan to Redfern, two permanently on-loan to the street policing unit*

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the littlies and with the park as well it can make for a lovely place. About three weeks back I was there with friends, including a lady who has three year old twins, the water police and the land police were attending a large group of one of these gangs and dispersing them, as a number of them walked passed us they spat at us and were saying things in things in their language we couldn't understand other than the 'F' word, it was quite frightening and I don't think we should have to put up with this behaviour. In the mall at Cronulla this also happened, especially the language, and on occasions in the evening with all the open air cafes there have been fights break out where the diners have had to leave because of fear. Cronulla is always beautiful and don't let is be spoilt by uncaring youths, that is a tragedy. Unbelievable, I can't believe what people are writing to me here.[73]

Steve: If they spat at me they would be cleaning their teeth through their backside.

Jones: [Laugh] Good on you Steve, good on you, if they spat at him they would be cleaning their teeth through their backside. Well said Steve, we might need a bit of that as well.[74]

✆ CALLER: MALCOLM KERR [State MP for Cronulla][75]

Jones: What perspective can you bring to bare on all of this?

Kerr: This has been going on, as you know, for some years. Your callers are quite right when they say that we've got a beachside suburb on a rail line and for that reason Cronulla Police as being a special situation. That police station has been downgraded, I had a meeting some years ago with Geoff Schuberg, who's well known to you, about the facilities Cronulla police station had when he was in the Police Force and how much it's lacking now, you've got special problems in summer. Another friend of ours, Tim Priest, spoke about Middle Eastern gangs because he done an extensive article for...what's been going on now has really hit the fan because as the Telegraph says this attack on life savers was an attack on us all, with our Australian way of life.

Jones: [Correspondence] *Andrew has written to me. Alan heard the call from the young life savers at Cronulla, unfortunately this happens regularly at Cronulla gangs of Lebanese youth just swarm over the beach stealing from and assaulting beach goers, they pick on the youngest crowd. I recounted an incident twelve months ago where a gang of Lebanese teenagers chased two young life savers up the beach towards Elouera. One of them was brandishing a machete, the only escape for the life savers was to jump into the sea and swim away. By the time the police came they were long gone. The professional life guards at Cronulla do a good job as they have no law enforcement powers and mostly they call the police at the first sign of trouble but sadly the gangs are gone whilst the police are too ineffectual to make arrests and throw some of them in the paddy wagon. Any life guard on beach at Cronulla will tell you horrendous stories of gang attacks at Cronulla beach, we need zero tolerance now.*

Kerr: Absolutely, Alan could you indulge me to read four paragraphs from a speech Geoff Schuberg made;

> **[Schuberg Speech]** *In the early 1980 I was one of 12 detectives working out of Cronulla, supported by Detectives at Miranda, Sutherland and Engadine in a police division that basically took in the Shire and Royal National Parks, we had the capacity to put up to 50 police at short notice on any form of special operation. Only a few years ago the police service had the resources to saturate an area and effectively deal with serious crime and anti-social*

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behaviour. Cronulla, Sutherland, Miranda and Engadine police stations were all charging stations. Before computerised charging it took 15 minutes to charge an offender, sure we still have a crime problem in the area but we answered every call and detectives attended every crime. Now that goes to the heart of it.

Jones: It goes to the heart of it. I've got letters here from policemen, this one says, "I am a serving member of the police, please don't mention my name, I heard Tim Priest on this morning, I have been arguing for the last two years police have to have random weapons search powers, in many areas police struggle to legitimise their use of current knife and person search powers. local area commanders are under pressure to ensure their numbers are high as a reflection of proactive carried out by police." The whole thing is a shamble, Malcolm who is doing something about it in government or the police hierarchy?

Kerr: There's plenty unusual.

Jones: Nothing unusual.

Kerr: You've spoken to 100's over the years.

Jones: Yeah.

Kerr: These are good policeman getting out because they can't take the culture they are operating in and because they can't take the imbalance that exists at the present time between law enforcement and criminals, and who's got the upper hand, criminals.

Jones: That's Malcolm Kerr who's the local Member for Cronulla.

Bill Pilkinton [Former police officer][76]

Pilkinton: I think the problem with the police these days is you don't see the sergeants on the truck, in days gone by I used to ride in the truck so did Timmy Priest. There a dinosaur.

Jones: And that's this point about suburban policing, a police presence isn't it?

Pilkinton: That's it and you want that experienced leadership out on the road.

Jones: And one caller rang me yesterday and said look I was frightened even though I hadn't done anything cause I saw the police coming and I knew to tow the line.

Pilkinton: The thing is though Alan, you never see this anymore, most these young police have got very limited experience and if you've got sergeants, instead of sitting in the office ticking books all day, and get out on the road where it is all happening, the young police follow...

Jones: **[Correspondence]** *The Cronulla life guard attack, says Maree, is not a new thing for the Shire. The... football picnic used to be at on at Gunnamatta Park until a few years ago Middle Eastern lads chose to go around the ground stealing wallets from picnic goers handbags and bolt, police were called but nothing came off it. This was compounded by the covered shelters in the grounds being taken over by people of Middle Eastern appearance making their day of it. The football club was forced to hold a Christmas picnic at their owner's."' Now in the letters here I cannot believe as a result of one series of conversations to say there is a serious problem. That's Bill Pilkinton a former policeman, former, these are good people who leave the service who can't cop the culture, they join to make a difference and someone is stopping them from making that difference.*

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✆ CALLER: TONY [General Comment]

Tony: Mate these guys are uncontrollable, this is just not happening in Cronulla. I live in Hurstville; they are hanging around in the shopping centre with blades, stanley knives. They are approaching young kids to surrender their clothes, give their clothes over...

Jones: This was in Hurstville.

Tony: This was in Hurstville, they attacked my little young brother and they slashed him with a blade in the neck.

Jones: When was this Tony.

Tony: Two (2) months ago.

Jones: [Caller details obtained off air]...This is beyond belief, well I suppose if something is going to come of the stabbing of Rowan and the bashing of the two life savers it might be an awareness from someone. This is the point I am saying, how many people think Morris is doing a good job, talking about this, not a word, not a word from anyone in government yesterday about knives or North Cronulla Beach. Stay with me, I'll be back about the news at nine.[77]

9:00am News – (Erin Maher)[78]

- **Former Premier, Mr Carr, appearance before Cross City Tunnel inquiry.**
- **Performance of Labor Government** – Unhappy voters.
- **Liberal Leadership** – Howard/Costello.
- **Vehicle crashed into Campbelltown Hospital** – Thieves trying to steal ATM.
- **Melbourne Taxi Driver - Questioned by Police after collision with pedestrians.**
- **Police from Macquarie Fields assaulted.**

Jones: [Commentary][79]

- Government performance
- Liverpool Transit
- Cross City Tunnel Inquiry
- Rowan Barker moved from intensive care
- Macquarie Fields Inquiry being told it wasn't a riot but a disturbance.
- U2 Concert tickets – Second shows announced
- More government criticism
- Health and hospital
- Smash repair crisis – NRMA scheme

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[79] Source: 061205AJ0908am.

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✆ CALLER: MICHAEL [About Hospital][80]

General complaint about Westmead Hospital – waiting times.

✆ CALLER: JOHN [vigilante support][81]

John: I am going to say two words to you...re: this Cronulla attacks, what does the words Burney Getts mean to people? Now the police can't do the job...that means to me the next step is vigilantes and personal protection by ourselves. Now we may be breaking the law but if you are to protect your family would you break the law?

Jones: Well.

John: I'm up here on the North Beaches and we don't have the same problem as Cronulla at the moment yet because we don't have a rail line but I tell you what it's coming. I have had three recently here lately, police called nothing done. Malicious damage to property, police called nothing done. I can't see any other way to eradicate these...

Jones: ...I tell you what that this is a worry, we don't have enough police, and when you have people resigning at the rate they are resigning and, as the earlier caller said or the email that I wrote, being dragged out of local area commands to serve specialist squads then it leaves a short fall of them.

John: Sure does, these people, half of them may be home grown, they have infected minds, they don't live the Australia way...we didn't go to Gallipoli and the Second World War to protect this country...people always say Australia is 20 to 30 years behind America...

Jones: I've got an email here which says; *in light of your attack of Middle Eastern youths upon two surf club members and recent altercation between 100's Cronulla locals and persons from Bankstown, I thought it pertinent to outline the following; this situation is a clear replication of the problem that faced locals at Huntington Beach in 1993. Such violence was perpetrated against locals by Hispanic gang members, they eventually formed their own gangs to protect themselves and their communities, that's what your saying...*

John: *That's what I'm saying.*

Jones: *Hang on, I'll just read this to you...police were powerless to stem the tide and the local Huntington gangs had the support of local business, and yes even the police. I know this because I was there, I saw the situation myself said Brett. Initially the phenomenon of the violent gang culture is here, the recipe is established, the pack mentality of some cultures, the attitude of disrespect, the mind numbing gangster rap music and the automatic weapons are all here, and as is the case in the United States the gangs are drawn along ethnic lines. In the USA the strongest of these is the Hispanics, here it is the Middle Eastern persuasions, and it doesn't take a psychologist to work out the mentality between these two cultures is very similar. Two weeks ago my 16 year old son was attacked by two (2) Middle Eastern boys at Cronulla, when beaten in a fair fight they called for reinforcements on their mobile. Incidents of attacks on young Australian males are far more frequent than most people know but generally they go unreported. What he is saying is Huntington Beach, the groups became their own defenders, they formed gangs and they got rid of them. He said he is a concerned parent and he needs to do something. He says I was a NSW Police Officer for 13 years and spent a decade studying crime and tactics throughout the United States, I worked*

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with the local area Police District Anti Gang Unit and later lived with a former California gang member as a facility manager in an effort to understand their culture. I am a published author and photo journalist who specialises on these issues, I would like to say that I support what you are trying to do but I fear the horse has already bolted and the violence will only increase and in the end we'll be forced to learn another lesson that the American's have had to master and that is to pack up and move on." Frightening isn't.[82]

John: Well that is exactly right, it doesn't take a brain surgeon to work out...if the police can't do the job the next tier is us.

Jones: Yeah, good on ya John.

John: Well my grandfather was an old digger, he used to say, "Shoot one, the rest will run."

Jones: [Laugh]

John: He was an old digger, when your're out numbered 20 to 1 you don't put your hand up and play Queensbury rules.

Jones: [Laugh] You don't play Queensbury rules, good on ya John.[83]

✆ CALLER: ANGELA [Cronulla Commentary][84]

Angela: ...these young men from the Arab community do not do this type of things over there wherever they come from, their native land. I believe these boys their parents have no idea what they are doing...their parents should know what they're doing and then they should be fined and heavily disciplined, discipline their parents because these boys are scared of their fathers.

Jones: They are, that's a very good point.

Angela: I am not Arabic, I've got good Arabic Palestinian Arabic friends. Those boys around their home are respectful boys...this is one of the ways you can solve the problem.

Jones: A police presence is required.

Angela: Not only a police presence you need to charge the parents.

Jones: There's got to be an element of fear.

Angela: If that doesn't happen they can be put in a boot camp.

Jones: Something has to be done as they are running the joint at the moment.

Angela: There are so many things happening...

Jones: So many things happening that the general public believe this wouldn't be all that difficult to solve.

Angela: We've got to go back to basics.

Jones: Well said Angela.

✆ CALLER: ALAN [Complementary to Police][85]

Police support for the Special Olympics, raising money.

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✆ CALLER: ROSEMARY [Daughter harassed by Middle Eastern boys][86]

Rosemary: I just wanted to take the opportunity to ring you from a single mum's points of view. I moved to Sydney 11 years ago with my daughter who was starting high school. We have problems with the Middle Eastern boys harassing girls and kids at the railway station and cafes. I live in the Carlton, Hurstville, Rockdale area. All you have to do is go down to Brighton-Le-Sands to have a look at the cars and the gangs getting around there along that beautiful water front...they've locked the gates along the water front to keep the gangs away. This is far more wide spread than what is happening in Cronulla, it has been going on for a long time. We live in fear, I live in fear, I actual went to Cheryl Burton over a particular issue because...

Jones: Morris Iemma should be saying this won't happen in the State whilst I am the leader...the leader is in charge, so the leader should be saying this won't happen in my State...we are talking about everything but which seems to suggest we don't have answer or we won't don't care.

✆ CALLER: KEVIN [Politician Interference for ethnic group][87]

Kevin: I won't go into details but I work for a government department in which political interference on behalf of a particular ethnic group is strong so much so after an arrest the person appeared the next day. You'll notice that if this situation was reversed, I'm suggesting it might be politician then holding the hand, that if this situation was reversed the politicians would be weighing in, the infection from the University and all these other bleeding hearts would be telling us how bad we are and there will be everything out. There's a strange...

Jones: ..racism's a one way thing..

Kevin: There's a strange sound and for the vote I think the politicians...have so indebted themselves that I would not be surprised if those people have those politicians by the tails.

Jones: Or some other piece of anatomy

Kevin: Yes.

Jones: Well done Kevin. What Kevin is saying is racism is a one way street, if you say something about someone over there and all hell will break loose but they can say what ever they like about you and nothing happens.

✆ CALLER: DAVID [Captain of Bronte Surf Club][88]

David: I am a Captain of Bronte Surf Club in the Eastern Suburbs and I must admit we don't see the problems being talked about in Cronulla. I don't believe it is an ethnic issue I think it is a manners issue but I actually think the solution the community has to respond. It's a community service we offer and when these things happen, they happen because too many people are quiet

Jones: I don't know about too many people being quiet here David, I don't want you to underestimate the significance of it I think you had better go down to North Cronulla. I don't think these people will ever respond to any discussion about manners, this is gangs stuff mate it's not manners and the community have responded and the community are scared, and the community are frightened to speak because they fear retribution, anyone's welcome to read my emails here. It's a frightening catalogue of a major major

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problem. It's a law and order problem, it's a gang problem, it's a lack of respect problem, it's a domination problem, it's a sense of superiority problem, it's a we own this joint you don't problem, it's get out of here we belong here. Gee I tell you what David it's not straight forward, it's just not a question of manners.

David: I think it's the situation Alan when you see life savers coming under attack like that the community has to band together, and not only on the day and say, look mate that's not the way we do things here.

Jones: Well mate the community did come to the aid of these two boys, they had more they had mobile phones and they were there in numbers at which point one of your people has been kicked unconscious to the ground...

David: ...which is terrible...

Jones: ...the community...the kind of community at the beach is normally mum and dad and the kids and they feel that they are at risk if they come to the aid of somebody, it will happen to me and it just simply shouldn't happen.

David: We've got to stand up as a group and say it's unacceptable and all I'm urging the listeners to do is the voice they are expressing today, quite rightly, express it on the beach at the time and if you see the guys are coming under siege like that, these people are cowards and they pick on these kids cause they are little...

Jones: Thankyou David and thankyou for the work you do.

Jones [General Interview][89]

Interview with Australian idol Kate DeAraugo.

✆ CALLER: ROBERT [Muslim complaints][90]

Robert: General comments about Lebanese Muslims and

✆ CALLER: HELEN [Comment on COPS disturbance][91]

Helen: In the United States Macquarie Fields was publicised on evening television news as a riot.

Jones: Everyone knows how you define a riot...it was a riot and it was a badly managed and police were humiliated by the way in which they were given directions to let these thugs and mongrels to dish out what ever they could dish out to them and the police had to cop it. No police man or women should be asked to accept that and the leadership was totally deficient and utterly defective.

✆ CALLER: WAYNE [General Comment about police][92]

Wayne: First time caller, it is one way the racism and that, it's all their way.

Jones: Yeah all their way.

Wayne: Years ago mate I used to knock around the city right, back in the 70's and we were in jeans and that. What the police should be doin' is just pullen them up, search'n them, pester'n and give em a flogg'n like they used to...

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Jones: ...drive them nuts...

Wayne: ...you know and just flog em...

Jones: I don't know about flogging them...

Wayne: ...and they won't be 'round...

Jones: I don't know about flogging them but if we close our eyes we don't care, so long as they get the job done, that's the point, that's what were saying.

Wayne: Yeah

Jones: OK, OK, look the tough hand has got to be taken to these people I think, I think the point he's trying to make, Wayne's trying to make.

✆ CALLER: DAVID [Victim of Assault][93]

David: ...employee at Roseland's Shopping Centre...mugged by four (4) Lebanese guys...I was knocked out and taken to hospital, now this was two weeks before my wedding, the hospital at Concord has done some CAT scans and MRI scans and has found I have a brain tumour. This tumour has been in my head for 15 years but it was an inactive tumour and because of the attack, I been advised, it is now an active tumour. Two weeks ago I was at home I suffered a seizure and collapsed and passed out for three hours on the floor. I ended up on in hospital...I am on tablets...the tumour is bleeding.

Jones: We're running out of time...have you been received good care.

David: The hospitals have been great...

Jones: Just hang there...so that if you have got our number if you need some help because we have run out of time. I should say in relation to those Macquarie Fields riots, and riot instead of a disturbance, John Sweeney, the inquiry apparently wasn't told, that apparently John Sweeney was at some course, he was the bloke in charge out there, that a riot is where 12 or more persons who are present together use or threaten unlawful violence for a common purpose. That's what a riot is 12 or more persons who are present together use or threaten unlawful violence for a common purpose, Ken Moroney it wasn't a disturbance it was a riot, and it was a badly managed riot and I have police writing to me say that. Thanks for your company today, I'll be back tomorrow.

10:00am News – (Erin Maher)[94]

- **Melbourne Taxi Driver** - Questioned by police after collision with pedestrians. Teenager not suspected to survive.
- Former Premier, Mr Carr, appearance before Cross City Tunnel inquiry.
- Murder of Peter Falconio - Trial
- Performance of Labor government – unhappy voters.
- Teenagers gaoled for attempting to set fire to London bomber's house.
- Titanic broke into three pieces.

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Tuesday, 6th December 2005 - THE RAY HADLEY PROGRAM

Ray Hadley Open Commentary[95]

- **Macquarie Fields Riots** – Last night I couldn't quite believe my ears when I heard the Police Commissioner Ken Moroney tell an upper house inquiry into Macquarie Fields that we had a disturbance out there and not a riot. That will come to news to the front line police getting pelted with Molotov cocktails and bricks for four days. It will also come as a surprise to the men charged with rioting offences and I'm indebted to quite a number police officers today who have sent me net notes about this very matter saying it's a bit rich for the Police Commissioner to be saying we had a disturbance and not a riot, well people have been charged with rioting offences and I agree with them, it is a little bit rich for the Police Commissioner to be saying that. Anyway I think this sort of nonsense will portray the Commissioner, who is a good bloke, in a poor light.
- **Parliamentary Inquiry:** What about this, Jan Brynes-Woods, she's the Chair in the Upper House, if you've having a Roman orgy you send Jan out for the grapes because she had just been asking the... Dorothy Dixs...a lady who used to write for the Women's Weekly...anyway it was a riot that's what it was nothing more nothing less, it wasn't well handled by senior officers in charge. The poor officers on deck they handled it as best as they could but they had no leadership, most notably lacking was the LAC Superintendent John Sweeney who's now been moved sideways and one of the reasons he should have been moved is because he didn't know how to handle a rather serious riot and that's what is was. No amount of PR BS by the Commissioner or anyone else, including those from the Labour Party on the committee, will change the facts of the matter.
- **Iemma Government popularity.**[96]
- **Bus transit way between Liverpool and Parramatta [Lengthy Discussion].**
- **Lauren Hudson recovering at Westmead Hospital.**
- **Trails in progress.**
- **North Cronulla Beach** – taking a look at the problem with Middle Eastern youth on the Central coast.
- **Rowan Barker recovering.**
- **Radio Ratings** – Alan Jones increased from 16.5 to 17.3, number one in the morning. 2GB is consistently number one throughout the day.[97]

✆ CALLER: PAT [Dispute at Terrigal][98]

Pat: I am ringing regarding an altercation my son-in-law and his son-in-law had, in the Terrigal/Gosford area, they were in a park with about four people of Lebanese origin...

Hadley: Just before we go any further Pat, what we have to deal with is facts, the people may not have come from Lebanon OK, so they will be Middle Eastern...

Pat: ...Middle Eastern...

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[97] Source: 061205RH1008am.
[98] Source: 061205RH1023am.

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Hadley: ...and it's likely if they were young people they were born here...

Pat: ...they were a family...

Hadley: ...so it's Australian of Middle Eastern Appearance. Was this at the beach?

Pat: Yes.

Hadley: Go for your life.

Pat: With the swings and that, our family were having their picnic, as were the others, and enjoying themselves and the children of Middle Eastern appearance were monopolising the swings. Politely they were asked if they mind if our children use the swings...

Hadley: ...share the swings...

Pat: ...and I was told no...

Hadley: By whom?

Pat: By the Middle Eastern people. So, an altercation took place.

Hadley: And what happened then?

Pat: It was very physical.

Hadley: Oh really.

Pat: Oh yes and our son is a disabled person and he was into it as well. I don't believe it was reported to the police because they took care of it themselves and it was on for young and old.

Hadley: How long ago did this happen?

Pat: Oh, this was about six months ago I would say. I would say it didn't get reported to the police because they took care of it themselves, they're not aggressive. Mate what I can't understand is why is all this happening? Years and years ago when I used to live down in Sydney, I'm 71 by the way, I used to live in Sydney and we used to go to Bankstown for our shopping in those early days...we would do our shopping and the Middle Eastern type people were coming into those stores, the women following the men and even in those days we were pushed aside whether we were white, blue or brindle or black or what ever..

Hadley: There are two things here, just in relation to what happened at the beach, I'm 51, so a long long time ago as a little boy at Bobbin Head Park and the same thing happened to me, there were no Middle Eastern people within cooee, there was a blue between sets of parents so I think blues over swings have been happening for a long long time Pat because kids want to monopolies swings and parents want to defend their own kids so I don't think it had anything to do with that. In relation to people of different appearance and women coming after men, I don't know too much about that but I know this Pat, I run into a lot of people who are born in Australia of Middle Eastern heritage...and they pretty descent people but at the moment we have a core of young people who will not accept, they are Australians, but won't accept our way of life and we need to do something about it.

Pat: I agree whole heartily and I want to know what's gone wrong...why won't they accept our way of life?

Hadley: Pat, Pat, let's not say them because its not all of them...its because we have been too easy and ...we need to get tough.

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Hadley: [Correspondence][99]

Baulkham Hills shire [Lengthy discussion with Ray Williams councillor at Baulkham Hills Council].

10:30am News – (Erin Maher)[100]

- **Former Premier, Mr Carr, appearance before Cross City Tunnel inquiry.**
- **Melbourne Taxi Driver** - Questioned by Police after collision with pedestrians. Teenager not expected to survive.
- **Undercover operations conducted.**
- **Body discovered near train.**

Hadley: [Correspondence about Macquarie Fields][101]

"Tim from Kingswood: Just on what the Commissioner said to this upper house inquiry into Macquarie Fields...who does he think he's fooling...unfortunately this has Carl 'Sparkles' Scully's fingerprints all over it, only he would be so arrogant and try to tell the public the Macquarie Fields riots were actually a disturbance. It has really annoyed me and I think its annoyed a lot of people." It wasn't a disturbance, you're right Tim, it's simply a full blown riot for four days, they did not have control of the streets and our front line police officers at risk.

✆ CALLER: ELIZABETH [Complaint about Lebanese Church in Mt Druitt][102]

Elizabeth: My mum and dad live in Mt Druitt and they live across the road from St John the beloved Lebanese Maronite Church, two years they have had the brand new church built. Not one incident has happened to my mum and dad, they're Australians, they've lived in that house for 30 something years, never once, nothing. So what does that tell you Ray? That there's a problem with Lebanese Muslims, I'm sorry they hate people, they hate...

Hadley: You keep saying Lebanese, its Middle Eastern Muslims it not Lebanese. The other thing about it, we have this dividing line and people say Lebanese Muslim or Middle Eastern Muslim...

Elizabeth: They are.

Hadley: Love, they were born here some of them are second generation, I mean they would know less about Lebanon than you or I would know, they would know less about Syria and less about than we know.

Elizabeth: Well there must be something wrong about their parents then Ray.

Hadley: Well I don't know it there is something wrong with their parents but what we need to do is if there is something wrong we need to straighten them out and what we need to so is police the authority to take the sort of action that would be required if there's another disturbance at North Cronulla, Terrigal beach sometime in the foreseeable future.

[99] Source: 061205RH1023am.

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✆ CALLER: JOYCE [Christmas Decorations][103]

- Warning people with their Christmas decorations.
- They damaged 21 cars.

Hadley [Correspondence from Serving Officer][104]

- *Discussion about the definition of riot in the crimes act...*
- *...as for John Sweeney the inquiry wasn't told that on the Friday morning before the riot at Macquarie Fields he was participating in the Public Order Management Course for Senior Managers at Police Headquarters. Well that hasn't been raised, can we check with Ken Moroney there. This officer is telling me that the Friday morning before the riot at Macquarie Field the LAC at Macquarie Fields was actually participating in the Public Order Management Course for Senior Managers at Police Headquarters...*
- *Further discussion about the definition of riot under the crimes act.*
- ...Ken Moroney wanted to tell us yesterday at the upper house inquiry it was a disturbance, Ken come on mate get fair dinkum.

