

Networked Policing Project
Victoria Police / Australian National
University

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What is this project?

- 4 year project funded by an ARC linkage grant
- Partnership between Victoria Police & the Australian National University
- Focused on Network Policing
- Ensuring local networks and all relevant people affected by an issue have a voice and share in the responsibility of solving the problem.

Aims

For a range of policing problems-

- Build on existing networks
- Identify opportunities for further networks
- Developing a set of policing principles for networking in a democratic society
- Identification & refinement of the police role in the context of networking
- Provide a robust methodology (policing practices) that is replicable

The Project Team

- ANU and Victoria Police Team
project management & research support
- Regional Project Teams

7 Pilots across the State

- Region 4 - Youth safety (Wodonga)
- Crime Department- Serious recidivist sex offenders (post release)
- Region 2-Family violence (Wyndham)
- Region 3-Indigenous issues (Mildura)
- Region 1- Private security & police interface (Yarra)
- Traffic & Transport Department-Safety on Pakenham railway line
- Region 5- High risk youth (Casey)

Methodology

- Mapping and analysing existing networks
- Meeting & working with stakeholders on project design & principles
- Research component where required
- Implementation-periodic workshops
- Reflection sessions with project teams
- Evaluation and internal report & roll out
- Academic publications-Monograph

Wodonga-Youth show the way

- Involving young people- their voices, their safety issues
- Resources committed by local stakeholders (e.g. Police, DET, City of Wodonga, youth sector agencies)
- Utilising school setting for project

Region 4 - Youth Safety (Wodonga)

- Establishment of youth problem-solving groups
- Analysis of focus groups with young people revealed links between safety and personal health and wellbeing
- Youth action groups established and an empowerment model developed to facilitate youth to problem solve these major issues
- This is supported by a governance framework
- Strategic workshop with key stakeholders planned for mid December

Progress to date on overall project

- 5 pilots commenced-progressive implementation since April 2004
- Knowledge management and information sharing required of key outcomes from each pilot
- 2007 project is due for completion