

CHD NEWS

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News from the Directors

The end of 2008 proved to be frenetic. Beyond the array of projects being undertaken by CHD Partners, we were also involved in the following:

- We co-sponsored (with SJB Architects) a presentation by Professor Paul Ekblom. Paul's presentation ('Thinking thief, thinking designer - designing crime from places and products') was hosted by the Sydney Institute of Criminology and attracted over 100 people. Paul's visit to Australia was made possible by the Australian Institute of Criminology. Paul's presentation is available from our Crime Prevention Practitioner's Network web page - <http://www.chdpartners.com.au/cppnetwork/cppnetwork.asp>
- We were delighted to participate in career forums at the University of NSW and the University of Sydney toward the end of 2008. These events provided the opportunity for criminology and criminal law students to learn about different career options.
- A series of new resources were in development at the end of 2008. The first of these resources, CPTED posters have now been released (see Hot Off the Press for more information). New Fact Sheets on Armed Robbery, a new Offence Briefing Series, notebook cards for security guards and a Preventing Conflict with Young People poster are just some of the resources due to be released in March 2009. These resources add to our 32 Fact Sheet titles and Induction package for Crime Prevention Committees, which have long been freely available from our website (www.chdpartners.com.au).

- We have conducted a summer internship program for three criminology students. These students have been introduced to various elements of the criminal justice system and been challenged to consider ways of preventing crime in particular communities / locations. Numerous people have generously given of their time, including (but not limited to) Patrick Shepherdson (NSW Crime Prevention Division), John Maynard (City of Sydney), David Kirwan (Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre), Deb Follers (NSW Housing), Adaw Haddow and Alison McCabe (SJB Architects / SJB Planning) and Rana Al-Hinti (NSW Police Force). The generosity of these people ensured that the internship program was a great success.

We are looking forward to a very active and productive 2009. Having submitted our application to become a registered training organisation, expanded the pool of consultants engaged in various projects and developed a series of new crime prevention resources, it is with great enthusiasm that we begin 2009.

Mick Huggett and Garner Clancey (Directors, CHD Partners)

Beyond these internal developments, there have been numerous activities of great interest to crime prevention practitioners. The following are some of the highlights from recent months.

New Funding Opportunities

A number of funding schemes have recently opened. The most significant is for Crime Prevention projects funded under the Commonwealth Proceeds of Crime Act. Details and relevant forms

Hot Off the Press

CPTED Posters

CHD Partners recently released three crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) posters. Each A2 poster contains a series of images that are accompanied by a brief explanation. The poster titles include - Access Control and Territorial Reinforcement, Natural Surveillance and Space Management. These posters can be used in training and learning situations and are of relevance to planning, architecture, policing, security and criminal justice personnel.

Please contact Garner if you would like an order form for these posters - garner@chdpartners.com.au

are available from www.crimeprevention.gov.au

Further to this national funding scheme, there have been two NSW specific funding opportunities recently advertised, including the NSW Law and Justice Foundation and NRMA Community Grants. Information can be obtained from the respective websites.

NSW Crime Prevention Framework

In 2008 the NSW Government developed a new, first of its kind, Crime Prevention Framework for NSW. The goal of the framework is to strengthen and coordinate the approach to both state and local level situational crime prevention initiatives that also works towards meeting the crime reduction targets of the NSW State Plan. On a state wide level, the coordination of crime prevention is situated with the Crime Prevention Steering Group. Executive officers from the Attorney General's Department, NSW Police Force

and Department of Premier and Cabinet comprise the group.

The groups' role is extensive and broadly includes the following key responsibilities:

- Improving co-ordination and cooperation between Government and non-Government agencies on crime prevention issues;
- Coordinating crime prevention funding sources;
- Strengthening local crime prevention practices through guiding the development of newly devised Crime Prevention Partnerships (CPP) and their subsequent Action Plans in priority Local Area Commands (LAC), as well as overseeing the continuation of the development of Safer Community Compacts in areas where CPPs do not exist;
- Coordinating all other situational crime prevention initiatives throughout NSW;
- Ensuring that stakeholder and community representative groups are adequately consulted through the establishment of Community Safety Precinct Committees across all NSW LACs.

