

BARWON LAC

Community Safety Precinct Committee Minutes 22 November 2011

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership November 2011

TAFE, MOREE

Attending Agencies/Community members

Jenny	Hayes	Superintendent	Barwon Local Area Command
Adam	Bartlett	Acting Inspector	Barwon Local Area Command
Jason	Ronczka	DVLO & Crime Coordinator	Barwon Local Area Command
Crystal	Jones	YLO	Barwon Local Area Command
Jo	White	Analyst	Barwon Local Area Command
Sue	Shaw		Department of Education
Michele	Saxby		Housing NSW
			Moree Plains Shire Youth Council
Mitchell	Dahlstrom		Aboriginal Employment Strategy
Andrew	Ryan	Manager – Moree	PCYC
Chris	Gardiner		PCYC (Sydney)
Esther	Chapman		Moree Plains Shire Council
David	Aber		Moree Plains Shire Council

Meeting Opened: 2.05pm

Previous Minutes Moved: NA **Seconded:** NA

Apologies:

Steve Laksa – Crime Manager, Barwon Local Area Command

Opening Introductions

Superintendent Jenny Hayes welcomed everyone to the meeting and made apologies for the Crime Manager who is in Boggabilla on urgent matters

Outline of the CSPC guidelines which encourages community partnerships

Nil outstanding actions to discuss

Action Items

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Superintendent Hayes made introductions of Police present and their roles within the Command

Local Crime Type Priorities

Superintendent Hayes gave a Presentation on Crime: Considerable improvement in property offences since early 2011 with major crime categories now in down ward trend.

Presentation included a review of crime in the Moree Sector. Reference was made to ongoing low levels of security within the communities despite continuing crime prevention messages from Police in all forms of media.

Superintendent Hayes discussed the MO of offences, patterns, locations and offenders in general as well a number of arrests which made during the time frame August to October 2011.

Discussion Items:

All present were extremely pleased with the current taskings of Police and visible presence seen in both the CBD as well as housing precincts.

Concerns rose from the floor in relation to increasing issues at the Moree Pool and need to MPSC to work closely with Police to identify issues/offenders. Superintendent Hayes agreed with concerns rose by the floor but noted that crime must be reported before Police can respond or be tasked to hot spot areas.

Concerns also raised in relation to rumours in the local town regarding licensed premises and licensees being unable to take action due to fear and intimidation by a number of offenders – what can Police do? Superintendent Hayes reiterated the need to the community to report crime so that Police can act and this includes being informed of functions/parties etc. which Police can be tasked to if they are notified – if they don't tell us it's hard for us to act.

David Aber (MPSC) added that a large focus of the recently proposed MPSC Crime Prevention Plan has been largely geared towards making Moree a family friendly town: this is not the current reputation of the place but the reputation does not necessarily reflect the truth either. Discussion turned to current strategies to increase lighting in south Moree, extension of CCTV south of the bridge and introducing mobile CCTV cameras to target hot spots. Leading Senior Constable Ronczka requested MPSC to remove power points from Lyle Houlahan Park which are currently being used as an excuse for YP's to congregate in this area at night (charging their mobile phones). David Aber acknowledged that Lyle Houlahan Park is an ongoing concern for the council particularly in relation to its proximity to the hospital and increasing presence of needles.

Superintendent Hayes was supportive of council's intention to introduce roving CCTV stations- an excellent idea to target hot spots rather than just extending current networks and displacing the crime.

The group agreed that the wider public perception of Moree is far worse than the reality and that near neighbours such as Tamworth and Armidale experience similar problems but have far greater volumes as well as more serious crime but not the same stigma.

Superintendent Hayes noted that the social problems of domestic violence, juvenile crime (from those who don't want to be at home due to violence) and substance abuse issues are ongoing generational issues that require ongoing whole of community approaches to address them.

General Business – Nil

Meeting Closed: 3pm Superintendent Hayes

Next Meeting: TBA

Agreed updates to Crime Prevention Action Plan

Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies/Community member	Timeframe
Deter YP's congregating in Lyle Houlahan Park	MPSC to remove current live power point sources being used as an excuse to remain in the area to charge their phones	David Aber MPSC	November 2011