

Wagga Wagga Local Command
Community Safety Precinct Committee Action Minute
Report to Crime Prevention Partnership [October - 2010](#)

Participating Agencies/Community members

Phil PINYON – Wagga Wagga City Council – General Manager –
Wayne GEALE – Wagga Wagga City Council – Mayor –
Paul FERNON – NSW Dept of Housing, Wagga Wagga –
Paul McFADYEN – ICC Indigenous Coordination Centre –
S/C Steve JOHNSON – NSW Police, Crime Prevention Wagga Wagga –
Sgt Ross JACKSON – NSW Police, Crime Co-Ordinator Wagga Wagga –
Edwina MARKS – Wagga Wagga City Council –
A/Insp Sandy GRREN – NSW Police, Crime Manager Wagga Wagga –

Apologies:

Kendal CLARKE – ICC Indigenous Community Council –
Paul HARDING – NSW Dept of Housing Wagga Wagga –
Darryl MAGUIRE – Member of Murrumbidgee
Supt David SIMMONS – NSW Police, Commander Wagga Wagga –
Det/Insp Rod SMITH – NSW Police, Crime Manager Wagga Wagga –
Sgt John AICHINGER – NSW Police, Highway Patrol –

Previous minutes & outstanding business:

Minutes accepted by Paul FERNON and seconded by Paul McFADYEN.

Skate Park - Lighting problems at the Skate Park have been addressed by council. It was discovered that the power box had been tampered with and the trees blocking the lights have been trimmed. Police have increased patrols of the area, as well as the malls.

Mayor GEALE informed the group that the 'new' Skate Park plans are finished and ready to go, depending on public consultation. The Skate Park is a known 'haunt' for some trouble youth to meet, who later filter into the malls. Generally late afternoon Thu – Fri – Sat is when the main problems occur. Police have increased patrols of the area and are currently running an operation to curve problems.

WWCC will look at addressing youth issues by creating activities at peak times during school holidays.

Mayor GEALE suggested the introduction of programs to run at Skate Park on Thurs night during warmer months.

WWCC explained that they will speak with the manager of Sturt Mall about issues with youth and co-ordinate programs.

ACTION: POLICE TO PROVIDE DATES/TIMES OF CRIME IN CBD (ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR) TO WWCC & DEPT OF HOUSING.

Equex Traffic – currently there is nil problems due to football season being finished and the netball courts are being replaced. Sgt AICHINGER will continue to speak with Traffic Management Committee in effort to improve traffic problems.

ACTION: SGT AICHINGER TO UPDATE PROGRESS.

Bolton Park traffic – During the winter months there was problems with vehicle and pedestrian traffic along Tarcutta Street.

WWCC were going to create an email/flyer to forward to sporting clubs, advising them of safety issues and illegal parking. Due to staff movements this was not able to be completed. Edwina MARKS will follow this up.

Aboriginal Transient Hostel – ICC updated the application process has stalled. ICC was informed that there will be no funding at the moment. Support will be given to the steering committee to seek assistance from other agencies and to look at alternative arrangements for accommodation.

The hostel was to provide support for transient indigenous people who come from other towns to Wagga to access service providers. The hostel focus will be on education and training. Further work will continue to get the hostel operating.

Lighting/CCTV – due to recent staff movements at WWCC, the progress of this is unknown. Former Mayor PASCOE & Terry DODDS attended the sites in question (Baylis/Morgan St & Baylis/Forsyth St), however both men have moved on. Looked at Gurwood Street sight as well. **ACTION: WWCC TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON LIGHTING.**

CCTV was discussed about businesses installing their own cameras outside their business and whether legally they are able to. Licensed Premises are covered under their license. Some development applications that Police respond to have conditions requesting CCTV are installed. WWCC wished to know the number of businesses in the CBD that have CCTV.

ACTION: S/C JOHNSON TO FOLLOW UP WITH ATTORNEY GENERALS ABOUT LEGALITIES OF CCTV.

ACTION: S/C JOHNSON TO SUPPLY BUSINESSES WITH CCTV TO WWCC.

DEPT OF HOUSING:

Bruce Street Store is still on the market. Purchase of the building was considered to utilise as a training centre for retail. This has been placed on the back burner, but another organisation might take this idea on. It would have to be a viable business, subject to a business plan.

Attorney Generals initiative "Design Out Crime" combined with UTS University Technology Sydney looks at environments that create crime and design around that.

The projects will be ready to work through in a couple of weeks. Possibly looking at closing of lane ways in Tolland, although some residents expressed that they require the lane ways to access shops, school, etc.

Mayor asked for designers to look at upcoming plans through 'design out crime'.

Dept of Housing to liaise with WWCC planners

General Business:

Development of Staunton Oval where urban design is used to address crime issues. Edwina MARKS to discuss this further with Phil PINYON.

Sgt JACKSON provided a break down on crime within Local Area Command, reporting that majority crime categories are stable at the moment, however with the warmer months upon us, crime historically rises.

Phil PINYON mentioned that the brothel in Riedell Street, Wagga Wagga might be currently operating as a strip club. WWCC planning has looked into this.

ACTION: SGT TURNEY TO MAKE ENQUIRIES.

ICC provided a snap shot of building stronger communities Wagga model. Explained that community hubs are in Tolland, Mt Austin (WW elders group work out of there at old guide hall), Kooringal and Ashmont. Kooringal does not have anything at the moment – waiting on a couple of houses.

Attempting to develop Youth Committees at each hub to have involvement from youth.

Paul McFADYEN said priorities over the next 6 months; Re-inventing the 'Walking Bus' (volunteers walk along the street picking up kids along the way to school - pied piper affect). All agencies are invited to assist with the 'Walking Bus' by participating when they can, offering support to community members.

Aboriginal Community Justice looking at getting a bus at night to get aboriginal youth off the street (not part of building stronger communities).

Mayor GEALE asked the question to the Committee, "how viable is a proper youth centre needed for WW?" This would be a centre where PCYC work out of, a place where kids can be entertained through music and games.

A/INSP GREEN commented that Coffs Harbour did a program where youth were engaged in PCYC. A man showed kids how to build a boat and from that kids joined TAFE and got jobs.

Next meeting to be advised.