

LGBTI stakeholder meeting**Surry Hills LAC****Minutes of a meeting held Tuesday 7th February 2017****0930 – 1230****Attendance:**

A/Asst Commissioner Anthony CRANDELL NSWPF – Chair

Jackie BRAW – NSWPF

Constable Jarryd DE CASTRO – NSWPF

Michael ATKINSON – ACON

Terence HUMPHREYS – Twenty 10

Pip DITZELL – City of Sydney

Judy and Ray BROWN – PLFAG

Roy BISHOP – Office of MP Alex GREENWICH

SGT Geoff STEER – Bias Crime Unit NSWPF

Apologies:

David RIDDELL – BFG

Vicki HARDING – ICLC

CST MANFRED – NSWPF

Elizabeth CEISSMAN – Gender Centre

Christine FORSTER / Peter GREGORY – MP

Alex GREENWICH – Office of MP Alex GREENWICH

DET SNR CST BIGNELL – NSWPF

Mr. CRANDELL welcomed and opened the meeting.

Discussion surrounding the first meeting initiating in 2013 and the progress made from Mardi Gras 2013. All recommendations made to improve policing of Mardi Gras, including the Mardi Gras Accord, are still current and reviewed regularly.

Importance of having stakeholder meetings and bringing the different agencies together to discuss ongoing issues and ways to strengthen the community.

Actions from last meeting:

1. **Mr. CRANDELL to advise other LACs of induction kits and including LGBTI initiatives and education recourses.** Induction information circulated to all NSW Police Commanders.

Discussion: Trends in Bias crimes and reporting issues amongst the LGBTI community. Some individual LGBTI community members remain reluctant to report crimes based upon perceptions of inappropriate police responses. SGT STEER to address later throughout the meeting on Bias Crime and Police response.

2. Operation Parrabell inquiries. Liaison between NSWPF and ACON. ACON advised Mr. CRANDELL that they did not have any files relating to two particular cases in 1979 / 1989, however were comfortable with the suggestion of liaison.
3. **Constable DeCastro to follow up on police involvement in the Rainbow Run.**

General Business:

Roy BISHOP: Sydney MP Alex Greenwich

Apologies for Alex GREENWICH who is presently attending a meeting in Canberra regarding Marriage Equality. No issues coming into the Sydney office regarding the community or any police interaction with the community.

Pip DITZELL: City of Sydney

Working hard on Mardi Gras preparation. Sharing a stall with DV NSW at Fair Day

Terence HUMPHRIES: Twenty10

CEO Brett Paradise has resigned and there is currently recruitment activity for the next CEO. The new website is finally live. Summary of Mardi Gras events planned. Mr. CRANDELL confirmed that a NSWPF bus will be available to transport young people back to safe public transport as per previous years.

Michael ATKINSON – ACON:

Working on Mardi Gras and sharing a stall with ICLC at Fair Day – Fair Play Project. ICLC is working on an information leaflet, especially for international guests to inform them of NSW law and police powers.

Mr. CRANDELL and CST De CASTRO advised and spoke re strip searching legislation. Suggested ACON speak with Sgt Brett Wall and Inspector Mandy Hancock regarding Drug Dog operation and participation in Fair Play volunteer training. Discussion regarding targets and priority with Mardi Gras drug operations being safety of all patrons and treating people fairly.

Discussion on Bondi Memorial and the focus being on the survivors of the abuse associated with the incidents.

Further discussions into Operation Parrabell and ACON's project on the alleged 'gay hate' cases during 80s and 90s. ACON's project is not privy to the breadth of material available to NSWPF. Recommendation made for Parrabell and ACON to meet prior to releasing project reports and agreed. Discussion on the need to protect confidentiality for families.

Michael also outlined IDAHO-T community grants and This is Oz, as well as a new DV grant to support working with male victims.

Action Item:

1. NSWPF to meet with ACON.

Judy/ Ray BROWN – PFLAG:

Judy discussed writing a submission for Marriage Equality. Receiving ongoing inquiries regarding individuals coming out. Recent discussion about multicultural support networks to assist those of different cultural backgrounds. Possible referral to MACLOS and working alongside the GLLO program to offer support to those persons.

Jackie BRAW – NSWPF

Year planning, beginning with Mardi Gras and initiating partnership with WIP. IDAHOT day – Attending Northern region (Possible Lismore) to run an event up there. Giving other areas a focus with LGBTI inclusion.

WIP focus at Parramatta. Continuing events etc in the CBD but moving the focus again elsewhere. Inclusion for other LACS.

Focus of this year's GLLO conference is Diversity within the agency – Pride and Diversity will play a major role.

SGT STEER – Bias Crime Unit NSWPF

Definitions adopted by the US strategy on what is a bias crime. *Criminal Offence targeting a person/ property or social aspect.*

Areas of a Bias Crime include: Race, Religion, Ethnic Background/ National Origin, Disability Status, Homeless Status, Sex/ Gender, Gender Identity, Age and Sexual Orientation.

Discussion Questions: Is there a rough number of recorded cases of LGBTI bias crimes?

Unable to comment on numbers – unsure due to data inequities. Possible Transgender community increase in reporting in the last 6 months. High issue with individuals reporting crimes to Police. Many incidents go unnoticed resulting in police being unable to record data and gather intelligence.

Further discussion into ‘Hate Crime’ legislation. ADA unable to be amended or further legislation made.

No further outstanding actions to be addressed. Next meeting to be held post Mardi Gras – May, 2017 - TBA.