

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 13th December 2018, COMMENCING AT 2:25PM.

PRESENT: Mr Paul Hadlow (VRA), Inspector Stuart Gordon (NSW Police), Superintendent Paul Smith (NSW Police), Sgt. Narelle Tucker (NSW Police), Mr Michael Kitzelmann (General Manager, Balranald Shire), Mr Wayne Whitby (General Manager Balranald District Ex-Services Memorial Club Ltd), Jennifer Bax Alvarado (EA Balranald Shire)

APOLOGIES: Mrs Vicki Barnes (Kyalite Hotel), Cr Jeff Mannix

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of 24th July 2018 were moved by Mr Paul Hadlow and Seconded by Mr Michael Kitzelmann as being a true and correct copy.

Inspector Stuart Gordon provided an update for the quarter.

Major events for the quarter included a fatal road accident near Euston and a fatal House Boat accident in Euston.

Fatigue is the major issue on the roads

POLICE STATISTICS & UPDATES – Barrier Police District

Crime Statistics 3rd quarter 2018

From Wentworth through to Balranald there were only 95 jobs in the quarter broken down as follows;

There were a total of 25 incidents across the Balranald and Euston areas.

7 x Assaults

6 x Domestic

1 on a Police Officer

2 x Breaking & Entering both at Euston

11 x Stealings mostly opportunistic

5 x Malicious Damage incidents, including two windows broken on commercial properties in Balranald.

Overall these numbers have not increased over the last quarter.

7 people in custody with Drink Driving and Domestic Violence charges, these being the major issues.

Policing Actions Taken/To Be Undertaken;

Police Presence

143 x Business Inspections, (Licensed Premises Walk Throughs) all with very positive outcomes.

RBT is performing about 20 tests per shift averaging 6 prescribed concentrations of alcohol readings.

Highway Patrol will be in town this weekend and will possibly have drug testing equipment with them.

Permanent Drug Testing equipment has been approved and will be arriving shortly.

Michael Kitzelmann spoke about the accommodation village, approved for 550 people. Indicating that it is a dry camp, although the definition in this instance is they will not sell alcohol however the residents can bring alcohol back to their accommodation. All workers are drug and alcohol tested daily.

Superintendent Paul Smith advised that they had had very few problems with a similar camp just out of the Euston area. These were mostly confined to minor road incidents.

Michael Kitzelmann discussed his observations and his request to RMS to improve a dangerous intersection in Balranald being the corner of Market Street and the Sturt Hwy. The 90 degree turn has both trucks and caravans often overrunning the turn and going straight through the intersection as they are unable to navigate the turn in time.

Superintendent Paul Smith gave an update on staffing levels in the area.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for 8th March, 2019 at 2pm. To be held at the Euston Club.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 4:55pm..