The introduction of CPPs presents new direction for local crime prevention planning, bringing increased governance and coordination to interagency responses to crime prevention in NSW. CPPs are a partnership between local council, local police, relevant state Government agencies and other relevant local groups. They are responsible for coordinating crime prevention planning in the area and meet on a monthly basis to develop CPP Action plans which align their crime prevention objectives with the targets set by the steering group. Further information about CPPs, their establishment and maintenance can be downloaded from - http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/cpd/ll_cpdiv.nsf/pages/CPD_policies

In areas where CPPs are not established, the development of Safer Community Compacts continues to be the primary form of crime prevention planning at a local level. Revised crime prevention planning guidelines released by the Attorney General's can be viewed at: <http://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au>.

NSW State Plan – Updates

The NSW State Plan (released November 2006) sets priorities for government for the next 10 years. Regular updates are provided showing performance against specific targets. An update was recently released for Priority R1 – Reduced Rates of Crime. Figures suggest that there was a slight increase for property crime in 2008, but a further reduction in violent offences (which fell below the State Plan target in 2008). Information about initiatives linked to these targets can be found at -

<http://www.nsw.gov.au/stateplan/index.aspx?id=80e11b58-3fdd-4be4-a453-7276bb8947f0>

New Report – Policing Alcohol-Related Violence

Professor Jenny Fleming from the Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies recently published the 'Rules of Engagement: Policing Anti-social Behaviour and Alcohol-related Violence in and Around Licensed Premises' report. This report draws on interviews with police personnel across Australia, observations made at liquor accord events, observations of police 'ride-alongs' and information derived from a literature review. Three themes emerging from this research are:

- A general shift in enforcement from patron to premise
- A shift away from a decentralised law enforcement approach to a centralised approach
- Greater use of partnership approaches

This report can be found at -

http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/bocsar/ll_bocsar.nsf/pages/bocsar_index

New Report – Rights of Passage: The Experience of Australian-Sudanese Young People

Young refugees face a host of re-settlement challenges. This report by the Victorian Equal Opportunities and Human Rights Commission provides a detailed analysis of young Australian-

Sudanese people in Dandenong, Victoria. The insights offered from interviews and consultations held with young Australian-Sudanese people are of relevance to law enforcement, local government and security personnel. For example, the natural tendency to stick together and to travel in groups for safety, is highlighted as potentially fuelling speculation about youth gangs.

The report can be accessed at -

<http://www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/news%20and%20events/media%20releases/20081217.asp>

Keep a Look Out – New Private Security Book

Practitioners interested in private security should keep an eye out for the release of the second edition of the 'The Law of Private Security in Australia' book by Rick Sarre and Tim Prenzler. The second edition of this book is due for a release this year. The first edition contained statistics, case law and analysis of the regulatory frameworks for private security across Australian jurisdictions. The volume of information captured and the commentary provided on private security had not been attempted prior to the release of this excellent book. Thus, the second edition is expected to further add to our understanding of these complex issues.

Conference Proceedings – Critical Criminology Conference

The University of NSW hosted the 2008 Critical Criminology Conference. This free conference brought together critical criminologists from (mostly) across Australia, with research interests including CCTV in public places, human trafficking, incarceration of Indigenous people, fear of crime and border protection (amongst other things). A book of conference proceedings has been published, with 20 conference papers included in this book.

