

CHD NEWS

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News from the Directors

Since the last newsletter, there has been considerable exciting news for CHD Partners. Directors (Garner Clancey and Mick Huggett) have been involved in some significant projects and activities. The highlights include:

- CHD Partners have again been invited to present on the Property Council of Australia's Diploma of Shopping Centre Management course. This consolidates our involvement in this course.
- Garner was recently appointed to the NSW Young Offenders Advisory Council (YOAC). The YOAC reports to the NSW Attorney General and the NSW Minister for Juvenile Justice.
- Mick established a Security Practitioner's Network in the Newcastle and Hunter region. The most recent meeting included a presentation from Cameron Smith (NSW Security Industry Registry). Cameron provided an update on the ongoing reforms to the security industry.
- Garner presented a paper ('A Model for Prioritising Local Crime Problems') at the International Society of Criminology Conference in Barcelona, Spain in July and a paper ('Crime Prevention in NSW - 'New Moral Hygiene' or 'Transformative Potential?') at the Critical Criminology conference at the University of New South Wales.
- Garner (and Vanya King) represented CHD Partners at the recent Federal Criminal Justice Forum hosted by the Minister for Home Affairs Bob Debus. This forum brought together in excess of 150 legal, criminal law and criminal justice experts from across Australia.

- Mick finalised the application to become a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). This was a major undertaking which (when approved) will allow CHD Partners to conduct nationally accredited training.
- As a member of the National Executive of the Australian Crime Prevention Council (ACPC), Garner recently participated in the ACPC Executive meeting in Adelaide.
- Mick has been invited to speak at an internal conference of a national retailer on security risk.
- Garner has been invited to participate in career forums for criminology and law students at the University of Sydney and the University of NSW.

We are very pleased with these and the other numerous developments of CHD Partners and particularly want to thank the wonderful people involved in our project work. Vanya King, Michelle Weidenhofer, Don Robertson, Jenny Barga, Amanda Wilson, Olivia Usien, Mark Maguire, Sarah-Eastlake-Smith, Amanda Jradi, Pota Hatzopoulos, David Manion and Bob Adamson have all contributed to the considerable progress made by CHD Partners in recent months. We are very honoured to be able to work with such knowledgeable and committed individuals.

Mick Huggett and Garner Clancey

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.

International Crime Science Conference

The second International Crime Science conference was held in London in July 2008. Garner attended this conference

Hot Off the Press

Presentation / Xmas Drinks

CHD Partners is proud to be co-sponsoring a presentation by Professor Paul Ekblom on 5 December 2008. Titled 'Thinking thief, thinking designer - designing out crime from places and products', Prof. Ekblom's presentation will be of great interest to crime prevention practitioners. Following the formal presentation, there will be opportunity for informal socialising to celebrate the festive season. The event will be held at the University of Sydney Law School (173-175 Phillip Street, Sydney) and is being hosted by the Sydney Institute of Criminology. Please contact Garner if you are interested in attending - garner@chdpartners.com.au

and enjoyed presentations from some key international experts on policing, crime prevention through product design, CCTV systems, crime prevention, forensics and surveillance technologies (amongst others). Succinct summaries of papers from the conference can be found at:

<http://www.cscs.ucl.ac.uk/events-1/icsc>

International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC)

The ICPC recently released two major reports that provide comprehensive analysis of international developments in crime prevention. Both of these reports '*International Report on Crime Prevention and Community Safety: Trends and Perspectives*' and '*International Compendium of Crime Prevention Practices to Inspire Action Across the World*' include numerous

examples of effective localised crime prevention initiatives. These free reports can be downloaded from the ICPC website:

<http://www.crime-prevention-intl.org/>

Burn DVD Launched

NSW Legal Aid Commission recently launched their 'Burn' DVD. This community legal education DVD depicts a group of young people jointly participating in the commission of a serious offence. The outstanding acting and excellent production contribute to this gripping story. The DVD is to be used to educate young people about in company offences and will be a very useful educational resource.

