



# **COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

TUESDAY 16 MAY 2017 AT 9.30AM

CENTACARE NORTH QUEENSLAND, 410 ROSS RIVER ROAD, CRANBROOK

## Advisory Committee Members >>

Councillor Russ Cook	Committee Chair, Townsville City Council
Councillor Mark Molachino	Townsville City Council
Councillor Paul Jacob	Townsville City Council
Marthisa Andrews	Probation and Parole
Paul Cannon	Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
Dr Mark David Chong	Community Representative
Sandra Crosato-Matters	Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Babette Doherty	Victim Assist Queensland
Nicole Hynes	Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services
Kieran Keyes	Townsville Hospital and Health Service
Inspector Joe Kitching	Queensland Police Service
Paula La Rosa	Centacare North Queensland
Natalie Marr	Crime Stoppers - Townsville Area Volunteer Committee
Dave Olsen	Townsville Youth Justice Service Centre
Jan Pool	Community Representative
Nicole Purcell	Alcohol Tobacco and other Drug Services
Bruce Walker	Housing and Homelessness Services

### Non-member CSAC support role:

Jo Bentley-Davey	Meeting Facilitator, Townsville City Council
Glenys Hargreave	Governance Support Officer, Townsville City Council

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Townsville City Council would like to acknowledge the Bindal and Wulgurukaba peoples as Traditional Owners of the land on which our Council operates. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future and value the traditions, culture and aspirations of the first Australians of this land. We acknowledge and hold in great significance the valuable contribution that Traditional Owners have made and continue to make within the Townsville Community.

## Goals and Strategies of Townsville City Council >>

### Corporate Plan >>

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#### Goal 1 - Economic Sustainability. A robust, diverse and sustainable economy

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**A robust, prosperous economy which provides opportunities for business and investment.**

- 1.1 Promote investment and assist the development of emergent industries and businesses.
- 1.2 Engage with regional, state and national stakeholders in the creation of a strong and resilient economy.
- 1.3 Increase the city's profile through marketing initiatives, the delivery of festivals and events and support for other community based activities.
- 1.4 Promote the city's distinctive physical character and strong sense of place and identity.

**An integrated approach to long term planning which supports a growing city.**

- 1.5 Develop an integrated approach to the long term provision of infrastructure.
- 1.6 Undertake city and regional planning to reflect the aspirations of the community and create an attractive place to live, work and visit.

**Infrastructure that meets community needs.**

- 1.7 Provide and maintain timely and sustainable infrastructure.
- 1.8 Provide asset management practices which reflect the community's expectations regarding service levels and its ability to pay.

#### Goal 2 - Environmental Sustainability. Our environment is valued, protected and healthy

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**Effective management and protection of our natural and built environment through sustainable growth and development.**

- 2.1 Provide strategic and integrated planning and policy development to sustain our environment.
  - 2.2 Effective management, protection and conservation of our natural environment.
  - 2.3 Preserve and protect places of natural and heritage significance.
- Demonstrated environmental leadership.**
- 2.4 Develop and implement an Integrated Water Management Strategy.
  - 2.5 Develop and implement innovative waste management and recycling strategies.
  - 2.6 Minimise greenhouse gas emissions from council's infrastructure, operations and services through sustainable energy practices.
  - 2.7 Partner with the community and industry stakeholders to develop and promote environmental protection and sustainability initiatives.
  - 2.8 Develop and implement environmental compliance programs and promote community awareness.
- Climatic effects on our community, natural and built environment are minimised.**
- 2.9 Mitigate and communicate the risks and effects of climate change.

#### Goal 3 - Social Sustainability - Enhancement of opportunities for social engagement and wellbeing

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**A safe and healthy community.**

- 3.1 Improve the safety and well-being of the community through the management of public health risks.
- 3.2 Plan for and provide active and healthy lifestyle opportunities.
- 3.3 Coordinate council's response to natural disasters to minimise the effects on the community.

**A cohesive and self reliant community.**

- 3.4 Foster the development of the city as a learning community.
- 3.5 Encourage and facilitate the participation and integration of residents into the community.
- 3.6 Strengthen community networks to collaboratively deliver community services.

**A community with access to services and facilities.**

- 3.7 Plan for community facilities and services to meet the community's current and future needs.
- 3.8 Provide community services and facilities to meet the needs of the community.
- 3.9 Provide community support services to meet the needs of the community.

