

# BARWON LAC

## Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes 3 September 2009

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership September 2009

Salvation Army Hall, Heber Street, MOREE

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### Participating Agencies/Community members

Bob	Tremain	Mayor	Gwydir Shire Council
Max	Eastcott	General Manager	Gwydir Shire Council
Katrina	Humphries	Mayor	Moree Plains Shire Council
David	Aber	General Manager	Moree Plains Shire Council
Kevin	Humphries MP	Member for Barwon	
Phil	Alchin	President	Moree Chamber of Commerce
John	Charles	School Education Director	Dept Education & Training
Laureen	Hall	President	Chamber of Commerce
Rick	Hutton	President	Vision 2020
David	Quirk	Manager Mehi Cluster	New England Health
Rohan	Vaughan	Manager Client Services	Dept Community Services
Fran	Dobson	Team Leader	Department of Housing
Robert	Barnett	Superintendent	Barwon Local Area Commande
Alexis	Taylor	Acting Local Area Manager	Barwon Local Area Commande
Tim	Beattie	Crime Manager - Inspector	Barwon Local Area Commande
Chris	Stiles	Duty Officer - Inspector	Barwon Local Area Commande
Jo	White	Analyst	Barwon Local Area Commande
Scott	Beers	Station Officer	NSW Fire Brigade
Ron	Behrend	Station Officer	NSW Ambulance

**Attending Agencies / Community members**

Rohan Vaughan – DOCs

Scott Beers – NSW Fire Brigade

Adrian Kistan – Salvation Army

Vicki Angel, Chris Ward, Steve Woods & Tony Parks – Community Members

Bob Barnett – Superintendent, Barwon LAC

Chris Stiles – Inspector, Barwon LAC

Tim Beattie – Detective Inspector, Barwon LAC

Gai Saunders – Acting Local Area Manager, Barwon LAC

Michael Magann – Leading Senior Constable, Barwon LAC

Helen Zilm – GASO, Barwon LAC – Minute Taker

**Apologies:**

Kevin Humphries – Local Member for Barwon

Katrina Humphries – Mayor, Moree Plains Shire Council

David Aber – General Manager, Moree Plains Shire Council

David Quirk – Manager, New England Health

**Meeting Opened: 5:40pm****Priority Crime Category**

Supt Barnett welcomed everyone to the meeting, giving an introduction to people from the Barwon LAC present at the meeting.

Supt Barnett gave a rundown on what the Community Safety Precinct Meetings are all about.

**Barwon LAC Overview**

Barwon LAC covers 39/883 km sq and consists of 15 townships - Moree (24hour station), Narrabri, Bellata, Boggabri, Boggabilla, Bingara, Boomi, Mungindi, Pallamallawa, Pilliga, Garah, Gravesend, Gwabegar, Wee Waa & Warialda.

Barwon LAC covers three (3) Councils – Moree Plains, Gwydir & Narrabri Plains Shire Councils.

Authorised Police numbers across the Command – 100 Police.

## **Local Crime Type Priorities**

### NSWPF State Plan

The NSWPF State Plan sets out the goals the community wants the NSW Government to work towards.

The NSWPF State Plan covers various areas which Police look at relating to

- Reduce Rates of Crime
- Reduce Levels of Anti-Social Behaviour
- Increase Customer Satisfaction.

What are we doing in the Barwon LAC

- Increase community engagement – LACACC Meetings – Toomelah & Boggabilla – PLACE Meetings
- Operations Viper & Vikings
- Target Anti-social behaviour – high profile and/or related Alcohol Behaviour
- Traffic Enforcement
- Increased communications

### Crime in Moree

Supt Barnett gave a rundown on crime in Moree and the crime pro-activity Police are doing to address this crime.

General discussion regarding some of the hot spot areas identified in the overhead presentation.

### Indigenous Employment Development Course

NSW Police Force & Australian Defence Force Partnership.

This is an eight (8) week development course to develop people to a level where they can enter the ADF.

After joining the Defence Forces, they can learn a trade and in four years time or more may consider joining the NSW Police as a mature age entry if they choose to leave ADF.

This course is only open to males at this stage as there are no facilities for female entries at the Dubbo venue.

Application for the Course close 21 September. Further information is available if you know of someone who may be interested.

## **General Business**

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

### NSW Fire Brigade

Scott Beers, Station Supervisor – Moree, reported that the Fire Brigade had been experiencing some rock throwing in certain areas of Moree. Recently they have been conducting Fire Hydrant checks in the Birrawee & Mehi Place areas and have been having

discussions with the residents in these areas, particularly mentioning the rock throwing and how NSW Fires are there to help people. The aim of these discussions is to encourage residents to help stop any incidences of rock throwing. NSW Fires are there to help the community.

Insp Beattie commented that the Police have taken similar steps in meeting with people in these areas of Moree with a positive note.

#### DOC's

Rohan Vaughan, Client Services Manager for Dept Community Services introduced himself to the meeting giving a run down on his role with DOC's and the areas he will be covering.

#### Rock Throwing at Residences

Chris Ward raised the issue of rock throwing in the area where he lives. This is a concern to local residents as most people have their vehicles parked on the streets at night and maybe damaged if this continues.

Supt Barnett encouraged people to contact the Police if this is happening to them or in fact if any crime is happening. Unless people report things Police cannot act.

Det Insp Beattie responded to say that the biggest problem is often underlying issues which Police aren't told. Door knocks are one of the ways Police can find out, but we need to be informed.

#### Increased Police patrols around the Salvation Army Hall

Vicki Angel asked if it was possible to have increased Police Patrols on Friday & Saturday nights around the Salvation Army Hall as they often have donated items stolen or vandalised. Vicki commented that if people needed anything they only have to come to the Salvation Army Shop and they will receive what they need.

Det Insp Beattie suggested the Salvation Army look at security lighting or other measures to secure the area if this continues to be a problem. Beattie said he would raise the matter at Tasking meetings so that Police Patrols are aware of the area to be checked.

#### Tonight's Meeting

General discussion regarding the lack of attendance at the meeting tonight from the Moree Community.

Supt Barnett replied that we are trying a number of things to interact with the Community to consult and discuss the real issues so that people know what Police are doing to address the issues in the community.

Discussion regarding people's perception of crime and the reality.

Question from the floor regarding giving back feedback to the community about this meeting.  
Det Insp Beattie has been interviewed by different media outlets. Supt Barnett will be doing an interview for ABC Radio and the local media.

Closing Comments

Supt Barnett closed the meeting thanking everyone for coming. Thanks to Adrian Kistan & the Salvation Army for the use of the hall tonight.

**Meeting Closed:** 6:32pm

**Next Meeting:** Moree – To be advised.  
Narrabri - 06/07/09: 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>