✆ CALLER: CHRIS HARTCHER – [member for the Central Coast][105]

Hadley: Yesterday I spoke extensively about the problems the community is facing with these thugs at North Cronulla. I got a call from Chris Hartcher who's the member for Gosford and the Shadow Minister for the Central Coast, he tells me they've been having the same type of problem at the Central Coast in particular I believe at Terrigal. I'll find out right now, G'day Chris.

Chris: We've had this problem now for some years, they've been coming up in car loads especially on Friday nights, Saturday nights over summer to beach areas like Umina that have a real problem and still have a problem. Only three weeks ago we had a very serious stabbing at Terrigal, the guy who was just celebrating the birth of his baby, he and his mate they came out on Sunday morning a car drives past, remarks are exchanged, the car stopped, a gang of four they all charge out of the car and of course they are of Middle Eastern appearance, he's stabbed 10 times, 10 times and left in the gutter, this is at Terrigal, and then the car drives off. Now we have had this problem, these gangs have been coming up to the Central Coast for a considerable amount of time, there just seems to be nothing anyone wants to do about the problem. In England, Ray, they introduced special anti-social behaviour orders to geographically locate these gangs, to keep them out of geographical area, to actually take them on head-on and call them for what they are. Is useless if we all pretend it is a couple of bad boys just running around, this quite a serious problem, its on the Central Coast its on the Cronulla Beaches, anywhere where there is a beach apparently these gangs are going to marauder.

Hadley: Let's go back to the man stabbed 10 times up at Terrigal; I've heard nothing of this and I scower the papers everyday of my working life. What I am saying to you is a colleague of ours was stabbed, not in these circumstance stances, but we are talking about knife violence, he's a man, Rowan Barker, with a profile and because he works with myself and Alan Jones we carry the fight to say let's get something done about this. Everyday of our working lives things like this go unreported because the poor bugger at Terrigal wasn't a news reader on this radio network no one knew him, he's an anonymous victim. Now

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when are we going to get fair dinkum, and we heard from the LAC down there at Miranda yesterday oh Yes there will be a presence there this weekend, well good they'll be there this weekend and then the following weekend it will go back towards where the poor old life savers will have to fend for themselves.

Chris: Absolutely right, absolutely right, what you just said was so right this guy had nobody to speak up for him, nobody, he's just an ordinary guy out with the mate celebrating the birth of his child. What could be more ordinary and likable than that, everybody wants to go out and celebrate the birth of their children. What happens is you exchange of few words with a car load of guys, that also often happens, and bang your stabbed 10 times and left to die, and left, and left seriously wounded.

Hadley: Do you know if anybody has been apprehended over this?

Chris: No nobody has been apprehended, they're not from the area, the car disappeared into the night and bang all you have is this description of Middle Eastern appearance. Now it's the situation which causes people not to want to go out but it also causes people a genuine sense of fear whenever they see these gangs start to gather, and they gather so quickly because they ring each other up on their mobile phones...and in 10/15 minutes car loads are starting to arrive and that is what is happening down in Unima, that's been happening at Shelley's Beach up on the Central Coast and it's a reach cause for concern.

Hadley: I am told at Terrigal the local Pubs and Clubs up there are putting curfews on where it you leave the premises at midnight, or thereabouts, you can't get back in.

Chris: That's right, they've all agreed to a system where they, in terms of curfew, if you leave at midnight to can't go back in nor can you go to another place and that's been caused by this sort of problem, that gangs are arriving and some have an informal policy, and I'm not going to name them, but some have an informal policy where they won't allow in youth of Middle Eastern appearance.

Hadley: What your talking about licensed premsies?

Chris: Licensed premises but they don't say that.

Hadley: They just tell the bouncers that's what he looks like, show him the door and say sorry we're full pal?

Chris: We're full pal, and that's where we've got to and that's a tragic commentary that has to get to that stage. The Magistrate at Gosford court, about 5 or 6 months, imposed bail conditions on a group of Middle Eastern appearance that were not to visit the Central Coast, that was a specific order, because they turned on a scene at the Central Coast Leagues Club, a big club like the Central Coast Leagues Club.

Hadley: What the Magistrate made it a condition of his bail they were not allowed to return to the Central Coast?

Chris: A condition of their parole...

Hadley: Of their parole

Chris: Once they were convicted they were not to return to the Central Coast...

Hadley: Oh right so they were convicted?

Chris: They were convicted and they're not to return to the coast for a period of I think it's for up to two years.

Hadley: Well obviously they're not incarcerated because they're on parole therefore the Magistrate doesn't see it fit to incarcerated them but they can't return to that area for two years.

Chris: That's right.

Hadley: Well one of the things that astounds me, and maybe you can help me here, I pick up the paper today and I see the lemma government is falling way in the polls in relation to Cross City Tunnel, Lane Cove Tunnel,

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transport hubs and all the rest of it but they polled the people in this particular group and they're happy with law and order. Well I'm buggered if I know how they can be happy with law and order, we've got riots at Macquarie Fields that aren't riots, we've got people too scared to go to North Cronulla Beach, we've got people too scared to go to Terrigal beach and people are happy with law and order.

Chris: People tend no to blame the government and this is the problem that I've found over a long period of time, they blame judges and they blame magistrate, they say they're too lenient but at the end of the day it's the government that allows them to be lenient by not bringing in the tough laws which prescribe minimal penalties for these offences.

Hadley: But the last time you went to the electorate with that under John Brogden, Chris, they overwhelmingly said no?

Chris: I know, I know, and yet when you talk to them one to one they will all agree with you, when you take up a petition in a public place they all line up to sign it.

Hadley: I don't get any of them phoning here opposing minimum sentencing.

Chris: And we will be taking it to the election again and I hope this time there's a great sense of understanding in the community that this is an essential way of maintaining public safety.

Hadley: Thanks for your input into the debate, that was Chris Hartcher...[106]

✆ CALLER: JASON [Solutions to Cronulla][107]

Jason: Solution to the Cronulla Beach problem, we could probably adopt a few simply policies from the Singapore people over there, they've got one there I heard of where it is an offence to gather with four or more people, it's like a simply solution to break these people up and dispersing them, to start somewhere.

Hadley: Well Jason I'm not prepared to say No to what your saying because something needs to be done.

Jason: That's for sure.

Hadley: Yep something needs to be done.

Jason: I grew up in the western suburbs and I've always come across these sort of little problems in shopping centre...

Hadley: Take away the power to assemble.

Jason: Yeah that's it, they have some really good policies in Singapore I'm not saying the one just recently is that good but its somewhere to start.

Hadley: Alright buddy.

Jason: Thanks champion.[108]

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[107] Source: 061205RH1053am.

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✆ CALLER: BETTY [Victim of Theft][109]

- General recount of incident where $700 was taken.
- Hadley sends Betty the $700 as a Christmas present.

11:00am News – (Erin Maher)[110]

- **Former Premier, Mr Carr, appearance before Cross City Tunnel inquiry.**
- **Ramraid at Campbelltown Hospital.**
- **Melbourne Taxi Driver** - Questioned by Police after collision with pedestrians. Teenager not suspected to survive.
- **Alcohol free zones to return to Bondi Beach.**
- **AWB inquiry.**

✆ CALLER: BEV [Donation][111]

- Wants to give previous caller $500.00

✆ CALLER: DAVE [Middle Eastern gangs][112]

Dave: Just in regards to these Middle Eastern gangs getting around town, they are a massive problem. Just one point most of them, I'd say the majority of them as you mentioned, were born here. The problem is they don't identify themselves as Australian, they've got tattoos of the Lebanese flag, Lebanese national icon which is that tree, they got 'Lebz' written all over them, you drive through Bankstown and Campsie and there's graffiti Lebo's rule and Aussie's suck.

Hadley: You're a policeman by the sound of it Dave are you?

Dave: Mate I am, yeah.

Hadley: Just you have a fairly intimate knowledge of the tattoos and the like and I suspected you may have been an officer. Any respect for authority Dave?

Dave: That's one of the problems, they just don't identify…the Middle Eastern gangs are an absolute massive problem at the moment. A lot of them don't identify themselves as Australians.

Hadley: We had a task force to combat these types of gangs, it's been wound down or disbanded, do we need it again?

Dave: Mate it's been wound down to a third, there's no proactive element in it.

Hadley: So it's all reactive, not stopping things before they happens, chasing them after they've happened?

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[110] Source: 061205RH1053am.
[111] Source: 061205RH1108am.
[112] Source: 061205RH1108am.

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Dave: It's been wound down by about two thirds. Mate it definitely needs to be up and running again, because it made an impact, it wasn't a unit targeting one particular area, it was targeting areas where they sent, if there was problem on Saturday at Cronulla Task Force Gain would be at Cronulla, if there were problems at Bondi on Sunday Task Force Gain would be targeting Bondi. Whatever the problems were...

Hadley: It seemed to die when the leader officer retired and I interviewed him here, and once he went it was gone.

Dave: I can't say too much, I know he was very well respected. The major problem is that a lot of these people don't identify themselves as Australian; I haven't seen one wearing a tattoo of an Australian flag or the Southern Cross or something like that...

Hadley: I've got to take cop the tip from you Dave because you're there everyday of your working life seeing it I'm quarantined from this to a certain extent?

Dave: I take your point, I know a lot of very nice Lebanese people but when you see the problem as it is and all of Sydney are seeing the problem for year now, that is obviously one of the dramas...

Hadley: Someone has made the point to me here in relation to our Premier and I think it is very valid point. Morris Iemma is the MP for a seat that takes in Lakemba and South Western Sydney and you never see him jumping up and down about Middle Eastern gangs and Australian Lebanese gangs are you?

Dave: It's not a good vote winner is it?

Hadley: Well no, I mean the Labour Party will win no matter what one would imagine and he doesn't seem to be saying to much about them and to a certain extent that's cowardly.

Dave: Look it's a problem in Sydney, it's a problem Sydney-wide, I mean these days in cars you can get from one end of the city and the other in 20 to 25 minutes, so...

Hadley: Yeah that's a good point. It was Bob Inkster that was in charge of the task force wasn't it?

Dave: Bob Inkster, I didn't know Bob Inkster too well..

Hadley: No I interviewed him when he retired and I spoke to him obviously when Task Force Gain was in full swing, but it's as if Ken Moroney and others have decided it doesn't exist anymore well they're living in a fools paradise, it's like saying there weren't riots at Macquarie Fields and it was a disturbance.

Dave: It's another issue I am a bit scared to talk about, I mean Task Force Gain they still do the good work.

Hadley: But they have been wound back, that was announced on this program when Bob Inkster went.

Dave: That's right, whether it was money...

Hadley: ...it was budgetary it obviously costs a lot of money to have a Task Force in full swing and Sparkles Scully or his predecessor decided it was too much money involved in it.

Dave: That's one of things needed...

Hadley: Alright mate, well I've got an appointment to speak to Ken Moroney and put it straight on him about Task Force Gain and he'll no doubt go down the path of it's still an operation but he knows that I know and you know that it's been down graded.

Dave: I think 90% of the public would agree with it mate.

Hadley: Alright pal.

Dave: Thanks Ray.

Hadley: Keep doing a good job, thanks Dave. There's a serving police officer with another slant of what's happened on streets in Sydney.[113]

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✆ CALLER: ANITA [Praise for Ray]

- For the donation to Betty.

✆ CALLER: BILL [Son has Heroin Addition][114]

- Bill is regular caller – updating of son's condition.
- Identifies a heroin dealer at a Western Suburbs High School – advised Crime Stoppers anonymously.

✆ CALLER: DAVID [Land Tax][115]

- Land Tax.

✆ CALLER: BEN [Blacktown Tafe and Tourism][116]

- Complimentary remark.

11:30am News – (Erin Maher)[117]

- **Cross City Tunnel inquiry.**
- **Hussein body guard.**
- **Melbourne AFL club and sexual assault claims.**
- **AWB inquiry.**

Hadley Commentary

- **Hadley:** Carl Sparkle Scully the Police Minister is to do a media conference at Cronulla at 12:30, we'll hear all the rhetoric, this won't happen ever again, this is disgraceful, we should be free to walk on our beaches, the life savers should be safe and well, we'll have a police presence next weekend and then nothing...and I'll try to talk to the Police Commissioner Ken Moroney about the Task Force Gain and the down grading of that task force after the retirement of Superintendent Bob Inkster.[118]
- **Macquarie Fields Riots** – ...Macquarie Fields riots described yesterday by the Police Commissioner Ken Moroney as a disturbance, four days of riots started the 25th February this year, started after two young men were killed in a car crash as they fled in a stolen vehicle from police. The driver, Jesse Kelly, hid from police for 12 days before being charged with killing his two best mates, charged with manslaughter and assault relating to a witness to the incident, he didn't apply for bail he faces a maximum of 25 years in gaol he's still before the courts. On the first two nights about 50 rioters gathered in the streets and the third night 150 residents clashed with police wearing riot gear, cars were set alight, police were attacked with molotov cocktails and entire streets blocked off with debris. Several police suffered minor injuries and a number of police vehicles were damaged during the incident, more than 30 people have been arrested, charged and bought before the courts and [pause]...there are now four less police in Macquarie Fields than back in February and the Commissioner said it wasn't a riot.[119]

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[115]Source: 061205RH1123am.
[116]Source: 061205RH1123am.
[117]Source: 061205RH1123am.
[118]Source: 061205RH1123am.
[119]Source: 061205RH1138am.

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- **Alan from Erina [Correspondence]** Ray I can't believe we have such a naive Police Commissioner when he refers to the Macquarie Fields fiasco as being redefined as a disturbance. What do you suggest we call what occurred the between '39 and '45 as skirmish.[120]
- **Wayne Bennett (Bronco's coat).**[121]

✆ CALLER: JOHN [General Discussion][122]

John: General talk – wife is in hospital.

✆ CALLER: SAMANTHA [Collision][123]

- Reports a fail to stop collision – heading towards Bringelly.

✆ CALLER: BARRY [Macquarie Fields Riots][124]

Barry: ...Ken Moroney, I like him a lot but this political correctness has got to stop.

Hadley: Barry I hope he is listening to you because he's the sort of bloke who does listen to people, I think he has to stop this nonsense of it being a disturbance; it was a full blown riot.

Barry: A disturbance, he must be joking.

Hadley: Alright Pal...have a good Christmas.

12:00pm News – (Erin Maher)[125]

- ATM positioning at hospitals after ram raid.
- Cross City Tunnel inquiry.
- Melbourne – Taxi driver ran into youths.
- Federal Government workplace laws.
- New Years Eve Rail Ticket
- Australian spending more time with doctors.
- Car manufacturers encourage head air bags.

Hadley Commentary:[126]

- Big Kev died.
- Plain crash near Broken Hill – male pilot died.

[120] Source: 061205RH1138am.
[121] Source: 061205RH1138am.
[122] Source: 061205RH1138am.
[123] Source: 061205RH1153am.
[124] Source: 061205RH1153am.
[125] Source: 061205RH1153am.
[126] Source: 061205RH1208pm.

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- **Email [Middle Eastern Gang]:** An important email from a 20 year she said; *I am a 20 year old Australian with Lebanese heritage. My mother came to Australia from Lebanon when she was eight; dad was 21 when he came here. There's no doubt there is a problem with young Middle Eastern gangs in Sydney. I believe the issue is with their pride and arrogance which makes them believe they are above the law and therefore can deviate without consequence. Most families immigrated to Australian for a better opportunity at life and now it seems there's an utter lack of respect and appreciation for what this country has provided. I'm a fourth year law student at the University of New England and I'm disgusted with the reputation these deviating Lebanese Australians are giving the rest of this conforming community.* **HADLEY:** Well there's a young lady studying law, maybe you can make a difference sweety, maybe you can.[127]
- NSW State Debt.
- **Email [Anthony from Chatswood]**...say if Macquarie Fields equals a disturbance then the NSW Labour party equals a riot.[128]
- **Email [Natalie from Belfield]**...*Ray its just not young Middle Eastern people who intimidate, our family were having a picnic at Carrs park recent and we were there with a large group of Muslim people and we asked them if we could share the pavilion. When my mother started to speak up for us because they said no, they yelled abuse at us and accused us of being racist. We didn't want to cause trouble so we moved to another area, they didn't even use the other half of the pavilion anyway. You try to have a peaceful picnic on the Sydney coast without the park being taken over by Middle Eastern Muslim people. I was a resident of Cronulla, have family there, was shocked recently when I took a walk past Cronulla Park and Gunnamatta Bay on a Sunday, altercations everywhere. The old Aussie picnic by the sea is a thing of the past says Natalie.* **HADLEY:** Well based on what's been happening down there recently I wouldn't think you'd be wrong.[129]

✆ CALLER: RAY [Former Police Officer][130]

Ray: Ken Moroney, I know Ken well, he's a good bloke...

Hadley: I said that, you can say what you want because he just came up on the line at the moment so he's listening to you Ron, go for your life.

Ray: He's a good bloke and he was the Principal at the Academy, I reckon he would have to been told what to say by Mr Sparkle. It's unreal for a fellow to say that.

Hadley: Your talking about the comment yesterday that it was a disturbance and not a riot.

Ray: Yeah.

Hadley: Ronny, I'll let you go because he's on the other line.

✆ CALLER: KEN MORONEY [Police Commissioner][131]

Hadley: Now a disturbance or a riot? I've half eyed attacked you and half eyed defended all morning and part of the afternoon you because I know you're a decent man but where did that come from yesterday?

[127] Source: 061205RH1208pm.
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[130] Source: 061205RH1223pm.
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COP: Thankyou Ray for the opportunity to be able to comment because as you know the inquiry yesterday in which we were involved, that is the senior police were involved, went for well over two hours and so what was captured in a moment in terms of a media report last a few seconds and I would want to put it into context and I thankyou for the opportunity to be able to provide a level of balance. Firstly, all of the correspondence I've ever received from the Legislative Council who are conducting this inquiry Ray, and I'm looking at the various letter now, refer to and I quote, *"An Inquiry into Public Disturbance at Macquarie Fields"* and so very much then the terms of reference were built around that terminology which was not terminology of my making. Can I turn to the specific question that was asked of me yesterday and the reason why I chose the words that I did. I was asked by one of the committee members to provide some definition to the word "riot" and the word "disturbance" and I did some comparison of the events at Macquarie Fields and I've never, neither yesterday nor prior to today, ever underestimated the gravity of the situation which occurred in February of 2005, and I said by definition of which we seen occur in France of recent times, in Los Angeles and a number of other noted international cities it was not at Macquarie Field a riot of that magnitude or scale, and thankfully so, and what I said was there was a range of events which continued on and off over a period of a couple of days and as the evidence was adduced yesterday, an hour and a half then for another an hour and a half on the following night, another hour and a half on the third night and so the word disturbance was never meant to describe the level of violence or the seriousness of what occurred out in Macquarie Fields and indeed the police there on that occasion commendably have arrested some 58 persons, they preferred well over 150 odd charges and of those some 42 or 43 persons have been dealt with by the courts...

Hadley: ...and charged with riot, so can we get clarification from the Commissioner what we witnessed in February in Macquarie Fields was a riot.

COP: Oh certainly the definition under the Crimes Act would make it so and the question I was asked was to provide some level of definition between the word disturbance and riot and in the particular context I put it in was the riots that we'd seen overseas.

Hadley: So in other words it was the Paul Hogan defence, that's not a knife this is a knife. There all knives but there's one bigger than the other...

COP: ...and one's bigger than the other.

Hadley: The terms of reference, you know who bungled the terms of reference on, we've got Jan Byrnes-Woods with two 'SS' chairing it, she's been put there by Morris Iemma and by Carl Scully so she can control it so she can talk to it, the government wants to minimise the damage, they don't want to look as if they have done the wrong thing at Macquarie Fields so it falls to you to a certain extent to tell the truth because they're trying to cover it up, they are trying to say it wasn't a riot, they're trying to say it was a disturbance.

COP: Well Ray when I sat down yesterday with each of my colleagues the very first thing we did was to swear an oath to tell the truth and I believe I told the truth yesterday exactly as I knew it to be fact and as I understood it, indeed the very last question of the mix of politicians who made up the committee was what was it that I was looking to come from out of this inquiry and we talked about that fact that was needed in the community such as Macquarie Fields was not just more police and more police but there was a range of social issues besetting that community where the solution were going to be found none the least was the community itself.

Hadley: OK now, John Sweeney was the LAC at the time, I've had words with you about him before. One of your serving officers sends me this, and they send me plenty Ken, is it correct that on the Friday before the riot he was participating in a Public Order Management Course for Senor Managers at Police Headquarters, and the question asked by your officer if he was there was he asleep during that particular procedure?

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COP: Well I don't know if Superintendent Sweeney was at that particular course Ray, that's something I'm more than happy to find out and when he attended, whether it was the Friday before or a year before that...

Hadley: The inference is that he was there to learn about how to handle public order management, in other words what to do in a riot situation, and shortly after that he was in charge of a riot that escalated for four days.

COP: Well in the evidence also adduced yesterday from Superintendent Sweeney from the member of the committee and he had to outline, amongst other things, his credentials and he clearly outlined the number of major incidents that he had been involved in and I think I mentioned on the program before Ray this is an officer of some 35 years of standing and certainly he presented his credentials yesterday, he was not, however, questioned on them.

Hadley: Well I'm sure that I know plenty of people who have worked places for 35 years and are not worth a bumper Ken so longevity doesn't really tell the tale of things particular in public service,

COP: Well I'm sure that by any test Superintendent Sweeney was doing the job to the very best of his ability. As you know Ray he has moved on and he's undertaking other duties and there is a new command structure and they're doing an incredible level for work with the police there.

Hadley: OK now let me get to this incident at North Cronulla last weekend. All I have done for the past two days is answer questions from people from as far north as Terrigal and back down to North Cronulla and Cronulla about the way these young men of Middle Eastern appearance, they are Australian, they are Middle Eastern not by birth but by desire and the problems they cause. You put together with Bob Inkster Task Force Gain, and I know it was to target this type of crime, but can we have a broken window policy here? What about we get Task Force Gain, and I know it's been downgraded, up and running we deal with these people because I believe the people that are causing the problems on the beaches from Terrigal to Cronulla are the people who creating mayhem in the suburbs when they are not at the beach. Can we do something about it, where is Task Force Gain?[132]

COP: Well Task Force Gain was established to look at the more serious end of crime and it established arising out of series of quite serious matters at Bankstown and they have done quite a successful job and continue to do so. What we've also put in place since Gain was created was Task Force Vikings, now this is a high visible policing operation which is design to assist and complement local police and the resources of Vikings, which will amongst other things go to help formulate the permanent Riot Squad which comes into place in January next year, some two weeks away now. They will also be there to complement our officers in the job they are doing. I'm more than happy to look at the issues of intelligence that relate to these individuals and there are a number of persons of interest whom we will be directing our inquiries in respect of the assault into these two...

Hadley: Have we made any arrests in relation to the assault on the life savers?

COP: No but I can indicate on the documents in front of me Ray that there are some more than reasonable lines of inquires that are being pursued.

Hadley: That would be because they are known to you.

COP: Well I don't know if they have antecedents at all, criminal antecedents, but certainly they're known to the police.

Hadley: OK thanks for your time Commissioner.

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COP: Thankyou Ray.

Hadley: Commissioner Ken Moroney, hopefully something will be done about people not being able to go to the beach anymore in peace...and we got an admission from the Commissioner that what happened in February was in fact a riot.[133]

Hadley Commentary[134]

Andrew [Correspondence – email] *I'm 32, a surfer, lived in Cronulla all my life. For as long as I could remember there had been issues with Middle Eastern men coming to the beach causing problems with locals. As a resident I don't even bother going to north or south Cronulla during weekend instead I opt for the hidden beaches around the point, not for everyone as there is no life guard. I can't even walk with my girlfriend to the parks...because these gangs spit and hiss at her and this happens all summer long, every summer. The amount of Middle Eastern people my friends and I have to pull out of the water or the surf in the evening after the life guards are gone whilst surfing will astound you. It's like they have no regard for the dangers in the water and hence no respect towards the volunteers who are there to save them.* **HADLEY:** This is from a 32 year old surfer who's been down that way for quite some time.

✆ **CALLER: JIM [Macquarie Fields]**[135]

Jim: The Commissioner has done a U turn on the disturbance to a riot. Why would they downgrade the charge from riot to disturbance?

Hadley: General criticism.

1:00pm News – (Rachel Stevens)[136]

- Big Kev died.
- Melbourne – Taxi driver charged with murder.
- Pilot Killed near Broken Hill
- Cross City Tunnel inquiry.
- Federal Government workplace laws.
- Commissioner Moroney comment about life saver assault

[133] Source: 061205RH1238pm.

[134] Source: 061205RH1238pm.

[135] Source: 061205RH1238pm.

[136] Source: 061205RH1253pm.

