



# YARRA PUBLIC FORUM

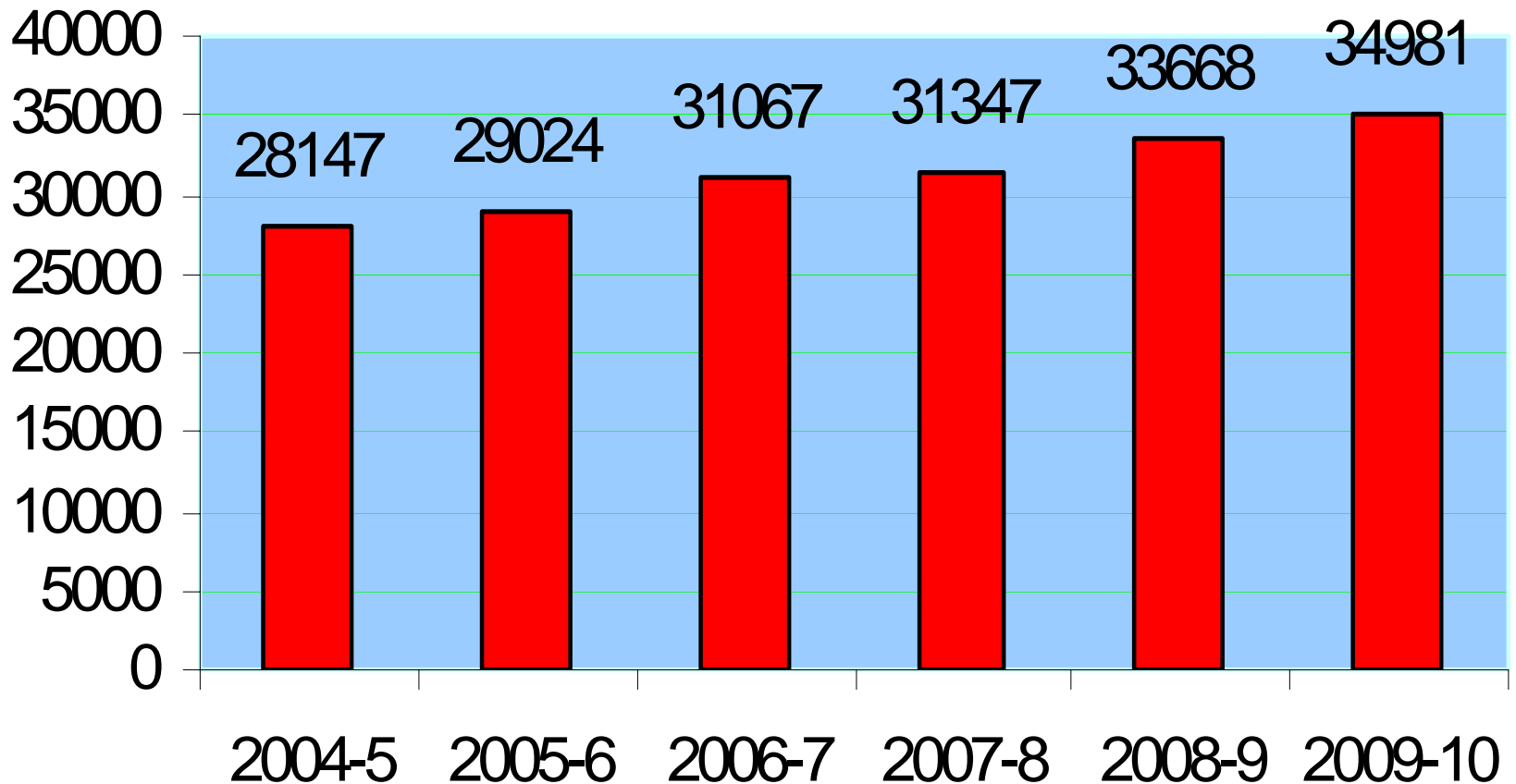
ALCOHOL RELATED VIOLENCE  
IN THE COMMUNITY

