

BARWON LAC

Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes 18 November 2010

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership November 2010

Narrabri Bowling Club, Narrabri

Participating Agencies/Community members

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Henry	Trow	Acting Inspector	Barwon Local Area Command
Chris	Wallace	Detective Sergeant	Barwon Local Area Command
Jason	Roncicka	DVLO	Barwon Local Area Command
Crystal	Jones	YLO	Barwon Local Area Command

Attending Agencies / Community members

Robert Barnett – Superintendent, Barwon LAC

Tim Beattie – Crime Manager, Barwon LAC

John Ridley – Inspector, Barwon LAC

Henry Trow – Sergeant (Licensing), Barwon LAC

Jason Ronczka – Leading Senior Constable (Crime Co-ordinator & DVLO), Barwon LAC

Clinton Oxenbridge – Senior Constable (RCI), Barwon LAC

Crystal Jones – Constable (YLO), Barwon LAC

Robyn Faber - Mayor, Narrabri Shire Council

Ian Dunnet – Narrabri Courier

Sheryl Ridley – Chamber of Commerce

Rohan Vaughan – Community Services

Community members

Meeting Opened: 17:05

Previous Minutes Moved: Det. Insp. BEATTIE

Seconded: Cst JONES

Priority Crime Category

Superintendent Barnett welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for not attending previous meeting - outline of the CSPC guidelines which encourages community partnerships

Action Items

AFZ signs for Wilga Hotel	Police to liaise with council as to when signage for Alcohol Free Zone will be erected for the Wilga Hotel	Police – Sgt Trow NSC – Robyn Faber	
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Local Crime Type Priorities

Superintendent Barnett gave a Presentation on Crime Reduction covering the period 01/07/2010 – 30/09/2010 for the Barwon LAC – presentation includes comparisons to Moree Sector.

Superintendent Barnett spoke about the state plan, increase in community engagement and what we are doing as a LAC.

Insp Ridley gave a review of crime in the Narrabri Sector – review of crime spikes in/around Boggabri and relationship to increase in population due to mine. He also covered recent arrests in Narrabri would assist to reduce crime in Narrabri and that there has been a reduction of crime in the village area. Mr Ridley states the most common crime is juvenile crime.

Superintendent Barnett covered a crime overview for Wee Waa and stated the reduction in crime can be put down to dedicated police and good work covering bail compliance checks.

DV related assaults are down across the command – most are associated with drugs and alcohol

Discussion Items:

Concerns raised from the floor about attitudes of some Police answering calls at the Station whether at Narrabri or diverted to Moree – attitudes of some officers seem to be in conflict with priorities expressed at recent PRECINCT Meetings with Officers not interested in information being relayed from the community – Mr Barnett stated that a number of strategies are in place to improve customer service of Police but please bear in mind Moree Station are often fielding calls from right across the Command and their workload may be mistaken for abruptness. Mayor Faber raised concerns that calls being put through to Moree are not taken seriously. Mr Barnett responded stating that complaints need to be received for action to be taken against those officers who are not providing good customer service.

Mayor Faber raised concerns about the congestion of heavy vehicles outside A & L Motors when police are conducting heavy vehicle inspections.

Mayor Faber raised concerns about the increase in truancy in the Boggabri area.

Mayor Faber raised concerns about kids jumping off the low level bridge and into the water.

Superintendent Barnett spoke about Crime Prevention Plans for personal safety. Mayor Faber stated that she would like to place

advertisements in the local paper each week regarding safety tips. Mr Beattie informed that this is already occurring.

Mayor Faber raised concern about the availability/lack of police in the Narrabri area. Mr Barnett informed that Narrabri Police Station is at full strength for staff however there is no coverage for sick leave and maternity leave.

Some concerns raised by the floor that kids are roaming the streets. Mr Beattie talks about DET being responsible for hosting truancy operations. Police are more than happy to be involved.

Mayor Faber discusses the construction of a new village in Narrabri which will host 242 rooms. This is designed mainly for contractors of the mines. Mayor Faber states they have a no alcohol and drug policy with random testing being conducted. Mayor Faber states it has very good lighting in this village.

SC Ronczka delivered an overview of the role of the DVLO and partnerships within the Narrabri community – States Narrabri rank 26th LGA for DV in comparison to Moree which is 3rd and that the peak period for DV is summer.

SC Ronczka spoke about 'The Cottage' also covering the Gwabegar area and that he is currently looking at more resources for victim and court support, approx 3 referral points.

Cst. Jones explained the role of the YLO and programs being run in the Narrabri Sector such as truancy operations – Mayor Faber noted expressed concern for increase in truanting in the Boggabri area. Mr Beattie also spoke about the role of the YLO and states police are more than happy to work with the DET in regards to truancy.

Cst Jones explains trial of new program where police sit in the classroom and interact with students in an informal manner and how the students so far are responding well to this.

SC Oxenbridge spoke about RCU and their role. Talks about what crime issues they review.

Sgt Trow spoke in regards to the increase in alcohol consumption in the coming months due to the warmer weather and festive season. He states this could cause the possibility of conflict to increase. States police will be doing constant walk throughs of licensed premises to monitor anti social behaviour and assist with compliance with licence.

Insp Ridley comments on that taxis are not picking up people from the CBD upon close of business of pubs. States this is a plan by the company to reduce the amount of intoxicated people who pack into the taxis. Insp Ridley states this increases a mass of people waiting for taxis outside these licensed premises who expect a taxi which could increase the likelihood of a brawl occurring.

Sgt Trow states that staggered closing times with businesses were discussed at the Liquor Accord Meeting.

Mayor Faber also expressed wishes of NSC to increase AFZ's to Prohibited Zones in order to give more powers to local Police – further follow up to be made by Sgt. Trow direct with NSC to escalate issues prior to August deadlines

Insp Ridley talks about the increase of break and enters in the Narrabri area between October and November. He states that a number of Juveniles have been processed and expects December to be a quieter month. Insp Ridley states Narrabri Police are being proactive with their patrols and are issuing a number of move on directions.

Village Issues – nil issues to be raised, nil representatives available

CCTV – led by NSC

General Business –

Mr Vaughan speaks about the Salvation army and their leadership program

Issues raised again from the floor regarding customer service in Moree when calls are diverted. Mayor Faber informed that she has told the Boggabri residence to ask for an event number for every incident/encounter with police.

Mr Barnett has asked that if there are complaints then to record details such as time, date and officers name. Again reiterates that without these details individual cases cannot be rectified. Mr Beattie states if they are not happy with police response they need to call back. Mr Barnett states that a strategy can be put in place where the caller asks for the officer' name. This could possibly influence officers as they know they are accountable.

Meeting Closed: 6.57pm Mr Barnett

Next Meeting: TBA

Agreed updates to Crime Prevention Action Plan

Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies/Community member	Timeframe