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Wednesday, 7th December 2005 - THE ALAN JONES PROGRAM

5:30am News (Erin Maher)[137]

- Plain crash
- Controversial legislation passed – Single mothers returned to work
- Terror suspect laws – Comment by law society
- Cost of electricity to rise
- Two women blown self up in Iraq Police Academy
- Saddam Hussein trial
- Funeral for Australian drug trafficker in Melbourne

Jones: [Open Commentary]:

- **Radio ratings up** – Thanks to listeners.
- **Inquiry to the Cross City Tunnel** – General criticism of RTA and government
- **Welfare for Work Benefit**
- **Changes to Child Support System**
- **Suicide attacks at Baghdad**
- **Macquarie Fields Riots** - One officer invited to justice conference following the riots told an offender that he would have had not trouble shooting the young male. Commissioner Moroney told Parliamentary inquiry the street uprising in February were not riots but disturbances, I noticed the parliamentary inquiry is into public disturbances at Macquarie Fields, can you believe this not riots, so we got off onto the wrong foot to start with. The particular officer was part of Operation Viking, was at meeting with the teenage and at least four (4) officers who took part in a trial program to meet their victims and agree to a punishment. [General details]...Superintendent Greg Rolfe said the officer involved was very stressed by the experience but there was never any serious contemplation of the use of firearms. I can understand people, I tell you what, that's what we're talking about later this morning, we're reaching the point were people will take the law in their own hands unless police...that was a riot and police should have been moved in as the police wanted to be moved in, except that those police calling the instructions prevented them from doing that, there at Redfern surround them up and lock them up, as simple as that.[138]

6:00am News (Erin Maher)[139]

- **Plan crash** – 100 people killed
- **Government welfare and anti-terror laws passed**
- **Primary school students to study reading and maths**
- **Drug trafficker funeral in Melbourne**
- **Power bills to rise**

[137] Source: 071205AJ0523am.

[138] Source: 071205AJ0538am / 071205AJ553am.

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Jones [Commentary]:

- General commentary about Macquarie Fields riots and cross city tunnel.
- Knife related crime
- Violence around Schools and Safety House Program
- City Rail – Property lost.

✆ CALLER: BRIAN [General Comment]
Calls for Royal Commission into people on pension – comment about people from overseas being on the pension.[140]

✆ CALLER: TERRY [General Comments]
Complaints about politicians and Commissioner Moroney.[141]

✆ CALLER: ANNA [General Comment]
People on welfare.[142]

6:30am News (Erin Maher)[143]

- **Plan crash** – 100 people killed
- **Cross City Tunnel**
- **Changes to child support system**
- **Anti-terror laws passed**
- **Broken Hill storm damage**

Jones: [General Commentary]

- Broken Hill storm.
- Letter today – Lenny Hugo of Bexley - those cowards who attacked life saver at North Cronulla on Sunday would be more at home on a foreign beach than a Sydney beach. As a regular Cronulla Beach goer I'd welcome their absence as I am sick of my peace being disturbed by on a regular basis by this moronic element. I know these thoughts are echoed by 100's of others who simple want to enjoy a peaceful day at the beach, dead right, get some police onto it, that's the answer. Police should be where they know where the problem is, simple, and in numbers.
- David Chambers of Burwood says, The police spin doctors called the assault of life savers at Cronulla an isolated incident, anyone who believes that needs to have his head examined. Good comment David.
- General comment about electricity.
- University student union fees.

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[141] Source: 071205AJ0608am.
[142] Source: 071205AJ0623am.
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- **Campbelltown Hospital** – The gang made of up three men tried to steal the ATM from the hospital, the health Minister John Hatzistergos, said ram raiders...put to a new level of depravity. No John its just part and parcel of the course, part and parcel of the course here, we have the same depravity of a person who stabbed one of our staff, the same depravity was at work at North Cronulla Beach, you need more police, you need to be tougher and you need to really take the gloves off, that's what's needed. We need zero tolerance and you won't have this sort of nonsense. Police say ram raids are increasing...we need a greater police presence...its clear we don't have enough police to do the job.[144]
- M5 East Tunnel – general complaints about tunnel.

7:00am News (Erin Maher)[145]

- **Power costs to increase**
- **Changes in education curriculum**
- **Broken Hill storm**
- **Plan crash Iran** – 100 people killed
- **Funeral for drug trafficker**
- **Cross City Tunnel**

Jones [General Commentary]

- Discussion about deaths in NSW Hospital.
- **Knife related crime** – We continue to talk about knife related crime. We have just received a note from Carl Scully...in the six months to November this year...carried about 32351 Person Searches, there were 25000 Person Searches the previous year...searches conducted by NSW Police resulted in 756 knives being confiscated...the point about it is if there's more knives being confiscated than a year ago people aren't worried too much about the knife laws, they're just going about their business...it is true where that disgrace occurred at North Cronulla Beach at the weekend the Miranda Area Command covering North Cronulla has lost 18 police since election day 2003, 147 to 129. At the same time NSW Police have 611 officers less, so you can attack life savers and you can attack one of our colleagues, we're not giving up on this because out there, there aren't enough police to do the job we want done and the stories about the disgrace at Cronulla continue to come in, and whether we like it or not, I don't care, the truth is they are Lebanese gangs and the Lebanese leadership in this state need to have something to say about it. When Peter Debnam said every night we witness gang violence...let's identify who these people are, you are telling they are Lebanese gangs and someone is going to have to do something about it and if Ken Moroney thinks that what happened at Macquarie Fields is a disturbance then can he please tell us what a riot is. When the extent of serious knife crime is not known, we know how many knife searches there are, what about knife crime. Task Force Gain, which supposed to be targeting gang related crime, Task Force Gain was established with 177 officers now it has only got 57. Local Area Commands are stretched to the limit and they can't carry out effective patrols so Rowan Barker gets stabbed and still we don't know what is the extent of knife related crime. The police are trying tell us what happened at the weekend at North Cronulla Beach is only an isolated instance, well my correspondence tells me someone has got his head in North Cronulla Beach and people are terrified that if they open their mouths about these mongrels they too will be at risk. We saw yesterday the level of

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dissatisfaction with the government across NSW in polls and we have an infestation of idiots at Cronulla, gangs going to the beach intent on causing havoc and we have people like Rowan Barker, who is having a Saturday night out with his mates, his life is placed at risk. Well Brett Stephens is many things, he is a concerned parent, and is formally a police officer for 13 years but he has spent a decade studying crime and tactical throughout the United State. He worked for the local area police district Anti Gang Unit and lived with Californian gang members as a facility members...he is a published author...he has knowledge of the issues. He's on the line and you say the horse has bolted.

Brett: Yes, it has pretty much. You only need to look at LA.

Jones: Do we just throw our hands in the air ... and leave it to the thugs?

Brett: Well No, there's something the police can do. You need to recognise Cronulla has a problem, also you need to recognise that the focus point like Cronulla and Manly where large numbers of people go and which attracts this particular elements.

Jones: You saw all this at Huntington Beach at California in 1993, there was violence perpetrated against the locals by their Hispanic gang members and the community was forced to create their own gangs to protect themselves?

Brett: Yeah, and it is something I'm seeing right across the country...see what was happening at Huntington Beach because the police, quite wrongly, were pulling over Hispanic gang members when they were driving into the area and giving them speeding tickets, they were false, they were trying to respond to a situation that was getting out of control. They got caught doing it by a news crew so the police hands were tied and to fill that hole was the local boys who developed from a group of boys to a gang.

Jones: So they formed their own gangs?

Brett: Yes.

Jones: With the support of local business?

Brett: Yes...these guys were patrolling the streets, we were stuck in a traffic jam and they were directing traffic. They were dressed in the skinhead gear.

Jones: And you say the ingredients are here, we've got the pack mentality, we've got the Lebanese gangs and the disrespect, you've got the mind numbing rap music, they've got the weapons and the knifes and like the US the gangs are drawn along ethnic lines.

Brett: Oh exactly.

Jones: And what you saw was Hispanic and here its Middle Eastern

Brett: Yes.[146]

Jones: And you know a little about the local thing because your 16 year old son was attacked by two Middle Eastern boys at Cronulla two weeks ago.

Brett: Yes, just sitting there minding his own business, waiting from some friends to come down from their place and they just came up and they attacked him. He's a rugby league player, he can handle himself, he fought them off, one of his mates came down and they got on the mobile and more of them came down. This is when I got on their...I said call me I'll pick you up and get you away from it.

Jones: We got a report from police which says this is an isolated instance at Cronulla Beach.

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Brett: I trained rugby league teams, local boys, their all 16, in the past couple of years they have reached the age, I'm hear this information more and more?

Jones: The attacks on young Australian males are far more frequent, and they go unreported and they are frightened to speak up?

Brett: Yeah.

Jones: Who are the NULLA boys, they are the Cronulla boys are they?

Brett: They are a group of local boys. They are a mixture of Aussies and Islanders.

Jones: And they have had a gut full of this?

Brett: Yes.

Jones: And they have banded together and they are becoming more militant because they want to be doing the job we want police to do or you don't have the police resources to do the job. You know so the tension will build, it's a recipe for more violence. What should be done?

Brett: You need a dramatic police increase.

Jones: You are quite right; we have a growing city and fewer and fewer police. Where does zero tolerance fit into this, we got on the one hand zero tolerance, here are people hunting with gangs, hunting with knives, randomly threatening people lives.

Brett: You need to take it seriously and make sure the local courts take it seriously.

Jones: You are quite right Australians aren't prepared to go on and give way?

Brett: Na.

Jones: And if they don't move on the alternative is to confront.

Brett: And this is what happened is what happened in LA they bought the culture of knifes and gangs with Snoop Dog and 50 cent.

Jones: Been good talk to you. Morris Iemma you'd want to do something to change the polls...there's a massive disconnect...starting talking about the things the public are talking about and get yourself down to North Cronulla beach next weekend and try and get some action in relation to knife related crime and you might turn the polls around.[147]

- Broken Hill storm.

7:30am News (Erin Maher)[148]

- Power costs to increase
- Single mother pension – Work for pension
- Anti-Terrorism legislation.
- **Bashing of life saver at Cronulla** – Brett Stephens (former Police Officer) comments.
- Broken Hill storm
- Truck driver in a pursuit

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Jones: [General Commentary][149]

- Desalination plants
- Cross City Tunnel
- Increase in electricity

8:00am News (Erin Maher)[150]

- **M5 East tunnel.**
- **Power costs to increase.**
- **Primary school teacher curriculum.**
- **Plain crash in Iran.**
- **Broken Hill storm.**

Jones: [General Commentary][151]

- Cross City Tunnel
- Funeral in Melbourne of drug trafficker – Judicial killings.
- Cargo industries relating to Customs
- Spoke to Peter Costello about Federal issues.

8:30am News (Erin Maher)[152]

- M5 East tunnel.
- Broken Hill storm.
- Costello/Howard relationship and leadership spill.
- Primary school teacher curriculum.
- Upgrade of electricity network.

Jones: [General Commentary][153]

- Waverley Council.
- **North Cronulla Beach** - I am really grateful to all of you who have written to me, and I suppose you shouldn't be writing to me but to Ken Moroney and Morris Iemma, Morris if you are listening, I am the mother of the 20 year old life saver…this is an extremely, extremely serious problem, I've just listened to other members of the Shire ringing in with their stories, the locals do not use the picnic areas in Cronulla because of the Middle Eastern visitors to the shire, they are dangerous and it is at the stage where you do not look at these people, as for my son and his 19 year old companions, for their sake and fellow surf life savers, one our Aussie icons, we need your help to continue the situation to make sure it's not swept under the carpet, pushed aside with

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the latest news story, our life savers are going to continue their work, they will be the Aussie hero, and I am sure with your strength you'll have the opportunity to make sure that our sons are safe whilst on duty, this is me she is suggesting, I'll do my best Donna. She says these young life savers talk about taking things into her own hands as they are sceptical about law enforcement being long terms on the beaches, yes, the law and politicians are now saying they will do this and that, but if this is to just hush the situation, calm down the Aussie society. We can't allow our sons to take things into their own hands or they will no doubt be in a similar situation to Rowan, the cowards harassed our sons most of the afternoon, they bate the clubbies, but you know it's the Middle Eastern's who are aided in the surf by my hero and his fellow surf life saving hero's, please Alan don't let this incident fade away for the sake of our future Aussie adults...

.....well a policeman writes, please don't mention my name, I've been a policeman for 16 years...the only language the Middle Eastern youth understand is a good hiding, I know its not politically correct, but until we are allowed to discipline them with a good smack these problems will get worse. Police are too afraid to act due to the complaints system if we were allowed to act the way we want to we could solve a lot of problems the way I see it is once you break the law you loose your right to be treated with respect, these Middle Eastern people must be treated with a big stick it's the only thing they fear, they don't fear fines and they laugh at the courts, best wishes to Rowan Barker...

...another one, it was 18 months ago Alan that the Cronulla local newspaper wrote an article that the local police division for 24 hours was manned only by females, you wonder why there was a problem, well I'm sure you can add to that.[154]

✆ CALLER: CAROLE [Member of the Residents Action Group]

General comments about the cross city tunnel.[155]

✆ CALLER: CLIVE [General Comment]

General comments about the cross city tunnel. Rang to wish a happy Christmas and good break.[156]

Jones: [General Commentary][157]

- Waverley Council rubbish removal from residents.
- Incompetence in government – sell off of Department of Housing premises.
- General criticism of government.

Jones: [Written Commentary]

John has a good answer he says, it seems the police and council are impotent here, all rhetoric and no action, my suggestion is to invite one of the biker gangs to be present in numbers at Cronulla Rail Station when these Lebanese thugs arrive, the biker gangs will be much aligned, they will do a lot of good things, it will be worth the price of admission to watch these cowards scurry back onto the train for the return trip to their lairs, and wouldn't it be brilliant if the whole event was captured on TV cameras and featured on the evening news so that we their parents, family and some friends can see who these bastards are. Australians old and new shouldn't have to put up with this scum.[158]

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✆ CALLER: STEVEN [General Commentary]

The government are crooks. General comments.[159]

✆ CALLER: CARMAN [General Commentary]

Agree with Steven's comment, general comment about government and judiciary.[160]

9:00am News (Erin Maher)[161]

- **Costello/Howard relationship and leadership spill.**
- **Plain crash in Iran.**
- **Primary school teacher curriculum.**
- **M5 East tunnel.**
- **Executed drug trafficker funeral in Melbourne.**

Jones: [General Commentary]

- Discussion of Costello's denial of the leadership challenge to Howard.
- Drugs front – two Australians facing gaol in Hong Kong.

Eyvone: [General Commentary]

Eyvone: What I wanted to tell you, this thing about Lebanese gangs this is not new..

Jones: No.

Eyvone: ...my husband and I went, 10 years ago when my kids were small out to Warragamba and my kids tried to access the play equipment and their kids would sit where they couldn't access, they sit in the mouth of everything and the adults would stand around and sort of wait for you to say something to the children so of course the minute you said something they would be on you like a pack of wolves, so we left and we never went back, we went there for a family picnic and never went back.

Jones: Which is unfortunate.

Eyvone: And the same thing happened to us in the city

Jones: Well that's right.

Eyvone: We sat down on a picnic blanket and they kept kicking footballs at us

Jones: Well Australia is for all Australians isn't it?

Eyvone: It is Alan.

Jones: And there is a standard that has to apply and you don't meet that standard you should be rounded up.

Eyvone: And if we don't have enough police, what's wrong with getting the army in?

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Jones: Mmm.

Eyvone: Give these blokes a bit of a rifle butt in the face and they'll,they'll back off they're cowards

Jones: If it gets to that we'll might have to do that, do you follow what I am saying

Eyvone: I've got two blooming jobs, what sort of mug am I going out to pay the dole for these people who want to blow me up.

Jones: Excellent point and many people feel that way.[162]

Jones: [General Commentary]

- Mentally ill.

✆ CALLER: FAULSI [General Commentary]

Faulsi: ..... I would like to throw in some factors to think about in your debate about Middle Eastern gang crime, now it's all well and good that we band together and do something socially against this but we've got to be very careful about vigilante groups as good as they may sound at this particular time, we got to remember is what may happen is these type of rat bags will start to utilise more lethal means to combat such activity.

Jones: Or just intimidate people or inflame the issue, we've got to have appropriately trained law enforcement authorities to do the job

Faulsi: Definitely, and allow them to use what even means necessary...

Jones: We should feed that information to our authorities and local government and all that sort of thing and we should be saying to the Police Commissioner and Police Minister,Carl Scully, get people out here we need people.

Faulsi: Definitely and those people in those part of society that do want to form vigilante groups, once again we have to be careful because all that may happen is that these gang members because they have no budget or no amount of money, no limit to the amount of money they can spend, they can throw money in the faces of these people and end up turning them...

Jones: No I think what we're saying is that there is a gang problem and we want Police Commissioner Moroney to direct resources to that problem and if he hasn't got the resources, tell us what he needs and the tax payer will be prepared to stump up extra money. Good to talk to you.[163]

Jones: [Correspondance]

I have a note from Lorainne, she says I am a first time emailer...the Cronulla thuggery, Hurstville shop gangs as well as the recently hanged Van Nguyen all have a common thread and that is their parents don't speak the language or adopt the Australian way of life. Had Mrs Nguyen learnt the language, that alone would have been a massive injection of respect for her new country which would have been passed onto her twin boys. I am a migrant from England my brothers and myself would get quite annoyed if our parents barrack for England over Australia in sporting events, we wanted them to be Australians first, I am now a mother of three boys and I am worried about

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when they go out...unless all levels of our new migrant families become involved in our daily way of life this gang culture will flourish. I would suggest the Cronulla incident has come from previous clashes with life savers over swimming outside the flags. Years ago at Maroubra Beach a life saver drowned trying to save a group of men from the Bankstown baseball team who had gone to the beach as part of their end of year celebration they ran into a large swell metres from the flag area and instantly got themselves into trouble. From memory this was not the first time this group was asked to swim between the flags and being young men their egos couldn't deal with being told what to do so like spoilt brats they did their own thing, the trouble was an innocent life saver with years of experience drowned trying to his job. I suggest the English language be a compulsory component for all future migrants. Keep up the good work Alan we need to reclaim the streets for all Australians.[164]

✆ CALLER: MARSELL [General Comment]

Complaints about the Department of Taxation.[165]

✆ CALLER: LYN [General Comment]

Mother was ill, praise about 2GB as mother was avid listener.[166]

✆ CALLER: EVE [General Comment]

Thanks to Jones for previous comments relating to medical drug.[167]

10:00am News (Erin Maher)[168]

- Costello/Howard relationship and leadership spill.
- Reserve bank left interest rates same level
- Labour support of terrorism laws
- Student unionism
- Police officer at Macquarie Fields riots said he would have consider shooting the rioters.
- Plain crash in Iran.
- Dangerous items when buying Christmas presents.

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[165]Source: 071205AJ0938am.
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Wednesday, 7th December 2005 - THE RAY HADLEY PROGRAM

Ray Hadley Open Commentary:[169]

- Changes to work choice.
- Inquiry into the Cross City Tunnel.
- Sacked former RTA chief reassigned to Premiers Department.
- Saddam Hussein body guard in Australia.
- Baulkham Hills Council.[170]
- Radio ratings – 2GB number one [Lengths discussion].
- Michael Egan's appearance before the Upper House Inquiry in relation to the Cross City Tunnel [Lengthy discussion].
- Baulkham Hills Council.[171]
- Great Western Highway Closed.

10:30am News (Erin Maher)[172]

- Costello/Howard relationship and leadership spill.
- Electricity upgrade.
- Australian in Italy fighting drug smuggling charges.

Ray Hadley Commentary:[173]

- 2GB Christmas Party.
- Baulkham Hills Council [Lengthy discussion].[174]
- Thanks to Ken Moroney re: SAAB convertible within North Sydney LAC.
- Baulkham Hills Council [Lengthy discussion].[175]

✆ CALLER: CHRIS [General Comment]

- General good comments about Hadley's show.

Chris: ...when you see the Commissioner having a disturbance, police being pelted with fire bombs you have to wonder about the publicity you blokes give the Commissioner I think he is a non combatant.

Ray: I appreciate your support...[176]

Ray Hadley Commentary:[177]

- Baulkham Hills [Lengthy Commentary].

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11:00am News (Erin Maher)[178]

- Police arrested a Bankstown man on the attack of a life guard at Cronulla on the weekend.
- Van Nguyen funeral in Melbourne.
- Double Fatal accident on Great Western Highway.
- RTA comment about lighting in M5 tunnel.
- Government workplace changes.
- Costello/Howard relationship and leadership spill.

Ray Hadley Commentary:[179]

- **Arrest of Man for assault on life savers:** On a more serious note you heard with Erin in our news at 11 o'clock a man has been arrested this morning in relation to the assault on a life saver at North Cronulla beach on Sunday Miranda Detectives arrested the 18 year old Bankstown man at Petersham shortly before 10am, he was taken to Newtown police station and is assisting police with their inquiries. They do a good job the police.[180]
- Baulkham Hills Council [General Commentary].[181]
- Christmas lights.
- Perhaps the Baulkham Hills mayor would consider doing a stint as life savers at North Cronulla Beach.
- General commentary incident on the trains involving elderly lady and male consuming alcohol.
- Drug trafficker in Italy.
- Baulkham Hills Council [General Commentary].[182]
- Relocation of the Police Boys Club at Redfern.

11:30am News (Erin Maher)[183]

- Cross City Tunnel.
- Ticket prices to rise for Sydney Ferries
- Police interviewing males for attack of life guard at Cronulla on the weekend. Male described as being of Middle Eastern Appearance.
- Dangerous Christmas toys.

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Ray Hadley Commentary:[184]

Wally Writes: Wally from Campsie said Ray; First up I want to say how delighted I am that the police have made their first arrest for the incident that happened at North Cronulla Beach, I am an Australian of Lebanese background I'm 30 years old and have lived here for seven years so you think anybody was going to be influenced by the so called bad Lebanese attitude it would be me. Nothing is more embarrassing to me and my family than the incidents like the one that occurred on Sunday, I've been back to Lebanon over the last two summers there and the people don't believe me when I tell them the bad reputation the Lebanese community has in Sydney because of these idiots. These idiots are just out to be different, they're mostly all born here and never been to Lebanon, I can guarantee you if they did this in Lebanon and acted like they do here they wouldn't survive for too long.

Ray: Well I'm glad you've written that Wally. I was at the pub last night having a meal with my family and an Australian gentleman of Lebanese heritage came up and shook my hand and said thanks for what you said about, we embarrassed by the performance of these people, he said I scared to go to North Cronulla beach and I look like them so we've got to round these people up and make sure that people understand the broader Australian Lebanese community are not represented by these hoons.

Ray Hadley Commentary:[185]

- Radio ratings.
- Baulkham Hills Council.[186]
- Baulkham Hills Council.[187]
- Baulkham Hills Council.[188]

12:00pm News (Erin Maher)[189]

- Cross City Tunnel – road closures.
- **Life guards:** Man arrested over the assault of two life guards at North Cronulla on the weekend. "Get off the beach we own it" is alleged what four (4) man of Middle Eastern appearance said before the attack. An 18 year old Bankstown man arrested and charges are expected to the laid later today.
- Electricity prices to rise.
- Ticket prices to rise for Sydney Ferries.
- Security levels around trial of man charged with terrorist acts.
- Funeral for drug trafficker Van Nguyen.
- Leadership challenged by Costello/Howard.

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Ray Hadley Commentary:[190]

- Baulkham Hills Council.[191]
- Radio ratings.
- Baulkham Hills Council - impersonators.[192]
- Fatal vehicle accident on Great Western Highway
- **Police sick leave** – a major problem.
- Security surrounding terrorism trial.

12:30pm News (Erin Maher)[193]

- Cross City Tunnel – road closures.
- Security Levels around trial of man charged with Terrorist acts.
- SES volunteers helping at Broken Hill.

Ray Hadley Commentary:[194]

- Bali nine trial.
- Finished show.

1:00pm News (Rachel Stevens)[195]

- Cross City Tunnel – road closures.
- Sydney Ferry prices to rise.
- Van Nguyen funeral at Melbourne.
- Leadership challenge Howard/Costello.
- Second ram-raids in Sydney in 24 hours.

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[191] Source: 071205RH1208pm.
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Thursday, 8th December 2005 - THE ALAN JONES PROGRAM

5:30am New (Erin Maher)[196]

- 100 Auburn residents evacuated overnight
- **North Cronulla Beach** - Police are bracing themselves for more violence at North Cronulla Beach. They've reportedly intercepted a text messages planning more brawls between surfers and ethnic groups.
- **North Cronulla Beach** – A 20 year old Riverwood man has been charged with malicious damage after a fight broke out late yesterday between loca surfers and young men of Middle Eastern appearance.
- AWB bribes.
- Hussein trial.
- M7 toll free period.
- Federal government tried to 'heavy' Wagga Wagga art gallery.
- Prime Minister pushing to outlaw compulsory unionism.