21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2010



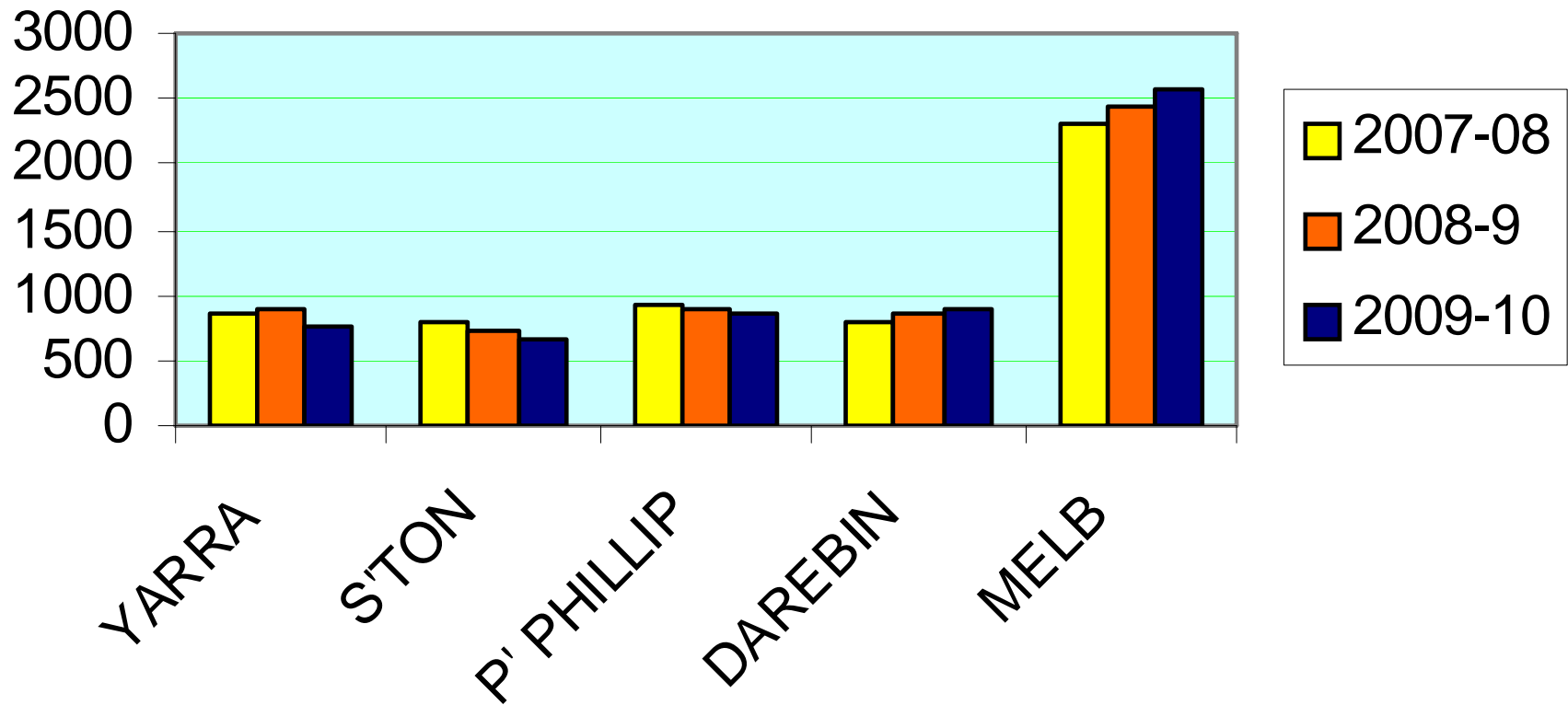
- Acting Inspector - ➤ Peter VAN DEN HEUVEL
- Yarra Police Service Area
  - Collingwood, Fitzroy, Richmond.
- 33 years Victoria Police - service
- 13 years Officer in Charge-Fitzroy Police
- Public Order and Licensing portfolio's
- Fwd Commander of "Safe Streets Task Force"

# ASSAULTS IN VICTORIA





## ASSAULTS - LOCAL COUNCIL AREAS



# YARRA – ASSAULTS ?

- Who? Males 80 %
- Age? 20 -29 years.
- Day? Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
- Time? 11.30pm to 6am.
- Location? 49% street, footpath- Public Place.
  - **Brunswick, Napier, Smith, Swan Streets**
- Weapon involved? 18% Glass / bottle / bat.
- Alcohol / Drug effected offender > 40%
- Known? 84% offenders unknown to victim.

