

# BARWON LAC

## Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes 6 July 2009

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership July 2009

Narrabri Bowling Club, Narrabri

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### Participating Agencies/Community members

Robyn	Faber	Mayor	Narrabri Shire Council
Paul	Keech	General Manager	Narrabri Shire Council
Richard	Orr	President	Narrabri Chamber of Commerce
Kevin	Humphries MP	Member for Barwon	
Paul	Gordon	Chairman	Narrabri Liquor Accord
Ann-Maree	Gallagher	President	Wee Waa Chamber of Commerce
Robyn	Keefe	Chairperson	CDAT, Narrabri
Fran	Dobson	Team Leader	Housing NSW
Simone	Moody		Housing NSW
Ann-Maree	Loader	Village Forum Spokesperson	
Ian	Dunnet	Editor	Narrabri Courier
Stephen	Booby		Narrabri Neighbourhood Centre
Robert	Barnett	Superintendent	Barwon Local Area Command
Tim	Beattie	Crime Manager – Det Inspector	Barwon Local Area Command
John	Ridley	Inspector	Barwon Local Area Command
Chris	Stiles	Duty Officer - Inspector	Barwon Local Area Command
Susan	Saunders	Acting Local Area Manager	Barwon Local Area Command
Jo	White	Analyst	Barwon Local Area Command

**Attending Agencies / Community members**

Bob Barnett – Superintendent, Barwon LAC

Tim Beattie – Detective Inspector, Barwon LAC

John Ridley – Inspector, Barwon LAC

Chris Stiles – Inspector, Barwon LAC

Jo White – Intelligence Analyst, Barwon LAC

Fran Dobson - Housing NSW

Robyn Faber - Mayor, Narrabri Shire Council

Ian Dunnet – Narrabri Courier

Ann-Maree Loder – Village Forum Spokesperson

Community members

**Meeting Opened: 17:30****Priority Crime Category**

Superintendent Barnett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Superintendent Barnett gave an outline of the CSPC guidelines which encourages community partnerships.

**Local Crime Type Priorities**

Superintendent Barnett gave a Presentation on Crime Reduction covering the period 01/01/2009 – 30/06/2009 for the Barwon LAC.

General discussion on crime in Narrabri with questions and comments from the floor – did the proactively come first or after the crime and as a result of prior meetings?

Insp Ridley commented that yes there has been increased attention as a result of previous meetings, but generally taskings are as a result of crime and crime being reported.

**Discussion Item**

Supt Barnett invited comments from the meeting participants for any issues they would like discussed.

General discussion on property offences and difficulty in obtaining assistance (information) from the community without a concerted effort by Police to request information from Community – information is not generally forthcoming on a voluntary basis.

Village Issues – led by Insp Ridley

Anti-social – Noise, Tenancy – Housing, Personal Safety – Elderly residents still feeling unsafe in their own homes – noise complaints from 1am – 5am of loud music nearby to Gibbons and Blanch Peardon Drive – has been ongoing for 13 months – Police helpful but people don't like to continually annoy them - *Mr Ridley to speak privately with residents so that Police are called, Noise Abatement Directions (NAD) fines etc can be issued to combat these issues*

Housie in the Village – moving around so as to avoid detection by Police – not limited to any one location – cash pots are high and affecting Bingo & Charity Housie in the town – general attendances are down at legitimate functions/locations – using kids as cockatoos to move games around and avoid detection – young kids also attending – unsupervised and on the streets whilst parents are gambling

*Insp Beattie explained the OLGR position, minor fines available to be issued by Police coupled with a high burden of proof*

- *we need information from the community to aid*
- *Young People are probably the greater risk – court, traffic accidents, assaults etc.*

*DOH commented that if issues are related to tenancies they can also act but again need info to act.*

Carol Toomey, representative of Aboriginal people of Narrabri & Wee Waa stated that families attend these gatherings (Bingo School – in Moree its happening at Birrawee, Sullivan Place & out at Walgett – the same families are running these right across the area – people attend because they can take their children unlike clubs & hotels.