Alan Jones [Opening Commentary] – Broadcasting from Harvey Norman Castle Hill.[197]

- Criticism Carl Scully – road infra-structure around Windsor road.
- Weather – heat from the previous day.
- Awards
- **North Cronulla** – Well the government's woken up. I tell you I don't known why I have to go on for hours and hours before someone understands there's a problem, the government understands they have a message problem on their hands and the problem is just not just at Cronulla, sorry this is law and order, there's 55 other problems they've got as well, but this is law and order and we are talking about Cronulla Beach here but your correspondence to me, and I should show my listeners here with me...but the listens are saying one thing they say Alan your talking about Cronulla Beach and I'm from Cronulla I know but let me tell you, this is at Hurstville, this is at Strathfield, this is at Bondi, this is at Manly, this is suburban this stuff and these people only know one thing, they hate us and they're going to take over. Now Morris Iemma has told police to use the full force of the law following more violence and the threat of violence at Cronulla Beach, one man was injured and another arrested following a brawl yesterday afternoon, they sent everything in Police helicopters, PolAir, the lot. This happened outside the Cronulla Surf Club, an 18 year old from Bankstown was released on bail after being charge over last weekends attack on life savers, the mothers you would have heard on this program speaking to me. One man said in relation to yesterday's violence, *"I saw a group of ethnic people come down as usual and try and start a fight."* He said,*" they always do it."* Then there were calls for calm...I just thought was going to, no time for the presence, but I'll get that for you later, I'll give you a bit of a snap shot of those emails, just frightening what they are saying to me. I'll find them there in a moment but he said they say they always do it. And nearly all letters to me are saying to me, I can't be everywhere, but your letters to me are saying how this happens, they just come down and they think they are going to take over and there is violence and there are numbers and its brutal. What led to the police reactions yesterday was a text message, and they all text one another, but this is the locals texting, and now why are the young ones doing all this...the young ones are doing this because look we're not going to have these people take over suburbs or our beaches and the messages urges Aussies, yesterday, to take revenge against Lebs and wogs.

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Now its got pretty nasty when you start talking like this, it says, *"This Sunday ever Aussie in the Shire get down to North Cronulla to support Leb and Wog bashing day."* I mean, this has got to a horrendous state when our official law and order authority, the police, have so abdicated the scene, after all we have the Commissioner telling us that what happened at Macquarie Fields was a disturbance not a riot, and the riot is defined in the Crimes Act, his own Crimes Act which he ought to know, defines specifically a riot where 12 or more people were involved in the kind of circumstances we saw at Macquarie Fields and the Police Commissioner calls it a disturbance. Now its because these people have abdicated from their job, and I'm not blaming police because their job is impossible, there job is absolutely impossible, they are told that human rights come before all this other stuff, the rights of the criminals are more important than the safety of the community. So the youngsters have got to it, they've sent out this text message; *"This Sunday every Aussie in the Shire get down to North Cronulla to support Leb and Wog bashing day, bring your mates and lets show them its out beach and they are never welcome, lets kill these boys."* That's were we're heading too, that's got to be stopped and I say to all those young people, hey, your not in charge of law and order, we have law and order people, boys, don't get down there and come out of this nonsense, this will only make things worse. Police are genuinely concerned now that the SMS is going to inflame things even further and we'll probably talk about vigilante retribution. A bloke was treated yesterday for facial lacerations, facial lacerations, I know where they are heading. Now lets understand one thing, its almost a week since one of our people on my program was just minding his own busy on the lawn when he was almost stabbed to death and this was at St Ives, and stop telling us it's North Cronulla, and this was at St Ives, and if we don't have enough police get the police. But all of this has been inflamed at North Cronulla because the police weren't there when they should have been there, so now the young blokes are saying come on all you Aussies get down here and take revenge. To all those young blokes I can understand your problems but boys you can't do it like that, you can't play their game by trying to solve the problem their game has created, you can't play their game, we're not like that. The streets in Cronulla yesterday were cordoned off, police began a man hunt, they had a dog squad, they had a police helicopter in the air, they were everywhere. A man was been taken to Miranda Police Station where he is expected to be charged with malicious damage. No life savers were involved in the brawl yesterday. The Police are now preparing for the grim possibility that Cronulla will become a focus of attention between gangs made up of Middle Eastern descent and local surfers, that's were we've come, that's were we've got to, and that not just at North Cronulla but at least its highlighted the fact that this is a problem and its a major problem and lets start saying it as it is, these are Lebanese gangs, simple. Now all this nonsense about not saying who they are, and they are violent and they hate. Now I did a naturalisation ceremony...two weeks ago where we welcome people as citizens and I even made the speech, I said being a citizen in Australia is just like having someone into your home, you say we're quite happy to have you in our home we have to share, we open the door and you can come in, sorry but before you come in we're fussy about how you dress, you've feet have to be clean, we've a pretty busy household here, there are little jobs and tasks that have to be done so we're happy to share the hospitality in my home but I might ask you to do a bit of the washing up or clean up the floors for time to time and do one or two jobs because that's the way we do things in their family, we all pull our weight we pitch in together, we don't have arguments and we all get on together, those are the terms. You're welcome at my home at any time, come one Christmas day sit down at the table. But your not going to sit down at the table and start spitting at my mother, and putting your feet on the table or bringing dog manure in with you, we've got some rules where. Now its now different for the nation, your welcome in I don't care where you come from, yeah, if you're a nice person and you play our game were happy to have you and we'll share our national family with you. Now these are the people who aren't prepared to share the national family with us, that being the case the family has to do what a normal family does it starts to discipline those people who don't behave according to the family standards and that's were we are in terms of the family of the nation and these people are fragmenting the family of the nation and not living according to the family rules.

- **Costello Interview with Alan Jones.**

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6:00am News (Erin Maher)[198]

- **North Cronulla Beach** – Sutherland Police calling for calm after interception a text message calling for revenge against Lebanese gangs in the area...its come after a number of fights yesterday with one man arrested. Racial violence gathering momentum after three life guards were attacked by a Lebanese gang over the weekend.
- Federal security guard charged after impersonating a doctor.
- Bush fire trends.
- M7 toll free period.
- Australian Man (John Michael Kelly) charged in Indonesia.
- Prime Minister pushing to outlaw compulsory unionism.

✆ CALLER: MAX [North Cronulla][199]

Max: Mate, I known how to keep those Middle Eastern thugs off the beach, quite easy mate, get our women to dress like their women, there's nothing for them to go down and perve at, they don't go down to swim...

Jones: [Laugh]

Max: ...Al and they're certainly not going down to wash, we know that.

Jones: [Laugh]

Max: Have a good.

Jones: [Laugh] Max you've given us a laugh which just proves we're all awake here and not asleep.

✆ CALLER: PAUL [General Comment][200]

Paul: This is what it's come to, it's been going on for years, the police can't or won't do anything about it, the politicians are not listening to us as usual, it necessary I'll get baby sitters for my kids and I'll be down there.

Jones: Let me just say this to you, because you know I'm the person that's led this charge here, no one seems to wanted to know about North Cronulla and now its gathered to this, we really have to be hands off here, we don't want a situation whereby its open warfare between people calling themselves Aussies whites and people calling themselves Lebs or whatever. We have at least alerted the government, I've spoken to Morris Iemma last night, they aware there is a problem and now the resources are being met. We have to say to people stay out of this we aren't a country where we become our own law enforcement authority, I do understand what people are saying, lets give the police a chance to do the job, and I can understand the young blokes who sent that text message yesterday; *"come to Cronulla this weekend to take revenge."* It says. It says, *"This Sunday every Aussie in the Shire get down to North Cronulla to support the Leb and Wog bashing down. Bring your mates, lets show them this is out beach and they're never welcome."* We that's not the way, I do understand what your saying Paul, but we've just got to back off here, we've not giving any ground to them, I saying backing off and let the police do the job.

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Paul: That's how frustrated people are...

Jones: ...I agree, I agree...

Paul: ...I moved out from Riverwood for that very reason...

Jones: ...Yep, well I've just got a stack of email in front of me, let me read you this one, *"Alan its not just a few Middle Eastern bastards at the weekend, its thousands. Cronulla is a very long beach and its been taken over by this scum, its not a few causing problems it's all of them. Its an attitude that you feel whenever you go there, its straight out racism against the skippies, it will not go away the police have their hands tied"..* I'll come to that later in the program...*"reduced numbers and powers, I wished there was an answer."* Another says, a junior police officer wrote to me and said, *"The average length of service for street police officer is three years and ever decreasing, the average length of service for police is seven years for men, five for women. People just don't see it as a career anymore, I have many friends who are in general duties who are constantly ask themselves why do they continue doing what they do, they feel that they do not make a difference. Alan I can go on and on telling you of the problems of the NSW Police but we do not have the time. In short, the public of NSW are being ripped off and are not being policed effectively"...*

Jones: **[Correspondence]** - Another police says, *"Alan as a NSW police officer for 20 years now I can confirm there has been a battle for Sydney going on for some time now with people of Middle Eastern background. The sad thing is, the police, thanks to the predominately left mentality by the government, have been fighting with one hand tied behind their back."* And I will also look at that issue later. Now what we've got to do, and I spoke to Morris Iemma last night and he has sent people out and given them instructions, he is the Premier, he is the bloke with the power to do the job, he said the full force of the law will apply and I am just saying to all those young people lets see if the full force of the law works, Morris Iemma must know though its not just Cronulla. People are writing to me and saying its everywhere, its at Hurstville its in the shopping centre at Hurstville, I've got emails here about that, it's at Bondi, it's at Manly, it's at Strathfield, it's at Fairfield, it's at Cabramatta. These people have got to know that we're not going to cop this anymore, your welcome in our home but our home has certain rules and if you don't live by those rules you'll be kicked out of home.

✆ CALLER: CID [General Comment][201]

- Lift the tax free threshold.

CID: I'm a Sutherland resident, can't the police turn them around at the station...

Jones: ...there are police powers to break up gangs, break up mobs...

CID: ...I've worked in Bankstown in the '90's and it was happening then...

Jones: That's right, this is not new but what is new is at long last the public are saying listen we're not intolerant people and we're not racist people in this country but we've had a gut full of what's going on, we're not going to have the tripe being kicked out of our kids...as one women said to me, listen to this, she said, *"I'm the mother of the 20 year old Surf Live Saver who spoke to you Monday on air, Alan this is a extremely, extremely serious problem, we can't allow our sons to take things into their own hands because they no doubt will be in a similar situation to Rowan. The cowards harassed our sons most of the afternoon, they bate the clubbies, these young life savers talk about taking things into their own hands as they are sceptical law enforcement being long term on the beaches." But we can't have that, that's what we're trying to avoid.*

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But women wrote to me and she said, "last Christmas, last Christmas, my husband and I took our then 6 year old granddaughter to the Carols in the Domain. We arrived late and had to sit right over near the fence near the Cahill freeway. As the evening wore on these young people were drinking alcohol and were getting noisier and noisier until a fight broke out between them and some young people of Anglo-Saxon appearance. Alan I've never been so frightened in all my life, the Middle Eastern youths got two young boys, maybe aged 18 to 20, on the ground and was kicking them everywhere they could put the boot in. The police finally arrived and there was nothing for them to do, they didn't even question any of the people around and there were plenty of witnesses around and if they spent 5 minutes there they were lucky." Morris Iemma has said the full force of the law will apply, so let's back off the young people out there, your not backing off from what you believe in, let's back off from taking the action ourselves and let the police see if they can do their work.

...this has happened, you must understand one thing...don't under estimate people power. This reaction from the government has come because the people have rung this program and the government can see they have got a problem on their hands and they had better do something, so we'd gotta be more active and more proactive and we'd gotta be saying, as your ringing me on the open line rather than writing to me, for God's sake don't write to me because it's the end of the year, but on the open line the message is clear this is the priority not a desalination plan, or some environmental statement, or metropolitan statement. The public are saying Morris Iemma you're a good man get out here and do something about it and protect our sons and daughters. Now that's happened yesterday, we've got to give them a chance to do the job.[202]

✆ CALLER: JAKE [Bra Boys Attending]

Jake: I hear that the Maroubra Boys, Bra Boys, are going down there this weekend and help their southern brothers out.

Jones: Yep, there is talk about the Bra Boys are going to sort of get in there and reclaim the beaches, we don't want that. I spoke to Morris Iemma and he said he will put the full force of the law down there, let's back off we don't want to play the kind of social tactics we're objecting to, we've objecting to this violence, we're objecting to going there in numbers, we've objected to belt'n the tripe out of people. We want the police to exercise their law enforcement powers to get these antisocial people out of our way; we don't want our own people joining in that behaviour.

Jake: True Al but I also think there is a bit of mateship going on amongst them.

Jones: Sure there is, and they're fed up Jake, they're fed up and frustrated.

Jake: Well we'll just see Al.

Jones: Just see, but I can understand the frustration and that's what were saying, we want to come down and reclaim our beaches. What I am saying to the boys out there, the Bra Boys and others, look we don't want these vigilante groups, let the police do the job, OK. Up until now we have been unhappy with the police presence, Morris Iemma says he will have a police presence there, let's see what happens.[203]

✆ CALLER: LEE [General Comment]

Lee: Hello Allan, congratulations, we are 100 percent behind you. General discussion about Peter Costello and John Howard.[204]

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Nathgo: ...out of uniform...

Jones: ...and not just there but in the suburbs, a police presence in the suburbs.

Nathgo: ...when they are in uniform they basically don't do nothing, when the police they start harassing.

Jones: That's a good point too, that's a good point. We need a police presence in the suburbs, if we don't have enough tell us, we're gunna to have to pay for more taxes to get some more. Let's check Sydney traffic, before we go to the traffic, our thanks to the listeners, you are the people that have initiated this, you are the people that have fashioned the response and now we have to just back off a bit, Morris Iemma's got the message, we're going to try to talk to him after 6:30.

6:30am News (Erin Maher)[206]

- **North Cronulla Beach** – The leader of Sydney's most notorious surf gang has warned of further beach violence after two men were charged over a violent brawl at North Cronulla. Champion surfer and head of the Maroubra Bra Boys, Koby Abberton, claims beaches are becoming the new battle ground for waring racial groups. Abberton's warning follows reports police have intercepted a text message urging Cronulla locals to take revenge on Middle Eastern based gangs. But Premier Morris Iemma says no one should take the law into their own hands;

  Iemma, "There will not be any compromises when it comes to safety in our street and our beaches. The police have made arrests in what happened last week and they continue to pursue any offenders and the police will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that there is safety at the beach."

- Senior Federal Government employee charged after impersonating a doctor.
- Intelligence officers make claims of possible terrorist threats in Indonesia.
- Homes evacuated in Auburn

Jones: [Commentary about Cronulla Beach][207]

Now as Judge Judy would say, *'listen up'*, I just want to talk about this Cronulla issue again, we've talked about it, you've talk about it this week and it is clear in the public mind that there is widespread anxiety, if not, absolute resentment of Middle Eastern gangs across Sydney. This has led to this text message yesterday which urges locals to come to Cronulla this weekend to take revenge on Middle Eastern gangs, the message urges Aussies to take revenge against Lebs and Wogs, and I don't subscribe to that language and I've told you over the last half hour. But what I am saying to you is the Premier understands the problem, I spoke to the Premier last night he is on record saying we will send the resources there, we have to step back, we don't want vigilante groups, we don't want vigilante retribution, we don't want to be involved in the kind of behaviour that we have been all week criticising so I asked Premier Iemma to come on the line. Morris good morning...what is your message, you do understand, you've been briefed about the level of resentment and the nature of the problem.[208]

Premier: Oh yes, I can understand the anger, particularly an attack on life savers who, they're there to save lives, they patrol our beaches, they protect people who go to the beach, they are an Aussie icon. I understand the anger, the red hot anger, of people but don't take the law into your own hands. The police will be there in force, the streets, the beaches, no one has the right to take the law into their own hands.

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Jones: Do you understand when you say that and that's very reassuring that your talking about North Cronulla, you see I'm full up with email here which says, one says, *"This situation with the Lebanese gangs has been going on for at least one generation, I'm nearly 50 and was having the same problem with these gangs when I was 20, and my sons and their mates are having these problems now."*

...A Police Officer says, *"Alan, as a NSW Police Officer for 20 years I can confirm there has been a battle for Sydney going on for some time now with people of Middle Eastern background. The sad thing is the police, thanks a predominantly left mentality by this government have been fighting with one hand behind their back."*[209]

...Now you have go to be able to reassure the public that across Sydney in the suburb you will have the resources to address the issue.

Premier: Absolutely, look there is no dealing with this with any sense of anyone being told to do things with one hand tied behind their back. The police have been backed with tough new laws over the last few years to deal with street crime, to deal with street offences and they have a professional duty. We've backed them with tough laws to deal with this situation. There will be no compromises, the police, anyone who takes the law into their own hands will be met with the full force of the law.

Jones: You know, reducing it to a really personal level. Morris Iemma has risen to be the Premier, the number one citizen in this State. Morris Iemma himself is a man of ethnic background, your family came into this country, they accepted hospitality in our house which we call the Australian home and have played a prominent part along with so many other families like your mum and dad. What's gone wrong?

Premier: Well Alan it's people who want to take the law into their own hands. These youths who descended on North Cronulla last week, and in other areas, they don't want to fit, they don't fit in with our society, they want to cause disruption to community. The message to them is this is a great country that has opened its doors welcoming arms to hundreds of thousands people from all over the world. Now those who don't want to fit in, those who want to do the wrong thing they will learn what the rule of law means. It's one of the basic tenets of our society, the police have made arrests, we have a permanent group in our police called Task Force Gain, which was designed and set up to meet this issue of gangs, in particularly the Middle Eastern gangs that you referred to. There is no compromise when it comes to this, my parents came to this country for opportunity, a peace loving country and we want to live in a community in which our streets are safe and we don't have to deal with these issues. But when they arrive there will be no compromises when it comes to enforcing the law and backing the police.

Jones: ...a policeman says to me, *"I work at a medium sized suburban local area command...we have two police permanently on loan to Redfern, two permanently on loan to the Street Policing Unit walking around giving tourists directions in the city in yellow hats, one permanently on loan to Operation Vikings, one on loan to the Metropolitan Robbery Unit and numerous other police on loan to any number of Strike Forces and Projects. We also lend dozens of police every one to other commands for regular events like football, cricket games, protests and rallies but as these police are all on-loan it appears in published statistics that we're not understaffed."* The policeman said, *"You've also got problems where large operations like the Mardi Gras, City to Surf, Forbes CEO Conference is staffed by dragging police from operational duty in their areas to these events rather than user pays or overtime shifts. The Forbes CEO Conference cost local area commands over 1000 twelve hour shifts, that's over 12000 hours of policing lost by local communities across the metropolitan areas. It's time to get serious about where the police really are and what the community really want."* Do you have the resources, do you have enough police?

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Premier: Well the numbers have increased and it is always the case of keeping those numbers under review, they are above authorised strength. The additional police recruited over the last few years is not the end of what is always an unremitting fight against crime. We will always keep police numbers under review with a view of always looking to improve.

Jones: Alright, two messages before we go and I thankyou before you go, to the mums and dads not of 8 and 9 year old but of 18 and 19 year olds who are worried about their sons and daughters, what are you saying to them to start with?

Premier: I say to them they go the beaches, they go to the cinemas, our streets are there for everyone to be safe, to go about their business, whether its going to the beach, whether its going to the cinema or going to the football, and anyone who takes the law into their own hand will be met with the full force of the law.

Jones: It's widespread isn't it, I mean a colleague of mine is stabbed to the point of death in St Ives Morris, we're not talking about Redfern, Fairfield or Cabramatta. I mean these people are armed with knives.

Premier: We've passed tough new laws with knives, anti-gang legislation, extra resources and tougher penalties and that is part of what is a never ending fight against crime safety in homes and streets. When these incidents occur it is the case of coming down with the full force of the law.

Jones: A message to the young blokes coming to Cronulla this weekend to take revenge against Middle Eastern gangs...what do you say to these young blokes who are frustrated?

Premier: This is a time to put your trust in the police...do not take the law into your own hands...they have made arrests...let the police finish the job and bring those thugs, those morons to justice.

Jones: You as the head of government understand this is not just a North Cronulla problem this is a wide suburban problem, people are writing to me from all over Sydney.

Premier: Yes it's not restricted to North Cronulla but whether it is North Cronulla or whether it is Brighton the principle is still the same. Trust in the police, allow them to apply the law, don't take it into you own hands.

Jones: We need police on the beat, we need them seen, we need them out there?

Premier: Dog Squad, Vikings, yes and that's the job of the Vikings Squad...it is a very effective form of policing, community policing out there on the street and enforcement the law and ensuring no one takes the law into their own hands.[210]

7:00am News (Erin Maher)[211]

- US Air Marshall fires shots on plain.
- **North Cronulla Beach** – Premier comment about not taking law into own hands.
- **ATM ram raid.**
- Senior Federal Government employee charged after impersonating a doctor.
- Bush fire watch
- M7 to open.
- Intelligence officers make claims of possible terrorist threats in Indonesia.
- Homes evacuated in Auburn.

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Jones Commentary:[212]

- Politicians accommodating minority groups.
- Political correctness relating Christmas, a leading Islamic group is not politically correct. Jewish leader calling for an end to Christmas being imposed upon people. Other Muslim groups have also criticised the Islamic group over its political correct comments.
- **[North Cronulla]** Nineteen after seven. Never let it be said that the public don't have a say, my listeners have been phenomenal this week and if hadn't been for you people and after all I done is to read what you have sent to me about Cronulla and as a result we have action from the government, I spoke to the premier earlier, but the correspondence is *still coming it, listen to this, this has just arrived. "I am a front line police officer from southwest Sydney. The Middle Eastern males are out of control, I'd like nothing more than to give these Middle Eastern gang members a kick up the backside, they lack respect and common decency towards the public. My colleagues and I see this everyday and are sick of it. They're cowards when alone but thrive when in numbers and are intent on harassment and intimidate. Police are just too afraid of complaints which are carried out to the tee by senior officers, in other words go and do something and some bloke will dob you in, he said he gave me a clip around the ear...so another police officer is in trouble... to effectively tackle knife and gang crime we must be allowed to search anyone for knives in public currently it hard to establish reasonable cause to search when challenged in court. This will be rejected by Cameron Murphy...they must accept with freedom and rights comes responsibility."*
- ...However, this is another email here...thankyou to the policeman writing who says "Get well Rowan". Rowan will be listening to us now, Rowan I will be coming to seeing you after air so clear the desks mate I expect to see you when I get there...
- ...but listen to this one, *"Thankyou for bringing to light the gravity of the situation in Cronulla."...*
- ...Well I didn't, my listeners did, this will frighten you. This has been going on for several years and getting worse each year. The following is from yesterday's St George and Sutherland Leader. Surf life Saving Sydney Rescue Service Manager Steven Laye said *"there have been regular occurrences of gangs of young men harassing life guards at North Cronulla."* But listen to this Miranda Police Superintendent Robert Redfern said he had not heard such reports but was meeting with Surf life Saving Sydney and Sutherland Shire Council late yesterday afternoon, and as my correspondence says *"how can it be controlled if the area Superintendent is unaware of what's going on or is this just another softly softly approach to certain minority in NSW."*

✆ CALLER: TIM PRIEST [Commentary][213]

Jones: Well the man who you endow with great creditability on all of these things in you letters say, *"Get him up, get him up we want to hear what he says."* Is the former policeman, who should be out there now in a high position but also an author, Tim Priest. Tim good morning.

Priest: Alan.

Jones: There is deep concern down there isn't there of Middle Eastern invasion...

Priest: ...there is...

Jones: ...you wrote about this in 2001, about five (5) years ago.

Priest: That's right and I tell you what Alan I think it's the worst in four (4) years. When you hear the depth of feeling of people writing to you and send emails and talking on the radio, it's something that even surprises me.

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Jones: My concern is the police say that have got their hands behind their back...basically they are saying we are lending dozens of police every month to other commands and they are under resourced, what do you say to that?

Priest: That's right, what happens as a problem breaks down in one are of Sydney suddenly the police have to rush numbers over there and another problem breaks out in another part of Sydney such as Task Force Gain and you have got to rob different police stations in different suburbs of their police, so It is now getting to the stage where so many problems are breaking out the police have just haven't got numbers anywhere.

Jones: But it is not new is it, I mean that's the problem to talk about it being Cronulla, I've got correspondence here, *"Its just a few Middle Eastern bastards at the weekend its thousands. Cronulla is a very long beach and it has been taken over. Its not a few causing problems its all of them."* I mean it's a big problem isn't it.

Priest: It is and it goes as far as Terrigal, the Central Coast, The Rocks, Darling Harbour, Cronulla, out in southwest Sydney. This is a problem getting bigger by the year and I don't see any easy solution under this government and under this police regime for the next couple of years.[214]

Jones: Who introduced this LEPRA, one policeman says to me, *"As of December a new piece of legislation, LEPRA, has been introduced which is riddled with ensuring the rights of people."* Now LEPRA, for the benefit of my listeners, is this Law Enforcement Powers and Responsibility, basically almost impossible for police to order searches. If I just use an example with three people in this car here and the policeman come along and he thinks the driver has got drugs, I think this mob in the back has got knives, I gonna take a stab here, I gonna arrest, can't, can't. You have got to call the driver out and say *"Now I have to caution you."* I'll get Tim in on this, am I right in saying this Tim?

Priest: You are Alan, this is bureaucracy gone mad.