# • Reasons for increased anti - social behaviour and violence.

- Liquor Licensed premises.
- **Disposable income \$**
- **Transportation.**
- **Communication.**
- **Media & technology**
- **Poor infrastructure**
- **Government agencies overwhelmed.**
- **(Council , Police, Health)**

# Liquor Licensed premises

- |                | 2008 | 2009 |
|----------------|------|------|
| – Yarra        | 712  | 554  |
| – Stonnington  | 554  | 556  |
| – Port Phillip | 631  | 616  |
| – Melbourne    | 1722 | 1712 |
- Take away alcohol– locations & ext Hours.
- Mix drinks - % alcohol V's Volume.
- Extended trading Hours.

# Disposable Income

- Increased disposable income.
  - Ability to spend \$ on
    - alcohol / Drugs.
    - Restaurants – Takeaway foods
    - Entertainment.
    - Transport (taxi)

# Transportation

- Taxi – Try to catch a Taxi after midnight.
- Train – Last train 1am – Next 6am
- Tram – Last tram 2am – Next 5.30am.
- “Night rider” Buses- last service 4am.
  
- Better established entertainment precincts in inner Melbourne.

# Public communications

- Mobile phone – Always meet.
- Social Networking -Face book, Twitter.
- (larger groups) Gate crashers.
- Venue advertising –Promotions
- Queue o/s venues

# Media focus

- News paper focus on assaults.
- Increased TV media coverage with CCTV, Mobile phone Video, U Tube, Internet , face book, twitter etc.

# infrastructure

## ■ Council

- – Staffing /lighting / cleaning / street & footpath trading / parking /busking.
- No smoking in venue laws.
  - Forced large numbers of patrons o/s venues on to footpaths / streets / tables / public places.
  - Transportation – taxi / train/ tram/ bus.

# infrastructure

## ■ Police –

-staffing

- other priorities- Drugs / Burglary / traffic
- Holding Cells
- Justice procedures (slow & cumbersome).

## Health & medical services

- Ambulance
- **Hospital**
  - Mental health.



# INJURIES

- Increase in Nature & extent of injuries.
- Increase use of Weapons / implements
- Increase in multiple offenders.
- Increase in assaults to authorities
  - Council officers, Venue security
  - Police
  - Ambulance officers
  - Health workers.

# STRATEGIES - Licensing

- Limit # of licenses issued.
- Limit size of venues & # of patrons.
- Limit trading Hours (2am lockout.)
- Increased licensee accountability.
- Increased security personnel.
- Vetting of patrons. ID scan, Face scan.
- Improved and increased # CCTV.
- R.S.A. training.

# legislation

- 2am venue lockout.
- Designated area's-
- CBD, Fitzroy, Collingwood, St kilda, Prahran.
- Banning Notices – 24 hours to 72 hours.
- Local law 8 – Ban alcohol drinking in Yarra streets.
- Enforcement Notices – anti social behaviour. \$234.
- – Drunk, Disorderly, fail to leave venue - now \$478 fine
- Weapon- search & seizure – designated areas. 7 days.
- Weapons – search by police anywhere anytime.
- Enforcement Notices – weapons \$1000.

# Liquor / entertainment industry

- Licensees accountable.
- R.S.A.
- Glass V's plastic. Furniture / weapons.
- Security – CCTV, ID Scanners, Face Scan,
  - manage Queues, smoking areas, promotions, happy hours.

# Infrastructure strategies

- Yarra Council-
  - EPA Noise, litter, smoking, venue queues.
  - Street trading – footpath trading
  - Street furniture (safe / Not weapon)
  - Adequate lighting .
  - Public toilets.
  - Parking- taxi ranks – Nite rider Buses.

