

Crime Prevention

Community Fear or Community Safety

AS APPROVED DURING THE RAPPOREURS REPORT
"WHERE TO NOW?"

RAPPOREUR: His Honour Judge WILSON, District Court, South Australia

A. General

It was resolved:

1. That this Conference recognises that crime prevention is a community problem.
2. That this Conference recognises that the importance of moral values needs to be emphasized in the education system and beyond.
3. That this Conference supports the concept of community policing giving due emphasis to the needs and aspirations of youth.
4. That this Conference can see merit in such programmes as:
Blue Light camps
Drug Abuse programmes
Constable Care programmes
At Risk camps
Leadership camps
Home Assist programmes (for the elderly and the disabled)
Aboriginal Police Aide Schemes
Multicultural programmes
Security Advice Schemes
Safe Shops
Street parties
Dare programmes
Crime mapping
Anti-drink driving programmes
Crime prevention campaigns (along the lines of anti-smoking campaigns)
Advice centres
Day centres
Accommodation schemes
Education schemes
Training schemes
Employment schemes
Social support

Adopt a bus stop and other

"Adopt" schemes

Halfway houses

Hostels

Community service

Home detention

Work release

Parole

Mobile prisons

Standard preparation – for –
release programmes

Anti-graffiti initiatives

Watch programmes

(including:

Neighbourhood watch

Rural watch, School

watch,

River watch, Pub watch,

Business watch,

Mariner watch, Play

watch).

5. That this Conference supports the idea that this Council in its activities and policies be seen as responding to the needs and concerns of the community and the diversity of groups within it rather than inflicting activities and policies upon the community.
6. That this Conference endorses initiatives being taken to provide assistance to and support for the victims of crime.

B. Specific

It was resolved:

7. That this Conference urges the Wollongong Community (and offers it support) to establish a CRIME PREVENTION PLAN centred on Wollongong with a view to the development of a safer community by means of a regional crime prevention

strategy.

8. That this Conference urges the Government of New South Wales to give consideration to the implementation of a STATE PLAN FOR CRIME PREVENTION involving both the State Government and the Local Government as well as representatives of the community at large, and that the matter of urging other State and Territory Governments to do likewise be referred to the National Executive of the Council.
9. That this Conference supports the concept of local COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEES at a local level.
- 10 That this Conference urges all State and Territory Governments to encourage the setting up of YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION PANELS in all schools so as to address the crime issues and concerns of young people.
- 11 That, recognising that the opportunity should not be lost to secure national gun controller law reform having the strength and rigour to reduce the number of gun-related deaths and injuries, this Conference draws the attention of the Federal and all State and Territory Governments to the recommendations of the National Committee on Violence or Gun Control Laws and, in particular

Recommendations 55 and 57, and urges that they be implemented.

- 12 That this Conference urges the National Executive to ask the Insurance Council of Australia to supply it with a list of the fraud prevention strategies currently being implemented by it with a view to ACPC considering the ways and means by which it might be able to support the ICA initiatives.

C. Internal

- 13 That this Conference urges the National Executive to seek an appropriate and acceptable definition of the term "crime prevention".
- 14 That this Conference urges the National Executive to consider an alteration to the Constitution so as to include in the objects of the Council the notion of "Community Safety."
- 15 That the National Executive give consideration to the programme for the next National Conference being structured to include night seminars, that some of the day programmes not commence before 4pm to allow for interested persons who cannot afford to have time off from their work to attend sessions and to give university students and shift workers the opportunity to attend.

- 16 That the National Executive give consideration to holding the next Conference in a capital city, close to the airport and other major transportation links, to reduce the problems of the interstate delegates trying to co-ordinate planes, buses and trains to and from the Conference.
- 17 That the National Executive give consideration to:
- Student concessions and
 - Pensioner concessions for those registering for National Conferences.
- 18 That the National Executive give consideration to retaining Conference and Meeting Alliance for the next Conference to achieve some continuity and to ensure that experience gained at this Conference be not lost.
- 19 That the National Executive give consideration to the ways and means of involving the corporate sector in the Council's activities.
- 20 That the National Executive give consideration to the involvement of young people in the administration of the Council
- D. Supplementary**
- 21 That the City of Wollongong give consideration to the relationships, structure and working of the South Australian local and regional 'Together Against Crime' Committees that fall

- within the S.A. Government's Crime Prevention Strategy and adopt (and, if necessary, adapt) the structure and workings of those Committees as a basis for a pilot programme for a regional crime prevention strategy centred on Wollongong.
- 22 That the National Executive give consideration to the programme for the next National Conference being structured so as to include more papers presented by a diversity of crime prevention "practitioners" (working at "the coal-face") and describing actual programmes being implemented around the nation.
- 23 That this Conference urges the Government of New South Wales to develop a crime prevention strategy that includes placing some emphasis upon programmes aimed at the rehabilitation of prisoners, the education of prisoners, and the provision of drug and alcohol counselling services.
- 24 That this Conference recognises the need for greater attention to be given to (and more research to be undertaken focusing on) the ways and means of reducing violence in our society, such as the limitation of the importation of "images of violence" from overseas.
- 25 That this Conference

Professor Gendreau to Visit Australia

Professor Paul Gendreau, Professor of Psychology, University of New Brunswick, Canada will be visiting Australia in April 1992. Professor Gendreau's visit will be supported by Edith Cowan University, Perth W.A. Professor Gendreau's work in the fields of psychology and criminology are well known to many. Prior to his present academic career he worked for a number of years as an administrator and clinician in Canada and as a consultant on various correctional issues in Jamaica and New Zealand. He is best known for his work challenging the "nothing works doctrine" (Martinson etc.) of offender rehabilitation.

Professor Gendreau's schedule appears to still have some flexibility to permit him to accept other engagements. Those interested in Professor Gendreau's itinerary are requested to contact Mr David Indermaur, Visiting Fellow Edith Cowan University (Mt Lawley Campus) 2 Bradford Street, Mt Lawley, W.A. 6050. Phone (09) 370 6324, Fax (09) 370 2910.

- recognises that steps need to be taken to interest and involve a wider cross-section of the community in crime prevention and community health strategies.
- 26 That this National Executive give consideration to amending the Constitution of the Council so as to enable school student councils to become organisational members of the Council (at reduced rates).
- 27 That this Conference can see the dissemination of ACPC information to the youth of Australia (via membership of ACPC and resultant participation in meetings and receipt of publications) as an important step in initiating attitude
- changes towards crime and its prevention in contemporary society.
- 28 That this Conference endorses initiatives being taken to prevent and control white collar and corporate crime.
- 29 That the National Executive give consideration to the ways and means of encouraging the major national newspapers to give media publicity to crime prevention initiatives such as the Wollongong Conference, thus complementing excellent coverage given by the local media.
- 30 That the National Executive give consideration to seeking Government support (both Federal and State for ACPC and its crime prevention initiatives.

Though criminal behaviour is an expression of general needs and values, it is not explained by those general needs and values since non-criminal behavior is an expression of the same needs and values. Thieves generally steal in order to secure money, but likewise honest laborers work in order to secure money. The attempts by many scholars to explain criminal behavior by general drives and values, such as the happiness principle, striving for social status, the money motive, or frustration, have been and must continue to be futile since they explain lawful behavior as completely as they explain criminal behaviour

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