

BARWON LAC

Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes 8 October 2009

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership October 2009

Narrabri Bowling Club, Narrabri

Participating Agencies/Community members

Richard	Orr	President	Narrabri Chamber of Commerce
Susan	Lennox		
Ann	Loder		
Warren	Bull		
Kris	Booby		Narrabri Community Tenancy Scheme
Leanne	Hayne		Narrabri Community Tenancy Scheme
Rohan	Vaughan		Department of Community Services (Moree/Narrabri)
Ann-Maree	Loader	Village Forum Spokesperson	
Ian	Dunnet	Editor	Narrabri Courier
Shane	Bradford	Fire Captain	NSWFB – Narrabri
Robert	Barnett	Superintendent	Barwon Local Area Commander
John	Ridley	Inspector	Barwon Local Area Command
Phil	Marshall	General Manager	Narrabri Shire Council
Robyn	Faber	Mayor	Narrabri Shire Council
Michelle	Walker		
Barry	Toomey		
Jo	White	Analyst	Barwon Local Area Commander

Attending Agencies / Community members

Bob Barnett – Superintendent, Barwon LAC

John Ridley – Inspector, Barwon LAC

Jo White – Intelligence Analyst, Barwon LAC

Robyn Faber - Mayor, Narrabri Shire Council

Ian Dunnet – Narrabri Courier

Ann-Maree Loder – Village Forum Spokesperson

Community members

Meeting Opened: 17:30**Previous Minutes Moved:** Insp. RIDLEY**Seconded:** Anne-Maree LODER

Priority Crime Category			
Superintendent Barnett welcomed everyone to the meeting - outline of the CSPC guidelines which encourages community partnerships			
Action Items			
Reduce graffiti at Creek Bridge & Collins Park	Police Tasking for these areas COMPLETED	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 COMPLETED	Police – Insp Ridley NSC – Robyn Faber	8.09.09
PCYC	Follow up on progress and liaison with Joblink Plus and NSC COMPLETED	Insp Ridley	08.09.09
DOCS to attend CSPC Meetings	Invite DOCS to next CSPC Meeting 8/09/09 COMPLETED	Police – Helen Zilm	8.09.09

Local Crime Type Priorities

Superintendent Barnett gave a Presentation on Crime Reduction covering the period 01/07/2009 – 30/09/2009 for the Barwon LAC – presentation includes comparisons to Moree Sector.

Insp Ridley gave a review of crime in the Narrabri Sector – assaults, BES, Malicious Damage all trending downward – assaults are at lowest period for past five years – monthly average of BES are a quarter of averages for Moree – spike in Stealings during September has seen number of YP's dealt with

General discussion on crime in Narrabri with questions and comments from the floor – generally positive comments including improvement of agencies working together particularly in areas of malicious damage and alcohol related crime

Insp Ridley also gave a review of Wee Waa and Boggabri Sectors – none of the southern sectors in Barwon (Boggabri, Narrabri and Wee Waa) are victims to serious offences such as Robbery

Pilliga Bore Baths has seen reductions in crime due to work of community and SC Mills

Supt Barnett and Insp Ridley commended the efforts of local Police across the Sectors

Discussion Items:

Supt Barnett introduced Mr Rohan Vaughan from Community Services

Mr Vaughan gave an overview of his background prior to moving to Moree, DoCS responsibilities and current changes underway as a result of Justice Woods report 'Keeping them Safe'.

General discussion on PLACE Meetings, confidentiality, Village issues, Truancy, unsupervised children in Narrabri (of very young ages) including unsupervised attendance near to gambling locations

Mr Vaughan confirmed that DoCS have a commitment to the community and in particular PLACE Meetings – representation at these meetings will occur

Mr Vaughan asked that unsupervised YP's, particularly those in streets as mentioned, be reported to DoCS HELPLINE as this is the only avenue for reporting (reports can not be made at local offices) – issues are often referred to other agencies for follow up but HELPLINE provides an avenue for reporting persons to phone and enquire on action/status of their report

Village Issues – led by Insp Ridley

Has been relatively quiet in the past week – most recent activity appears centred on the return of one individual only

Comments from the floor confirmed the statements of Insp Ridley and stated they have been and are encouraging others to report problems to Police

Insp Ridley commented that alcohol issues have reduced since June/July and are reflected in assault figures although the Village remains the hotspot for these offences – reflection of ongoing social issues in the community

Attendees commented that noise complaints, although better, continue to occur and are being reported to the station

Insp Ridley reinforced to those attending that reports need to continue to ensure Police attend and use available legislation

CCTV – led by NSC

Mayor Faber introduced new General Manager, Phil Marshall

NSC are currently investigating wireless connections for links to the Police Station – CCTV cameras should be in place by summer – full report is due at next council meeting

Floor discussed possible displacement of crime and possible targeting of council assets in Tibareena Street as retaliation for cameras

Insp Ridley noted that incidents of crime will be monitored and taskings adjusted accordingly

Robyn Faber commented that NSC are implementing proximity lighting and CCTV at skate park

Attendees reiterated their concerns for neighbouring residents and council assets outside of CCTV view

Avenues are available to community through Country Energy website to report street light issues and should be encouraged

Insp Ridley noted that Violet, Hinds and Barwan Streets are currently under review by local Police