# Media strategies

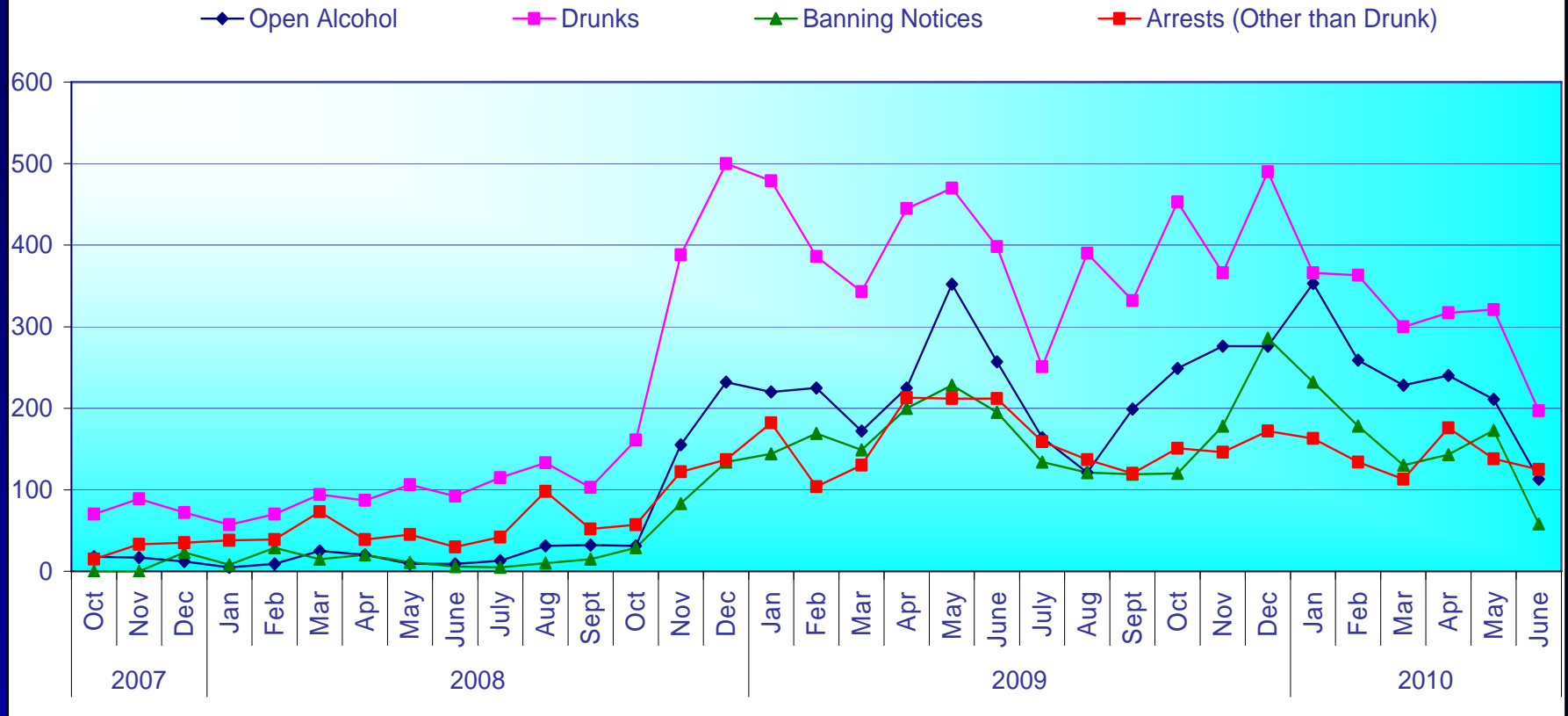
- Education posters
- Print Media & T.V. Ads
  - Championship moves
  - Look after your mates.
  - Weapons.
  - Police search powers.
  - Crime stoppers “wanted posters”
  - Name and shame posters – transport routes.

