

BARWON LAC

Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes 8 April 2010

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership April 2010

Narrabri Bowling Club, Narrabri

Participating Agencies/Community members

Sheryl	Ridley		Narrabri Chamber of Commerce
Rohan	Vaughan		Department of Community Services (Moree/Narrabri)
Peter	Etheridge		
Ian	Dunnet	Editor	Narrabri Courier
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John	Ridley	Inspector	Barwon Local Area Command
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Fran	Dodson		Department of Housing NSW
Tim	Beattie	Crime Manager	Barwon Local Area Command
Henry	Trow	Acting Inspector	Barwon Local Area Command
Chris	Wallace	Detective Sergeant	Barwon Local Area Command
Jason	Roncicka	DVLO	Barwon Local Area Command
Crystal	Jones	YLO	Barwon Local Area Command

Attending Agencies / Community members

Tim Beattie – Crime Manager, Barwon LAC
John Ridley – Inspector, Barwon LAC
Henry Trow – Acting Inspector, Barwon LAC
Chris Wallace – Detective Sergeant, Barwon LAC
Jason Ronczka – Senior Constable (DVLO), Barwon LAC
Crystal Jones – Constable (YLO), Barwon LAC
Jo White – Intelligence Analyst, Barwon LAC
Robyn Faber - Mayor, Narrabri Shire Council
Ian Dunnet – Narrabri Courier
Community members

Meeting Opened: 17:30

Previous Minutes Moved: Insp. RIDLEY **Seconded:** Det. Insp. BEATTIE

Priority Crime Category Crime Manager Beattie welcomed everyone to the meeting - outline of the CSPC guidelines which encourages community partnerships – apologies given for Supt. Barnett			
Action Items			

Local Crime Type Priorities

Crime Manager Beattie gave a Presentation on Crime Reduction covering the period 01/12/2009 – 28/02/2010 for the Barwon LAC – presentation includes comparisons to Moree Sector.

Insp Ridley gave a review of crime in the Narrabri Sector – review of crime spikes in early 2010 and relationship to arrest of YP

General discussion led by Mr Beattie in relation to transient criminals and communication practices between commands

Alcohol related crime is trending downwards and reflects changes in closing times of licensed premises over the past 18 months

DV related assaults are down across the command – most are associated with drugs and alcohol

Recent Narrabri Races are an example of local drinking culture – local alcohol consumption per capita is twice the states average

Discussion Items:

Concerns raised from the floor about attitudes of some Police answering calls at the Station whether at Narrabri or diverted to Moree – attitudes of some officers seem to be in conflict with priorities expressed at recent PRECINCT Meetings with Officers not interested in information being relayed from the community – Mr Ridley stated that a number of strategies are in place to improve customer service of Police but please bear in mind Moree Station are often fielding calls from right across the Command and their workload may be mistaken for abruptness

Mr Beattie added that improvements in customer service are not confined to Police and that many agencies/businesses locally need improvements – strategies are being corporately pushed by NSW Police – Mr Beattie also explained the roles of GASO and new position being appointed to assist in phone/counter enquiries

Mayor Faber raised concerns from the community in regards to impending closure of Probation & Parole Office and effects of re-offenders etc. – concerns will be raised further up chain of command by NSC to attempt to prevent closure

Further concerns from the floor that this closure will add to the reduction in services for the community and that Gunnedah and Moree receive all the services whilst Narrabri suffers – Mr Ridley suggested the issues be raised at Sustaining Rural Communities seminar to be held in Narrabri this April

SC Ronczka delivered an overview of the role of the DVLO and partnerships within the Narrabri community – Mr Beattie also explained the use of VIKINGs funding to assist in High Visibility Policing and how this relates to proactive reporting of domestic violence – DV reporting is down, much under reported crime category

Det. Sgt. Wallace gave an overview of his role and the importance of community relationships and information sharing for detectives – majority of BES offenders looking for cash to buy drugs – any information from the community in relation to suspicious activity assists in breaking the cycle – information can be via station of use of Crime Stoppers

Mayor Faber volunteered the use of NSC to post SHEM type operation via rates notices

Acting Inspector Trow gave an overview of his role as Licensing Sergeant – general discussion on licensing operations and use of covert operatives by Police and OLGR – in general licensees work with Police and are cooperative with responsible manner of alcohol service

Mayor Faber also expressed wishes of NSC to increase AFZ's to Prohibited Zones in order to give more powers to local Police – further follow up to be made by Sgt. Trow direct with NSC to escalate issues prior to August deadlines

Some concerns raised by the floor in relation to underage drinking – Mr Beattie urged attendees to report incidents to local Police at the time

Cst. Jones explained the role of the YLO and programs being run in the Narrabri Sector such as truancy operations – Mayor Faber noted that the number of reports being received about unsupervised YP's in the Village has definitely declined since implementation of these meetings – Rohan Vaughan noted that although specific numbers were not available he believed the situation to be improving

Village Issues – nil issues to be raised, nil representatives available

CCTV – led by NSC

Mayor Faber reported that a number of NSC staff being trained in Safer By Design (2 x Officers also being trained in Barwon LAC this month)

NSC also working on improvements to landscaping in the Village area – Mr Beattie confirmed this as a positive approach using the Broken Windows Theory