RSL Manager suggested they run it as a charity & hold it properly with registration. Use the proper channels.

Floor repeated that the major concern is Young People (in nappies) are on the street unsupervised.

Carol Toomey to take these concerns back to the community.

*Mr Ridley reiterated that each discussion on the Village always returns to concerns for the children in this area.*

General improvement in Village issues. Street Lights still continue to be smashed – using rocks from railway – all related to Young Persons – appears to be passing traffic.

Also raised by Salvo's about Young Persons playing on railway tracks, mainly Friday & Saturday nights & Mondays – the tracks are used as a pathway for schools. A hole has been made in railway fencing at end of Grace Street.

Graffiti at Creek Bridge being continuously cleaned by Council – adjacent to Collins Park & clearly seen **ACTION 09/01: Insp Ridley to add this area to Police Tasking**

Robyn Faber noted that residents of Village areas monitoring scanners to check on Police Tasking.

Alcoholism: Seriously Affected not listed in Narrabri Sector and actions by Liquor Accord working well – Liquor Accord looking to eliminate the Moderately Affected by the years end – assisted by Community & tolerances.

Rural Crime – activity again increasing due to re-opening of Chillers – active in Pilliga & Maules Creek areas.

#### CCTV -

Discussions are ongoing at Narrabri Shire Council – next Tuesdays (14<sup>th</sup> July) meeting should result in some clear objectives/dates – costs appear to be higher than first thought.

#### Environmental Design Audit (EDA) -

Narrabri Shire Council not aware of progress but was discussed that CCTV not likely to be effective without increased lighting under awnings etc. **ACTION 09/02: Insp Ridley to follow up on CCTV, Lighting & liaise with Narrabri Shire Council to ensure progress & report back to Forum.**

Business owners concerned that CCTV will only displace crime & who will protect area perimeter of businesses?

#### General Business –

- Are our offenders recidivists?

*Yes, with many away in custody the Community needs to prepare for an increase in crime down the track - Insp Ridley stated that perimeter checks are available to residents who are away on holidays and concerned about BES*

PCYC: Narrabri Shire Council working on establishing a PLACE Committee with Premiers Department – we don't have a facility there for PCYC and in turn require programs for funding for a facility – looking to develop a youth focused project to give them a project – Joblink Plus has funds & possibly a location available **ACTION 09/03: Insp Ridley to follow up for next meeting with progress** Narrabri Shire Council also looking to establish a youth forum – CDAT also working on this

Concerns about pre-pubescent sex – high risk behaviour – drug & alcohol issues and about the role models who are all seen celebrating with drugs & alcohol

DOH stated that communities need to work with families to address these youth related issues – issues are generic across these communities they work with – general discussion on PLACE and Interagency meetings – lack of respect to adults, Police & authority – general discussion on domestic violence and social issues – correlation between Domestic Violence, Education, Children at Risk (C@R), Crime **ACTION 09/04: Insp Ridley to invite DOCS to next meetings.**

**Meeting Closed:** 7:15 by Supt Barnett

**Next Meeting:** 8 September 2009 : RSL Club, Narrabri at 5.30pm

**Agreed updates to Crime Prevention Action Plan**

<b>Intended Outcome</b>	<b>Agreed Strategies</b>	<b>Partner Agencies/Community member</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Reduce graffiti at Creek Bridge & Collins Park	Police Tasking for these areas	Police – Insp Ridley	8.09.09
Crime reduction	Follow up on CCTV, Lighting & liaise with Narrabri Shire Council to ensure progress & report back to Forum.	Police – Insp Ridley NSC – Robyn Faber	8.09.09
PCYC	Follow up on progress and liaison with Joblink Plus and NSC	Insp Ridley	08.09.09
DOCS to attend CSPC Meetings	Invite DOCS to next CSPC Meeting 8/09/09	Police – Helen Zilm	8.09.09