

Issue:

Request from Professional Standards Command for advice in relation to coronial recommendations.

Background:

On 9 March 2005, Senior Deputy State Coroner, Magistrate Milledge, finalised the inquest into the deaths of Gilles Jacques Mattaini, John Alan Russell and Ross Bradley Warren. Magistrate Milledge made certain recommendations under the provisions of section 22 of the *Coroners Act* 1980. A full copy of Her Honour's formal findings and recommendations appears at **Tab B**.

Professional Standards Command has requested advice in relation to Magistrate Milledge's recommendations (**Tab A**).

Comment:

Magistrate Milledge made 14 recommendations. The Crime Management Faculty is able to provide advice in relation to the final four recommendations, as set out below.

- ***Reintroduce the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers 'in service training' programme.***

It is unclear what training Magistrate Milledge is referring to in this recommendation. However, where 'in service training' is a reference to the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers (GLLO) Course, the course is currently being reviewed and rewritten in line with guidelines for the review of courses as set down by Education Services. The new GLLO Course has already received in-principle approval from the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Academic Board (AB), both within Education Services. At this stage, the new course is scheduled to be offered in October and December this year.

Where 'in service training' is a reference to foundational studies for new recruits, advice should be sought from the Director, Foundational Studies Directorate, Education Services.

- ***Ensure all Local Area Commanders are aware of 'beats' in their areas and promote the need for crime prevention strategies to minimise risk.***

Normal intelligence gathering processes employed by Local Area Commands are sufficient to identify beats within a LAC.

A new draft policy, guidelines and standard operating procedures for policing beats, which emphasise a preference for crime prevention and High Visibility Policing, will shortly be sent to Region Commanders and the Commander, Professional Standards, for comment. Local Area Commanders and Legal Services have already provided comment on earlier drafts of these documents, which were also submitted to Magistrate Milledge as evidence of NSW Police's more sophisticated response to this issue. At the conclusion of this second round of internal consultation, the documents will be submitted to the Commissioner and the Commissioner's Executive Team (CET) for approval.

If the proposed documents are approved, the preference for crime prevention and High Visibility Policing will further be communicated through dissemination

of the documents and associated awareness raising training, as per the Beat Usage Reduction and Safety Improvement Project (**Tab C**).

- **Promote the use of 'Standard Operating Procedures for Policing Beats' within each Local Area Command.**

If the proposed new Standard Operating Procedures for policing beats are approved by the Commissioner when submitted, promotion of the use of the SOPs will occur as part of the Beat Usage Reduction and Safety Improvement Project.

- **Develop and implement the 'Beat Usage Reduction and Safety Improvement Project'.**

The Beat Usage Reduction and Safety Improvement Project was developed by the Beats Working Group. The Project offers the following project deliverables:

1. an information package for use by Local Area Commands on crime prevention strategies, relevant legislation and consultation techniques in relation to beats;
2. a training package aimed at raising police officers' awareness of the issue of beats and the most appropriate policing response; and
3. A revised NSW Police Policy on Beats, Guidelines for the Effective Policing of Beats and Standard Operating Procedures for the Effective Policing of Beats.

To date, a proposed new policy, guidelines and SOPs for the effective policing of beats have been developed and circulated for internal consultation. These documents will be submitted to the Commissioner and CET for approval once the internal consultation process is complete. Associated information and training packages referred to above will be developed once the proposed new policy documents have been adopted.

Recommendation:

That this information be forwarded to the Commander, Professional Standards, for information.

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