

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(c) Senior Constable Chris Davies, Police Update

Constable Davies reported that tagging is a real issue in the community despite the vigilant efforts of the police, local residents and the Council to reduce and eliminate this problem. There is also an increase in broken bus shelters. The Safe Centre is well used at night which offers many youth somewhere to go rather than on the streets. Taggers can be charged with wilful and intentional damage, which incurs a \$1,000 fine and/or three months imprisonment. This applies to people aged 17 years and older and most taggers are about 14 years old. Constable Davies also reported that as of 15 April 2002 the community boundaries will change reducing the community constables for this area from 7 to 5.

The Chairperson acknowledged and thanked the community constables for their efforts in the local community.