REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON TUESDAY 29 JULY 2014 COMMENCING AT 2.12 PM

PRESENT: Cr Mannix, Narelle Tucker, Charmain Anton, Paul Hadlow, Trent Swinton, Besley Murry, Rev. Wally Johnson and Aaron Drenovski.

APOLOGIES: Whitney Kirby, Wyn Scott, Jonny Jackson, Robyn Johnson, Mayor O'Halloran.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Private hire Council facilities Letter provided by Local Police requesting that Council review the closing time for functions at Council buildings. This issue will be reported to the August Council meeting.
- b) Skate park General Manager advised that at the June Council meeting an update on the project was provided the current total budget is \$36,500 and the location of the skate park is to be within the Balranald Discovery Centre Complex. The grant funds must be spent by the end of the year and the intention is to build a section of the skate park with the available funds and seek grant funds in the future to complete the skate park.

POLICE STATISTICS AND UPDATE:

- Three malicious damage
- One offensive behaviour
- One break and enter
- Two assaults

Trent Swinton advised that he will work on a business case for additional officers to coincide with the new mines commencing. Trent and Aaron will discuss the anticipated commencement dates of the mines.

Trent will be able to advise at the next meeting who will be the new commander (currently at the interview stage).

ROUND TABLE:

Besley Murray – advised that he has been to the Mildura Court and the drug 'Ice' is a major issue. Further advised that there will be an information session at the Tooleybuc School on 12 August and if there is enough interest a bus would run from Balranald.

Aaron – advised that a report on the future of the Balranald Court House went to the July Council meeting. A letter from the Attorney General indicated that he was not prepared to relocate the Court House from the current location.

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Rev. Wally Johnson – great to see crime statistics pointing in the right direction, great to see the Highway Patrol out policing. Balranald Township is a pleasant town to live in, thanks to the police and the community. Commended the Council on the new paving works in the main street and that they are not slippery.

NEXT MEETING: 23 September 2014 at 2 pm

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.42 pm.

Recommendation that the report be received.