

Hooning Taskforce Meeting 17/02/2021 Report

Item

1 Welcome and apologies

Attendees:

Taskforce Members

Cr Jacob Heremaia – Logan City Council

Cr Tim Frazer – Logan City Council

Cr Tony Hall – Logan City Council

Cr Laurie Koranski – Logan City Council

Cr Karen Murphy – Logan City Council

Senior Sergeant Darren Smith – Queensland Police Service

Chris Arama – Department of Transport and Main Roads

Observers

Katie Barton-Harvey – Logan City Council, Director Community Services

Nick McGuire – Logan City Council, Community Services Manager

Julie Campbell – Logan City Council, Community Safety Officer

Jacqui Molensen – Logan City Council, Marketing and Events Manager

Cath MacDonald – Logan City Council, Marketing Officer

Carl Bayer – Logan City Council, Traffic Program Leader

External Visitors

Libbie Robinson – Queensland Police Service (Police Link)

Sarah Ballam – Queensland Police Service (Police Link)

Apologies:

Zoe Krieg – Logan City Council, Media Advisor

Erin Simpson – Logan City Council, Acting Community Safety Program Leader

Senior Constable Sarah Hamilton – Queensland Police Service

2 Action items from previous meeting

Nil

3 Update from Working Group

Advocacy:

- Working Group recommended broadening the scope of the action relating to the advocacy for legislative change to include advocating for it to be an offence to organise, promote, congregate, participate, film, photograph or distribute footage of any illegal hooning incident.

Discussion held amongst members regarding this recommendation. Decision made to engage in further consultation with Cr Koranski as Chair of the City Lifestyle Committee and Councillors regarding this recommendation.

- Working Group advised that a meeting had been held with Dr. James Ogilvie and other researchers from Griffith University in relation to evaluating the effectiveness of

hooning strategies adopted within the City of Logan. Dr. Ogilvie and colleagues will be invited to present at the next Working Group meeting before a decision is made to commit to evaluating the Hooning Action Plan.

Action item from advocacy:

- Further consultation to be undertaken regarding the broadening of the action relating to legislative change. This will be discussed at the next Taskforce meeting and a decision will then be made whether to progress this matter to Committee.

Enforcement:

- Working Group advised that a hooning action hot spots document has been developed. The locations have been identified through communication with QPS, residents, Logan Safety Camera Program, Logan City Council Staff, Taskforce Members and Councillors. This document is shared with the Logan District Traffic Intel Officer.
- Logan Safety Camera Program to collate data and provide intel to the QPS in relation to hooning incidents captured. The CCTV Operations Officer will provide these statistics on a quarterly basis.
- QPS advised they had undertaken an operation focussed specifically on hooning. This saturation of resources led to hooning offenders being more active in other policing jurisdictions. Rostering of resources to focus on known hooning areas at given locations and times may have also impacted on this.

Target Hardening:

- Working Group advised that a meeting had been held with staff from the District Crime Prevention Unit and they have agreed to partner with the Community Safety Program to conduct audits in known residential hooning area.
- Road Infrastructure Planning (RIP) Branch advised that they were looking at erecting signs in 8 areas across the city. They further advised that investigation of the anti-hooning bitumen would commence in April.

Action item from target hardening:

- Road Infrastructure Branch to commence roll out of signage and report back to the Taskforce on these locations.

Technology:

- Working Group advised there had been email contact from Palmer Acoustics. A representative from the company advised that they could assist with the actions in the plan, namely enforcement and technology. Logan Safety Camera CCTV Technical Officer met with a representative of the company on the 12th of February. The technology alluded to in the email is still in the developmental stage.

4 General Business

Presentation by Police Link Staff requesting funding for a business analyst to accelerate improvements to the online reporting of hooning.

Presentation by Cath MacDonald outlining the marketing concepts to be used during the campaign.

Action items from general business:

- Police Link staff to provide a written submission outlining their request for funding a business analyst, what work it will cover, time frames around this work and what work the analyst undertakes.
- Presentation of proposed marketing strategies to be presented at the next Taskforce meeting. As part of the feedback provided during the Taskforce meeting, it was requested that marketing messaging should differentiate between motor enthusiasts and hooning offenders. This is feedback for consideration as part of finalising the Marketing Plan.

5 Meeting Closed