Jones: Meanwhile the two blokes in the back of the car they haven't been charged with anything, they have knives and guns and God knows what, well whilst I saying to this person now you must explain your rights to you, I'm going to search you now and explain all that, well these two blokes have shot off.

Priest: That's right, I mean when's enough enough, I mean its just common sense that if you have three hoodlums in the car the police have to worry about their safety first and then about an offences taking place without having to go though all this bureaucratic bull.

Jones: Well it is bureaucratic rubbish. Now I've got police people writing to me saying, *"They can't do their job."*

Priest: That's right, they haven't been able to do their job for some years and the people of Sydney have got to realise that help is not on the way fast, a lot of things have to change, there has to be a lot more police on the beat, there has to be a lot more direction from commanders of police that have served on the front line, not those who have hidden in head quarters.

Jones: Let me ask you this, let me ask you this, the decision to send six more constables to North Cronulla yesterday, down that way, was made by the Police Minister, I understand, they were sent as backup officers, not the Police Commissioner.

Priest: Well there's been some talk for some time that the Police Ministry is actually running the Police Force now. Its gone to about 120 odd public servants under Carl Scully so there is probably more police in the Police Ministry that what there is in more police stations.

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Jones: So the Police Commissioner hadn't been briefed on the transfer of police to the Sutherland Shire following the Cronulla attack. I understand the Police Commissioner said yesterday had no idea where these officers would be coming from, they've got to be borrowed from somewhere else.

Priest: It sounds as if they are probationary constables that there's a class about to march out of Goulburn they have got to go straight from Goulburn to Cronulla.

Jones: How impossible.

Priest: Well it is, and it's just a joke for anyone to think that four (4) probationary constables is going to solve the problem down at Cronulla.

Jones: See I've got a policeman writing to me and saying this, *"The average length of service for a street Police Officer is three years, the average, and ever decreasing. The average length of service for police is seven years for men and five years for women. People don't see it as a career anymore. I've many friends in general duties who are constantly asking themselves why do they continue doing what they do they feel they don't make a difference. Alan I could go on and on and tell you the problems with the NSW Police, we don't have the time. In short, the public of NSW are being ripped out and they are not being policed effectively."* Is that correct?

Priest: 100%, when I look back on my career that I worked with a Second Class Sergeant on the first day of the truck out of the Academy, that guy had something like about 27 years experience in the job and he was working on the truck.

Jones: ..and you learnt from him.

Priest: Exactly.

Jones: Now you say there is a possibility of a probationary constable being thrown into North Cronulla and Middle Eastern gangs. If we got right back, and we don't want to be looking back, we've got to look forward, Peter Ryan, one of the criticisms I had and other people had, was this dismantling of existing policing structures. Now are we now paying the price for this, there are no police in local police stations.

Priest: Oh look without a doubt. They're now taking about this Riot and Public Order Squad, this is the old TRG reinvested. Now why did we strip that unit down, it was an effective unit and it had a lot of very hard, very tough, very experienced cops. Suddenly 10 years later we have to reinvent this wheel and they say they found something new in policing.

Jones: Let me ask you this, you say, I know, the Cronulla disturbance has a long way to go. May things get worse?

Priest: Oh look, I have no doubt that over the next 12 or 18 months there's going to be an escalation of this sort of violence which...

Jones: ...and it's across suburbs your saying and not just Cronulla...

Priest: ...that's right, your looking at Hurstville, your looking at Bankstown, your looking at Menai and those sort of places. This is the tip of the iceberg and it is now starting to form itself into a minor civil war between...

Jones: ...well it is, I mean there are people sending out text messages saying take revenge, take revenge. *"This Sunday ever Aussie in the shire get down to North Cronulla to support Leb and Wog bashing day, bring your mate let's show them this is our beach..."* and so on. Tim, we don't condone that stuff we've got to allow the police to do their job. How do the residents regain their suburbs?

Priest: We've got to place a lot of pressure on government and on the police hierarchy...

Jones: ...that has happened this week hasn't it?

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Priest: Pardon.

Jones: That has happened this week?

Priest: Yeah it has, I think this is what all suburbs have to do now is to be like the residents of Cronulla, that is speak out and put some pressure on government to do something.

Jones: Well they have spoken out through this program and to the government's credit they've listened and now they've done something. But you can't keep locking up your daughters to keep your sons to avoid the beaches, you've got to be about to go to the beaches at the weekends, haven't you?

Priest: That's right but what worries me in all of this is that whenever there is a problem it's rhetoric rather than weaponry.

Jones: Well said and its temporary, we'll send a few down to North Cronulla until Alan Jones stops talking about North Cronulla and then we'll pull them out and put them somewhere else.

Priest: That's right and if it blows up at Tempe tomorrow they will send those same people...

Jones: ...same people...

Priest: ...so it's the dog chasing its tail.

Jones: Yeah, good to talk to you. That's Tim Priest. The tragedy of it is every time you talk to Tim Priest people say why isn't he still serving, well he was a whistle blower, he told the truth, they ran him out of a job, 7:30..[215]

7:30am News (Erin Maher)[216]

- US Air Marshall fire shots on plane.
- **North Cronulla Beach** – International surfer warning of further violence at North Cronulla. Premier comment about not taking law into own hands.
- ATM ram raid at Greenacre service station.
- M7 to open – no charge upon opening.

Jones: Commentary[217]

[Charges from 7/11/05] - Just on that North Cronulla thing Miranda Police have charged a man after a number of incidents on North Cronulla beachfront yesterday, a 20 year old man was arrested shortly before 5pm after a press photographer allegedly had his equipment damaged while take photos of the surf club. Police and ambulance officers were in the area following an earlier incident in which two men were involved in an altercation, one man suffered minor injuries. A Riverwood man was taken to Miranda Police Station and questioned before being charged with malicious damage for the photography incident and allowed conditional bail. I don't know if I would be bailing any of these people but will appear at Sutherland Local Court on January 12.

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- Australian man charged in Italy with drug trafficking.[218]
- Father and son died in truck crash near Griffith.
- Ryde rehabilitation centre.
- M2 road closure.
- 1 in 6 Australians dependant on welfare – interview with General Manager of Centrelink.[219]

8:00am News (Erin Maher)[220]

- US Air Marshall fire shots on plane.
- **North Cronulla Beach** – International Surfer (Kobi Aberton) warning of further violence at North Cronulla.
- ATM ram raid at Greenacre service station.
- Federal Security guard charged with acting as a doctor in Canberra
- M7 to open – no charge upon opening.

Jones: Commentary[221]

- 9 and a half after 8, December 8.
- Discussion about the heat.
- Liquor and Gaming Bill in the Parliament, allowing trading on Christmas day, etc.
- Good story today, two Australian doctors to be awarded the Nobel Prize for medicine.
- Bill to be introduced into the House of Representative relating to parenting responsibilities after separation.
- Herald editorial about the Cross City Tunnel and the Parliamentary enquiry [lengthy discussion].
- Iemma government has million issues on its plate – Statutory theft, over valuing of land associating to land tax. [Length discussion].

8:30am News (Erin Maher)[222]

- US Air Marshall fire shots on plane.
- M7 to open – no charge upon opening.
- ATM ram raid at Greenacre service station.
- Centrelink warning.
- Unclaimed lottery prises.

Jones: Commentary[223]

- Davies inquiry in Queensland into 'Doctor Death.'

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✆ CALLER: PAT [Ferry Prices]

- Ferry price rise [Lengthy discussion].[224]
- **Pat [Joke]**...Being Christmas, there was a car accident and three men were wiped out in it. When they got to the Pearly Gates Peter said to them if you can show me something Christmas you can come straight in. The first chap a sprig of holly on his lapel, Peter said very good holly's Christmas come on it.
- Peter said to the second chap what about you. The second chap put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a Christmas cracker. Peter said very good that will do. The third chap thought for a whilst and pulled out of his pocket a pair of frilly nickers and Peter said how do they represent Christmas and the bloke said the Carols. Jones [Laugh].
- **Jones [Joke]:** If there are three flies in the kitchen how do you know which one was the cowboy? It's the one on the range.

9:00am News (Erin Maher)[225]

- **North Cronulla** – Lack of police blamed for increase in violence at Cronulla. Grabb by Mr Iemma and local member Malcolm Kerr.
- US Air Marshall fires shots on plane.
- ATM ram raid at Greenacre service station.
- Federal security guard performing medical procedure in Canberra.
- State opposition sing anti-Iemma government carol.
- Margaret Thatcher admitted to hospital.

Jones: Commentary

- Ryde rehabilitation centre – interview with community member of Ryde [Lengthy].[226]

✆ CALLER: KEVIN [Cronulla Beach]

Kevin: Listen I want to how all these Australians feel like going from ANZACs to wimps in a very short time. We've got a country here that we are giving to these other people and I don't think people realise how far away we are from the point of no return of owning this country...

Jones: ...very good point...

Kevin: ...Australian's should get a little bit of guts and stand up and fight for what our people fought for and live the way we want to live not the way the minority want to live mate.

Jones: You see Kevin, everyone agrees with you except, apparently, the Police Commissioner and except, apparently, some people in government. Now, the Police Commissioner said in relation to Macquarie Fields that it was a disturbance it wasn't a riot, that's what he said. Now, a riot is defined under the Crimes Act, that's the act he is administering. Moroney is administering, he operates under the Crimes Act, the Crimes Act says, *"12 or more persons who are presence together use or threaten unlawful violence for*

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common purpose and the conduct of them taken together is such as would cause a person of reasonable firmness present at the scene to fear for his or her personal safety." Then you have a riot, each of persons using unlawful violence for the common purpose is guilty of riot and liable to imprisonment for 10 years. All those factors were present at Macquarie Fields. That's the definition under the Crimes Act, not Alan Jones' definition; Ken Moroney says it's a disturbance not a riot. No wonder the people just are absolutely bemused and feel as though we have been abandoned. The public is saying, Kevin says, we are giving the joint away. Now who is protecting the wider public interest? None of those people paid to or appointed to protect that interest, Morris Iemma this morning said yeah leave it to us, we're gunna get it done. Well let's see what he does this weekend at North Cronulla but you can bet your life they will go somewhere else. They will be at Manly or Bondi or in the Hurstville shopping centre carrying on, my correspondence tells me that's what goes on.[227]

Jones: Commentary[228]

- Spoke to Susie Yates about a man in Fiji – kept in a chicken coupe and developed chicken like behaviour. Was admitted to hospital and tied to a wall for 20 years. [Follow up discussion to yesterday - Lengthy discussion]
- Anthony Roberts - Member for Lane Cove contacted concerning development application at Putney.

✆ CALLER: ROBERT [General Comment][229]

Robert: Morris Iemma and his bunch are a waste of space. Nothing will come of his promise on this problem North Cronulla, its much bigger than that. A brave women a few years ago stood up and told us exactly where we heading and what the consequences of that was gunna be and now where wearing that...

Jones: ...they put her in gaol..

Robert: ...that's right they gaoled her for that...

Jones: ...Pauline Hansen. Wouldn't allow her the speak in a public place and tell the story, and she said were having problems with immigration, that's what she said.

Robert: Its very close to Christmas, I'm gunna wait to the new year, I'm gunna organise a public meeting somewhere here in Sydney probably Parramatta or somewhere.

Jones: Right'o.

Robert: I'm gunna form a new political party and we're gunna call it 'Our Country'.

Jones: 'Our Country'

Robert: At the top of that agenda is gunna be a completely new rewrite of the Immigration Policy, we're gunna to abolish the Taxation Act and rewrite it, a completely new approach to taxation. What we want is real men and real women to join this party and we will run candidates in every political seat, State and Federal, in this country Alan.

Jones: Alright OK Robert, well you ring us into the New Year.

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Jones Commentary: [Opposition Leader – Peter Debnam][230]

Jones: Peter Debnam has made statements yesterday basically saying what we knew anyway, but he has confirmed that. Peter Debnam said Roads Minister Joe Tropodi and Morris Iemma have been misleading the public over roads that have been closed as a result of the building of the cross city tunnel. Opposition Leader Peter Debnam is on the line.

Debnam: It is happening in every portfolio isn't it...

Jones: ...it is...

Debnam: ...whether it is Sutherland or Cronulla. The bottom is just simply following out of every department in State Government. [General discussion about road closures from the Cross City Tunnel].

Jones: Listen you shadowed, before you became Opposition Leader, the police portfolio. I'm sure our listeners would be interested in what your thoughts are.

Debnam: Just taking that last caller, you can hear the frustration of the community and we've seen that right across the board but we've said it for 10 years Alan. I remember when we had this problem in my electorate 10 years ago we basically organised one night, a Saturday night, we organised 200 to 300 police and we dared them to come down there and of course they're cowards and they didn't. But the problem that we had for 10 years is the government has refused to arrest them. You keep hearing about riots, disturbances, what ever you like, but you keep hearing the words disperse, police moved in to disperse, we don't want them to disperse, we want the resources out there, we want them surrounded, we want them arrested, we want them locked up.

Jones: But what happens to the Police Commissioner who calls Macquarie Fields a disturbance when under the definition in the Crimes Act itself it defines a riot, quite clearly, and this is the man who's meant to be acting in consistency with the Crimes Act and changes definition?

Debnam: I think all we can say is that we were all embarrassed by that I meant to have our senior law enforcement officer in the State to down play what was four nights of prime time TV rioting was just an embarrassment to everybody in the state. But it this whole political culture...

Jones: ...on that for the sake of police out there listening...they are writing to me in droves about this LEPRA, Law Enforcement Power and Responsibility Act, and they are saying to me, police, our hands are tied because of this ridiculous legislation and its about how police conduct and record searches and basically...

Debnam: ...your right, I mean if you look at what happened in the last couple of years not only are their hands tied in actual bringing someone in for arrest for charging but we actually lost about 650 police in the last two years. If you compare December this month to two years ago there was actually 650 police less, the government haven't updated figures post September but at the end of September there was 611 police less, now it would be about 650 to 700 police.

Jones: You got to do something about this legislation, I mean for the benefit of my listeners, let me explain, Peter Debnam is known to police and they actually suspect that's him driving the car, they suspect the car is stolen so they pull up and they want to search to see if they have any proper identification, they also think the two blokes in the back have drugs and knives. Under this new legislation they have got to pull driver Debnam out remind him of his rights, remind him of his rights, and start explaining a long detailed bureaucratic process what they're going to do in relation to the search at which stage the two blokes in the back are waiting there aren't they, like hell they've gone.

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Debnam: Alan its just political correctness, it's softly softly. Alan if I go back 10 years that's why I introduced the car impounding legislation in 1996. I said look this all too difficult the police simply can't cope with the paperwork and the regulation. Let's just simply give them the power on the street to take the damn car. Well we did that in 1996 and it's very effective. It's all about re-empowering police; well we've got to wind back quite a bit of legislation.

Jones: Well you got to tell police what legislation you're going to wind back?

Debnam: We've got to get it out there Alan but we've also got to get Police numbers up and we got to stop this softly softly strategy what we see across the state and these gangs want to congregate at Cronulla lets get 500 police in there, let's...

Jones: ...where the problem is.

Debnam: ...and the problem is right across the metropolitan area but they need the resources to get out there. We need hundreds of police to surround them, arrest them and lock them up.

Jones: Good on ya OK Peter, it's the only language they understand, it's the only lingo they understand. See in life, whether you are a mother, a father, a teacher, a rugby coach or a policeman you must be compassionate but compassion will always be interpreted as weakness unless it is preceded by a show of strength. If the bloke arrives later for training and you say that's OK well he will be late for training next time. If you then say well that's OK now as a result of that your contract will be reduced by $250 every time your late well he won't be late next time. Then in six months time he blatantly said mate I sorry I'm late but my mother was sick and I had to take her to the hospital, you don't fine him $250. But compassion will be interpreted as weakness until is it preceded by a show of strength. We need the show of strength now in ordering the streets and then we say to people listen your on the wrong side of the law but in the national family we're happy to have you part of it, we're happy to have you part of our home but now we'd better explain to you how we expect you to behave and if you can't do that you can't go out there amongst everybody else. It's not rocket science.[231]

✆ CALLER: CHARLIE [CRONULLA][232]

Charlie: I heard Mr Iemma this morning and I never heard anything so insincere up as the way he delivered his so call vigilantes. The vigilantes, they will be other characters coming here and they are laughing at us. I want to encourage everyone of the junior football team, the soccer teams, from Engadine to Cronulla to go to Cronulla on Sunday morning and be around the life savers and clap them and encourage them. They are fellow sports people.

Jones: I tell you who we want to encourage Charlie.

Charlie: Yep.

Jones: All the Pacific Island people because you want to know something, they don't take any nonsense.

Charlie: That's right.

Jones: They're proud to be here all those Samoans and Fijians they love being here. Proud to be here and they say ha ha you step out of line look out, and of course cowards will always run.

Charlie: They will run like scalded rats.

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Jones: But we can't be involved in the very behaviour we're condemning them for.

Charlie: We're not gunna be involved this idea that we are not...

Jones: ...get down there and support the Aussie...

Charlie: ...Aussie that's a loan of garbage. The use of this Shire. I was very proud, I heard about these messages that they were sending out and as far as I'm concerned the game of cricket should be on on Sunday and go down there and encourage and applaud the life savers and, if they can swing some time, help join them. I've got friends in the nippers down there and quite seriously I was worried about it because these characters that get down there they deliberately play their football and the deliberately kick a ball somewhere and they will dive and hurt junior...

Jones: ...I've got stories about all of that. See Charlie I think we would all agree writing a letter is no fun thing and you need to sit down and write a letter and I can tell you from the volume of correspondence I have received this week this is the most critical issue facing us, there is no doubt about it. When people actually say, I've got to sit down and write to Alan Jones, and they have done it in hundreds and hundreds. I asked it all of them to tell the listeners it's a very good point. Public opinion can win the battle, the power of public opinion can never be under estimated so long as we get off our backsides and do something.[233]

✆ CALLER: ANDY [Police Staffing Numbers][234]

Andy: Look last Saturday I had cause to go up to a local area command...but the station was short staffed, it was supposed to be the main one...[staff shortage conversation].

Jones: A policeman wrote to me to say this, and he talks about the abandonment of the suburban police, he said that's your problem the abandonment of the suburban station. He writes to me he says, *"I work at a medium size local area command, we got two police permanently on loan to Redfern, two permanently on loan to the street policing unit in yellow hats, one permanently on loan to Operation Vikings, one on loan to the Metropolitan Robbery Unit, and numerous other police on loan to any number of Strike Forces and projects. We also lend dozens of police every month to other commands for regular events like football, cricket games, protests and rallies. With these police all out on loan it appears in published statistics that we're not under staffed. You also have the problems with large operations like the Gay Mardi Gras, the City to Surf, the Forbes CEO Conference are staffed start by dragging police from operations duties in their areas to the event rather than as overtime shifts."* In other words the Forbes CEO, we should have said to the Forbes people, you want a 1000 police, take people on holidays, you pay them yourself. This bloke says, *"The Forbes CEO Conference cost local area commands over 1000 twelve hour shifts, a further 12000 hours of policing lost by local communities across the metropolitan areas."* That's the story, that's the story Andy.[235]

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✆ CALLER: ROBERT [General Comments][236]

Robert: I just wanted to wish Morris Iemma and Carl Scully a very merry Christmas...very pleased to hear about Rowan.

Jones: And it is in St Ives, we just don't have a North Cronulla problem, we don't have a North Cronulla problem hey, let's not kid ourselves it's a narrow little piece of geography where this problem exists. Now let's hope the police get hold of that lot but the police are stretched to the limit.

✆ CALLER: SIMONE [Putney development][237]

- General comments.
- Public rally 11am this Sunday at Putney.

Jones: Signs off and will be on air tomorrow.[238]

10:00am News (Erin Maher)[239]

- **North Cronulla** – Locals warned not to attend Cronulla. Grab by Morris Iemma.
- US Air Marshall fire shots on plane.
- Man survives helicopter crash in Queensland.
- Compulsory student unionism
- New custody laws.
- Broken Hill declared natural disaster area.

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Thursday, 8th December 2005 - THE RAY HADLEY PROGRAM

Jason Morrison filling in for Ray Hadley until midday due to family commitments.

- **Jason Morrison: Open Commentary**[240]
- We have a lot to talk about today...what has happened and what is happening in Cronulla and people want to talk about this in the light of it maybe being the last week. This has nothing to do with the last week, this has everything to do what's been going on in Cronulla and Manly and Brighten-Le-Sands and every beach side suburb in Sydney for the last 20 years. And the problem with all of this is that it has just been put off, no one wants to deal with the issue. People only start talking about taking the law into the own hands when they think nothing has been done and that is the case 100% with what's going on in Cronulla. Now Alan spoke about this morning, and I know Chris and Phillip yesterday afternoon did exactly the same. We have a real dilemma here because the police are anticipating there will be a brawl on the weekend and they might want to throw everything they've got, absolutely everything they have, at trying to curb the likelihood of it going ahead but I reckon this thing is inevitable. It's going to happen because, basically, the vast majority of people in this country are sick and tired of being ignored and sick and tired of being told consistently you are wrong to think this. Let's cut to the chase on this whole thing, what goes on in Cronulla, and at Brighton-Le-Sands and at Manly, just about every Saturday and Sunday and Friday nights as well. We have basically hoons that show up, now let's get a little more specific, these hoon aren't just blokes in hotted up cars, we have gangs of young Lebanese men who show up and look for trouble, and OK they mightn't be committing crime, they drive around, they taunt people, they try everything they possibly can to freak people out and that's what happened and I think the people in the Cronulla area have had enough. Now I'm not a old bloke by any stretch of the imagination, 10 years ago I was of the age where I would hang out at these places...10 years ago I knew then this was a problem. The whole sensation that we have in this city at the moment has been boiling in people's blood for a generation now and can you blame them for wanting to take it into their own hands because for too long the Police have been ignoring it, the politicians have been ignoring it, no one has wanted to deal with it.[241]
- Now I was actually at Cronulla yesterday afternoon, I was there I spoke to plenty of people and I saw it first hand, I saw the stand off, I saw the Aussie verses the Lebanese thing going on, and I know about the dynamics and I know you do to...I got to tell you one thing is for sure, this is a product of inaction. Political leaders don't have the will to want to address it and if the politicians don't the police don't want to touch it. These teenagers might be causing a problem there but there is a list a mile long of people who have let us down along the way and most are elected public official. Shortly I am going to share with you an interview I recorded last night of a group of kids who are planning and will take the law into their hands on Sunday. It is frightening stuff, wait until you hear it. We shouldn't be having this sort of stuff happening in our city but we are.[242]
- **Non Payment of Bills** – Telephone companies reporting people as credit risks.
- **Bob Carr 1995** – What he did. Was elected to office based on a lie.
- **North Cronulla Beach** – Another brawl at North Cronulla Beach. I went down there and bought you good coverage on Phillips program yesterday. The trouble began when an argument between three white Australians, this is amazing we have to specific about this, white Australians and a group of teenagers of Middle Eastern appearance, I hate that phrase they are Lebanese kids. Now a news photographer was turned

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on, this guy works for the local Sutherland Shire newspaper, he was taking photographs, he had been sent down by his editor just to take a few shots if anything happens and something did. From what I understand basically there was a did of a shouting match between the white guys and the Lebanese guys, it was the surfies verses the Lebs as everyone kept saying, and as a result of that some punches were thrown and for about, and it was only about a minute, people were jumping over each other. Now soon after the police were there and if you were in the Cronulla area you know right now there are vans parked in that park near North Cronulla surf club...if quite amazing. Text messages, emails, all that sort of stuff had been bouncing around for the last couple of days predicting over the weekend there's going to be some trouble. Now Alan spoke about this this morning and we revealed this text message yesterday, now I actually had it sent to me, its extraordinary, most of the language is unbelievable. But it basically says that *this Sunday every Aussie in the shire should get down to North Cronulla and support Leb and Wog bashing. Sorry about the words this is just what it says. And it went along the lines, bring your mates down and we'll show them that this is our beach and they are never welcome, let's kill some boys*. Now I though this was an urban myth, I'm sad to say it's not. At Cronulla Beach yesterday it was wild, there was about 50 people around the place and there more than several hundred kids and that surf club is a real magnet for a whole lot of kids in the area and that car park beside it is a magnet for hoods, so they stare at each other down 10 metres apart and they're waiting for someone to throw the first punch. Now what I am about to play you is an interview that I picked up on the 2GB tape recorder down there and we were talking to some people to get a feel of what was going on. Now these two kids walked up to me and said I've got some news for you buddy, this is what's going on on Sunday, extraordinary, I think you'll be shocked about what they've got to say;[243]

Tape Recording:[244]

Morrison: So what's going to happen here on the weekend, this text message I've been sent.

Male 1: Oh yeah I got a text message saying Aussies in the Shire fireup, everyone meet down at North Cronulla, 12 o'clock, be there, don't forget, tell all your mates, we're going to show these wogs this is our territory.

Male 2: The Nulla crew, the Nulla boys.

Male 1: Nulla boys yeah.

Morrison: What does that mean, an all in brawl, gonna go crazy?

Male 2: All in brawl.

Male 1: Our allies are coming down on Sunday.

Morrison: Your Allies.

Male 1: We've go the Bra boys, the Shire, the Bra Boys and we've got some Rebels on standby.