The book can be accessed at -

<http://www.cjrn.unsw.edu.au/critcrimproceedings2008.pdf>

Conferences

A number of interesting conferences are scheduled for different parts of the world in 2009. Some of those that might be of greatest interest to crime prevention practitioners include the following:

Campbell Collaboration Conference

The Campbell Collaboration (C2) helps people make well-informed decisions by preparing, maintaining and disseminating systematic reviews in education, crime and justice, and social welfare. The Campbell Collaboration is hosting a conference in Oslo, Norway between 18 and 20 May, 2009. Better Evidence for a Better World is the title of the conference. Further information about the conference can be obtained at <http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/Colloquium/Colloquium.shtml>

International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) Conference

The ICPC is conducting a conference in Montreal, Canada between 19 and 21 October 2009. The conference, 'Crime Prevention Across the World: Taking Stock, Evaluation and Future Perspectives' will bring together crime prevention experts from across the world. Abstracts can be submitted for this conference until 30 March 2009. Further information about this conference can be located at - <http://www.crime-prevention-intl.org/>

Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) Conferences

The AIC are hosting two conferences in the first half of 2009. The first of these, 'Making a Difference: Responding to need in developing, implementing and evaluating correctional programs', will be held in Melbourne between 5 and 6 March, 2009. Further information about this conference can be found at - <http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/corrections/index.html>

The second AIC conference in the first half of 2009 will be held in Sydney on 1 and 2 April 2009. The conference is on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and will be of interest to security, policing and government personnel. Further

information regarding this conference can be found at - http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/2009-anti-money_laundering/

Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) Conference

The annual ANZSOC conference will be held in Perth in November 2009. This annual conference brings together practitioners, academics, policy makers and others interested in criminology and criminal justice. Information will be posted on the ANZSOC website (<http://www.anzsoc.org/>) about this conference throughout the year.

Keeping on Top of the Research

Practitioners should strive to stay abreast of relevant research and developments. There are a number of ways that relevant information can be quickly gleaned about the latest research, including the following:

CrimNet

The Sydney Institute of Criminology (University of Sydney) hosts the CrimNet subscriber list. Regular emails summarising key recent developments are regularly circulated to subscribers. These emails advertise jobs, promote newly released publications and advertise events / conferences. For directions about how to join, go to - <http://www.criminology.law.usyd.edu.au/crimnet.htm>

AIC Alerts

The AIC operates a current awareness alert system for 12 separate topics (including crime prevention, sexual assault, juvenile justice, Indigenous justice, and drugs). By joining, you can receive regular emails listing the latest research titles to be released associated with these topics.

More information about this awareness alert system can be found at - <http://www.aic.gov.au/library/alerts/>

NSW Community Builders Website

The NSW Community Builders website (<http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/>) provides a clearinghouse of information on community development, volunteering, place management and

safe and healthy communities. Various email lists also operate, which provide regular updates on events, funding opportunities and other issues.

International CPTED Association

The International Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Association accepts members from across the world. Membership is a mere \$50US per year. The Association conducts conferences, provides access to relevant resources and generates a newsletter. Through these measures, it is possible to keep abreast of developments associated with CPTED and related disciplines.

SafeGrowth Blog

Greg Saville, a criminologist and urban planner, has established a blog for people interested in designing out crime. This blog can be found at - <http://www.safe-growth.blogspot.com/> It provides current analysis of emerging trends and issues, including the potential consequences of the world financial crisis on crime rates.

Interesting Websites

There are a number of interesting crime prevention and security related websites that are worth reviewing periodically. Some of these include:

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/index.html>

UCL Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science
<http://www.jdi.ucl.ac.uk/>

New Zealand Crime Prevention Unit
<http://www.justice.govt.nz/cpu/>

Centre for Problem Orientated Policing
<http://www.popcenter.org/>

Project in the Spotlight

Creative Solutions to Local Crime Training

Fairfield City Council contracted Garner Clancey to deliver one-day training sessions to council staff on 'Creative Solutions to Local Crime'. These training sessions proved to be very successful. The following comments were collected through the evaluation process:

- "FAB – interesting, useful, immediately applicable, great to work with a multi-disciplinary team".
- "Very enjoyable and informative".
- "Really relevant. Most engaging training I've done in the last 5 years. Thanks".
- "It was great – would recommend to others".
- "Thoroughly enjoyed – well presented and highly enlightening".
- "Absolutely awesome. I am very keen on pursuing more training and exploring the issues practically".
- "Excellent; comprehensive, balanced and participatory".

