

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Community Safety Precinct Committee Action Minute

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership Thursday 10th March, 2011 Meeting opened at 11.15am

Participating Agencies/Community members

MICHAEL THOMAS	NSW Police Force
DEBBIE MOORE	NSW Police Force
OWEN HILL	NSW Police Force
MICHAEL GUYATT	NSW Police Force
LUKE RANKIN	NSW Police Force
PAULINE SERDITY	Warren Shire Council
REX WILSON	Warren Shire Council
ASHLEY WIELINGA	Warren Shire Council
JIM MCCALMAN	Warren Shire Council
RICHARD AZAR	Warren Shire Council
JULIE LINCOLN	Warren Advocate
JOY DOWNS	Department of Housing
PAM SHARKEY	Department of Education

Apologies

Cr Kevin Taylor	Warren Shire Council
Kerry McDermott	Dept of Housing

Priority Crime Category

Local Crime Type Priorities

Overview of statistical data by Inspector Luke Rankin, (Crime Manager) for warren Shire Council, in comparison with other Darling River LGAs for the period.

Discussion Item

- Supt Thomas discusses bail curfew compliance
- Ashley Wielinga discusses that police numbers are low and crime stats are trending upwards. Supt Thomas informed the committee that an advertisement has recently gone out to fill the vacancies within Warren. There has been some interest in the positions.
- Inspector Rankin mentioned that the Darling River LAC TAG (Target Action Group) recently spent time in town due to recent increase of incidents
- There has been a noticed increase in rural crime stats eg. Stock theft and fuel thefts. These are being sent to the Darling River LAC RCI (rural crime investigator) for further follow-up
- Ashley mentioned that is concern in relation to the call out system of Warren Police. That the calls go through to Bourke and the supervisor in Bourke makes the decision to call someone out. Council are getting complaints from the community. Supt Thomas informed the committee that staff are recalled when required
- Inspector Guyatt informed the committee that he is currently looking at a change to rostering with Sgt Hill which will assist with community response. The station phone can be diverted to the station mobile when police have to attend a job. When attending a job sometimes their not in a position to answer the phone, therefore it diverts to Bourke, allowing a constant police response
- Pauline mentioned that locals are finding alcohol bottles in their front yards in the morning. Supt Thomas asked for the community to rely this information to the local police including Sgt Hill so prompt action can be taken
- Joy Downs asked if their was a neighbourhood watch program in place. Ashley stated there hasn't been one in place for many years, and doesn't think it's worth putting one together, as most of the community watch what's going on
- Mayor asked as to how many other sectors within the Darling River LAC had CCTV? Supt Thomas explained that Bourke currently does and it is beneficial to the town. Ongoing discussion around the benefits and cost of CCTV. Senior Constable Debbie Moore, Crime Prevention Officer and Ashley Wielinga to liaise in relation to this topic
- Pam Sharkey from the Dept of Education discussed truants and the regular liaison with the local school principal. There is an aboriginal liaison officer in town every week to assist. There is the 'Get Smart' initiative in place, which identify's children who have 15days unexplained in a term.
- Pauline mentioned that the biggest problem seen in town is that families are moved to warren, with no services readily available to assist them eg. Mental health, counselling etc. At times when health services do resource the community they are booked out.
- Joy Downs from the Department of Housing mentioned that there is a screening process in place when allocating public housing. There is a shortage of housing at present. That is there is an MOU (memorandum of understanding) in place with police to assist in the removal of problem tenants. Waiting lists for housing can be up to 7 years. If someone eg. Neighbour has a complaint about a public housing tenant they can do so via internet or give Dubbo office a call
- Pauline mentioned that the youth interagency committee is already referring families for assistance.

Agreed updates to Crime Prevention Action Plan

Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies/Community member	Timeframe

<i>Truancy operations to be conducted</i>	<i>Youth Liaison Officer (YLO) and School Liaison Officer to work with Dept of Education to conduct joint operations</i>	<i>NSW Police & Dept of Education</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
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Meeting Closed at 1.05pm

