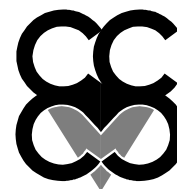


### 3. SAFER CHRISTCHURCH



The following report is from Yvonne Palmer and Safer Christchurch:

Safer Christchurch reports the following activities, information and progress on projects.

#### Projects

Safer Christchurch received funding from the Crime Prevention Unit for three identified and approved programmes they are:

- Young People at Risk
- Pathway to Offending
- Bus Exchange Safety Survey.

All programmes have had members of the project teams identified and work has commenced on all of the programmes.

The Young People at Risk programme has been contracted to YCD with the first evaluation having been completed by Dr Lesley MacGibbon and received by Safer Christchurch. This evaluation looked at the work that was previously done and what changes were needed to keep the young people at risk safe. Three people have been employed as Street Youth Workers who are providing a very good service. A further evaluation will be carried out in December of the work that has progressed since the commencement of the street workers.

Pathway to Offending is about to contract a researcher that has worked in the environments that this programme needs to have research on. Councillor Alister James is one of the project team members and the Youth Justice Forum that he held recently has enabled this project to move forward quickly as this type of forum was identified as part of the programme.

The Bus Exchange project team has met on site with staff from the bus exchange. Some members of the project team have held a further meeting with CCC staff, ECan staff, Bus Exchange, and Police. City Streets and Property staff have gone away to look at the concerns of the project team. Many of the issues are Crime Prevention through environmental design matters and can only improve people feeling safe at the bus exchange.

#### Crime Prevention Review

The report of the Review of the Safer Community Council Network: Future Directions has been completed and circulated separately. An update will be provided at the meeting.

#### Crime Prevention Outputs

Safer Christchurch has received from the CPU office a document listing all the outputs of funding nationally. A copy of this document has been circulated separately.

#### Annual General Meeting

On advice of the CPU adviser to Safer Christchurch the AGM has been delayed until 19 November 2003 at 12pm in the Councillors' Lounge. Invitations have been sent to elected members, government agencies, organisations and members of the public. In delaying the AGM Safer Christchurch hoped that the new structure will be available and able to be considered should changes need to take place.

#### E-News

Safer Christchurch has introduced E-News to communicate to over 52 agencies, organisations, individuals and elected members of safety programmes and issues happening in our city and communities.

This communication has been well received and it has been a good way to communicate with people throughout the city.

### **Safer Wellington Presentation**

Laurie Gabites will be presenting a presentation of the way Safer Wellington works, and the initiatives and programmes that recently won the LG award. This presentation will be held on Wednesday 5 November at 12.00pm. Invitations have been sent out and members of this committee will find his presentation worthwhile hearing and the huge decrease of crime in the inner city since they commenced these initiatives. Safer Wellington also gave a presentation at the LGNZ Conference in Queenstown.

### **Safer Christchurch Profile**

Since the employment of a Co-ordinator, Safer Christchurch has been raising the profile of the organisation and meeting with agencies, organisations, and community meetings in the city.

### **Meeting with Mayor**

Nick Scott Chair of Safer Christchurch and the Co-ordinator met with the Mayor recently and updated him on the activities and projects of Safer Christchurch. Resulting from this a meeting has been held with Mary Richardson to talk about a strategy for Safer Christchurch and the council.

### **Bus Exchange Trespass Orders**

There have been several concerns expressed to Safer Christchurch regarding the two-year time frame for members of the community who have been issued with a bus exchange trespass order. This two year time frame appears to be quite harsh for those who are our bus users and the impacts that it has on them even being in the vicinity of the bus exchange. Safer Christchurch wish to facilitate a meeting with the Bus Exchange staff, Police and other agencies to discuss the possibility of a shorter time frame for people who receive trespass notices for the first time.

### **Alcohol Evaluation**

Dr Lesley MacGibbon was contracted to prepare an evaluation of the City Council's evaluation. This evaluation has been distributed and a copy is available from Safer Christchurch. Police have been carrying out very successful operations in trying to reduce the alcohol offences in the inner city. Safer Christchurch would recommend that an evaluation be carried out after the first year has been completed of the alcohol ban.