

**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL –
COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD AT THE IVANHOE RSL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY
THE 30th OF SEPTEMBER, 2009**

TIME COMMENCED: 1.20pm

ATTENDEES:

**Clive Linnett - CDS
Ray Longfellow – CDSC
Michelle Kelly – Safe Families, Wilcannia
Pansy Williams – Menindee, community member
ACLO Jan Fennell – Barrier LAC
ACLO Darren Hall – Barrier LAC
SC Jason Bear – Ivanhoe Police
A/Sgt Jim McMillan – Menindee Police
Mr Greg Sneddon – General Manager, Dept of Corrective Services
Supt Ian Dickson – Barrier LAC Commander
Det Insp Mick Stoltenberg – Barrier LAC**

APOLOGIES:

**Insp Emma Donnelly – Barrier LAC
Rob Malcolm – Wilcannia School
Christine Smith
Mark Fletcher
Margot Muscat
Mr John Williams – MP
Sen Cst Janelle Lynch – Barrier CPO
Tim Hazell – GM of CDSC
Sgt Chris Buckley – Menindee Police**

(AS PER AGENDA ITEMS)

1. Meeting opened by Comm Dickson and initially discussed the rotation system with CDSC meetings moving every quarter between Menindee, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe. To be clarified in general business
2. Comm Dickson went on to introduce Mr Greg Sneddon of Corrective Services to all present
3. Minutes of previous meeting were raised re any matters arising:-
 - C Linnett raised possibility of school principal of Ivanhoe Central School being invited to future meetings at Ivanhoe, just as principal from Wilcannia attends meeting at that location. Supported by Comm Dickson to occur for future meetings

- Offer made to Linnett for him to supply me / CPO Lynch with names and contact details of suggested participants for future meetings – will be done
 - I also took the opportunity to raise with Longfellow how CPO Lynch had made email contact with Hazell to clarify what exactly he was wanting in his stats he had requested. Still waiting to hear back from same. Email was sent on the 12.6.09
4. Minutes moved by Ray Longfellow and seconded by Stoltenberg
 5. Comm Dickson gave a brief overview of CSPC's and what are the focus of these meetings / committees. Outlined how due to our geographical distances, we have 3 x CSPC's within the 3 x LGA's.
 6. Stoltenberg conducted crime statistic presentation as per slideshow. With Comm Dickson and attendees, discuss the Wilcannia licensing agreement trial and how seems to have impacted upon crime in our LAC. Discuss trends / spikes / explain HRO legislation, etc that we utilise in targeting repeat and or high risk offenders.
 - Question from the floor by Longfellow re spikes within July stats compared to rest of quarter – answered (school holidays / activity of 1 – 2 persons / etc)
 7. Sen Cst Bear raised instances of DV within Ivanhoe sector and how he believes it is somewhat under reported. Conversation led into a DV information day for Ivanhoe sector such as has been held already at Broken Hill, Menindee and Wilcannia.
 - Sen Cst Bear to liaise with DVLO Buchanan and ACLO's to facilitate DV info day
 8. CC Greg Sneddon raised the question of whether Police are using these DV info days to target school students who have been possibly subject of or witness to DV offences
 - Comm Dickson explained programs on hand and being delivered within schools – such as 'Love Bites' program being delivered by SLPO McMillan
 - Sen Cst Bear to liase with SLPO McMillan to arrange programs of this nature for Ivanhoe Central School
 - Question from Longfellow – Can Police go into schools or do they have to be invited. Comm Dickson explained the role and responsibilities of the SLPO. Eg: office at the BHHS every Monday where they have set aside an office for her. Now based within the CDSC at Menindee due to her husband Jim being successful in gaining transfer to Menindee
 - Sen Cst Bear raised that there was good feedback following the anti bullying program that SLPO ran at Menindee Central School

- Longfellow rightfully raised how such programs must continue to be followed up with ongoing visits by Police, etc
9. Longfellow asked how long is the Wilcannia licensing trial agreement going for ?
- From Comm Dickson, informed that it is set to go for 6 months. Discussed history of matter and how it was commenced as an agreement, rather than formal application to OLGA. Explained how there are regular (fortnightly) meetings between Wilcannia Police and both licensees. Stated that at the completion of the review phase, there will obviously be the options of extension of trial or a formal application by Police
 - Longfellow asked about Bourke statistics and if available to show difference it had made
 - Stoltenberg stated no formal stats, but had shown that there was a significant decrease in not only DV, but also mal dam, assaults, litter, etc within community
 - Sneddon raised how in Bourke the Dept of Housing have alcohol free homes. This allows families who are prepared to sign up and say that they will lead an alcohol free life, to go to the top of priority list when looking for homes
 - Comm Dickson raised how Bourke initiatives are a community initiative and also driven by the Working Party. Perhaps community needs to raise this with the local CWP
 - Longfellow asked is it considered in bigger centres?
 - Dickson replied no. It was considered for Dareton, but due to access to interstate alcohol outlets, did not proceed. Also explained how within NSW it is now the case that the top 50 licensed premises for offences / violence have been id'd and they have had restrictions imposed upon them
 - Sen Cst Bear asked of Longfellow, whether it could work in Ivanhoe ?
 - Longfellow commented on issues with travellers at Wilcannia passing through who may wish to purchase full strength alcohol, but can't.
 - Linnett also gave example of mail run operator who has been asked to collect alcohol that has already been purchased and paid for by the landholder, can not as it is before 10am and could only be mid strength
 - Stoltenberg discussed history and how travellers are advised not to stop at Wilcannia as to dangerous. Now Police are finding that travellers are stopping at Wilcannia, rather than what was happening before