New Book – 21st Century Security and CPTED

Randall Atlas has produced this diverse text on crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) and security. While it is predominantly written for a north American audience, the book does provide some very useful insights. Perhaps of greatest benefit, Atlas combines architectural and security concepts, with particular attention on very specific features such as security lighting, design of car parks, safe design of green spaces and parks and various other locations / issues. The book will appeal and be directly relevant to practitioners working in the CPTED field.

New Book – Surveillance Unlimited

Keith Laidler has authored this wide ranging and accessible review of surveillance and its growth. Laidler sketches out some recent trends in surveillance, including reviewing national identity card debates. While covering some similar dystopian terrain as other publications on surveillance, Laidler concludes with a chapter on resisting the creep of surveillance. One aspect of resistance is the use of video recording of police and other agents of social control to highlight inappropriate practices. With the growth in surveillance, this book provides a timely reminder of potential uses.

Secure NSW

The NSW Government has developed a website that provides information and updates predominantly related to counter terrorism activities. The website contains information on the new NSW counter terrorism plan (which commenced 1 October 2008) and can be found at:

<https://www.secure.nsw.gov.au/>

Dropping Crime Rates in the US

A recent report released by the Justice Policy Institute in the US, suggested that: 'Areas with lower incarceration rates experienced greater crime reductions'. Click here to link to the full report (pdf) www.justicepolicy.org/images/upload/08-09_FAC_FBIUCR2007_AC-PS.pdf

AIC Report on the WA Crime Prevention Scheme

Jessica Anderson and Julie Tresidder from the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) have reported on their review of the Western Australian Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnerships Planning Process. This report provides an insight into the practical issues facing delivery of this scheme across WA. In particular, the report highlights the interest in professional development in crime prevention and the considerable focus on young people in prevention efforts.

The report can be freely accessed from: <http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/reports/2008-03-WACrimePrevention.pdf>

Armed Robbery – Security Insider Article

A recent article in *Security Insider* focuses on identifying prime targets for armed robbery. The article draws together data from the Australian Institute of Criminology's National Armed Robbery Monitoring Program (NARMP) and highlights common modus operandi for robberies in Australia. The article draws attention to the risks posed for those premises with late night trading hours. Moreover, the article highlights the relationship between the type of institution and the nature of the offending. For example, robberies of

banking and financial institutions tended to involve more offenders, older offenders and the use of weapons, compared with more opportunistic offending in service stations and take-away stores. Licensed venues tended to fall between these two extremes.

Information about this article can be found at the <http://www.asial.com.au/>

Some Interesting Facts and Figures:

In the course of our work, we come across numerous interesting facts and figures. Here are just some:

- According to the Crime and Safety Report (ABS, 2006) rental homes had a significantly higher break-in victimisation rate (4.7%) than homes that were owned or being purchased (2.9%)
- A 1998 ABS Crime and Safety survey found that 39.6% of homes owned or being purchased had sensor or external lighting compared with 15.2% of rental homes. Similarly, 17.5% of homes owned or being purchased had an alarm compared with 6% of rental properties. These figures in part explain the differential risk profile of owned versus rental properties.
- The Australian Crime Facts 2007 publication reports that 44% of females reported choosing not to walk alone in their local area after dark because they felt unsafe, compared with 7% of males (Australian Institute of Criminology, 2008).
- The National Household Survey on drug use reveals significant falls in reported drug use for survey respondents (aged 14 years and over). Respondents reporting recent illicit drug use fell from 22% in 1998 to 13.4% in 2007. Similarly, recent cannabis used fell from 17.9% to 9.1% and heroin use fell from 0.8% to 0.2% between 1998 and 2007.

These facts and figures have important implications for crime prevention.

