

Hooning Taskforce meeting 30/09/2020 report

Item

1 **Chairpersons introduction:**

Introduction by chair – Cr Heremaia.

Attendees:

Taskforce Members

Cr Heremaia

Cr Frazer

Cr Hall

Cr Koranski

Cr Murphy

Inspector Tracy Dale – Queensland Police Service

Senior Sergeant Darren Smith – Queensland Police Service

Senior Sergeant Michael Leafe – Queensland Police Service

Acting Sergeant Luke Turner – Queensland Police Service

Justin Land - Department of Transport and Main Roads

Observers

Katie Barton-Harvey

Nick McGuire

Keely Larsen

Julie Campbell

Carl Bayer

Rebecca Smith

Zoe Krieg

External Visitor

Cr Jeff McConnell – Scenic Rim Council

Apologies:

Acting Chief Superintendent Mel Adams - Queensland Police Service

Acting Sergeant David Gibson – Queensland Police Service

Deva Naiker – Road Infrastructure Planning Branch Logan City Council

2 **Introductions:**

Each Taskforce Member and Observer introduced themselves to the group.

3 **Priorities:**

During the round table discussion, a number of ideas were put forward, which have subsequently been collated into the following priority areas:

Advocacy:

- Advocate for legislation change to place the onus on the owner of the vehicle to nominate the driver at the relevant time a hooning offence has been committed.
- Advocate for legislation change to ensure it becomes compulsory to destroy second hand tyres, making them unavailable to be used in hooning offences.
- Advocate for changes to the reporting of hooning (Hoon Hotline and online) to streamline the process and to ensure the complainant receives follow up communication.

Technology:

- Investigate possibility of working with the State Government to trial drones to track hooning vehicles in Logan (Note: This relates to a Labor state government commitment and will be dependent on the outcomes of the upcoming state election).
- Dependent on outcomes of advocacy items listed above, investigate enhancements to the current cameras used by the Logan Safety Camera Program to capture hooning behaviour. It is noted that current legislation limits the efficacy of camera technology in its ability to assist with the prosecution of hooning.
- In partnership with the Queensland Police Service, strategic placement of cameras in order to capture intelligence on offenders when they enter and leave an identified hooning area.
- To increase information sharing in regards to hooning, creation of a local server in which the Queensland Police Service and Logan City Council can drop information/footage to be shared across both organisations.

Target hardening:

- Investigate the feasibility of installing signage (No Standing etc.) in known hooning areas to allow police to enforce traffic laws and disrupt hooning activity.
- Investigate the feasibility of installing traffic calming devices (e.g. speed bumps) in known gathering areas – lowered cars unable to enter.
- Investigate the feasibility of installing concrete barriers to reduce the room available to undertake hooning behaviour.
- Investigate the feasibility of installing anti-hooning bitumen.

Education:

- Increased education of community members on importance of reporting hooning – capturing offenders and adding to known intelligence on hot spots and offenders.
- Marketing campaigns aimed at educating the community and encouraging them to report hooning behaviour.
- Use information gleaned from the community through reported incidents of hooning, CCTV and photos to enhance current intelligence.
- Media stories to highlight the work of the Hooning Taskforce, including:
 - Advocacy for legislation change and any outcomes of this advocacy work.
 - Target hardening work undertaken to limit opportunities for hooning to take place.
 - Education campaigns by the Taskforce.
 - Policing operations targeting hooning.
- Educate the community on the current laws and undertake an education campaign in the event that legislation changes.

Enforcement:

- Police operations targeted at known hooning hot spots.
- Joint operations between the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Transport and Main Roads targeting known hot spots and offenders.
- Using intelligence to ensure that evidence based strategies are used to optimise use of available resources.

4 Meeting Closed.