Morrison: Rebel Bikers.

Male: Yeah.

Morrison: How old are you?

Male 1: 16.

Male 2: I'm 17.

Morrison: How does 16 year olds and 17 year olds know the people to get bikers down here?

Male 1: Locals... There's like there's Rebels that run this area, they're like the Shire, Rebels like own, they run every area.

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Morrison: That was last night on the beach, now that frightens the hell out of me. We teenagers talking about having contact with bikie gangs and well known criminal establishments along the beaches and their heading down there. Now I said at the top of the program that the police give us every assurance that something is being done to stop this, and they might stop it on Sunday. But I can tell you these guys are determined, they will take the law in their own hands and if it doesn't happen on Sunday, it will happen next weekend or it will happen some time during the week. Now there is a lot of anger out there and it frightened the hell out of me because I could see in their eyes they weren't kidding.

Now also this morning you might have heard on Alan's program Morris Iemma talking about this and Mr Iemma was very rightly contacted last night by Alan about this and told about this threat we had received which as you have just heard in the words of those two teenagers is real and determined. But I think Mr Iemma has started the spin on this a bit too early because as we know spin equals lies equals inaction, and that's part of the problem of all of this and we believe, based on the sources Ray has been able to call into us this morning to report, that Mr Iemma himself is guilty of spreading misinformation about how the police are handling these beach sites and I believe this could be detrimental to the police inquiry. Now I want to play you a tiny bit of the interview that Mr Iemma had with Alan Jones this morning and from what you can gather with all of this he's telling us a big task force has been set up.

> **Iemma statement,** *"The police have made arrests. We have a permanent group in our police called Task Force Gain which was designed and set up to meet this issue of gangs, in particularly Middle Eastern gangs that you referred to. There's just no comprises when it comes to this."*

Morrison: Now I can tell you that what we've just heard there is in fact not the case at all. Task Force Gain, as he made reference to, has been set up to investigate gang shootings. Now what we have here on our beaches are brawls between teenagers, there's no shootings, this is not gang related crime. Task Force Gain has in fact been scaled down, it has fewer staff. But I have it on good authority that Mr Iemma has not spoken to anyone in the Police Force about this gang task force, he hasn't ordered one be set up. Staff at Mr Iemma's office have not spoke to the Police about this. So Morris Iemma get on the phone and explain to us what you've been doing because my sense of what you've been doing this morning is spinning, and we all know what that means, that means doing nothing. You've been caught out Premier time to explain yourself.

✆ CALLER: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER MARK GOODWIN[245]

Morrison: ...Sir if I could ask you, has a Task Force been set up to investigate these incidents, is there a police Task Force running right now?

Goodwin: Yes we've got a very large contingent of police that will be setting up and operating under my Command.

Morrison: Is that a Task Force or is it just a reaction.

Goodwin: Well it's not an officially registered task force but there's a range of police from a range of specialists areas that will be operating under my Command starting from today and certainly over this weekend and I assure you Jason we are taking this matter very seriously but we need to keep some perspective in respect to it.

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Morrison: OK and we will get to this in a moment but I just want to clarify this, "a police gang Task Force has been setup to deal with recent violence on our beaches", they were the words of the Premier. Are you running a police gang Task Force that is setup to deal with exactly that or is that incorrect?

Goodwin: I put together a large police operation with a number of police resources and that revolves around some of our Operational Support Group people, the Highway Patrol, the Police Dog Squad for a high visibility operation.

Morrison: So you won't say this but I will the answer is, no it hasn't?

Goodwin: In respect to a gang's task force?

Morrison: Yep.

Goodwin: I think what we are dealing with is a number of youths, there are different perception of what constitutes a gang Jason but we have a number of youths forming onto the beach and an ethnic tension issue to deal with.

Morrison: Alright let's move on, I don't want to get to caught in the middle of politics, we just want something done here. What's gonna happen on the weekend, you might have heard the two kids talking and these were pretty level headed kids, they weren't just out to get on the radio, they are pretty level headed they are determined to do this on the weekend, what's going to happen?[246]

Goodwin: Let me start by saying I understand there's a local territorial feelings and emotions particularly after an attack on a volunteer life saver which is a disgrace and we will put together a very large operation in respect to that. Now there is something sacred about the beach for all locals and I can actually assure you that I actually grew up in the Sutherland Shire and have used this Cronulla beach for many many years and the fact is it is a big city and everyone owns the beach, there's always been some tension in respect to who owns the beach and it's nothing new about territorial scuffles over many many years. Violence is not the answer and I can assure you we will not stand for vigilante action and we simply won't tolerate it. What we are asking is for the local kids to trust the police and don't ramp it up and escalate it and leave it to the police.

Morrison: I got a switch board full of people that are dying to tell me that they believe the police aren't doing enough in the area. Now I'm happy to give you the benefit of the doubt on this but that's the perception and I think that why people are behaving the way they are, now what do you say to that?

Goodwin: Look I believe the police response to the issues down there was very very swift and we're arrested certainly two people that have been involved in these incidents and there may be more to come, we've a group of detectives working on that at the moment. I'm ramping it up to include some of our specialist resources down here which we do over the beach going summer months in any respect in terms of our high visibility presence but I'm treating this as a specific particular issues which I will be monitoring on a daily basis as the summer months progress but most particularly over the next week.

Morrison: Alright you don't like to talk about numbers of police but I think we need to start giving people some assurance here, we're talking about all this gang violence and people, it seems, are dying for this to happen in a sense, what are you going to do, I mean how many police are we going to have, are we going to have Riot Squad sort of looking guys there?

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Goodwin: Yep I can assure you that if you come down to the Cronulla area today that you are going to see a very high visible use of police presence. Now we want people to enjoy this beach, it's the best place in the world to have fun and relax for everybody and we're certainly not the fun police but I can assure you we will not tolerate this behaviour and I will have down here a large contingent of Highway Patrol, I will have our Operations Support Group Operatives down here to handle riot situations, there will be mounted Police, there will be dog squad in the area and we will deal with any antisocial behaviour by either side or by any person on the beach front because this is about families. The last thing we need is for local people ramping this up and then no one can enjoy the beach. It's almost Christmas, it's a time for peace and reflection and families not punch ons on the beach.

Morrison: Alright but I can't in my own mind confidently say to people based on what you've just told me, don't worry it will be safe at Cronulla go down there do your normal thing. I mean you can understand that can't you?

Goodwin: Look I can understand that there is a lot of territorial feelings and emotion in this and I heard the interviewed played with those kids, but look what I say to them is, trust the police in what we're doing and the simple fact of the matter is whether you think you own the beach or not you don't because you live in the area and everyone has the right to use it. It is a big city and there is a lot of tension bubbling up at the moment over there but whether you reside in Cronulla or you reside in the Western Suburbs of Sydney or the north or indeed are here as a tourist because there is a major number of tourist because there's a major number of tourist who use a beaches and there's a lot of people from an ethnic background that have been the backbone of the labour force for this great country of ours and they deserved some respect with their families on the beach as much as anyone else does.

Morrison: I understand, Assistant Commissioner final question I mean, you know I hate to personalise this but this is all pretty personal to everyone, I mean if you had to tell someone that was near and dear to you what your advice would be for this weekend at Cronulla what would you say, would you say stay away or go about your business?

Goodwin: Look I've got teenage kids that live in the area and they love coming down the beach, it's about coming down and enjoying the beach, enjoying the beautiful sunshine of the Australian climate and the great place we had. Look we will have a police presence if there's an issue to deal with, we will have a strong police presence down here to deal with that issue and I'll be monitoring it very very closely I can assure you and as is it right up to the Commissioner who I am briefing, and the Deputy, very regularly on it. We will keep the police presence here as needed and ramp it up and down as we see fit in respect of our regular risk assessments but please our message very clearly to the young people is, let us go about our business, ramp down the silly text messages that have been going around, we have had assaults, we are dealing with those, we have charged people and we will charge more I am confident. Let us deal with that, enjoy the beach, enjoy the family environment because it is place to have fun and relax and think of the Christmas spirit and time for reflection on families, not ramping up silly punch on nonsense on the beach because either side tries to pull it on in front of my police will all be in the dock and I doubt that's where people want to be leading up to Christmas.

Morrison: We wish you luck sir, thankyou, thanks for your time.

Goodwin: Thanks Jason.

Morrison: Assistant Commissioner Mark Goodwin who's the Regional Commander in charge of that part of Sydney. Does that make you feel more confident? 131873 is the telephone number. I'm sorry to be so long there's a lot of people who want to talk about this but you have to understand this is a major issue we have to deal with and we need the facts.[247]

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10:30am News (Erin Maher)[248]

- **North Cronulla** – Team established to investigate ethnic tension. Premier said Task Force Gain looking at violence but has been downgrading and is only looking at shooting crime.
- US Air Marshall fire shots on plane.
- M7 motorway toll free.
- Male monkeys like to play with toy cars while female monkeys prefer dolls.

[AUDIO DROPS OUT]

✆ CALLER: CHRISTIAN [Surf life saver][249]

Christian ...I've been a Surf life saver at Cronulla Beach for over 15 years and the thing is this hasn't just happened, this has been going on for those 15 years that I've been patrolling Cronulla beach, it's just ridiculous. I mean my mother-in-law, yesterday, was actually walking through Cronulla and she decided to walk around these ethnic youths that were just kicking soccer balls in Cronulla Mall and they still went up to her and started harassing her.

Morrison: I saw it for myself first hand, what happened, for those who know the area quite well, there's the showers where you come up off the beach, you walk up to the surf club, there's the car park just there, the guys in the car don't park right there, they park a little further up but you can see them and I said to the surfy blokes that were there, where are the Lebanese guys I can't see any of them? They said look over there don't look around, don't point because if you do that will encourage them, I know what you are talking about I saw it myself.

Christian: Mate we're a very proud people down at the Shire, we really love the fact we can call ourselves residents of the Shire and that we can enjoy Cronulla Beach as much as we can. As a Surf life saver we're told to that we need to save who ever is in trouble and we do, and personally I've saved ethnics that are swimming in tracksuits and they get themselves into trouble because the tracksuit's weighing them down in the water.

Morrison: Yeah I think this is why this has really touched a nerve with a lot of people because they know that's how you blokes work and how you play the game out there and you know, regardless of race, religion, anything, it doesn't matter to you, people are people and that's how it should be there and unfortunately its not and I think we know why. Thanks for your call Christian.

✆ CALLER: TONY [Resident of Bankstown][250]

Tony: Mate I've lived in Bankstown all my life with a lot of Lebanese people and that, I don't seem to have any problems with them, obviously there are a trouble makers amongst them. Just listening to you you played, you had an interview with some bloke on the beach talking about let's reclaim Cronulla...

Morrison: Yeah two kids, 15 and 17.

Tony: Yeah mate with attitudes like that, I'm not Lebanese by the way, but with attitudes like that talking about let's get the wogs, teach them a lesson, mate that's gunna get other people off side as well.

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Morrison: Yeah I don't doubt it but I, look, I thought that was important cause I had exactly the same reluctance as you do Tony on this, I thought it was important we hear it because it is one thing for me to read out a text message bouncing around from phone to phone but it's another thing to hear it from kids, 15 and 17 year olds, sitting down at the beach staring their blokes down waiting for trouble and I think that's important that we do put it into that perspective, this is real this is not just talk this is real.

Tony: Definitely, but another thing as well you know like the Macquarie Fields riots, what I think if there are trouble makers the police should go in with the riot gear on and any potential trouble makers just get stuck into 'em. The Police are scared to do anything because the law is holding them back but to be honest with you I reckon 95% of the population wouldn't mind that.

Morrison: Yeah mate I'm with you, 100%, absolutely thanks for your call Tony. That's it we sit here and we're talking about this problem, this problem is the end point of inaction that's what it is, its got nothing to do what's going on right now its got what didn't go on 10 years ago.

✆ CALLER: SHANNON [Witness at scene on 7th December][251]

Shannon: I was over there yesterday and witnessed all these goings ons and I got to tell you the police presence was not there, there was one police car there and when a few of the ethnics dispersed but once police car took off, a lot lot more people came over, the police weren't there for a good 35 to 40 minutes and I stood and watched it with my own eyes, that is how long they took to get there. There is not enough police in the area at all.

Morrison: See that goes against what the Assistant Commissioner says.

Shannon: I know, most of what he just said was an absolute joke...

Morrison: ...really...

Shannon: I live literally across the road, I can see the beach right now and there is not enough police. I went down there yesterday is my lunch break, there was three police walking along the beach, that was it. I mean there's been a lot of tension from what happened on the weekend. I've got to say this isn't territorial its about people that live here not feeling safe to go across to the beach.

Morrison: Yeah and that's wrong, that's wrong, it's about antisocial behaviour, it's about intimidation, it's about all these other things. It's not necessarily crimes being committed here, it just this awful ominous feeling.

Shannon: As I said I live directly opposite the beach and I will not go to that beach, I will go north or south of North Cronulla beach.

Morrison: Yeah, Shannon thankyou for your call, your right it's not safe.

✆ CALLER: JOHN [Youth from Kurnell][252]

John: I happen to be a youth in the Shire as well, I live at Kurnell actually. I'm 20 years old and I'm in the construction industry, I'm a line marker, I travel to and from probably about two different construction sites a day ranging all the way out to Hoxton Park road, out Mosman way, and in the last week every single site I have gone to I have spoken to the people on site and it's just not the people from the Shire

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but there are people congregating around the whole of NSW to come to Cronulla on Sunday and I don't see how the police can hold back a whole State.

Morrison: And nor should they have to, I mean it is just as much your beach as is it my beach as it is someone who lives in Bourke's beach.

John: Well the thing is they have got to understand they are visiting our home, like this is where we live, like surely we should feel safe in our own home.

Morrison: You should, you should, but see this is the problem we're trying to fix today's problem with force today, what we need to do is say alright today we draw the line and we continue our presence and our vigilantes and we keep going at these so and so's until this is no longer a problem, until we change the culture because we do nothing to address that John and I think that is the big problem here.

John: All I'm getting is the Police Commissioner says they can hold back the gangs with force and stuff like that but it's not a gang there got to hold back there's an army of people coming on Sunday, it is an army like the police can't hold back an army.[253]

✆ CALLER: ADRIAN [Criticism of Morris Iemma][254]

Adrian: I want to criticise Morris Iemma, he's cast dispersion of what's happened there, why didn't he come out on Monday and say something about that or what happens with the white people being the Ku Klux Klan so to speak, that incident there is viciously attacking our people. Now I got to tell you I live a Narwee there's been a few incidents with them and Riverwood.

Morrison: And Narwee's his electorate

Adrian: That's right, there's been a few incidents there terrorising the Chinese people and other people. I'm gunna tell you another thing about an incident three weeks ago. My nephew's in the Airforce right, and this happened in Canberra right as he is stationed there, two of his mates were in Airforce uniforms and seven or eight of them were in civilian you know just walking around like you and I. A group of Lebanese attacked them but Peter went in an annihilated them, we had the police watch it, the police turned around and said do you want to press charges. They said no, we said fair call, and it's goin' everywhere. I say inactive, I'm not voting for Iemma or the Labour Party, they're a lot to do with this problems, in action.

Morrison: They've ignored it, that's the greater crime when you're an elected official to ignore major social shifts. I mean this is change and change happens and this is a society that's worn change for a long time so we're used to it but to ignore problems like this in the way they have to me is unforgivable and makes them unelectable. They think it's all about desalination or about cross city tunnel its not its about the general feeling, you've just hit the nail on the head with Adrian, it's the general feeling about these things that makes us all seeming because nothing has been done for too long. Thanks for your call mate.

✆ CALLER: CAROL [General Comment][255]

Carol: First of all, thankyou for the true and honest reporting, it's fabulous. Second point, that policeman you interviewed, you asked him if his children were going to go to the beach on Sunday, he didn't answer you.

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Morrison: I know, I know.

Carol: You probably knew that but you had so much else to put to him.

Morrison: It's more the point, you could sit here and try to crucify and hammer the policeman but he's the messenger on all of this, he's been told not so much what to say he's been told what to do and the orders come down the chain on issues like this and they come down from politicians to Police Commissioners down the rank. So you know we could sit here and we could bash up the policeman as much as we like it's not going to change anything because the will is not there.

Carole: There is no will there. Now how come they can get the message white kids are sending out 'hey come on we've had enough 'and yet they can't get the other people saying message where they call in all the hands. They arrest some, grab their phone, check out who they sent them to and they will clean out the whole network, if they really really wanted to, they just don't want to do anything.

✆ CALLER: JACKIE [Clarify something][256]

Jackie: I just want to clarify something that you said, you are calling these people Lebanese, like fair enough. But my husband is Lebanese which makes my son Lebanese...

Morrison: No it doesn't it, that makes your son an Australian and your husband is an Australian...

Jackie: ...well they are...

Morrison: ...OK I'll tell you why, Jackie, I'll tell you why I said these guys are Lebanese. On the back of their hotted up cars is stickers saying 'Leb Power', now who says that if they're an Aussie.

Jackie: No, No, I didn't say they're an Aussie, now just hang on...

Morrison: ...but they should be they've been here long enough...

Jackie: ...but I not saying that, just hear me out, now I've forgotten. What I was trying to say is they call themselves Lebanese, like I work with a whole heap of them and they're not, they're Iraqi's, they're from Syria, they're from Iran, but they just call themselves Lebanese. Now my son goes to a Catholic school in Lakemba and he got attacked, in Year 7 by the way, by 10 of these guys, Lebanese boys, from Punchbowl Boys. Now they just don't pick on the Aussies they don't care and it's not so much their race as it is their religion and I don't care if that's what you're saying...

Morrison: No I think it is more to do with their mind set, it's nothing with race or religion, it's to do with mindset. These guys have convinced themselves that they are big tough Lebanese dudes, well they're not big tough Lebanese dudes they're people who think they are because some of them have been out here for two and three generations. I've a really good friend who runs a pizza shop at Pennant Hills, his name is Tony, and he is Lebanese, that's his ancestry. But what is he? He's a proud Australian, you know that's what he does he's an Aussie he doesn't have 'Leb Power' written down the back of his car or on the front of his shop, he's an Aussie he flies the flag that's what he does. That's the big problem here we have a mindset that we have allowed to brew and its building and building, its growing, and we're not doing anything to deal with it Jackie, I think, you known, I mean I'm looking at where you're calling from and I think you're in a good area of Sydney to know exactly that because there are plenty of people who think of themselves as Lebanese or who think of themselves as Greek, your not either your Australian, if you're here your with us and if you not your against us get out. Thanks for you call Jackie.[257]

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✆ CALLER: TONY [General Comment][258]

Tony: Like your comments, love Australia or leave it. Just want to talk about the M7 [General discussion].

Morrison Commentary:[259]

You might have heard our comments earlier about Morris Iemma who I said is spreading misinformation about the police investigation into this recent violence on the beach at Cronulla and he told Alan Jones this morning a gangs task force had been set up to deal with this and, well he's not exactly right the gangs task force hasn't, the police all but confirmed that to us and very high level sources tell us that in fact it is 100% wrong and in fact there has been no bantar, if you can believe this, between the Premiers office and the officer of senior police to make sure the adequate response even though Alan Jones, believe it or not, Alan Jones had to ring the Premier to tell him that this was going on that there was this threat, unbelievable. I've got the Shadow Minister Police Minister Michael Gallacher, he's called up.

Gallacher: G'day how are you Jason.

Morrison: ...you've obviously heard this play out this morning, so what's gone wrong here?

Gallacher: It's been a mess for the last couple of days, firstly we had Carl Scully out there two days ago saying how disgusted he was, quite rightly, and then said there was going to be additional resources, six officers were touted going into the area. Well yesterday morning I spoke to the Police Commissioner about where these six cops were coming from, he didn't know, he didn't know what ranks they were going to be, he didn't know when they were going to start. So now we've got the Minister actually setting the agenda in terms of operational matters in terms of deployment and the Commissioner didn't know the finer details.

Morrison: If I can cut to the chase they're making it up as they go.

Gallacher: Well it's policy on the run and I mean this morning with the Premier out there talking about Task Force Gain that I've renamed Task Force Reframe because when it started it was target gang violence in south western Sydney, nothing to do with this street level crime we're now seeing which is completely out of control anti-social behaviour of these thugs who think that they can bully everybody into submission, nothing to do with that. Now Task Force Gain formed with 170 cops now it's got about 50 cops which are making a few final arrests with and then its being gutted but for him to say that this gang squad is in place is completely false.

Morrison: Yep, yep your right I think we've caught him out on that one and we are yet to hear from the Premiers office to clarify what he's remarks were, which to me feeds my assessment of this whole thing that he is making this up as he goes. Thanks for your time Mr Gallacher, the Shadow Police Minister in NSW. This is 2GB, two minutes to 11 o'clock.[260]

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Morrison: Yeah, beauty go on you Shirley.

Shirley: I known I'm ropable about it.

Morrison: Yeah, yeah, you're not alone. There's a room full of people in front of me shaking their heads in disbelief when they hear about it.[266]

Morrison: [Correspondence – John a former Police Officer][267]

John on the email says, *"Mark Goodwin...sounds more like a pollie than a policeman, speaking as an ex-copper...the problem with the Police Force is they have been reduced to merely social workers and revenue collectors. This problem has been brewing for years and people are just sick of it."*

Morrison: Yeah you're not wrong there.[268]

Morrison: [Correspondence – Greg][269]

Greg says on the email, *"Honestly, every politically correct person that I hear speaking on the media about all of this don't want to dig into the real issues. We are experiencing circumstances that have caused leaders of other countries through history to declare war on people not assimilating in their country. When are we going to wake up to the problem?"*

Morrison: Well that is part of the problem and I tell you at this radio station we don't observe all that rubbish. You know we call a spade a spade. We deal with the issues we are on your side, we're not here to play the line and that's been going on for too long and that's something we definitely don't do here and I know Ray is exactly in touch with that to.[270]

Morrison [Correspondence – Max][271]

Max from the email says, *"A load of crap...that the officer went on with. There's been bigger riots that went on and police did nothing and no one was arrested at the end of the whole thing. This isn't a territorial thing, this is about Aussie boys sick of young Lebanese blokes going to beach and taking it over and turning it into an anti-social hangout."*

Morrison: Max thank you for your email and your thought on that. 11 minutes after 7 (Note: should have been 11:07)[272]

✆ CALLER: BOB [Neutral Bay overpass][273]

- Toll gates on overpass – general commentary.

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✆ CALLER: SANDOR [Backpacker from Holland][274]

Sandor: ...quite worried about what's happening here because where I come from my home town is at the beach, the closest capital city is Amsterdam and we have a lot of spiritual Muslims going there to the beach. Now a lot of things have escalated after a couple of years and we've seen a couple of killings as well because of the tension. What they've done at one stage is they actually put some older people from these ethnic backgrounds in the trains because the Muslim youths were actually harassing the girls and the white guys as well. Now the youth they have respect for the older people, they don't have respect for the police and they don't have respect for the law but they have respect for their parents and grand parents. We should work together...get them in the trains wherever they go and get them out there and tell them what to do.

Morrison: This is what gets me, OK, we're saying we should, we should, we should. These guys are, you known, 17, 18, 19 or 20, maybe a bit older. I don't know that they were doing why they weren't at work, they should have been at work, if they're not working or their at University they shouldn't have been hanging out all day at the beach looking for trouble, and then another bit of me says OK, well what caused this mindset, where did this come from, who got in their heads and said hey, you know, this is how you behave, and where are the parents? Every Lebanese guy I know, and I grew up in an area, I grew up at a school in Hornsby and we had a lot of Lebanese kids because Thornleigh and Pennants Hills had become one of the little enclaves that had developed...there were quite literally hundreds of people there who all had roughly the same surnames and they were the strictest Catholic families and I stopped and I thought to myself, you know what I see now, and it would be easy to say this is a Muslim thing but in a lot of the cases it's nothing to do with that, it has nothing to do with that. It's sort of like this like looking guys hanging around in cars, they aren't necessarily Muslim guys, they are from all different creeds and denominations and they're just hanging out, they want to be Lebanese they don't want to be Australian.

Sandor: ...education starts at home not just in schools not just from the policing in the streets, education starts at home. If their parents don't wish them to go to school and make something out of themselves then the kids are going to hang out on the streets and they are just going to fire each other up to do things if they don't have nothing else to do and that's where it comes down to.

Morrison: Yeah, yeah, thanks for your call Sandor, good point. Thankyou, 131873 is the telephone number, at a quarter past eleven.[275]

✆ CALLER: BRETT [Arab situation][276]

Brett: Regarding these issues that most people have been talking about lately about the Arab situation regarding the bullying and the fighting and all that stuff right, and people of Middle Eastern appearance, well it's been going on for a long time and everyone know that but I just like to say as a tax payer I demand that the governor of NSW resign because she's Lebanese and she's done nothing to control her community, absolutely nothing.

