

Narromine LGA

Community Safety Precinct Committee Action Minute

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership
27 April, 2010 – 3.25pm.

Participating Agencies/Community members

NSW Police Force – Orana Local Area Command

Chair - Inspector Matt SCOTT Orana LAC, Sergeant Darren WILKINS

Department of Housing

Michelle Gibson

Narromine Shire Council

Dawn COLLINS – Mayor. Gai WILSON Councillor. Bob BARNETT – Councillor. Tony Ellis – Councillor. George Mack – Councillor. Vas ROBERTS – General Manager. Sally BOURCHIER – Manager Community Services. Mark ROBERTSON – Environmental Services.

Narromine Public School

Teresa HEALEY – Principal.

Narromine High School.

Chris QUIGG – Head Teacher Welfare.

Narromine Chamber of Commerce.

Susie COLLET

Observers

Sarah PRESS – Narromine News.

Lyn JABLONSKI – Flat Chat Newspaper.

Priority Crime Category

1. Break and Enter Dwelling. 2. Break and Enter Non-Dwelling. 3. Malicious Damage.

Local Crime Type Priorities

1. Reduce the incidents of Break and Enter offences related to Dwellings.
2. Reduce the incidents of Break and Enter offences related to non Dwellings.
3. Reduce the incidents of Malicious Damage.

Discussion Item

- Meeting opened at 3.25pm.
- Introductions of all those present and organisation/ community representation.
- Explanation provided of Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting aims, objectives and relationship to previous PACT style meeting.
- Crime presentation by Power Point of 2009 and first three months of 2010 for the Narromine LGA.
- Discussion regarding crime figures being reported crime only. Police powers such as Move ons and Policing Alcohol free zones discussed.
- Issues arising out the recently released BOCSAR report discussed, for the Narromine LGA, highlighting increase in Break and Enter Dwelling and Non Dwelling. Interpretation of Murder figures also explained.
- Three Crime priority categories identified as Break and Enter Dwelling, Break and Enter non Dwelling, and Malicious Damage.
- Discussion regarding Policing numbers, authorised strength for Narromine LGA 7 officers. Currently running at 6 with vacant position advertised. Roster coverage effective by backfilling from Dubbo as required. Greater resources of the Orana Command assisting from a strategic point of view, and specialist resources deployed tactically such as Dets, HWP, and TAG operatives.
- Discussion regarding the identification of a core group of people committing Break and Enter offences. A group of females who Police had charged, a young person who moved to town and was residing with his brother, and another suspect recently identified by Orana Command Intelligence.
- Questioned raised regarding if victims of crime were leaving their homes and vehicles open. Answer provided by Sgt WILKINS that there had been some cases of that occurred. Discussion regarding target hardening, and how to educate people. Resolve to have crime prevention literature available at Narromine Police Station, a Weekly column in the local paper. Offer by School representatives to include issue in the School newsletters.
- Issue raised regarding difficulties with Narromine Police not being on duty or available. Again discuss issues with staff

however now rectified bar one vacancy. Issue with information being provided to Dubbo Police however Narromine Police not getting information.

- Discussion regarding local licensed premises and anti social behaviour at same. Mark ROBERTSON informed the meeting that the liquor accord had introduced that if a person was barred from hotel, they were barred from the lot.
- Question raised regarding rural crime and how it was measured. Inform meeting that any rural crime was included in the figures discussed.
- Issues regarding Malicious Damage to public parks etc. Ascertained during meeting that not all matters reported, therefore Police not aware of when and where to patrol to detect and prevent offences. Resolution to ensure all incident reported.
- Issue raised regarding young persons and persons being responsible for them and further, the young offenders act.
- Opportunity for agencies/ stake holders to address forum. Michelle GIBSON from housing indicated that she was not aware of influx of people moving into Narromine. Encouraged people to report concerns and welcomed any inquiry. Discussion regarding information exchange between Police and Dept. of Housing.
- Discussion to identify three main crime issues for Narromine LGA. Issue of how to target Alcohol raised. Alcohol is a factor in some crimes, and issues relevant to licensed premises were raised with those premises and agreements reached at Liquor Accord.
- Discussion regarding an open public forum regarding crime issues and if Police would attend. Indicate Police would not attend as meetings of that nature tend not to attend actionable outcomes and that the CSPC meeting was the forum to address issues.
- Discussion regarding frequency of meetings – to be held quarterly with 14 days notice prior to next meeting.
- Meeting closed 4.55pm.

Agreed updates to Crime Prevention Action Plan

Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies/Community member	Timeframe
1. Increase the reporting of Malicious Damage crime.	Narromine Shire Council agreed to have all incidents of Malicious Damage reported to Police to allow Police to effectively target this crime issue, by allowing analysis of where and when the damage is occurring.	Narromine Council Narromine Police.	Ongoing.

2. Strengthen relationships between Police and Community resulting in provision of information regarding crime, and reduction in crime due to community awareness of issues.	Sergeant WILKINS will commence a weekly newspaper column with the Narromine News, where actions to prevent crime, current crime issues, and requests for information can be circulated.	Narromine Police Narromine News	Ongoing
3. Decrease issues with homes and vehicles being left open and unsecured – target hardening.	Agreement by Narromine High School and Narromine public school to circulate crime prevention, target hardening information in local school newsletter. Sgt WILKINS to provide information.	Narromine High School Narromine Public School Narromine Police.	Ongoing.
4. Fill vacant Constables Position at Narromine.	Police to advertise vacancy with a view to attracting an applicant to fill position	Orana LAC	In line with advertising schedule (ASAP)
5. Possible relocation of Break and Enter offender out of Narromine	Enquiries to be made with Dept. of Housing regarding information received by Police that a suspect is residing in a Dept. of housing house outside of lease agreement.	Narromine Police Dept. of Housing.	Completed by 15 May 2010.
6. Increase in proactive targeting of break and enter suspects to prevent offences, reduce crime, and as appropriate detect offences.	Narromine Police to increase use of compliance strategies such as Curfew Bail, STMP processes and proactive powers to interrupt opportunity for suspects to continue committing offences.	Narromine Police	Immediate.