

BRISBANE '93

Preparation for this year's Australian Crime Prevention Council (ACPC) biennial conference in Brisbane has moved up a notch with the call for conference papers from prospective speakers.

The Queensland Branch of the ACPC is hosting the conference the theme of which is Chaos or Reason - Community Safety in the Twenty First Century.

Following the success of the Wollongong Conference in September 1991, organisers are looking for a range of practical outcomes from participants that will challenge local communities to work in partnership with industry and government to keep crime prevention and community safety firmly on everyone's "must do" agenda.

Aims of the Conference

- To develop a better logic to explain criminal behaviour and consider alternative and functional approaches in relation to this behaviour.
- To examine the National strategy on Community Safety and the role of the Australian Community Safety Council.
- To compare and contrast various political and social responses to crime and their impact on community safety.
- To consider the role of regional Australia in the development of safer communities.
- To address issues of concern to particular classes of citizens (women, Aboriginals, other crime victims etc.)

Topics Will Include:

- Social factors influencing offending behaviour such as unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, intolerance, racism, sexism, domestic violence.
- Policing.

- Sentencing and penalties options in Australia.
- Early intervention strategies to criminal behaviour, particularly in the area of Education.
- Minority groups.
- Correctional approaches that promote dynamic solutions to criminal behaviour.

CHAOS OR REASON Community Safety in the Twenty-first Century

Recognising that:

- Poverty, social dislocation and the unequal relations that are fostered as a result significantly contribute to unsafe communities;
- Practical solutions to crime must recognise and respond to interdisciplinary influences and failure;
 - * education;
 - * social security;
 - * health;
 - * homelessness;
 - * racism;
 - * gender inequality;
 - * unemployment;
- The more vulnerable within the community are both the potential perpetrators and potential victims of crime;
 - * women;
 - * children;
 - * youth;
 - * minority/ethnic groups;
 - * the aged;
 - * the poor;
- The failure to recognise the effects of poverty (and its attendant travellers - homelessness, poor health etc.) is diminishing human dignity and

encouraging the development of a permanent underclass in society;

- Political narrative and media presentations on crime tend to be hysterical and uninformed. As a consequence the community is encouraged to live in fear and suspicion of others rather than be supportive
- Social, economic and environmental decay are impacting negatively on the quality of life for members of industrialised communities;
- Community agencies are fragmented, unco-ordinated, underresourced and at times polarised. This situation diminishes their potential for collective action on behalf of their constituents.

And given that:

- Unstable world economies are generating the circumstances whereby these conditions are exacerbated;

A radical departure from traditional methodologies in addressing criminal behaviour is warranted - one that explores the linkage between this behaviour and social issues.

If social and political systems fail to respond through the application of reason to the crises of unemployment, poverty and social dislocation, chaos and anarchy are likely outcomes.

Audience

The conference will be of vital interest to:

Policy makers • Police • Educators • The Judiciary • Youth Workers • Academics • Social Workers • Community Organisations • Corrections Staff • Local Government • Representatives from the Departments of Corrections, Justice etc., • Welfare Practitioners • Concerned Citizens.

Possible Outcomes

- (A) Stimulate Individuals, Governments, Business Groups and Community Organisations into adopting partnership models of Community Safety.
 - 1) Increased Participation with Corrections Industry.
 - 2) Agitate for economic and Social reforms.
 - 3) Local responses to crime and social issues.
 - 4) The formation of working partnerships between all sectors within the Community to deal with crime and social issues.
- (B) Endorsement for a Criminal Justice Foundation and/or future role of the Australian Crime Prevention Council.
- (C) Provide action recommendations to the emerging Australian Community Safety Council for consideration.

Conference Venue

- The Brisbane City Hall - King George Square.
- The location is central to all major city hotels.
- Facilities include large auditorium small multi-purpose seminar rooms and in house catering.

Conference Costs

- The standard registration fee is \$240.00.
- There will be reductions for block bookings by Government Departments and non-government organisation.
- Special concession rates will apply to students and pensioners.

REGISTRATION - BRISBANE '93 CONFERENCE

Please tear off the registration slip below and forward to:

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