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Morrison: You're talking about Marie Bashir, alright let me tell you. Marie Bashir hasn't actually done nothing. Marie Bashir is trying but she can only really do what the government allows her to do because the Governor can't come out and engage on these issue because the Governor is not allowed to do that, that's not how it works its against the protocol. If Morris Iemma was serious, and Bob Carr before him, and Bob appoint her. They should have said Marie Bashir we have a problem here, you know you are the community leader, I mean let's aside everyone else we talk about who seem to represent people of Middle Eastern appearance. Marie Bashir, you're right mate she can do something but they won't let her.

Brett: But isn't it funny, right, and I've got a few mates who are actually intellectuals because they'd have to be to actually thinking of this, hey what's the governor doing, we've been saying this for 5 years, there's been killings, murders. I can name the suburbs I live in one, I'm scared at night. What I'm saying is, where's the Governor, you know where is the Governor, what does she do? Cut ribbons...

Morrison: ...well and go to tea parties and whatever else. I mean this is the thing, I don't want to run her down as she is a thoroughly decent person and her husband also is a thoroughly decent guy and they're both very active doing their bit. But they have to be under the radar because the only way they can really engage the issue is if the government says excuse me you two we pay you to do this. I've lost you there on the phone, but a very good point mate.

✆ CALLER: KEITH [General Comment][277]

Morrison: How are you Keith?

Keith: How are you Jason?

Morrison: I've got to say I'm very fired up about this because you know I'm a bloke in my 30's and this problem is my generation's problem and if we don't do something about it this problem will be my kids generation problem and this is the bit problem and that's the big problem with this whole thing.

Keith: I've seen it start a long before that actually Jason...

Morrison: ...perhaps...

Keith: ... I'm actually 60 and you know from what I see of it this all started when Gough Whitlam and Al Grasby opened the flood gates years ago and let anybody in here who wanted to come in here with no thought about whether the people could contributed to Australian society. The people that came in here they don't want to mix in with Australian society, they want to remain separate and they don't want to be Australians and I feel very sorry for the Australian Police Force because they are so hand tied. They can't even address the problem, I don't know what they're going to do because they're told they can't do this, they can't do that. You know it's terrible.[278]

Morrison: Well Keith I tell you I think we've learnt our lesson for history and Gough Whitlam is a very old man now and it would be great to stand here and point the finger at him and blame him but it's not going to fix today's problem. What is a problem is the Prime Ministers since him, Fraser, Hawke, Keating and now Mr Howard all have seemingly sat on their hands and have done little to address this and it's been plenty of time for something to have been done and I know the Prime Minister knows because he's a Sydney resident and he's got kids that up with the same age as me and he would know this is a real problem and he could do something about it and he's doing enough.

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Keith: How about we put in the Australian Army?

Morrison: [Laugh] Don't even start on that Keith.[279]

✆ CALLER: KEITH [General Comment][280]

Keith: Ah mate, you reckon your angry?

Morrison: Yeah, look, yeah and I'm sitting in a glass box and you're living in the suburbs where this is happening.

Keith: That's right, I've lived in the Shire for 21 years. The last few years there's a place called the Wall in Cronulla...

Morrison: Sorry mate your line is a little bit dodgy, you're saying there's a place in Cronulla called the wall.

Keith: ...guys who park their cars on the beach... [poor quality telephone line]

Morrison: We've got a pretty crook line; we're going to have to leave it there. Your point though is not uncommon, let's look areas of Sydney where they have had to close off because of this problem, this problem or you've just told me Cronulla, Brighton-Le-Sands, there's a road block that goes up on a Saturday night and Sunday night. We've had The Rocks which has had to be closed off, I mean on it goes, parts of Manly, on the list goes, it's all bandaid stuff, no one wants to address the source of it.[281]

✆ CALLER: PETER [Attacked by Muslim Lebanese][282]

Peter: I was actually physically attacked by two Muslim Lebanese and how you distinguish them, you know, by their beards, they were Muslim Lebanese.

Morrison: Yeah OK, we know all that but what's your point?

Peter: I'm a soccer referee and I charged them both with assault, the point is, the police told me to drop the charges because they know who I am and they know where I live and the police are told, the police are told, to go easy on the Lebanese and not upset them.

Morrison: Who told you that?

Peter: Auburn Police.

Morrison: So you got beaten up by two blokes and you wanted them charged, you got them charged and the police told you drop the charges because it's not worth the pain?

Peter: Absolutely and if it goes before Pat O'Shea, before the Magistrate, there's a good chance they'll get off.

Morrison: Oh let's leave Pat O'Shea out of this because I don't even want to start on that, mate can you hold on a second I want to get the details, I want to find out which police officer told you that and we will tell his boss and I want to find out why this happened, can you hold there Peter...

Peter: Sure no problems.

Morrison: That is absolutely incredible, that is just amazing. Thanks for you call.[283]

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✆ CALLER: NATHAN [In Cronulla][284]

Morrison: Your in Cronulla, what's the feel like today?

Nathan: It's alright, not too bad, there's still a bit of people hanging around just sort of hanging to seeing if something will happen. I used to do patrols and that, and I done nippers my whole life when I was growing up. This one story about two years ago, I'm 19 now, there's a bunch of Lebanese kicking the soccer ball around on the beach and sand was going over all these old people and that and like it was just no respect and I got told to go down and tell them to move up where no one was and they started mouthing off at me and I had a couple of mates down there they were just cruisin' around the beach and they ended up getting into a blue with them cause they were going the Lebanese people were having a go at me and my mates stood up for me and the cops came down about half hour later and kicked both groups off the beach. So…

Morrison: Well they've got to deal with it somehow. OK, I mean look what were painted here is a broad picture, we could bring up all these isolated examples, it just really confirms what I think we all believe and that is that we have this problem that no one seems to really want to deal with and tackle and I've not heard one political leader call up today and say I have the solution, this is what we will do, we start on Monday. You known plenty of police thrown into Sutherland Shire, there'll be plenty people sitting at the park there waiting for something to happen on Sunday when this big brawl is due to happen. But where's the fix, where's someone who's actually going start doing something about it. Thanks for your call mate.[285]

11:30am News (Erin Maher)[286]

- **North Cronulla** – Premier Morris Iemma appears to have been caught in a lie over gang violence in the Sutherland Shire. Mr Iemma has reassured the Cronulla community Task Force Gain would be investigating the recent territorial brawls on local beaches. The Task Force investigates gun crime.
- Woolworth's employee charged with stealing $8000.
- US Air Marshall fire shots on plane.
- Red Cross changed Red Cross for Israel.

✆ CALLER: IAN [General Commentary][287]

Ian: Mate this could be nipped in the bud quite easily mate. Someone from Ray Hadley's office or Alan Jones' PA or someone from his office should make a call to Sutherland Shire Council, get them to erect signs 'No ball games on the beaches ' right through from Eloura, right through to North Cronulla, right through to Cronulla beach and that will nip that in the bud. Also, if you don't know, we are one of the highest; let's just say our rates that the Sutherland people pay, right around the Shire, are very very expensive. We pay a lot of money every year, our beaches should be for all the people in the Shire but not only the people in this shire but all other people who use it as well but people who live in the shire, who pay these exorbitant rates should be able to access the beach for nothing, sure let's put in parking meters and the people from out of town they have to pay for parking meters to come here.

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Morrison: Well interestingly I was just thinking the same thing as you said it, that exactly what they did at what used to be Pitt Water Council, I assume they are still calling it Pitt Water Council, some time ago when they were the first to put, it was actually a friend of mine who was on the council who was one of those who voted in favour of the parking meters I never forgiven him for it, but boy hasn't it done something to get rid of the trash from the area, you're very right Ian.

Ian: Well, look, people are ringing up and there's text message going around. Look I'm from the old days Jason where I grew up in Redfern and I moved out to the Shire to give my kids a better way of life. Now Ken Moroney lost his way as the Police Commissioner, there's no TRG anymore, there's no Tactical Response Group. Mate when I grew up I used to run with a gang you know.

Morrison: You know I can't remember the last time I heard someone who's got the sort of job I do here getting into a Police Commissioner for being over the top with their response to a crime situation or gang situation. People don't complain about that, the only people who complain are those that are at the receiving end, and generally speaking, they deserve what they get. We'll leave it there mate, thankyou for your call.[288]

Morrison Commentary:[289]

You're going to love this, you're are just going to love this. At the beginning of the program I highlighted how I thought Morris Iemma, the Premier, has basically got things a little messed up this morning when he spoke to Alan and I said that Morris had indeed announced on the air a special Task Force had been setup to properly address these crimes and situation at Cronulla. Now that to me when we find out what the truth of it is, in fact no one from his office had called the Police Minister to arrange this, no one from his office had been involved in the development of this squad. That to me is basically a big sin; if I was Morris Iemma I would be worried about that. You know what Morris Iemma is worried about, his people have been on the phone calling up all morning, he's worried about that fact that I said that Alan Jones called him to tip him off to the fact that this text message is going around. He's upset that we know that Alan was the one who called him to tell him that's the case because Morris said, *"No it wasn't Alan, Carl Scully called me two hours before."* Can you believe this? Unbelievable, where's the priority.

I mean to me the real problem once again being overlooked because he's concerned about the perception that he mightn't be totally in touch. So it wasn't Alan, I do apologise Mr Premier, it was Carl Scully who called him 2 hours before. What do you think of this bloke? You've got some real problems to address Mr Iemma. A lot of spin as this continues to be equals lies which equals inaction and mate, we have had it.[290]

✆ CALLER: MARK [General Commentary][291]

Mark: My heart goes out to these guys down at Cronulla because I worked on Marrickville Council for 20 years as a pool life guard and ever since I can remember mate the days we used to turn up to work and all we had to do was fight Lebanese to keep them out of the pool, basically to stop them harassing the girls in the pool. You couldn't go down to the pool basically to have a swim and a play, and all our job was was not to make sure that anyone really drowned, it was basically to protect the people in the pool.

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Morrison: So you became security guards, not life guards.

Mark: Yeah, the guys that I used to work with all we did most of the time after we finished our job was train, we had to keep ourselves in fairly good physical condition because if it came down to it, if we didn't and we didn't look the part or play the part, they basically would've got the upper hand and sort of took over the whole joint. Eventually, eventually, the pool got such a reputation that the council basically came to the decision that it was not worth while keeping to pool open anymore and we used to come in everyday and clean pool tables out of the pool and garbage bins out of the pool and paint and everything like this. Cause they wouldn't [inaudible] they would come in overnight and trash the joint.

Morrison: Mark you see the picture you paint is around about what I saw yesterday at Cronulla that the Surf life savers there have become the security guards on the beach because there's really no one there to tell these people to get you know where when they carried on like this and you know it's not crimes being committed down there it's intimidation, it's the ever presence of just hanging around and making sure everyone knows the boys are over the back there and as I told you earlier on the back of one of the cars I saw speed off when the police arrived yesterday was the phase 'Leb Power' and to me that just sums it up. Thanks for your call mate.[292]

✆ CALLER: DAWN [General Commentary][293]

Dawn: Jason you're doing an excellent job but it goes to show how serious things are when kids, when boys, are going to do a man's job. We have politicians who get big money that should be doing this job, not these kids and I hope when they clean it up I hope they start on the politicians. Anyway darlin' you've done a wonderful job all morning; you've kept me on the phone because I'm scared I'm gunna miss something. Anyway god bless you you're doing a wonderful job.

Morrison: See you Dawn, thankyou. Its 10 minutes to 12 o'clock. Jason here for Ray.[294]

Morrison Correspondence:[295]

[Correspondence – Peter]...one the email from Peter, Peter says, *"Jason policing has become all about reactionary as apposed to being proactive. Police hierarchy solely realised on statistic as opposed to reality they have lost contact with their community and their community's concern."*[296]

Morrison: Spot on Peter, 100%.

[Correspondence – Tracey] Tracey says I hope Amanda Vanstone and her cronies are listening, immigration from the wrong country, now see the problems we've having. Amanda, she says, stop immigration from the Middle East.[297]

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✆ CALLER: GENE [General Commentary][298]

Gene: ...very annoyed about the influx of wrong people at North Cronulla. My late husband was a junior life saver and a very good one until he joined the army at the beginning of the second world war. He went to war and was in New Guinea and fought up there but when he came back he and all his mates over four years of fighting had become old in the head, even though they were in their middle 20's, and when they went to North Cronulla it was filled with the Lebs, you know very young ones. So they started off another beach, a life saving beach, called Wanda which is the one down. In fact when he luckily passed away a few years ago all he wanted was his ashes taken out to sea and that's what his mates down there did. Well he and the other soldiers, sailors and airmen that started Wanda with the force colours on the cap, they must be turning, you know they must be upset with what's happening with their original beach.

Morrison: That's right; I think there must be suburbs all over Sydney thinking the same thing. They would be wondering what ever happen to the good old days. You know you talk about the suburbs that have problems, we talk about Cabramatta, I mean Cabramatta, you only go back 20 years, 30 years, Cabramatta was nothing of the suburb it's got the reputation for now. Yeah Gene I wish we could but you know as I keep saying we got to turn, not turn our back on the history because we can't we've got to learn from the history but we've got to be able to move on and do something about it. Thankyou for your call on that one. Two and a half minutes to 12 o'clock.[299]

Morrison: Development on Rowan Barker's case – descriptions to be released.[300]

12:00pm News (Erin Maher)[301]

- **North Cronulla** – Residents in North Cronulla say police have been to slow in responding to problems in Cronulla. Police have done too little too late.
- Corrective Services not aware convicted sexual offender transferred to northern NSW. Parliamentary inquiry.
- High Court in Canberra – NSW government did not provide duty of car.
- Terrorism – hearing to confiscate assets.
- Unemployment improved.
- ANZAC cove road works.
- Changes to Family Law Act.
- US Air Marshall fired shots on plane.

Ray Hadley Opening Commentary:[302]

The morning has been occupied with this drama at North Cronulla and I look down the open line board the callers that have been talking to Jason all morning; 'The problem has been happening daily at Bankstown why is it never mentioned"; *"why don't we send these people back home" well the answer to that is very simple is they're born here so if we send them back home we'll send them back to Lakemba I suspect; another one 'I'm 25 Lebanese these*

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idiots are giving us a bad name, our railways are disgusting'; "I'm of Lebanese background" says George "the minority are ruining it for the rest of us. The Cronulla police are at the wrong venue they patrols clubs rather than parks." Well I have a suspicion that Sparkles Scully might have them on the job this weekend, I have a suspicion. You see the thing we need to watch is what I said yesterday, will this be one off a wonder and then we'll go back to how it normally is so we have to make sure that if in fact there is a line drawn in the sand that it stays drawn.[303]

[Correspondence – Jan] *Jan says from Campsie, "In relation to political games has anyone mentioned that Morris Iemma is the member for Lakemba."* I don't know we did mention that yesterday and I hope that's not the case.[304]

✆ CALLER: ALAN [General Comment][305]

Alan: This incident at Cronulla, that happens here at Bankstown and surrounding areas all the time, it's an everyday occurrence. Now it doesn't often get reported in the papers because it's really been accepted as part of the norm in the area now but I am wondering why that's it's happened in the Shire, in a reasonably affluent sort of suburb of Sydney and a famed beach, why all of a sudden norm so much attention, why all the politicians coming out and senior police people coming out and making a big hoo haa from it.

Hadley: I think it is a very valid point you are making Alan that people have been sending me emails, letters and phoning me for the last couple of years about the problem in the south western part of Sydney and we have a thing called Task Force Gain. I think there is a fairly simply analogy I can draw, and I made this point on Monday and Tuesday this week. We have a colleague recovering in hospital after being stabbed through the heart, now knife violence is prevalent on our streets and we pick up the paper and it's reported in three or four lines. All of a sudden because of what happened to Rowan Barker last Saturday evening this radio station's talking about it and so are many of other people because he is a person with a profile. Now last weekend I would think that you would agree that the people we respect more within the community are volunteers, people who do something for nothing. Last weekend surf life saver, 19 and 20, were attacked. It's a bit like the Salvation Army, surf life savers, you don't find too many people bagging them because they're doing a wonderful job and I think it's less to do with where it happened than who it happened to if you know what I mean.

Alan: On some occasions it has been reported our ambulance drivers, our firearm, our police have been assaulted in this areas by attending situations, responding to emergencies and in some streets they can't get into the street because of these hooligans.

Hadley: The point is Alan, let's not examine why we've allowed them to do it in the past let's draw a line in the sand and say it doesn't happen in the future and we round these people up and it doesn't matter whether it happens at Bankstown, Banksia, Bondi, Cronulla, or anywhere else, Curl Curl, we do something about it and don't forget its been happening at Terrigal, we've heard from the Local Member up there early this week, for quite some time.

Alan: It's spreading everywhere now...

Hadley: Well let's draw a line in the sand and stop it, thanks for your call Alan got to keep moving.[306]

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Hadley: ...Well no don't understand it, don't skip over it like I didn't say it. You see Mohammad, no Mohammad, you might be a law abiding Muslim but you'll find most of the drama that's been caused in recent times in south western Sydney it is an inescapable fact, the rapists are Muslim, the Pakistani brother Muslim, OK just go through it mate they're of the Muslim faith.

Mohammad: But not all Muslims are bad.

Hadley: Listen, listen, Mohammad, Mohammad, you're making the situation worse. Telling the truth, getting out from under the mushroom and telling the truth.

Mohammad: What's is truth, are Muslim's all bad?

Hadley: Mohammad, Mohammad, Mohammad, please, please don't put words in my mouth, no one has suggested that, no one is saying that. It's a bit like the old cliché not all terrorism are Muslims and vice versa, not all Muslims are terrorist.

Mohammad: What I want to say is that I haven't heard not one good thing said about Muslims yet, the law abiding ones like me, my wife and my kid.

Hadley: Good, go for your life have your say.

Mohammad: I don't agree what they're doing at all whatsoever.

Hadley: Well condemn them, keeping condemning them and maybe good will win over evil. These people are evil, they are doing irreparable damage to the Middle Eastern community in Australia and when you people as members of the Australian Middle Eastern community, be you Muslim, Callithumpian, or Christian wake up to the better off we'll be.

Mohammad: Exactly, it's not only the Lebanese that are starting the fights.

Hadley: Listen I go away from Lebanese, I don't like to target Lebanese Australian, it's Middle Eastern Australians OK because they come from all parts of the Middle East.

Mohammad: I've just come back from North Sydney, I got picked on just for fishing, go home you Lebanese wog.

Hadley: Did you have a license?

Mohammad: Mate yes I do have a license.

Hadley: Good, who called you a Lebanese wog?

Mohammad: A couple of Australian's walking past, I paid no attention to them.

Hadley: Good

Mohammad: It didn't bother me.[310]

Hadley: Now let me just illustrate something else to you Mohammad, you know when I said there are people causing problems and they're of the Muslim faith. When you go to gaols you'll be equally distributed among them people from the Christian faith, people from the Jewish faith and people from every other faith. You don't have, and you should get the chip off your shoulder, you don't have the copyright on dopes in the Muslim faith, we're got plenty on this side of the fence and you ran into a couple of them this morning, you did the right thing. But you know, by the same token, for every call I put to air saying what your saying that we're getting picked on, our wives are getting picked on, there'll be someone ringing me telling me that young white Australian girls are being called Euro sluts and the rest. [311]You know walk through Bankstown mate, where's the respect for young women.

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Mohammad: That is very pathetic.

Hadley: Well of course it's pathetic but you jumping up and down saying oh this is causing dispersions on the Muslim faith doesn't serve any purpose mate. What you should be doing is jumping up and down about the blokes who get to Cronulla and all other points on the compass causing drama on the weekend, hooning around the joint.

Mohammad: True, well me and a friend of mine when as we were driving back, as you said earlier, why don't you put parking meters in there?

Hadley: Well that wasn't me that was Jason.

Mohammad: Parking meters will do it really good, that'll get rid of all the Lebanese.

Hadley: [Laugh] See you Mohammad, he's type casting people. 24 and a half past twelve.[312]

Hadley: [Rowan Barker]

Media release of person of interest to the investigation. Photo fits to be published. Two men described as white European appearance, I hope Mohammad's listening.[313]

✆ CALLER: SAM [General Comment][314]

Sam: What a mess eh, a lots being going on in the last couple of days.

Hadley: Been going on for a while Sam.

Sam: I know it's been going on for a while, I live out west mate. But I just want to say to your listers what do blokes do like me mate, blokes that have been bought up here all our lives, alright we might look like Middle Eastern appearance. Like are we going to start to get harassed here now because we're going to be put in the major of this group going around causing trouble.

Hadley: Well Sam I would say to a reasonable bloke like you, join us in condemning them and getting rid of them.

Sam: You can't make a brick think mate.

Hadley: No you can't put brains in a statue Sam.

Sam: That's it mate.

Hadley: So we may as well stop trying. I think what's got to happen Sam, put simple, we're not going to solve it today, tomorrow or next week. We need a bit of bottle from the government, which will be sadly lacking, Morris Iemma will run a mile from this one, he'll put his head straight up another part of his body and use himself as a jug handle but he'll run a mile from this and he shouldn't be. We need a bit of strength in leadership and we don't get it.

Sam: It just not right mate, what people are saying and they way people are reacting, it just gonna cause more dramas for everyone. There'll be a lot of blokes like me that have got family here, that love the country, that would do anything for the country, we want to just get on with out lives, we're gunna get shadowed or cast as part of that couple if we look that way...

Hadley: It's tough for you, it's a lot tougher on those who are getting the tripe belted out of them and abused by these other people who may look like you.

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Sam: That's shouldn't be happening right either I you's can sort the problem out sooner than later.

Hadley: No, no, not you, us Sam, us.

Sam: Us, well that's what I mean. I just hope everyone can sort this out sooner than later.

Hadley: It's not you and me against them it's us against them.

Sam: It is too, it is too, have a good day.

Hadley: Have a good day too.[315]

✆ CALLER: DAVID [Resident of Cronulla][316]

David: I've been living in Cronulla for the last 10 to 12 years, you go to licensed premises and venues and on a Friday or Saturday night you would always see 15 or 16 police uniforms go through and their venues with licensed security and there's very rarely anything ever happens there, it's a safe place. Yet you go down to the trains stations and parks where the majority of them are children 16 to 20 years, there's no police down there securing these areas.

Hadley: So in other words we need to get the police where the trouble happens not where the trouble doesn't happen.

David: I believe so rather than just take the easy step, I don't know.

Hadley: No it's a valid point David, well like I say I don't want this to be a one weekend wonder where we take some action on Saturday and Sunday and say aren't we wonderful and sparkles Scully starts decorating himself with all sorts of awards because he solved the problem for two days. It's a problem and calls here today, and previously, it's not some sort of isolated problem that happened at North Cronulla last weekend. It happens everyday, particular weekend days, in all parts of Sydney and rural parts of NSW.

David: I am very concerned about this thing happening Saturday, I've had text messages.

Hadley: Oh well mate, some of the text messages have been less than helpful but you know young blokes text, you know an anonymous text is a bit different to fronting up and putting your hand up.

David: I think there is a lot of good Lebanese people other there and it's the innocent ones that might get hurt by this sort of stuff.

Hadley: Don't think there are. I mean there are a lot of good decent Middle Eastern Australians out there but they are being tarred because of the action of these lunatics and you know we've got the Police Commissioner on air saying we're scaling down Task Force Gain because we've got most of them in gaol, well I've got news for him the apprentices are taking over. The other blokes have gone to gaol and the next generation are following them through. So let's get them, it's the old broken window policy, if their causing problems at North Cronulla beach you can bet your bottom dollar at some time in the next five years they'll be involved in a ram raid, shooting or knifing.

David: Exactly, yep.

Hadley: They're doing their apprenticeship. Alright Pal, thankyou, nice to hear from you David.[317]

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12:30pm News (Erin Maher)[318]

- Tollways – Premier announced new toll free period for future toll ways.
- **North Cronulla** – Police trying to control racial tension at North Cronulla.
- **Rowan Barker** – Comfit images released. Both described as European appearance.
- Unemployment improved – back to second highest level.

Hadley Commentary:

General commentary and music[319]

1:00pm News (Rachael Stephens)[320]

- Tollways – Premier announced new toll free period for future toll ways.
- **North Cronulla** – Police firm warning issues to gangs. OSG, dog squad, helicopters patrolling. Ass/Comm Goodwin grab.
- **Rowan Barker** – Comfit images released. Both described as European appearance.
- Unlicensed Sydney driver under influence of drug/alcohol sentenced reduced.

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Friday, 9th December 2005 - THE ALAN JONES PROGRAM

Alan Jones: Opening Commentary[321]

Police have warned they'll bring the full force of the law to bare on anyone involved in violence at Cronulla beach this weekend. The Assistant Police Commissioner Mark Goodwin, who grew up surfing at Cronulla, said the Australian way of coming to the beach with your towel, sunscreen, and maybe a book and winding back and relaxing. It is not about congregating and swarming in groups for any sort of anti-social behaviour. Good sort of simple language. I don't know you Mark Goodwin but well done, that's good simple lingo. Now make sure you can back it up and remember Mark, Assistant Police Commissioner Mark Goodwin, it's not just Cronulla beach mate, my letters tell me its at Hurstville, its all over the place, gangs. Mr Goodwin says 'no one owns the beach', they don't own the malls either. He says, "We have ethnic populations that are just as entitled to use the beach as well." That's true, that's absolutely true, and as I will be saying in some detail, you know a good nation is no different from a good home, you don't when someone comes to the door of a good home say what religion are you, where were you born. What you do say is, hey, if your going to step inside you've got to have to behave, we have some rules in this house here and you got to behave and if you don't you get a big kick up the what's its. We don't have religious problems, stop calling them religion problems or ethnic problems, these are basic behavioural problems, simple, and there are behavioural standards that have to be met, that's what Mark Goodwin is saying.

