



Statement of Principle: ACT Policing and CMCF Inc

ACT Policing and the Canberra Multicultural Community Forum (CMCF) Inc confirm their commitment to ensuring police and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community members continue working together towards a stronger relationship.

It is important both ACT Policing and the CMCF maintain a regular flow of information to ensure the policing needs of members of the Canberra community are met.

To further this process, ACT Policing commits to:

- Providing a Multicultural Liaison Officer as the first point of contact for CMCF correspondence with ACT Policing on community matters
- Formulating a "working group committee" between Crime Prevention members and CMCF representatives to meet as required to discuss current issues and projects
- Attending quarterly meetings of the CMCF

Further, ACT Policing commits to developing its relationship with the wider multicultural community by:

- Providing policing information to new migrants
- Attending various CALD community functions where appropriate
- Utilising CALD community communication channels such as newsletters and radio, where appropriate
- Continuing cross-cultural awareness training for members of ACT Policing
- Taking reasonable steps to provide appropriate language and interpreting services to members of the community when dealing with police
- Ensuring consultation on policing and multicultural issues, to enhance policing services to the community.

CMCF commits to:

- Developing and maintaining an ACT Policing page on the CMCF website, to house material provided by ACT Policing on matters of interest to the multicultural community
- Assisting ACT Policing to bridge the gap between police and CALD community members
- Providing feedback and information to ACT Policing via the Multicultural Liaison Officer on issues involving the multicultural community

This Statement of Principle is to be revised by both parties on a yearly basis to ensure the needs of the CMCF and of ACT Policing are adequately addressed.

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