- Sneddon asked ‘wouldn’t it be better for council to support and promote ? Consensus was that Wilcannia issues are not the same of other CDSC communities
- Comm Dickson stated that crime figures do not support other CDSC communities having something similar to the Wilcannia agreement in place. Admitted that each community is different
- Stoltenberg commented how to go hand in hand with agreement, Wilcannia have approximately 6 to 7 non alcoholic consumption bail offenders and they are all female
- Sneddon comments and asks if DV offenders are getting younger. Seems to be trend within those becoming inmates at CC’s for DV related offences.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

10. Longfellow asked whether it was the same for all schools within our Command?
 - Comm Dickson stated that SLPO has responsibility for all secondary schools and we also have an officer (YLO) based at Broken Hill who is responsible for all primary schools
 - A/Sgt McMillan informed those present that SLPO McMillan had proposed to also assist and take in portfolio of primary school students due to our remoteness and distance
 - ACLO Fennell commented on how Menindee Police get involved with the schools / children in their community
11. Linnett raised the positive RFS project taking place in Ivanhoe at the moment. Under the tutelage of Training Officer CDSC Bill Britt, they have 14 – 15 kids who train 1 night a week within the Rural Fire Service Cadet Program. Is working very well
12. Sneddon passed on his thanks to the NSWPF staff for assistance that was given to them during their industrial action strikes at Ivanhoe and Broken Hill
13. Longfellow questioned whether or not the message was getting through to parents of young persons and their responsibilities towards them
 - Michelle Kelly from Safe Families responded by introducing herself and explaining the program within Wilcannia. Gave example of parents dealing with their children for petrol sniffing and how these children have choices as to whether or not they will do the right thing or the wrong thing. Parents must support, but if older children go out and choose to do the wrong thing, it is their choice.

- Comm Dickson commented on how parents could be held responsible if they encouraged the behaviour. Discussed how it should be that parents are being encouraged to acknowledge their responsibilities and offer supports to the children and others. Also discussed how the policy they did have where parents were fined for their children not attending school was targeting the parents, not the child and in turn, punishes the family
14. Fennell commented on how some of community at Menindee have been discussing getting a 9pm curfew in place for the young persons of the town
- Comm Dickson discussed how signed agreements with Police could be implemented in the town where any child found out after the deadline, Police can and will take them home.
 - A/Sgt McMillan stated that any child or young person he sees out after 10pm, he believes that they are at risk of the criminal environment and for that reason, he would take them home or to a safe place
 - Comm Dickson went on to say, how good an initiative it would be to have Police with the families understanding and supporting the ‘curfew.’ Suggested looking at doing it as a trial, but the agreements need to be looked at
 - **Comm Dickson – to A/Sgt McMillan, speak with ACLO Fennell re trial curfew agreements and report back to Commander with status**
15. ACLO Fennell – asked about helmet program and funding. Stated did not want communities to do one project as would cause tension amongst schools / etc
- **Stoltenberg – informed Fennell that separate funding from ASD had made its way to Barrier LAC. 1 x helmet project for Wilcannia included in that. Fennell will complete a separate ASD funding application for Menindee helmet program**
 - Comm Dickson took the opportunity to explain and discuss ASD funding to those present
16. Michelle Kelly – explained the ‘Deadly Treadly’ Safe Families initiative for Wilcannia on the 14.10.09. Allows children to bring along their pushbikes and have them fixed up and they are also encouraging fathers / family to come along and get involved with them.
- As a flow on from this Deadly Treadly initiative, other programs can follow, such as helmets / schools and road safety
 - A/Sgt McMillan queries about mpb bikes at Broken Hill Police Stations that are never claimed and destroyed. Are they able to be donated to our smaller communities for programs such as this

- Comm Dickson says that he would just need to look at value / condition of the bike and if possible, it can be done
17. Rotation system for CDSC – CSPC. Overwhelming YES that it continue.
- Comm Dickson stated that he obviously need better contacts within the community of Ivanhoe
 - **Stoltenberg supplied Linnett and Longfellow with personal contact details to allow this to happen and mailing list to be built up**
18. Comm Dickson discussed how both Ivanhoe officers will be moving on in the new year. Discussed how we will be looking at advertising and filling positions
- Longfellow questioned whether or not same interview process would take place again as previously used for Bear and Chambers
 - Stoltenberg informed that it is not only used by Barrier LAC for SRL's, but now also used in Darling River LAC for the likes of Bourke – Brewarrina – Cobar – etc. It is very important that we get the right person for the job

TIME COMPLETED: 2.50PM

ACTION ITEMS - (COLOURED RED WITHIN MINUTES)

1. CDSC Tim Hazell still to contact CPO Lynch to clarify what he actually wants in the statistics he has requested for council
2. Sen Cst Bear to liaise with DVLO Buchanan and ACLO's to facilitate DV info day
3. Sen Cst Bear to liase with SLPO McMillan to arrange programs of this nature for Ivanhoe Central School
4. A/Sgt McMillan, speak with ACLO Fennell re trial curfew agreements and report back to Commander with status
5. Fennell will complete a separate ASD funding application for Menindee helmet program
6. Longfellow / Linnett to supply more contact names and details for prospective attendees to Ivanhoe CSPC meetings