

Review of Nowra CBD CCTV Project 1 July - 30 September 2011

Introduction

This review report of the Nowra CBD CCTV Project covers the period of 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011.

This review will discuss the following issues:

- Requests for data from Police
- Requests for data by members of the public
- Complaints received
- Crime statistics
- Time taken to retrieve data
- Ongoing costs

Requests for data from the Police

In the period 1 July, 2011 to 30 September 2011 there were five requests from Police for footage of the area covered by the Nowra CBD CCTV Project. (There was also one request for footage from the Shoalhaven Library, Berry Street, Nowra).

Requests for data by members of the public

During the period 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011 four requests were received from members of the public for data.

Complaints Received

During the period 1 July to 30 September 2011 no complaints were received.

Crime Statistics

During the period 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011 there were 11 assaults; 5 incidents of break and enter; 2 incidents of malicious damage; and 6 street offences. Compared with the previous quarter these figures represent an increase in incidents of assault and Breaking and Entering but a decrease in street offences.

Overall a comparison Police statistics for the same period in 2010 shows that there has been a reduction in crime in the CBD.

Time taken to retrieve data

Most of the requests from the police have taken from 1 to 2.5 hours including burning to DVD and delivering to Council. The video download and burning requested by members of the public has varied from 2 to 4 hours each time due to the number of cameras requested and making sure that no other identifiable persons are in the footage.

Maintenance Costs

Material costs have totalled \$67.50. This was for the replacement of minor components to the system. Labour costs have totalled \$2727.42 and other associated costs i.e. answering queries, estimates, drawings etc. have totalled \$1223.75.

Issues with the CCTV System

There have been some problems with the main PC console and monitor at the police station. This may require the replacement of a hard drive or updating the monitor at some future date.