

Hooning Taskforce Meeting 19/05/2021 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
Senior Constable Sarah Hamilton – Queensland Police Service

Observers:

Julie Campbell – Logan City Council, Community Safety Officer
Erin Simpson – Logan City Council, Acting Community Safety Program Leader
Brent Gilmartin – Logan City Council, CCTV Operations Officer
Jacqui Molensen – Logan City Council, Marketing and Events Manager
Cath MacDonald – Logan City Council, Marketing Officer
Kate Ryan – Logan City Council, Acting Marketing Coordinator
Carl Bayer – Logan City Council, Traffic Program Leader
Deva Naiker – Logan City Council, Traffic Services Coordinator

Apologies:

Cr Natalie Willcocks – Logan City Council
Katie Barton-Harvey – Logan City Council, Director Community Services
Nick McGuire – Logan City Council, Community Services Manager
Zoe Krieg – Logan City Council, Media Advisor
Inspector Barry Smith – Queensland Police Service
Justin Land - Department of Transport and Main Roads

2 Action items from previous meeting

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.

Outcome:

- Discussion undertaken amongst Taskforce members. Decision made to focus on the current scope of the action within the Action Plan and to review in six months.

Action item from target hardening:

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

Outcome:

- Carl Bayer (RIP) advised that at least ten sites have been identified. Priority locations included: Chetwynd and Burchill Streets Loganholme, Nealdon Drive in Meadowbrook, Centenary Place in Logan Village and Bega Road in Kingston. The \$50,000 allocated as

part of the Hooning Action Plan will be used to place signage in these identified areas. Consultation with business owners in the Chetwynd Street industrial area will need to occur prior to the placement of signs.

Action items from general business:

- Police Link staff to provide a written submission outlining their request for funding a business analyst consultant, what work it will cover, time frames around this work and what work the analyst undertakes.
- Presentation of proposed marketing strategies to be undertaken 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.

Outcomes:

- Taskforce advised that Policelink had provided a written submission to fund a business analyst. Policelink's submission was supported and they received \$7, 869.40 to fund a business analyst. This work was currently underway and is expected to be completed by the 21st of June 2021.
- Marketing Presentation given as part of general business.

3 Update from Working Group

Advocacy:

- Working Group advised that a letter will be sent to the Minister for Police inquiring about the use of drone technology to combat hooning. Will request that Logan be considered as a trial location.
- Working Group advised that meetings had been held with representatives from the Department of Environment and Science (Waste Compliance) as well as from Council's Health, Environment and Waste Branch. These inquiries have revealed that there is no meaningful advocacy work that Council can undertake regarding this action, as what occurs to end of life tyres is often not a decision made by tyre retailers. This is mainly because tyres can be recycled, on sold, shipped overseas or repurposed (re-treading). Going forward, Council will partner with the Department of Environment and Science to undertake an education campaign with businesses who deal with end of life tyres to provide information regarding their lawful obligations when disposing of end of life tyres.
- Dr. James Ogilvie and other researchers from Griffith University will look to evaluate 3 actions being: enforcement, target hardening and marketing. The evaluation team will look to work with the Road Infrastructure and Planning Branch and the Road Policing Unit to evaluate the effectiveness of CPTED measures (signage) and subsequent enforcement action in the Chetwynd Street industrial area. The Logan Safety Camera Program will also look at installing a VCC (vehicle capture camera) and trialling AI (artificial intelligence) cameras at this site. This location is considered optimal for evaluating the effectiveness of actions adopted as part of the Hooning Action Plan.

Action item from advocacy:

- Letter to be written to the Minister for Police requesting Logan be considered as a trial site for the trial of any technology to target hooning.
- Griffith University, QPS and Council partnering to implement, measure and evaluate CPTED measures.

Logan Safety Camera Program to partner with QPS to identify suitable sites for trial of VCC and AI cameras.

