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Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2009 9:56 AM
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Subject: RE: Wyong Rangers at The Entrance

Doug

Although your email was addressed to Emma, I thought I would let you know how important community safety is to me and my fellow labor councillors. Our question last night about the rangers will be I would think the first of many. Upon a satisfactory answer to our question we will advise you accordingly. In relation to your other questions I will endeavor to provide you with answers as well. Thankyou for your time and commitment to ensure a good community outcome.
Kind regards
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Hi Emma

Thank you for raising the issue of the re deployment of Wyong Rangers at The Entrance in questions without notice last night.

The community is very concerned for their security, especially during holiday times like now. When Ray Scanlan addressed TECPC the day prior to his sudden and unexplained departure as Manager of The Entrance Town Centre he was asked the following:

- Q. There seems to be an increase in young alcohol fuelled people with bottles in hand, with no Rangers or Police presence.
A. TCM rangers are not responsible for policing anti social behaviour. This is a police matter.

A general discussion followed that safety and security of property goes hand in hand with any entertainment. Providing safety and security is a cost to ratepayers. While the feedback on the New Year and Australia day weekends is good it does put a stress on the community.

- A. Educating people to behave properly does not lay wit TCM. The CCTV cameras will come into operation in July 2009. They are high definition using fibre optics and wireless technology. They will not be monitored by the Police but will act as a deterrent by allowing a review of incidents.

Statistics show that The Entrance has the lowest crime rate in Wyong Shire, hence The Entrance receives the lowest Police priority. On the Australia day fireworks I was told there would be thirty five police on duty. When I approached the Police command centre I found there was only five police on duty at The Entrance. The other thirty has been transferred to Terrigal!

It would be appreciated if you could please provide answers to the following:

1. Why was this decision taken?
2. What consultation has been undertaken within the business and residential community?
3. What plans are in place to ensure the security of the town during peak times, one of which is the Easter school holidays in less than one week's time?

4. What schedule is proposed for the new security arrangements?

5. Is it part of the new security company's brief to enforce Council rules and is this possible given that private security do not have the same legal powers as Council Rangers?

We believe that Council has a responsibility here that can not be simply passed of as "not our responsibility, but that of The Entrance Town Management."

Thanking you

Regards
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