CONFIRMED PRESENTATIONS (as of 23 January 2014)

**Kings Cross – place based interventions**

**Kate O’Connor – Night Time City Manager, City of Sydney**

A presentation about the numerous interventions by local and state government and business to address alcohol related violence in Kings Cross, Sydney.

**Reducing Alcohol Related Harms in the City of Newcastle – Impacts of restrictions and collaborative, holistic approaches**

**Cassandra Kanitz, Community Safety Coordinator, City of Newcastle and Sergeant Wayne Buck, Licensing Unit, Newcastle City LAC, New South Wales Police Force**

This presentation will include an overview of the work of Newcastle Local Area Command and Council to reduce alcohol related harms in the City of Newcastle. It will discuss the action taken by Police which resulted in the enforcement of restrictions on 14 licensed premises in Newcastle and the subsequent 37% decrease in alcohol related assaults over the following 12 months. Cassandra Kanitz will provide an outline of Council’s involvement in alcohol management activities including the development and implementation of Council’s Safe Newcastle Alcohol Management Strategy 2010-2013. The presentation will highlight some of the most successful initiatives of the AMS including the Licensed Premises Reference Group and the Walk Smart safer pedestrian pathways project.

**Crime Prevention through Building Community and Developing Partnerships**

**Alan Blackshaw, Coordinator Community Development, Shoalhaven City Council**

Community safety as the responsibility of the whole community and not only the Police or government. This approach to safety and crime prevention relies strongly on developing strong partnerships and building cohesive community.

This presentation will focus on the development of this approach to community safety and crime prevention in the Shoalhaven local government area. The approach used represents a strengths/assets based community development philosophy.

In March of 2008 Shoalhaven City Council received a grant of $150,000 to install 18 CCTV cameras in the Nowra CBD. The Council was restricted in applying for greater funds as an active partnership had not been developed to enable access to higher amounts of funding.

Council’s involvement in crime prevention was restricted to staff attending a community crime prevention meeting.

The installation of CCTV represented the first steps in Council becoming more involved in a holistic approach to community safety and crime prevention.

This approach includes:

- Community Partnerships monthly meetings between Council staff and Police to develop an active partnership;
- A community project to raise funds and sponsorship for the purchase of a Crime Prevention Van to be used by the Police;
- The involvement of Police in community events and activities;
- Joint community building activities, on a needs basis, between Council, Police, Housing NSW and other agencies;
- The development of grass roots Community Pride groups with the focus on recognition of community assets and working to build stronger community.
Perceptions of Safety

Lisa Simone – Safe City Manager, City of Sydney

A presentation on current and new approaches on perceptions of safety data to achieve an integrated picture of perceived crime and safety issues versus actual crime/safety incidents.

Toowoomba City Safe Program – The Journey

Frank Reimann, City Safe Coordinator, Toowoomba Regional Council and Geoff McDonald, Councillor, Toowoomba Regional Council

It has been 20 years since the inception of The Toowoomba City Safe Program. The program was introduced to enhance the public safety and wellbeing of citizens and visitors to the city of Toowoomba and is one of the longest running CCTV programs in Queensland. The program is a partnership between the Queensland Police Service and the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC).

After initial planning, a report was submitted to Council in May 1994 and approval for the project was given in the 1994/1995 budget. Installation began in late August 1994 with the first camera becoming operational in January 1995.

The Toowoomba City Safe Program was officially launched on Monday 31 July 1995 with 13 Pan/Tilt/Zoom (PTZ) and nine fixed cameras and has since grown to 44 PTZ and 12 fixed cameras.

Annual operational budget is currently $220K per annum and approximately $1.2M has been invested in infrastructure for the system over the life of the project. TRC would like to share our experience with current and intending users of similar CCTV programs

The presentation will include the following:

- Initial Planning
- Original and present equipment
- Review process
- Data recorded since July 1995
- Incident types
- When they occurred (time and day of week)
- Other program initiatives
- Requirements for a successful program
- Future direction

Northland Precinct Action Group – making community safety everyone’s business

Jess Fraser, Community Wellbeing Team Leader, Darebin City Council

Located in one of Darebin’s most disadvantaged neighbourhoods, with high levels of crime, anti-social behaviour amongst young people and low perceptions of safety the precinct surrounding the Northland Shopping Centre presents a challenging environment for centre management, Police and Council alike. Further to this, the lack of positive engagement between the centre and the community has continued challenge efforts to reduce the volume and nature of crime.

In 2013 for the first time since the centre opened, the Northland Precinct Action Group (NGAP) brought together all parties to address these ongoing concerns. The process has challenged each stakeholder to critique and look beyond their traditional role in the space. The process has identified the role each stakeholder can play in preventing the cause of these behaviours and not just continue to manage the symptoms, but still not compromise their core business.

While antisocial behaviour at shopping centres is not a new issue, the partnership has identified innovative ways across the crime prevention spectrum in which Council, Police, businesses and community can work together to reduce crime and improve safety for all and build a more positive and connected community.
Public perceptions and experiences of community-based crime prevention

Presentation: Neighbourhood Watch Australia

Over the past several decades discussions have been had about a declining sense of community and social cohesion within neighbourhoods. Neighbourhood Watch programs have been recommended as a feasible and attractive solution to crime-related neighbourhood conditions. Since its initial inception in the 1960's Neighbourhood Watch has grown to become the largest single organised crime prevention activity in the world.

Developing Guidelines for a Safer City

John Maynard – Safe City Project Manager

A presentation detailing the work the City of Sydney is doing on CPTED.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Joint presentation:

Superintendent David Scrimgeour, Commander, Youth Command, NSW Police
Chris Gardiner, CEO, Police Citizens Youth Clubs

CAMPUS SECURITY

Presentation:

Adam Byrne, Director, Campus Safety & Security and President, TERSEC (Tertiary Security Managers Association)

Presentation:

Professor Steve Allsop, Director, National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University

CCTV Use in Rockdale: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

Stephen Williamson, Community Services Safety Field Officer, Rockdale City Council

Stephen has over 20 years experience working in Local Government and Project Infrastructure. Currently overseeing the Safer City Program at Rockdale City Council, Stephen’s roles include working with Residents and Business to help make the City a Safer Place.

Part of this role also includes working with CCTV;

“I have chosen to participate at this conference to inform participants that by installing CCTV in certain areas doesn’t make the area safer.

It is not the role of Local Government to play Big Brother nor is it to police the state, the cost of CCTV installations can be expensive and while we work closely with various Government Agencies, installing CCTV Systems is not always the answer and should not be taken lightly. Consideration to other solutions should be given”

Rockdale Council CCTV program has developed over the last 10 years from The Good, The Bad & The Ugly.

Study, work and play safety in Sydney

Lisa Simone – Safe City Manager, City of Sydney

A presentation describing the role the City of Sydney plays in bringing together representatives from different organisations and members of our community to help create and maintain a liveable city for international students.