**A creative community.**

- 3.10 Facilitate and showcase artistic learning and expression through performances, exhibitions, activities and programs.
- 3.11 Support community participation in cultural activities, programs and events.

#### Goal 4 - Responsible Governance - Responsible leadership where decisions are made in a considered and transparent manner

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**Transparent and accountable local government.**

- 4.1 Develop and implement council's Corporate Governance Framework to ensure strategic planning, compliance with all legislation, policies, Codes of Practice and Standards.
- 4.2 Implement robust risk management strategies.
- 4.3 Encourage community participation and ensure that the community is informed and educated about matters that impact their lives.

**A competent, productive and contributing workforce.**

- 4.4 Foster a culture of employee health, safety and well-being.
- 4.5 Implement human resource strategies to become an employer of choice.
- 4.6 Foster diversity, merit and equity, reward and recognition in the workplace.

**Excellence in customer service delivery and organisational management.**

- 4.7 Provide responsive and efficient systems to enable the delivery of council services.
- 4.8 Establish and manage long term financial planning to ensure the future sustainability of council.

## Community Safety Advisory Committee

### Purpose of the Community Safety Advisory Committee

The Community Safety Advisory Committee is a community engagement body that will assist in identifying, and offering advice on current and emerging community safety and crime prevention concerns within the community, providing feedback on Council projects and initiatives relevant to the community.

The Community Safety Advisory Committee has been established in accordance with section 264 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* ("the Regulation").

### CSAC Member interaction with media:

Media (TV or newspaper agencies) may be in attendance at meetings and may wish to speak with committee members. It is important to be aware that as a member of the CSAC you are representing and speaking on behalf of your organisation. We would advise that you seek confirmation as to your organisation's media policies, and inform the Coordinator Community Planning & Development if you have any issues / concerns.

### 5.8.6 Audio or video recording of a meeting – as per Townsville City Council, Code of Meeting Practice

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A person is authorised to make an audio or video recording of the meeting if the Chairperson consents to the recording being made. A record of the Chairperson's consent made in the minutes of the meeting (or the report of a committee meeting) is "written consent" for the purposes of Section 35 of Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011.

**REPORT**                      **COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DATE**                        **Tuesday 16 May 2017**

**ITEMS**                      **1 to 6**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Russ Cook	Committee Chair, Townsville City Council
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**PROXY**

Paula Washington for Paula La Rosa	Centacare North Queensland
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**GUESTS**

Steve Palmer	Parks & Open Space Planner Infrastructure Services
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**APOLOGIES**

Babette Doherty	Victim Assist Queensland
Paul Cannon	Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
Inspector Joe Kitching	Queensland Police Service
Jan Pool	Community Representative

**NOT PRESENT**

Leeanne Small for Nicole Hynes	Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services
Nicole Purcell	Alcohol Tobacco and other Drug Services

## **Opening of meeting**

The Chair, Councillor R Cook opened the meeting at 9.34 am.

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

The Chair, Councillor R Cook, provided the Acknowledgement of Country.

## **Apologies and Leave of Absence**

Apologies and proxies were noted.

## **Member Update**

The Chair, Councillor R Cook, provided a members update. Two committee members, Torhild Parkinson and Moses Nelliman are no longer able to be members of the Community Safety Advisory Committee.

## **Committee Action:**

The Meeting Facilitator requested committee member's email through any recommendations of new members for consideration.

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

### **Action Register – Update on outstanding items (CSAC Meeting Facilitator)**

The CSAC Meeting Facilitator provided an update on the Action Register.

The Meeting Facilitator and Councillor R Cook advised the committee that the number of items submitted for discussion is lower than expected.

Councillor R Cook suggested media might be necessary to promote the committee to increase agenda items.

The committee agreed that once the Action Plan is established, members will be aware on what type of agenda items can be submitted for discussion.

The Meeting Facilitator reminded the committee that agenda items close 4 weeks prior to the meeting and if any urgent items need to be submitted they can be submitted via email directly to the facilitator.

The Meeting Facilitator thanked Centacare for hosting the next meeting on Wednesday 19 July.

