

Tamworth Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting 17 November, 2009 – Tamworth Regional Council Chambers

Present: Mr James Treloar, Mayor Tamworth Regional Council, Cr Warren Woodley, Bruce Mercer, Tamworth Regional Council, Ms Ruythe Dufty, Dept of Education, Mr Jeff Mills, Dept of Housing, John Begley, Mr Roger Rumble Tamworth & District Liquor Accord, Mrs Natalie Flemming & Ms Anna Richards – Chamber of Commerce, Insp Fred Trench, S/C Jen Ridley, Constable Georgia Harvey, Mrs Jill Smith – Executive Officer NSW Police

Apologies: Superintendent Clint Pheeneey, Mr Peter Draper, MP, Ms Pat Varley – Coledale Community Centre

Meeting commenced: 10.10am

Welcome by Inspector Trench

Minutes from previous meeting deemed to be true and correct – Cr Woodley

Action items from previous meeting

School visit- Const Harvey to arrange a suitable time this week for Mr Draper to attend a school visit with her.

Overview of crime in Tamworth given by Senior Constable Ridley - Oxley LAC. (Handout provided.)

Mr Begley has asked for statistics of PCA to be brought to the next meeting so he can then take it to the Liquor Accord Meetings.

Action: Include PCA crime charts for next meeting.

Action: Cr Woodley requested a breakdown of figures for next meeting into main offences:

- Assaults – where they take place (criminal activity)
- Alcohol related incidents and location
- BE&S locations
- Drug Detection – locations
- Malicious damage – locations
- Sexual assault – locations

Cr Woodley congratulated the Police Force on drug detection in the Oxley LAC over recent years.

General Business:

Cr Woodley – discussed issues of concern relating to malicious damage, specifically he cited an incident in Brisbane Street – damage to a front fence. When the person tried to report the damage – police not interested – photos produced by Cr Woodley.

Action: This issue to be pursued by Insp Trench.

Information provided by Insp Trench re Police Assistance Line – suggestion that this information be provided on mail information distributed by Mr Draper's office.

Action: Jill Smith to check status of information gathered by Mr Draper re Community Survey

Action: Insp O'Reilly to liaise with Gray Cockshead to obtain survey information.

Mr Rumble – People consuming alcohol on the streets is of concern.

Discussions re drug / alcohol education within the schools

Ms Dufty – advised there is a mandated 25 hour course for Year 11 students which covers drug and alcohol education.

Mr Rumble – informed the meeting he had heard of a program in the Newcastle area which is being trialled on alcohol education in Hotels with the Licensee's before opening hours which is proving to be successful – obligations and fines discussed. Proactive measure.

Const. Harvey – Gave an overview on Youth Crime and education available to try and prevent youth crime. Only a minority of teenagers are involved in Youth Crime.

Ms Dufty – Discussion on problems in schools and measures being taken by Education and Police to address issues. Parent Workshops could be considered.

Meeting Closed 10.50am **Next Meeting – 23 March 11am**