

POVB member bulletin

Use of force

Members contacted the Executive at the beginning of the week with concerns that CSNSW are in the process of reviewing the Use of Force Policy with a view to watering down the policy and possibly changing the legislation.

The Executive contacted Assistant Commissioner Kevin Corcoran and clarified that the Use of Force Policy is being reviewed due to the ICAC Inquiry.

Mr Corcoran did confirm though that it is not the intention of CSNSW to water down the policy and we will be consulted on any changes.

It was made very clear to Mr Corcoran that if the policy or legislation is changed, where our ability to use force to protect ourselves and others is decreased in any way, it would result in bans, limitations and a rolling public campaign.

Assault Committees

The Assault Committees requirements are now in the COPP under WH&S Committees.

If a staff member gets assaulted, the WH&S Committee needs to meet within 3-5 days of the assault.

There is a checklist on the COPP that needs to be completed.

We need to make sure that when a staff member is assaulted this Committee meets.

The Committee is part of a process to support the assaulted staff member.

If anyone has any issues with this Committee meeting after an assault, please contact one of the Executive immediately.

On-body cameras trial

There is a meeting next week to discuss the on-body camera trial that will be taking place in several centres.

After the meeting we will put out any information that we get out of those meetings.

SCO/FM ROCI

There are several meetings next week to discuss SCO/FM ROCI at the following centres:

- » OMPPCC
- » Lithgow
- » Oberon
- » Bathurst
- » Berrima

In these meetings, we will go through the individual centres' processes and determine whose role and function it is to carry them out.

PSA Mental Health Conference

The PSA is holding a Mental Health Conference on 9 October, 2018.

I hope that POVB members applied to attend and that we see you at the Conference.

Mental health of our members is a concern for the Executive and we want to push CSNSW to recognise that this is an increasing issue for staff in our workplace and have strategies in place for staff so they can feel supported.



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We have had one meeting with Assistant Commissioner Luke Grant on this issue.

Discussed was lack of support for members when on workers compensation, disciplinaries, suspensions and after incidents/assaults.

We will be having further meetings in the coming months to look at how CSNSW can do things better.

The PSA has a Care and Resilience education package for members.

Members can apply to do the course at the PSA or we can get the PSA educators to your centre for it to be presented.

If you would like to have this happen at your centre, please contact me and I will organise permission for the educators to come in. Members who have done the course have said they get a lot out of it.

Charity for farmers

I have been asked to send out a flyer to all centres asking for donations of Christmas presents or school items for children of farmers.

This is a great charity and I commend the staff at Bathurst for organising the charity and CSNSW for allowing staff to do it and facilitating the items being taken to Bathurst.

We all know that our farmers need as much assistance as possible and how the drought affects children is often forgotten.

Please click [HERE](#) for the flyer.

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