



Seeking community needs

COMMUNITY Services Minister Robyn McSweeney visited Narrogin last week, meeting with local stakeholders to discuss the provision of government services in the area.

As well as being the minister for Child Protection, Seniors, Volunteers and Women's Interests, Ms McSweeney said she had previously worked as a child protection officer, and had developed an understanding of the

issues confronting rural workers. Accompanied by Agricultural MLC Brian Ellis, the minister met with local workers from the department of child protection, as well as representatives of the Narrogin Aboriginal Community Reference Group and Town of Narrogin.

The town would "need time to heal" after the recent number of suicides among the town's indigenous community, she said.

"It must have been very traumatic for Narrogin for (them) to die so tragically," she said.

While steering clear of making a formal announcement, Ms McSweeney said that talking to locals was helping her to see what her departments could do for the community.

"There are a couple of programs I can see a need for, without re-inventing the wheel," she said.



Community Services Minister Robyn McSweeney and Agricultural Region MLC Brian Ellis, right, with Sen. Sgt Martin Vopez of Narrogin Police Station