Enforcement:

- Working Group advised that the 'hooning action hot spots' document continue to be updated and shared with the QPS. The locations have been identified through communication with QPS, residents, Logan Safety Camera Program, Logan City Council Staff, Taskforce Members and Councillors.
- The Logan Safety Camera Program CCTV Operations Officer advised that from the 13th February 2021 – 13th May 2021, a total of 37 hooning related incidents were captured. Of the incidents captured, 4 registration numbers were identified. Of the 37 incidents captured, QPS requested footage on 3 occasions.
- QPS advised they had assisted on the Gold Coast in targeting hooning offenders. At a local level, the priority areas are Chetwynd Street industrial area and Nealdon Street in Loganlea. These areas continue to have a high incidence of hooning occurring. CPTED measures such as lighting and signage have been effective in other industrial areas. The QPS would like to see these measures adopted in other industrial areas across the city.

Target hardening:

- Working Group advised that the Community Safety Program in partnership with the District Crime Prevention Unit would look to start conducting audits in known residential hooning areas from June 2021.
- Grant process to commence from June 2021.
- As per the action item update from the previous meeting, RIP Branch advised they were looking at erecting signs in priority areas across the city.
- RIP advised consultation was undertaken with colleagues across other local Councils regarding their trials of anti-hooning bitumen. Trials in other jurisdictions have shown that the bitumen is expensive to install, tyres suffer accelerated wear and tear and it moves hooning offenders on to other locations. It does not stop the behaviour. CPTED measures, such as signage combined with QPS enforcement action have proven more effective.

Action items from target hardening:

- Commencement of CPTED audits in known residential hooning areas.
- Commencement of grant process.
- In partnership with QPS and Griffith University, RIP to select sites for commencement of roll out of signage as part of the evaluation of the Hooning Action Plan.

Education:

- Working group provided update on media release planned to outline the support provided to Policelink from Council.
- As per update provided in advocacy, Marketing to develop an education flyer (in partnership with the Department of Environment and Science) to undertake an education campaign with businesses who deal with end of life tyres to provide information regarding their lawful obligations when disposing of end of life tyres.

Action items from education:

- Media release planned to outline support provided to Policelink from Council.
- Commencement of DL flyer to educate business owners who deal with end of life tyres about their lawful obligations when disposing of those tyres.

Technology:

- Working Group advised that the submission received by Palmer Acoustics requesting \$20,000 to trial sound detecting technology had been reviewed by the Logan Safety Camera Program CCTV Technical Officers. Following this review, the Logan Safety Camera Program believed this technology doesn't offer anything further than the new AI cameras which are all ready being trialled outside of the Hooning Taskforce. The AI trial will be used to determine if the cameras can successfully detect noise, smoke and direction of vehicle and send alerts back to the monitoring room for real time response. As this technology is already being trialled and is compatible with Councils existing monitoring room and network, the Working Group recommended that instead of funding Palmer Acoustics, the Taskforce support the Logan Safety Camera Program with the continuation of the AI trials.
- Further to the above, the Working Group also recommended that the Taskforce fund the installation of VCC cameras and bullet cameras with AI technology in known hooning locations across the city. The installation of a VCC camera will provide the best possible vision and ability to see who is driving both during the day and night. This is helpful to police when trying to prosecute offenders, particularly if offenders are using cloned or stolen plates, or there are no plates affixed to the vehicle. Taskforce members discussed this, and a decision was made to allocate \$150,000 to the Logan Safety Camera Program to install and trial technology in at least 3 sites across the city. The first location being Chetwynd Street to align with the evaluation work being undertaken by Griffith University.

Action item from technology:

- Logan Safety Camera Program CCTV Technical Officer in consultation with QPS to scope locations and provide quotes for the installation of poles and cameras in priority locations.
- Logan Safety Camera Program to continue AI trials and report results to the Hooning Taskforce.
- In partnership with Council, Griffith University and QPS, install VCC camera and bullet cameras with AI technology at priority locations – commencing with the Chetwynd Street industrial area.

4 General Business

- Presentation by Jacqui Molensen outlining the marketing concepts to be used during the campaign.

Action item from general business:

- Marketing to commence roll out of marketing campaign at the end of June.

5 Meeting Closed