

# **Narromine LGA**

## **Community Safety Precinct Committee Action Minute**

**Report to Crime Prevention Partnership**  
**3 August, 2010 – 4.00pm.**

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### **Participating Agencies/Community members**

#### **NSW Police Force – Orana Local Area Command**

Chair - Inspector Matt SCOTT Orana LAC, Superintendent SINGLE Orana LAC, Sergeant Darren WILKINS Narromine Sector Supervisor.

#### **Department of Housing**

#### **Narromine Shire Council**

Dawn COLLINS – Mayor. Bob BARNETT – Councillor. George Mack – Councillor, Mark ROBERTSON – Environmental Services, Bill McANALLY – Councillor, Les LAMBERT - Councillor, Jason HARTIN - Councillor. Greg LAMONT – General Manager.

#### **Narromine Public School**

#### **Narromine High School.**

#### **Narromine Chamber of Commerce.**

#### **State Member - Dawn Fardell MP**

Helen BASSETT

#### **Observers**

Inspector SAMMUT - Orana LAC.

## Apologies

Michelle GIBSON - DOH, Theresa HEALEY - Narromine Public School, Sue MCUTCHEON – Councillor NSC, Gai WILSON – Councillor NSC.

### 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 4.00pm.
- Introductions of all those present and organisation/ community representation.
- Minutes of previous meeting moved as correct – Mayor COLLINS/ Councillor BARNETT
- Apologies moved as accepted – Mayor COLLINS/ Councillor BARNETT
- Discussion raised by Deputy Mayor MCANALLY regarding Police strength and numbers for Narromine Sector. Addressed by chair. Authorised strength of 7. Currently at 6, however operating at 7 as officer from Dubbo rotated out in 6 week blocks. Position advertised for a second time. If not successful this advert, will go to hard to fill vacancy which basically means internal rules of the Police Force regarding transfers are relaxed regarding tenure.
- Outstanding matters from previous minutes addressed. Police numbers previously discussed. Action item from last minutes that Narromine Council were going to ensure any malicious damage to public or council property located was reported to Police. Not formally put in place from last meeting. Undertaking to ensure council works or operations is aware of a desire to have all Malicious Damage reported to Police. Action item from last minutes that Sgt WILKINS commence a weekly newspaper article/ column addressing local issues, crime, and crime prevention. Sgt WILKINS providing information to Newspapers, but actual designated column not running at this stage. Sgt WILKINS to address before next meeting. Action item from last meeting that Sgt WILKINS provide crime prevention information for inclusion in school news letters. Not completed. Schools still keen to assist. Sgt WILKINS to address before next meeting. Action item from last meeting

regarding enquiries with DOH regarding relocation of break and enter offenders to Narromine, in particular one offender who may have been residing in premises against lease arrangements. Nil issues with that persons lease arrangements. Walk and talk completed by Police and Housing since last meeting. Purpose of same to speak with housing tenants, make them aware that Police and housing work together, and gather intelligence, detect issues re: lease etc. Action item from last meeting that Narromine Police increase proactivity to target crime. Police tasked proactively and crime in most categories reduced.

- Question by Councillor MCANALLY regarding information sharing between Housing and police regarding offenders being moved into areas. Addressed by Supt. SINGLE. Housing and Police have a strong working relationship with weekly meetings occurring.
- Question by Mayor COLLINS regarding the acronym STMP. Addressed by Insp. SCOTT. Stands for Suspect Target Management Plan which is a process by which suspects are risk assessed based on their history, their predisposition to commit crime and the crime environment. If of sufficient risk, Police utilise various strategies to target them. May include knocking on their door each day, stopping their vehicles, constantly interacting with them.
- Crime presentation by Power Point of June 2007 to June 2010. Reductions in most categories, particularly Break and Enter Dwelling/ non Dwelling, and Malicious Damage.
- Discussion regarding serious MVA at Tomingley in July. Will be addressed at next meeting, however fatigue appeared to be a factor.
- Address by chair regarding Crime. 35 hours of additional proactive overtime allocated since last meeting to target crime. Question by Councillor HARTIN if overtime will continue. Response by Supt. SINGLE – assessed on a daily basis. Narromine Police had laid 42 charges since the last meeting. Question by Councillor LAMBERT regarding success rate at court. Response by Chair – most matters still at court. Our measure on success is presenting the best possible brief of evidence to the court and any deficient matters by Police are referred as a failed prosecution and reviewed. Nil for Narromine Sector.
- Discussion regarding the amount of paperwork that goes with the 42 charges and paperwork in general keeping Police from the street. Issue raised by Councillor MCANALLY if there were any areas that could be streamlined. A possible change of government on the way and a good time to pressure government for changes. Addressed by Supt. SINGLE and chair. Processes have evolved over the years. Previous commissioners such as Peter RYAN have attempted to make changes. Unable to identify any specific area where paper work can be streamlined and the balance is reasonable considering the workloads.

- Priority Crime categories linked to Crime Prevention Partnerships to remain Break and Enter Dwelling, Break and Enter Non Dwelling and Malicious damage.
- Discussion regarding membership of meeting. Supt. SINGLE suggested that a representative of the local Aboriginal Lands Council should be invited. Councillor MCANNALY suggested a community representative from Trangie. Enquiries to be made by Police regarding same and invites forwarded for next meeting.
- Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3 November 2010.
- Local Police complimented by General Manager LAMONT on results achieved in the reduction of crime during reporting period.
- Meeting closed 5.00pm.

#### 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	Agreement by Narromine High School and Narromine public school to circulate crime prevention, target hardening information in local school newsletter. Sgt	Narromine High School Narromine Public School	Ongoing.

unsecured – target hardening.	WILKINS to provide information.	Narromine Police.	
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. 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	Ongoing.