The training covered the following topics:

- Understanding local crime data
- Models of crime prevention
- Introduction to crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)
- Conducting a community safety audit

Considerations for Ethical Evaluations - Written by Olivia Kidon

Ethical considerations that arise during the completion of evaluation projects often present a grey area. A useful resource titled the *Guidelines for the Ethical Conduct of Evaluations* was endorsed by the Board of the Australasian Evaluation Society in 1997, most recently revised in 2006, and has since been used by organisations for training purposes as well as to inform their own evaluation policies. The guidelines provide a framework for the discussion of ethics in evaluation which include important considerations such as:

Preparing for an evaluation:

- Preparing project briefing documents
- Identifying limitations including potential risks and harms
- Developing contractual agreements between parties
- Identifying prospective conflict of interest

Conducting an evaluation

- Developing information letters for participants
- Obtaining informed consent
- Maintaining confidentiality

Reporting evaluation findings

- Reporting clearly, comprehensively and fairly
- Identifying sources and making appropriate acknowledgements

A complete version of the guidelines, as well as other evaluation related information, can be downloaded from: <http://www.aes.asn.au/>.

Further information on ethical considerations in criminological related research can be found in the *Ethics and Governance of Criminological Research in Australia* report. See [http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/bocsar/ll_bocsar.nsf/vwFiles/R55.pdf/\\$file/R55.pdf](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/bocsar/ll_bocsar.nsf/vwFiles/R55.pdf/$file/R55.pdf).

The report explores the challenges and major ethical issues facing those conducting research in criminology and related disciplines. Key concerns include: sensitive subject matters; vulnerability of research participants (in particular children, young people and Indigenous populations); attitudes of criminal justice institutions; the powerful position of corporate and state bodies that can make investigating their activities difficult; the insensitivity of research ethics governance, as well as the ethical issues associated with confidentiality, privacy, informed consent, harms and benefits, conflict of interest and researcher safety.

A Selection of Current CHD Partners' Projects

Title	Project Description
CCTV Project	The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) has recently contracted CHD Partners to work on the development of guidelines for the use of closed circuit television (CCTV) systems in public places.
Certificate IV in Security Risk Assessment	We currently deliver the Certificate IV in Security Risk Assessment in conjunction with another training organization. We are currently running courses for security personnel to assist them gain the Certificate IV qualification.
Young People as Victims of Crime	CHD Partners and the Youth Affairs Council of South Australia (YACSA) were jointly successful in a proposal to develop a peer education package for young people. This package will seek to equip young people with appropriate knowledge and information to help them avoid becoming a victim of crime and to report instances where they are victims of crime.
Vietnamese Offender Transition Program	DAMEC has contracted CHD Partners to evaluate a transition program from prison to the community for Vietnamese offenders. This evaluation involves analysis of crime data and interviews with program participants and project personnel.
Security Risk Assessment	CHD Partners are currently engaged in a number of security risk assessment projects. These projects are for diverse (intentionally unnamed) organisations. These projects employ a methodology to security risk assessment developed by CHD Partners based on AS/NZS 4360:2004 Risk Management and HB167:2006 – Handbook: Security Risk Management provisions.
NSW Police Force Project on Youth Crime	This project involves the development of a report on youth crime in NSW for the NSW Police Force. This project has involved the mapping of where young people come to police notice (by postcode) and reviewing data on interventions across NSW.
Training Materials for the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC)	We are currently developing training materials on cannabis for the youth and community sectors for NCPIC. This will ultimately result in the development of a self-paced learning package and a train-the trainer's package to be used nationally.
Granville Suspended Schools Project - Evaluation	We are evaluating an initiative designed to help young people at-risk of dropping out of school in the Granville area. This project involves establishing and analyzing various survey instruments and providing reports at various points to the funding body.
Campbelltown Perceptions of Crime Survey	Campbelltown City Council received some national funding for various crime prevention initiatives and we are assisting them to determine if these initiatives have any impact upon people's perceptions of crime through the use of an on-line survey.
Review of Dubbo Whole of Government Group	We are working with Sydney Leadership (Benevolent Society) on a review of the Dubbo Whole of Government Group and the Dubbo 2020 Vision.

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