

**Community Consultation March 9<sup>th</sup> Victoria Police**

Questions	Community Response				
	Afghan	Congolese	Iraqi	Sudanese	Bridging Visa
	<p>Feel very safe in the community but a wary of the CBD on Friday and Saturday nights. Drugs and Alcohol are not a problem in the Afghani community. Violence within the community is also not a problem. When tragic incidents occur overseas it is very concerning, but when the incident occurs in Australia (Dandenong) Police are encourage to contact community leaders and attend evening gatherings at Mosque.</p> <p>Needs – Education on Crime Prevention and Australian Law and should be delivered during a community event like Ramadan post Iftar.</p>	<p>The main things that come out of this discussion were that there is Alcohol and Drug misuse within the community.</p> <p>Needs – Education in Drugs and Alcohol, Family Violence and Crime Prevention. However the community will not be willing participants if it's titled as such. Use events such as Music, Food or Arts.</p>	<p>Feel reasonably safe in the community and understand that precautions can be made to keep yourself safe, locking your car and keeping away from the night life alcohol scene seems to be common theme.</p> <p>Alcohol and Drugs don't appear to be a problem, however they are aware of some instances where a small number of youth in the Iraqi community have used drugs.</p> <p>When tragic incidents occur overseas it obviously impacts the community when they have family in that area. No need to hear from Police, however when the incident occurs in Australia (Sydney Siege) Police are encourage to contact community leaders for reassurance purposes.</p> <p>Needs – Education in Drugs/Alcohol, Crime Prevention and Australian law to be delivered to the community at the Mosque. And perhaps register interest via Eyewatch or something similar.</p>	<p>Generally feel safe in the community, however third hand there was an issue in one of the lower-socio economic sectors of Shepparton where a neighbour disagreement resulted in criminal victimisation.</p> <p>Drugs and Alcohol are problem with some of the youth and parents are not aware of how to handle it, unsure of powers or rights.</p> <p>Needs – Community education in Drugs and Alcohol, particularly for the parents and needs to uniform to what is taught in Schools. Crime Prevention and Australian Law, the Sudanese boys that robbed the Toorak Jeweller were used as an example of why this is needed. Needs to coincide with another community event they will want to attend.</p>	<p>All parties feel safe in the community and are aware not to leave things on display as they are then vulnerable to theft. Feel safe in the CBD/Mall, but avoid it Friday/Saturday after dark. In particular the Afghani men were afraid of Drunks and troublesome youth; while the Malaysian women are not afraid, just avoid the hassle of drunks - no issues with the youth.</p> <p>Both groups unable to provide information regarding individual communities about Drugs/Alcohol as they are not yet linked in.</p> <p>Both groups very happy with Police and appreciate the difference to what they have previously known.</p> <p>Needs – Face to face education in Crime Prevention, Australian Law and Family Violence. Best way for this to be delivered is through red cross.</p>