# Police Strategies

- Weekend Operation "Safe Streets" – police #50 -180+ high visibility foot patrols 7pm-7am in CBD & Yarra. Brawlers , horses. Drug dogs, licensing SQ (Razon / DLU / R.A.V)
- Operation "Unite" & "guardian" Public transport / weapons. Police #100's.
- Fluro vest for police – high visibility.
- OC spray & Foam.
- O.R.U 240 extra police – public order (mobile)
- Operation "Parnell" Yarra – seasonal Oct-march.
- Youth officers – education / schools – bullying-behaviour consequences.

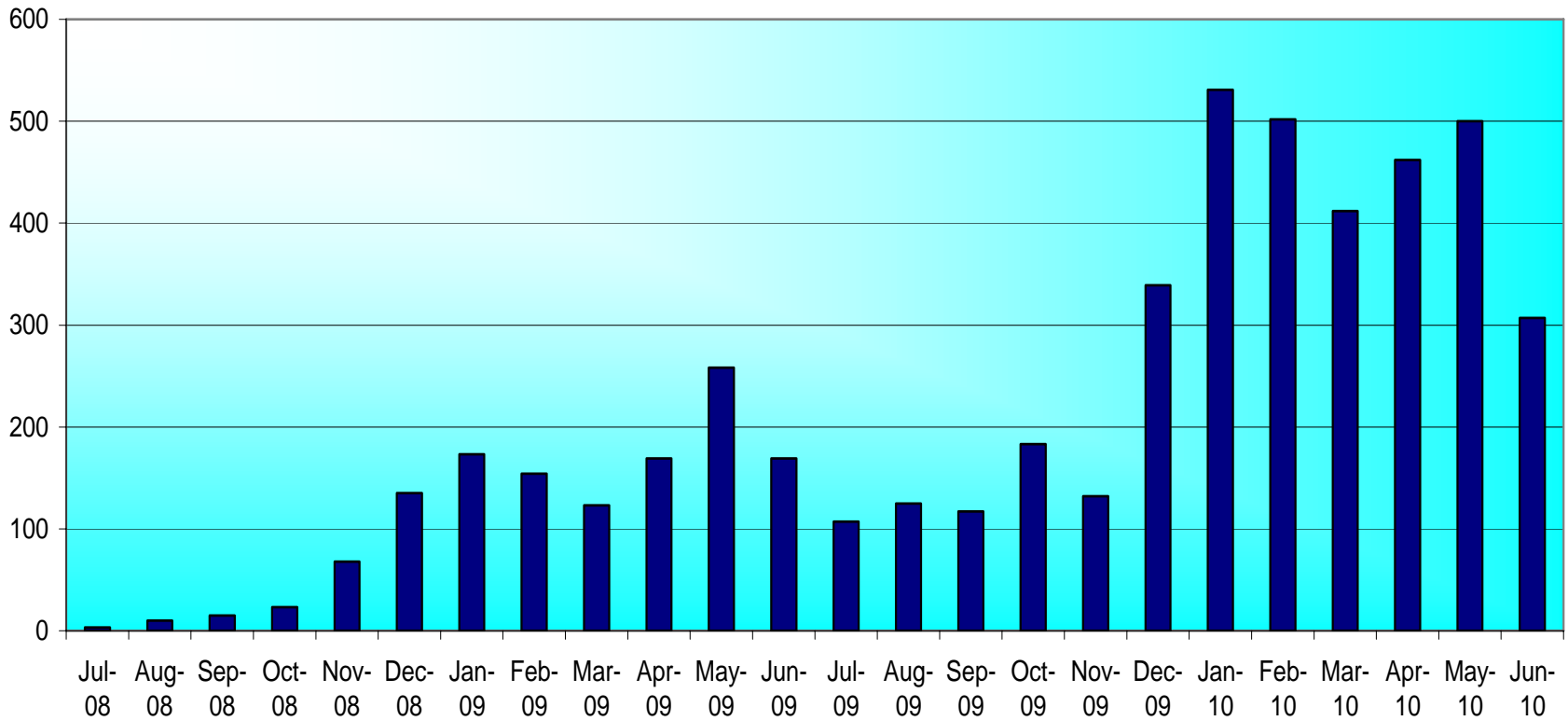
# SSTF results.

