

**SUBJECT: LMM 24/05/22 - ACKNOWLEDGING DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT WAYNE HUMPHREY APM, NEWCASTLE CITY POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER**

**MOTION**

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that Newcastle City Police District Commander, Detective Superintendent Wayne Humphrey APM has transferred to the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District, with Superintendent Tracey Chapman to act in the role until November when Superintendent Kylie Endemi takes command of Newcastle City Police District;
2. Congratulates both Commanders on their new appointments, and thanks Detective Superintendent Humphrey for his dedicated service to the people of Newcastle and his collaborative working relationship with Council, including extensive collaboration regarding;
  - The Wickham Fire emergency response and clean-up
  - Newcastle Nighttime Economy Trial
  - Major City events, including international sporting fixtures and events
  - COVID-19 City Taskforce and the City's response to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

**BACKGROUND:**

**New commanders named for Newcastle City, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens-Hunter and Tuggerah Lakes police districts**



***On the move: Newcastle City Police District Commander Detective Superintendent Wayne Humphrey will take up the role of chief of the Port Stephens-Hunter command.***

There will be a shake-up of commanders across police districts in the Hunter and on the Central Coast this year, according to an internal memo that has circulated among the ranks.

Superintendent Kylie Endemi will move from Oxley Police District to take charge of Newcastle City Police District after Detective Superintendent Wayne Humphrey moves on. Superintendent Endemi has been in charge of the Tamworth-based command since early 2020, after moving to the area a decade earlier.

Detective Superintendent Humphrey will become commander of the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District, which covers an area from Nelson Bay, through Raymond Terrace and out to Maitland.

Detective Superintendent Humphrey was previously the Northern Region Operations Manager before taking up the Newcastle City commander role in early 2021.

The current chief of the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District, Chad Gillies, will take charge of the Tuggerah Lakes command on the Central Coast. Superintendent Gillies has been in the police force for 27 years and was previously commander of Hunter Valley Police District.

Superintendent Steve Kentwell, the former chief of the Orange-based Central West Police District, will take up a post as boss of the Lake Macquarie Police District.

The *Newcastle Herald* understands Superintendent Kentwell has recently been relieving as commander at Tuggerah Lakes.

He joined the force in 1983 and was promoted to the rank of superintendent in early 2020.

The reshuffle come after changes further up the chain of command in recent months.

Last November, Karen Webb was named to take over from Mick Fuller in the force's top job. She was sworn in as commissioner in February.

It came after Assistant Commissioner Peter McKenna was put in charge of the NSW Police Northern Region in the middle of last year, following the retirement of Assistant Commissioner Max Mitchell. The NSW Police Northern Region stretches from the Hawkesbury River to the Queensland border and incorporates the Hunter and surrounds.