Project in the Spotlight

Community Impact Statement (CIS)

(Project Team – Michelle Weidenhofer and Mick Huggett)

As of 1 July 2008, venues in NSW wanting a liquor licence or to alter their existing licence are required to undertake a Community Impact Statement (CIS). CHD Partners were contracted by Funky Café (Newtown) to complete a CIS on their behalf. This has required notifying residents and businesses within a 100 metre radius of the Funky Café, consulting with diverse local stakeholders / interest groups and liaising with the Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing (OLGR), the relevant local council, and the local police. After completing these steps, the application is ready to be lodged for the relevant licence to be granted. Given that this CIS commenced soon after the new requirements, Michelle has done a great job negotiating the new systems. Through this project we have been able to develop internal procedures to ensure that future CIS projects will run as smoothly as this one.

Some Project Management Tips

Much of our work is project-based. This requires good understanding of project management approaches. The following basic tips can help you irrespective of which industry or project you are involved with.

Step 1: Set the Direction

Before you start out, set the direction for the project. Do this by clearly identifying the project vision, goals and deliverables. State the overall timeframes for delivery and clarify the amount of resource available. Determine what is "in scope" and "out of scope". Identify the benefits and costs in delivering the project and any milestones and constraints.

Step 2: Task Selection

You are now ready to start planning. Identify the groups of tasks that need to be completed to build your project deliverables. Then for each group of tasks, breakdown those tasks into sub-tasks to create what is known as a "Work Breakdown Structure" (WBS). Your WBS is essentially a hierarchical list of tasks, in order. Assign start and end dates to each task, as well as task durations. Always add a little extra time (e.g. 10%) to your durations to cover all contingencies. Next add Milestones to your plan. These are tasks that represent major achievements along the way.

Step 3: Inter-linking

The next step is to add links (or dependencies) between project tasks. While there are a variety of link types, most Project Managers add "finish-to-start" links so that one task cannot start until another one finishes. To make your project achievable, only add links between tasks if there is a critical dependency between them. Remember, when one task slips, all tasks linked to it may slip as well. So use links wisely.

Step 4: Resource Assignment

Now comes the fun part, assigning resources. A "resource" may be a person, equipment, location or materials. Against each task in your plan, assign one or more resources required to complete it. As you assign resources, watch your resource utilization. In other words, make sure you don't over-assign a specific resource to multiple tasks, so that it's impossible for that resource to complete everything assigned to it.

Step 5: Baseline, Actuals and Reporting

With a fully completed project plan, you're now ready to save it as a "baseline", so that you can later compare your progress against it. Then start recording your actual progress against the plan. Every day, record the amount of time you've spent against each task. Also record the new planned start and finish dates, and monitor the overall project completion date. Report on progress as you go. By regularly updating the project plan with your progress, you can control the delivery of your project and meet those critical goals set.

A Selection of Current CHD Projects

Title	Project Description
Security Risk Assessment	CHD Partners are currently engaged in a number of security risk assessment projects. These projects are for diverse (intentionally unnamed) organizations. 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.
City of Sydney Scoping Report	We are in the process of finalizing a scoping report for the City of Sydney regarding their potential involvement in the development of training materials for security personnel attached at licensed venues in the City of Sydney Local Government Area (LGA).
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.
Sydney Institute of Criminology	CHD Partners has been contracted to undertake a feasibility study for the Sydney Institute of Criminology on professional development. This project has to date involved speaking with diverse stakeholders of the Institute to determine potential professional development needs.
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.
Creative Solutions to Local Crime Training	Fairfield City Council has engaged CHD Partners to deliver Creative Solutions for Local Crime Training. This training will help community members to participate in community safety audits in the Fairfield Local Government Area and to engage in local crime prevention activities.
Fairfield City Council Crime Prevention Plan	We are currently working with Fairfield City Council to develop a crime prevention plan for the LGA. This project follows our earlier work on the development of a comprehensive crime profile for the Fairfield LGA.
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.
PCYC Mobile Van – Evaluation	We have been evaluating the PCYC mobile van initiative for the past two years. This project has involved reviewing crime data, conducting internal surveys and stakeholder surveys associated with the deployment of two mobile vans. A total of three evaluation reports are being prepared for this project. The final report will be provided in late October 2008.
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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