**The Chair, Councillor R Cook invited guest speaker Steve Palmer to present to the committee.**

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. Guest Speaker: Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)**

Steve Palmer (Parks & Open Space Planner, Infrastructure Services Townsville City Council) provided the following information on CPTED:

- CPTED has been around since 1960
- CPTED principles and guidelines are available on the internet
- Three main concepts of CPTED

1. It is important that people in adjoining building space are able to see what is happening.
  2. Crimes against people and property is least likely to occur if there are other people around.
  3. It is important to give people safe choices, where to be and how to anticipate and respond to problems.
- CPTED incorporated in the Townsville City Plan (Reference: SC6.4.3.6.6)
  - Elements of CPTED - Casual opportunities and sightlines, land use mix and activity generators, defining use and ownership, exterior building design, lighting, way-finding and avoiding predictable routes and entrapment locations.
  - Active Council apps to report issues (Snap send solve and iCouncil)

**Councillor R Cook thanked Steve Palmer for the information on CPTED.**

## **2. Crime Stoppers Signage - Project Update**

Natalie Marr provided the following update on the Crime Stoppers Signage project.

Crime Stoppers have partnered with Townsville City Council to assemble 3D footpath Crime Stoppers signs throughout the city. The purpose of the signs is to promote Crime Stoppers and the 1800 333 000 number, promote anonymous reporting of crime and to thank the community for reporting crime. A Townsville City Council logo will be located on the signs.

Natalie advised that if any committee members wanted stickers or merchandise to contact her. Natalie advised that a list of matters raised at the next Crime Stoppers event will be presented back to the committee.

## **Morning Tea**

## **3. Reparation Partnership Project - TCC & Probation and Parole**

Marthisa Andrews, Probation Services Officer provided an overview of Probation and Parole and an update on the Reparation Partnership Project.

### **Overview of Probation and Parole**

- Probation and Parole goals
- Reparation Orders
- Probation and Parole responsibilities
- Benefits for community
- Benefits for Offenders
- Breaches and Contraventions

### **Townsville City Council has approved the Reparation Partnership Project**

- The project will start 25 May (each and every Thursday)
- 10 low risk offenders each week
- Rubbish and weed removal at Aplins weir
- QCS providing full supervision and transport
- QCS providing appropriate PPE
- Townsville City Council to provide inductions and provide resources
- Townsville City Council to provide ongoing community projects that benefit the whole of community

**Councillor P Jacob vacated the meeting during the above item.**

**4. Abandoned cars - Discussion to establish guidelines for communication between QPS and TCC re abandoned cars, legislation and options for removal of cars?**

Councillor R Cook provided an update on the abandoned cars issue and advised that the MOU between QPS and Council is currently being established. The MOU is being developed between QPS and Council to ensure abandoned cars are relocated to a safe location and reported to Council promptly to eliminate the abandoned car issue.

**5. Draft Action Plan**

The Meeting Facilitator and Councillor R Cook provided information to the committee to assist with developing the Draft Action Plan.

The Meeting Facilitator requested the committee's opinion of working groups within Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Keiran Keyes expressed that the committee should develop the Action Plan before establishing any working groups.

Natalie Marr asked if the committee can invite outside groups to give us ideas on what should be on the agenda.

Dave Olsen asked can the next Community Safety Advisory Committee be a workshop to develop the Action Plan.

Councillor R Cook advised that himself and the Meeting Facilitator next week to discuss the Draft Action Plan.

**Committee Actions:**

- The Meeting Facilitator to circulate the Draft Action Plan to committee members for review and to provide feedback prior the next Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting.
- Dr Mark David Chong to provide documents on Community Safety to the meeting facilitator to circulate to the committee prior to the next Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting.

**Kieran Keyes and Natalie Marr vacated the meeting during the above item.**

**General Business**

**(i) Radio Project**

Dr Mark David Chong provided an overview of a radio project he is currently working with Dr Amy Forbes that promotes good news stories of various crime prevention and rehabilitative initiatives on a local radio station. Dr Mark requested feedback from the committee if they would support the project.

Dr Mark David Chong explained the fifteen minute radio program would talk about some of the controversial crime issues in the region and a segment for positive stories. Dr Mark David Chong advised that his current segment on youth crime is currently being edited; if it's liked by the local radio station then Dr Mark David Chong will seek stories from the committee.

**Committee Action:**

The committee supported Dr Mark David Chong's recommendation to promote crime related stories from the committee on a local radio station.



**Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 March 2017 to be a true record of the meeting.

**Next meeting – Wednesday 19 July 2017**

**Venue - Centacare North Queensland, 410 Ross River Road**

**Agenda items due - Wednesday 21 June 2017**

**The meeting closed at 12.04pm.**

**COUNCILLOR R COOK  
CHAIR**