

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Community Safety Precinct Committee Action Minute

Report to Crime Prevention Partnership 16th September 2010

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Apologies

Cr Richard AZAR
Cr Julian CAMPBELL
Cr Jim McCALMAN

Priority Crime Category

Local Crime Type Priorities

Overview of statistical data by Senior Constable Debbie Moore, Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) for Warren Shire Council, in comparison with other Darling River LGAs for the period.

Discussion Item

- *Jane Cavanagh addressed the meeting: spoke of the difficulty of planning joint operations due to Warrens location & differing boundaries to other government agencies/bodies. Warren has a significant number of parents with mental health issues. Dept of Education is working with other agencies eg Mental Health & Centrecare to address the problems. The school has some funding to provide strategies & is in the process of applying for/receiving further funding for a 'Suspension Centre' to cater for pre and post suspensions. Students returning from Juvenile Justice Centres are causing the most problems.*
- *The Principal of Warren Central School, William White, advised he has held forums with other agencies in relation to suspensions, as well as violent & aggressive behaviour – Warren Local Action Group. Burnside has advised it has 6 families with significant mental health problems; 37 families have been targeted for support with over 100 students affected. Red Cross & Barnados is assisting with the 0 – 18 year olds. Most of the problems are from the relocation of families from other centres – generational undiagnosed mental illness the main concern. Paediatric Psychologist/Psychiatrist determines degree of mental illness and access to these are a problem. Warren has been identified as a community under resourced to deal with such issues - .the school is working with the hospital to try and attract paediatric services to the town.*
- *The General Manager advised the Council has Commonwealth funding (\$15000) for a youth Worker, but has requested additional funding & has requested figures to support this application. There is a need for activities for the youth within Warren.*
- *The role of drugs and alcohol in exacerbating these problems was discussed. It was agreed all the families concerned have drug and/or alcohol abuse. Parents and grandparents are supplying the alcohol to children.*
- *The school is seeking extra funding for an additional Youth Councillor.*
- *Police have concerns with suspensions and truancy. Lack of Police has been a problem – Warren has difficulty attracting staff. Police can assist with taking some problem children to and from school.*
- *The new school leaving age of 17 yo is problematic. Average of 40 – 50 students absent with parental approval on any given day – worse days are Thursday and Friday (shopping days in Dubbo)*
- *Records are kept of truancy and DOCS may need to be notified.*
- *Incidents of vandalism has decreased – most offenders are incarcerated at present*
- *Issue regarding the availability of an ACLO – Dubbo was meant to provide. Students are 85% Aboriginal.*
- *Warren may be able to adopt some of the strategies that have worked in Nyngan to reduce alcohol related offences*
- *Youth Sub Committee – Cr Serdity. An area at the back of the swimming pool has been identified for use – proposal to Council to use as a handball court. The bike track at Victoria Oval is extremely neglected – proposal to Council for a revamp. NSW Transport has agreed to fund a bus to transport youth to and from the Youth Centre*
- *There is a need for Dept of Education and TAFE to work together to provide courses to 'compliment' studies eg pre apprentice, pre*

employment – more practical studies that will interest the students.

- *Mayor reinforced the need to work together and be aware of each agencies/departments roles and responsibilities to address the youth problems*

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>
<i>Availability of an ACLO</i>	<i>School is providing figures to support submissions to request additional resources</i>	<i>NSW Police Force & Warren Central School</i>	<i>Prior to next meeting</i>
<i>Address alcohol related incidents</i>	<i>Adopt suitable strategies that have worked in Nyngan. A/Sgt Butler, Licensing Sergeant, to assist with Warren Liquor Accord.</i>	<i>NSW Police Force</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

Attachments Previous month CSPC Trend, Operational Performance Crime Review and Alcohol Related Crime Overview reports