Rowan Barker – Photo fits released. Discussion on welfare and recovery.[322]

Tax Cuts / Tax Reform[323]

Morris Iemma – General criticism, funded roads and cross city tunnel.[324]

6:00am News (Erin Maher)[325]

- **Iraq** – Australian troop secondment.
- **Former Premier Bob Carr** – Travel trips.
- **Storm** – Severe storm killed man at Campsie.
- **North Cronulla** – Police out in front at North Cronulla today. Dog Squad and PolAir circulating.
- **Industrial Relation** -
- **Pursuit** - Arrest of 16 year old at Panania.
- **Iraq** – Security consultant killed in Iraq.

Jones Commentary: [326]

Music and general discussion involving callers.

Debate over happy holiday remarks and Christmas.

Request for laughing Joe segment.

Uniforms for Commonwealth Games athletes.[327]

General commentary about Lebanese Muslims being volunteers.

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6:30am News (Erin Maher)[328]

- **Storm** – Severe storm killed man at Campsie.
- **Storm** – 42 year old man struck by Lightning at Tweed Heads.
- **Iraq** – Australian troop secondment.
- **Former Premier Bob Carr** – Travel trip cost $100,000.
- **Medicare Safety Net** - Increased
- **Lauren Huxley** – Update of welfare.

Jones Commentary:[329]

Commentary about man struck by lightning.

[Correspondence – Rob - Kangaroo Point] – *"we need more police to control the itinerant gangs in Cronulla. Please no more shifting of responsibility, no more talking, no more fudging, get police into Cronulla."*

[Correspondence – Mary McCarthy] – *"my family and I used to live at North Cronulla beach but we moved to Caringbah two years ago because the trouble the gangs of young males used to cause down there most days during summer."* Well some police have just found out that there has been a problem, this is a woman saying two years ago; *"Winter was and still is the only time I take my family to North Cronulla Beach. I lived at Cronulla for 44 years and it saddens me to think the beach, or North Cronulla Beach at least, is no longer a safe place for my son to grow up."*; That's unacceptable, it should be safe place for anyone to grow up.

[Correspondence – Steven Fox – Sutherland] *"In these days of beach violence occurring at Cronulla…I interested to note the presence of armed officers from NSW finest on the Illawarra line at lunch time checking I held a valid ticket."* I think what's Steven saying is they would have been better off down on North Cronulla Beach.

[Correspondence – Glen Sorrenson] *"Terror has struck my neighbourhood. Yesterday I found an empty and discarded box for a leaf blower on the grass verge outside my home, and as you know leaf blowers are the noise polluters of the century."*

Morris Iemma comment: The Premier did not say on my program yesterday that Task Force Gain had been mobilised to deal with the Cronulla situation. Indeed his exact words were these, I was asking him about Middle Eastern gangs right across Sydney and I said, *"Premier are they right across Sydney?"* Only a couple of minutes previous I had read a letter from a police officer which said, *"Alan as a NSW Police Officer for 20 years I can confirm that's there been a battle for Sydney going on for some time now with people of Middle Eastern background."* and I asked the Premier what had gone wrong and he went on to talk about the youths who descended upon North Cronulla Beach and he talked about quote, *"Those who don't fit in, those who want to do the wrong thing will understand what the rule of law means."* And then he said, *"We have a permanent group in our Police Force called Task Force Gain which was designed and set up to meet this issue of gangs, particularly the Middle Eastern gangs that you referred to."* Now he didn't say they were setup to deal with Cronulla. Now Mike Gallacher, I have to say, does a good job as the Shadow Police Minister, he suggested that he did, the Premier didn't say that. Where the criticism is valid are the suggestions that Task Force Gain has been slashed from 157 to 57 offers, that it's has been stripped back over the last few years. For a bloke who hasn't been there for a long time Morris Iemma, and he's got to get over a million issues, we have to be fair, he didn't say that Task Force Gain was mobilised to deal with Cronulla. Now, even of this radio station, we were saying yesterday that he had said that, we have to be just as careful as everyone else to make sure we get it right.[330]

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nonsense and religion, these are just simple behavioural problems. You come into our home and you meet certain behavioural standards and wherever those behavioural standards are breached something has to be done, it's call zero tolerance you don't tolerate, there's the line your dad says step over that and you get a kick up the backside. Righto well these people need a collective kick up the backside but we turned a blind eye, we've been frighten about it, we even got a police leader saying it doesn't happen, Macquarie Fields was a disturbance, Macquarie Fields was a bloody riot, face that and deal with it, then, not now. That's what the public are saying.[337]

- **[Correspondence – Garth – email]** *"Maybe my hearing's going as I get older but I don't seem to have heard one word of criticism of the going's on at Cronulla from Keysar Trad, Sheikh Halali or indeed any of the Muslim community leaders. The silence and lack of condemnation of the antics of their fellow Muslim is deafening, I think it's pretty clear when push comes to shove where their support lays."*[338]
- **[Correspondence - Peter]** Then this is other point Ken Moroney and Carl Scully; *"Alan as this is your last day before a well earned break and with the Cronulla issue fresh in everyone's mind I was hoping you might just mention the serious implication of the recently exist LEPRA legislation."* Now Peter I talked about this yesterday but he says, *"It's got a massive impact on the ability of the operational police to do their job. The legislation is entrenched with, all the police tell me, with rights R_I_G_H_T_S and effectively who, how and when searches can be performed. When stopping hoodlums in cars we must put in a process called WIPE, continually warn drivers and passengers of their rights, giving all occupants our names and our police station address"*; and that's part of the process, at law you got to do it. The police say to hell with it, it's utterly demoralising so you know what they do, they don't do anything and why would you, what a heap of rubbish, and Morris Iemma, I'm sorry, Andrew Tink moved an amendment in the house yesterday to this legislation to free up, to free up, the police capacity and you mob voted against the Andrew Tink amendment. This is what the police are saying and this policeman says to me, writing to me, *"I can't tell you how serious this issue is in many different areas of policing. This is why police can't get on top of problems such as Middle Eastern concerns presently."*; There we are, yesterday Andrew Tink said amend the legislation to give the police the powers they need, the government voted against the Tink amendments.[339]
- **Terrorism Scare:** And there is a story today to indicate, sadly, the extent to which this terrorism phenomenon intrudes into our everyday lives. Residents from Miles Street Auburn thought they were targets of a terrorist attack yesterday when several explosions when off in a backyard shed at one and half hours after midnight. More than 50 home owners were evacuated; the streets were blocked for most of the day. The blasts were believed to have been sparked by a chemical stock pile, a Fire Brigade officer was slightly injured by one explosion, the Counter Terrorism Command was briefed about the explosion but police last night said it was unlikely to be linked to any terrorist activity. Inspector Jim Bilford said the explosion was believed to have been fuelled by a mix of chemical and gun power. He said the owner of the house is a licensed, licensed, pyro-technician who had permission to store the chemicals in his rear shed, I hope the neighbours knew. Residents were allowed to returned to home...[340]
- **Cross City Tunnel.**
- **Parliamentary inquiry into the desalination** [Lengthy discussion with Council representative].

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9:00am News (Erin Maher)[345]

- Iraq – Deployment of troops.
- Premier Carr – travel costs.
- Storm – Man killed by tree at Campsie.
- Man Struck by Lightening – Tweed Heads
- Immigration Minister Criticised – Handing out vitamin B tablets.
- Desalination Plan at Kurnell – Damage to environment.

Jones Commentary:[346]

- Hospital admitted liability with death of Carpenter child.
- One-Tel inquiry.
- Luna Park and Orange Grove issues.
- Great Ocean road opening new Wollongong.
- General discussion about Christmas and season greatings.

10:00am News (Erin Maher)[347]

- **Iraq** – Deployment of troops.
- **Sea King Helicopters grounded.**
- **Man Struck by Lightening** – Tweed Heads
- **Older Australian men** at great risk due to weak bones.

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Friday, 9th December 2005 - THE RAY HADLEY PROGRAM.

Ray Hadley Commentary:[348]

- And For the final time in 2005, Good morning and welcome it's Friday 9th December, I'm Ray Hadley, great to have your company on 2GB morning. Open line number 131873.
- Plenty of correspondence received relating to North Cronulla.
- I have a received a letter from a serving police officer I want to share with you. It revolves around the drama we've encountered at North Cronulla last weekend and the subsequence reports, this is not a one off. The officer, and I've confirmed the authenticity of the leader and it's author, it comes from a ... [inaudible] ...my parents came from somewhere else after all. I've experienced people at their best and, unfortunately, at the worst in the community through this profession. Now we here have a lost of anecdotal stories he says but this is fact because I was there. In 1995 there was a riot in the Bondi Beach precinct. I was there first hand to witness 100's if not 1000' of Middle Eastern men or men of Middle Eastern appearance targeting police by throwing bricks through police vehicle windscreens, throwing large glass bottles full of water at police, targeting innocent men and females leaving the Bondi B&S ball, harassing the females until the male reacted and then bashing the male. That experience lasted from 1am to 6am and as stated the offenders were predominantly Middle Eastern males some of them carrying, unfortunately, Lebanese flags. Police were hopelessly outnumbered. They said at the time, police, a police break down in communication, how unusual. Throughout my service with the eastern suburbs, especially weekend and beach going days, Bondi beach was targeted by these men again. I observed verbally and physically intimidating regular peace going beach goers who, at the end of the day, were simply at the beach to have some fun. I've observed these same gangs of Middle Eastern appearance directly targeting family groups and couples, I've observed the same gangs kicking footballs into family groups and couples, upon hitting their desired target I've watched the gang members cheered like fanatical maniacs upon a young child being struck. The offenders were arrested, other gang members attempting circle myself and my offsider at the time, verbally threatening myself and my offsider until backup arrived. I've observed these non human sociopaths approach whilst in large packs and for no reason, apart from some ego based inferiority complex, abuse and threaten officers like me. Upon police backup arriving I've continually observed these same packs cower and run from police. I've observed on too many occasions the same tough talking Muslim males crying and pleading to police for charges to be dropped when seated in the dock of the charge room away from their backup. I've observed while being off duty their intimidatory tactics all involving the real threats of violence towards peaceful members of the public not posing the slightest threat. I've observed over 19 years of dealing with this scum how they treat passive police intervention as an absolute sign of weakness and will take advantage of any warning or caution granted by police in a negative manner. I've continually observed from my experience with dealing with this gutless non integrating unwanted members of our community the unbelievable arrogance and unprovoked aggression whilst in numbers, not so when their by themselves.[349] It goes on, in a policing sense the NSW Police will never pose a real threat to street level intimidate like what we've talked about this week. It's caused by these gutless bastards who's intimidation does impact greatly on the community, and it goes on. The politicians and police hierarchy have come out with the following, the standard spin doctor spiel; Bondi beach 1995, not prepared for the level of violence, Redfern riots 2004, not prepared it was a learning experience; Macquarie this year, not prepared learning experience. He says, finally, from my experience the sustained proactive

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Hadley Commentary:[360]

- Work choice.

10:30am News (Erin Maher)[361]

- **Air Marshals** – Criticism about deployment.
- **Iraq** – Deployment of troops.
- **David Hicks** – Fourth year in gaol.

✆ CALLER: PAUL [North Cronulla][362]

Paul: My mate Lee just reassured me, he told me not to worry about Sunday because it's only going to be a disturbance.

Hadley: Well I suspect we won't even have a disturbance with the police presence there on the weekend Paul but watch that space in coming weeks at other places I suspect.

Paul: Shall do.

Hadley: OK thank you mate, it's only a disturbance that's probably right, it only will be a disturbance but I suspect there will be things other than disturbances happening in other parts of NSW in the coming weeks.

✆ CALLER: DAVID OLDFIELD [Upper House MP / Former One Nation Member][363]

Hadley: I would expect your call is prompted by frustration from what we're talking about today.

Oldfield: Absolutely, I listened to the letter you read out from the police officer at the beginning of the program and I've also listened to your soccer analogy with the Premier, I would have to say Morris Iemma should probably give up politics and became a professional soccer barracker because the only passion he has seems to be for sport and not for the cleaning up of crime and the problems in the State.

Hadley: I heard that commercial on Alan's show this morning and I was in traffic but I was in danger of hitting my head on the steering wheel because I thought Morris do yourself a favour, if you can't show a bit of passion, he's entitled to be opposed to the work choice legislation and he entitled to think what he thinks about it but if he's there to represent the interest of police officers and nurses as he would have us to believe, well show a bit of passion on their behalf.

Oldfield: I would have to say Ray that Morris Iemma has a conflict of interest because a lot of the people who are causing these troubles, and we're talking about Cronulla and various other areas, come from his electorate.

Hadley: Well I have mentioned that a dozen times that he is the member for Lakemba and if he starts jumping up and down about Middle Eastern violence he might find himself a bit like the Liberal Party in Pitt Water with a swing of 25%.

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Oldfield: Well certainly Peter Debnam, the Opposition Leader, would not have the conflict of interest on these issues and I'm sure would do a much better job because Morris is doing nothing at all. Look I have to say you would be aware Ray for probably nearly 10 years now I have been speaking out specifically on cultural incompatibility if I call it that.

Hadley: Yeah you've got your own particular view on that and you have [inaudible] from here.

Oldfield: Firstly, I know there is a lot of talk of Lebanese people and that, I must sort of say, have you ever spent anytime in Lebanon at all Ray? Look I would have to say having visited Lebanon and have spent a bit of time in Beirut, and Genoa, and Halisa and places like that, that these thugs, scum, would not get away with it in Lebanon, this sort of thing just doesn't happen. It would probably amaze your listeners to know that when I was in Lebanon I probably felt safer than I do in parts of Australia, there was virtually no crime. You could pull up your car and toss you keys to someone and give them five bucks and they'd wash it inside and out, wouldn't steal anything to someone you didn't even know on the side of the street.

Hadley: Let me say this to you David, I come into contact, I mean obviously first and second generation people who came that part of the world and have come here and contributed to society, we have a Governor in the state of NSW of a Lebanese heritage, Maria Bashir, and of course her husband Sir Nicholas Shehadie, outstanding people and they are representative of many outstanding people. But one of the despairing notes I get, I went to a pub the other night for a meal and I'm taking about a pub in North Western Sydney, not a flash joint, a bloke come up in a pair of shorts he was going to a meeting. He said you probably know by the look of me I've been here for a long time but I came from Lebanon but gee I've had a gut full of these blokes making my life impossible. He said I won't even go down there.

Oldfield: Ray you're going down the same track that I was planning on going and that is that we both obviously have people who are of Lebanese extraction that are our friends and we both, of course, aware of very successful people who are of Lebanese extraction, look I won't name people but you and I both know they're very prominent in Australia including many that we see on television that are extremely successful, both in real estate, in home lending, in food, in the government you've already named, people who are in development, I won't name the specific families but you and I certainly know who they are. I have to point out that in the case of Marie Bashir, as you're pointed out, and all of the people I'm talking of, and I don't want to be too specific, but they are all Christian Lebanese, I must say they are all Christian Lebanese and your officer that you read the letter from this morning specifically nominated Muslims. There is obviously cultural intolerance with this sort of situation that has been confirmed and we also have a problem in the media where up until very recently, and even today, we have difficulties getting the media to actually be specific about who these people are and where they come from. Now a couple of days ago, on Wednesday indeed, and I spoke to, and he didn't mind me naming him, Jonathan Porter a reporter from The Australian, I spoke to him about an incident that he went through on a Wednesday down at Cronulla where there was another attack and some two dozen Middle Eastern appearance men set upon another life saver and a passer by and a young girl who was there intervened, there was an SBS crew Ray, an SBS crew, there on a separate issue interviewing people on the beach. They put their cameras down and would not film what was an attack by two dozen Middle Eastern youths or men on two Australians...

Hadley: ...and what a reporter from The Australian witnessed this?

Oldfield: The report from The Australian interviewed the three people involved, the witness, the life saver and the other person set upon after this happened and they were very specific, there was an SBS flim crew, they put the camera down, wouldn't film, and the last thing SBS want to do is [film] a group of Middle Eastern people beating up a couple of Aussies at North Cronulla.

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11:00am News (Erin Maher)[366]

- **North Cronulla Beach** – Premier storms off from press conference after interference from locals. Assistant Police Commissioner Mark Goodwin Commander will assess police numbers come Monday, *"We'll reassess our resources as this goes along in respect of the tension."* Locals ignoring police warnings.
- **Electricity workers escape death** – Cut through a 11,000 volt cable in Blacktown.
- **Two people died in South Australia:** Food poisoning.
- **Aboriginal tent embassy in Canberra** – Removal of tents.
- **Political statements at Sydney Schools.**

Hadley Commentary:[367]

- **Convicted paedophiles suing** – High Court decision.
- **Season greetings.**

James: **[Complaining Police Presence at Cronulla]**[368]

James: I ringing back and I'm not complaining about the police presence in Cronulla, they're was a bloke yesterday that rang up about 12:30...he said there was an RBT on the Kingsway with all these police stopping motorists going to Cronulla. At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon I went down to Cronulla to drop me brother-in-law of home after work. I came across four Highway Patrol between Janola playing fields and Cronulla, one policeman on a bike, and then when we got down to opposite North Cronulla pub in the park there was two dog squad cars and one big van, at the top of the mall at Cronulla there was four policeman doing a beat, and then we went to Gunnamatta Bay there was another two paddy wagons going into Tolkin where the ferry comes in, and also it wasn't a police helicopter but a helicopter with a big spot light on the front was hovering out the front of Gunnamatta Baths.[369] Now the bloke who said the police presence wasn't felt in Cronulla I think's wrong and also an incident that happened five years ago, why the locals are kicking up a stink now, there was about 5 Lebanese harassing local ladies coming and going from the beach, my brother-in-law was one of them, they went over and confronted these five Lebanese. Now the police were, this was opposite North Cronulla Hotel at North Cronulla Surf Club, they were harassing girls coming and going to the beach. They went over confronted them and told them to pull their heads in, a fight started and there were tradesmen driving around just waiting, locals, waiting for something to happen and the police were parked in the car across the road waiting for someone to start something so they went over and arrested these half dozen Lebanese blokes and threw them in the back of the paddy wagon and then started to getting statements from the locals. Now the police can't act until something happens, you know everyone bags the police and all that, it's not their fault they can't go in and do anything until you actually complain or something happens...

Hadley: Did you hear the letter from the police officer earlier today?

James: No.

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Hadley: ...so we can clear it up and we can certainly clear the news...

Cutler: ...it's quite distressful to the news because this is our integrity...

Hadley: ...thankyou for getting on the phone so promptly...Paul Cutler, SBS News Director, who tells us there was no news crew other than last night. I think we'd better get back to David Oldfield and check his source because obviously if there was an SBS crew there they might have been from one of the other programs not associated with the news.[373]

✆ CALLER: Further commentary about political statements at a school.[374]

11:30am News (Erin Maher)[375]

- **North Cronulla Beach** – Premier storms off from press conference after interference from locals.
- Warship upgrade.
- Cigarette packaging.
- Dr Death scandal.

Hadley Correspondence:[376]

Correspondence [Michael from Lakemba] *..."the Upper House MP you had on, David Oldfield, is 100% correct. I'm 30 years old born here my parents have been here from Lebanon for last 40 years, I regularly travel to Lebanon, I have relatives my age there. What your caller said is true in a sense, these grubs would not dare do what they are doing in Lebanon as they're doing here as the police, of course, are not accountable to a PIC and they clean them up."* OK Michael, Thankyou. 29 to twelve.

Hadley Commentary:[377]

- Criticism about Baulkham Hills Sydney Council (Queen Sonya).
- Radio ratings.

✆ CALLER: PETER [SMS][378]

Peter: I got this SMS message about these wogs and Aussie thing.

Hadley: I got one myself, everyone got one, mate it's doing the rounds.

Peter: The funny thing is I'm Australian with Italian parents which are Australian now also, I'm just confused where do we stand, we're not Muslim and do we go there and make coffee for who?

Hadley: [Laugh] Well listen you're very good at food and take away and the Greeks do fish and chips and you blokes do other things so maybe you can set up all the concession stands.

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Correspondence: [Serving police officer at Bankstown]:[383]

Now I started the day by reading a letter from a serving police officer, here's another one and again I verified the authenticity of this, a serving officer from Bankstown. He says, *"Ray it's quite easy to see why there is a spread of alleged Middle Eastern thugs throughout Sydney. Have a look at where they live they play up in the Bankstown Auburn areas and get locked up by the police, usually after a big ruckus with death threats towards the cops and often allegations of racism. These people front the Burwood Court where the Magistrates apologise to them for wasting their time and dismiss the charges. As a copper we get excited now if we get a section 10 because at least we've proven to the court something happened, a section 10 of course is no conviction recorded but something did happen. Even if they don't get a fine or good behaviour bond a Section 10 is victory for us. The one's who come to court wearing sports clothing unrepresented are guaranteed to get off because the magistrate commences to defend for them. You sit in the witness box like a stale bottle of you know what while the magistrate give his reasons why the matter should not progress. Highway Patrol have videos in the car these days that negate a lot of not guilty pleas. I sat in court last month as a magistrate begrudgingly watched an in-car video only to make some lame excuse as to why he let the offender off. On the 1st April this year a male was arrested with a live electronic anti-personal device in his vehicle, a PROD, the male drove off with the officer inside, luckily another officer was able to open the driver's door and wrestle in from the car. When hand-cuffed and searched a live 5 shot 38 calibre revolver was in his pocket, yippee. He pleaded guilty, what do you think he got? 12 months non-parole, 12 months but it's put off suspended sentence. No wonder these morons walk the streets as if they own it, they do. The magistrates continue to let them off, why wouldn't they strut the streets and beaches saying these streets are ours, our courts say its alright. I've sent you and Alan a number of emails through the past two years about this Burwood Court and the pathetic results. What you need to do is send someone out there for a week and watch what goes on."*

Hadley: I'll tell you what I do, I'll talk to Jason Morrison, maybe not the first month I'm back but into February, March, what I'll do, I'll cop your tip mate, I'll ask Jason to go out there and sit there for a week and listen to the magistrates and we'll compile a special report on this because I've got on one hand officers telling that they're powerless but when they are empowered, like this officer, the magistrates particularly at Burwood Court let them down and therefore let us down.[384]

✆ CALLER: ROYCE [Bail granted for Assault on life saver][385]

Royce: I just ringing up about the guy who got bail the other day at Cronulla Beach.

Hadley: Yeah, look I couldn't find out too much about, all I can tell you Royce this is the bloke who was one of those who assaulted the two North Cronulla life savers right?

Royce: Yep.

Hadley: He is described as a 18 year old Bankstown concreter, he was granted bail after being charged with assault and affray over the bashing of the life savers, he's back in Sutherland Court in January and that's all I can find out, his name was not released to the media.

Royce: I was wondering wasn't one of the life savers only 15, a minor?

Hadley: No the two who were actually attacked, I heard from the mother of the 16 years old, he's15 turning 16 I think this month. He was not seriously injured he helped pull these blokes off the other two, but the one's who went to hospital were I think from memory 19 and 20.

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Royce: When you say Ray he wasn't seriously injured that means he was injured but not seriously so he was attacked and it was a group attack wasn't it?

Hadley: Oh yes no doubt about that.

Royce: How come he can get bail cause now he's out at Christmas he gunna be out near these, he gunna be drunk and he could do it again?

Hadley: Well, look I don't...

Royce: ...it's Christmas...

Hadley: ..Roy, Roy..

Royce: ...why didn't they keep him in over Christmas...

Hadley: ...Royce, Royce, I can't read the mind of the magistrate but it's not unusual when you've been charged with assault and affray to be given bail mate, it's not unusual, whether you attack a life saver or a police officer it's not unusual, I'm not saying it's right but it's certainly not unusual. 131 873 is the open line number.[386]

Hadley Commentary:[387]

- Discussion about the political content of a Catholic School's speech night.
- William Mattherson trail – found guilty.
- Seven network found in contempt of court over Magistrate Pat O'Shae decision.

12:30pm News (Erin Maher)[388]

- **William Mattherson** found Guilty.
- **North Cronulla Beach** – Premier storms off from press conference after interference from locals.
- Trans Pacific Air Route.
- Peace activities arrested for attempting to enter Pine Gap.

Hadley Commentary:[389]

- Continued discussion about the political content of a Catholic school's speech night.
- General Christmas wishes.
- Three boys found not guilty in Orange for an alleged sexual assault upon 13 year old girl.
- Hadley completes show. Back in the Middle of January, Jason Morrison to do show.

1:00pm News (Rachael Stephens)[390]

- Sydney musician William Mattherson found guilty of murder.
- **North Cronulla** – Local gate crashed Premier media conference at North Cronulla.
- Cross City Tunnel – Report tabled in parliament.
- Catholic School student reading political statements.

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