Safe Streets Enforcement  
5 October 2007 to 30 June 2010



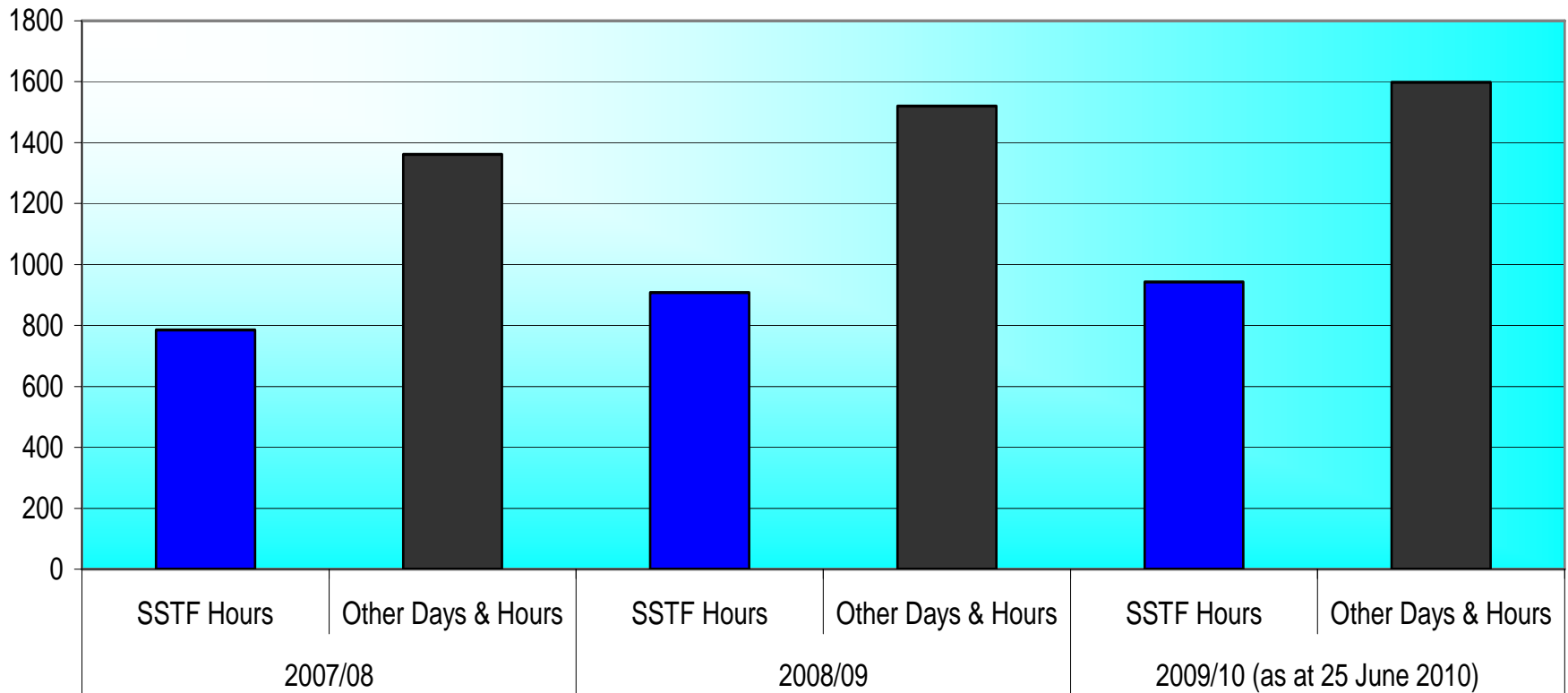
# SSTF – BEHAVIOUR P/NOTICES

Safe Streets Taskforce  
Behaviour In Public Offences - Melbourne CBD  
July 2008 to 30 June 2010



# RIGHT TIME RIGHT PLACE

North West Metro Division 1  
Assaults Occurring in Safe Streets Taskforce Hours  
1 July 2007 to 25 June 2010



# SILVER BULLETT

- WHOLE OF COMMUNITY STRATEGY
- Education
- Licensing & entertainment industry.
- Infrastructure / council / transport.
- Legislation
- Police enforcement
- Justice department / Courts.
- Public & community.
- 3 to 5 year plans.