

## Griffith LAC – Narrandera Sector

### Community Safety Precinct Committee Action Minute- 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010

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#### Participating Agencies/Community members – Chair- Insp Reneker

Supt Rowan	Commander Griffith LAC
Sgt Traynor	Crime Coordinator Griffith LAC
Inspector Reneker	Duty Officer, Griffith LAC
D/Insp Smith	Crime Manager Griffith LAC
Narelle Millis	Intel Analysis, Griffith LAC
S/Cst Dunlop	Crime Prevention Officer Griffith LAC
D/Sgt Wilkinson	Griffith LAC
Jan Bock	Narrandera Lions
Graham Eipper	Narrandera Shire Council
Ian Duff	Duff Hardware Store
Bob Manning	Bus Driver
Michelle Kilginer	CSS & Narrandera Council
Eric Daisett	Senior Citizens
Des Edwards	Narrandera Lions

#### Apologies:

Mark Amirtharayah	Narrandera Shire Council
Kathy McKenzie	Youth Off The Streets
Jenny Clark	<b>Councillor</b>

**Adoption Of previous minutes:**

Bob Manning and Paul Smith

**Meeting Opened-** 11.10am

**Welcome:** by Inspector Reneker

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes:-**

Media release- How to Report Incidents to Police- media release issued to local media.

Highway Patrol location- Will be discussed during meeting.

Program for Young People- YOTS (Youth Off the Streets) are now running programs in Narrandera in conjunction with Police ACLO. The PCYC are still attempting to run programs however at the moment they do not have a police officer at the club due to maternity leave.

**Local Crime – Crime Summary for the period August 2009 to October 2010 presented to Committee by Narelle Millis.**

Crime Issues and Trends discussed by Sgt Traynor and indicated by way of PowerPoint Presentation:–  
PowerPoint Presentation shows crime comparison.  
A number of questions raised and discussed in relation to the crime statistic.

### **Major Crime – Presented by Detective Inspector Paul Smith**

D/Insp Smith presented a power point presentation on major crime conducted in Narrandera during the past year. As a result a number of questions were asked to and answered by D/Inspector.

### **Commanders Address-**

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\* Crime in the community is at present steady as a result of a number of recent offenders being detained.

\* Asked if there were any issues from the committee. Bob Manning raised the Highway patrol and when and if they would be returning to Narrandera Station. Mr Rowan discussed that the Highway patrol are tasked to patrol the eastern side of the command. Highway functions are to detection of offenders and the reduction of road toll. Fatal collisions are a concern to us and also to the Region. In regards to the recent fatal on the highway, police could not have done anymore to prevent the collision. In reality the kilometres and distance people travel in the region causes fatigue issues. The Highway Patrol is out and about, they are visible. On Friday and Saturday night a Highway Patrol vehicle is tasked to the Narrandera/Leeton and another vehicle is tasked to Griffith.

Comments:- Michelle Kilginer stated that she often see Highway vehicles in the town on Friday and Saturday night and advised that members of the community see a vehicle committing a road offence then that person should contact Police.

### **Discussed Items:-**

-Issue raised from Bob Manning - concerns regarding recent internet scam and phone calls he had received. Police advised for all users to be careful and that if it seems too good to be true it probably is. Also to ensure that adequate security software is installed on computers. Mr Smith advised that Griffith LAC receives a significant number of internet fraud reports. Many of these relate to off-shore purchases of goods/transaction or scams. Sometimes you have to wonder what the person was thinking particularly for if requests of money.

He suggested that Police should be looking into a cadetship for police recruitment particularly with the Aboriginal community to assist in investigations. Mr Smith explained the current recruitment process and the role of Aboriginal & Community Liaise Officer (ACLO).

-Sergeant Kim Traynor advised the committee of the new Family Case Management Program and the Keep Them Safe Program, which is the new NSW Government approach to child protection. As part of the Keep Them Safe program two key strategies were

identified. One of these was the family case management- three sites identified across the state. One in South East Sydney, South Western NSW, and Western which incorporates Narrandera and Leeton. There is funding to manage ten families. The program commenced in this command in March 2010. A management group has been established which is made up from a number of agencies. So far the biggest challenge faced by the management group is that there is no support agencies on the ground as most services are out-reach program. Michelle Kilginer advised that the program is a holistic approach looking at all issues rather than just looking at the child/young person.

- Michelle Kilginer- raised her concerns regarding the approaching school holidays and how do we educate the community to deal with Young People particularly to keep them occupied. She further stated that she is working with YOTS to develop a program around dance. Mr Reneker agreed that this is a difficult issue and that it is a community issue.

Des Edwards- advised that he believes that it is a parenting issue and that we are going down the wrong path and creating an environment of a 'handout mentality' to look after other people's kids.

- Ian Duff- Stated that he has noticed a drop in the number of kids riding bikes on footpath and believes that this is attributed to the interaction by police.

- Graeme Eipper- Stated that there is a perception in the community that community members want to speak to local police rather than to someone in Griffith. Mr Reneker discussed the process when police are absent from their station and calls diverted to Griffith. He advised that a job is created by Griffith and dispatched over police radio to Narrandera Police via police radio. This can often reduce the time in responding particularly if Police are in the nearby vicinity.

- Joint Council/Police mail out to be developed raising awareness on how to contact police and home safety during the Christmas period.

- Des Edwards- Stated that community members complain when Police are out patrolling yet still complain that Police are not in the station.

- Ian Duff- Issued raised re: kids truanting from school. Sgt Traynor discussed the truancy program conducted by Police and the department of Education. She advised that the Youth Liaison Officer, School Liaison Police Officer and Dept of Education conduct patrols of known 'hangout' locations to detect kids truancy from school. Due to changes in the legislation the Dept Of Education

had increased the number of families being prosecuted for children not attending school. Sgt Traynor advised that if kids are seen in the streets during school hours then community members should contact the Police as we are able to patrol and contact have intervention i.e. contact schools, move on etc.

**\* Meeting closed 1.10pm**

<b>Intended Outcome</b>	<b>Agreed Strategies</b>	<b>Partner Agencies/Community member</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Home security during Christmas holiday period	Mail out to be issued to all rate payers in Narrandera township.	Police and Council	
Program for Young people to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour	Investigate possibility of PCYC outreach program being utilised in Narrandera.	Police and PCYC	