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## **A South Australian Police / Blue Light (SA) Inc / Community Crime Prevention Strategy**

Blue Light Outdoor Adventure program is a joint crime prevention strategy between Blue Light (SA) Inc., South Australian Police and the Community. A partnership that is locally driven under the direction of a joint community committee. The focus of the program is the development of life skills programs (crime reduction educational programs) for youth and the establishment of an outdoor adventure facility known as Noorla Yo-Long.

The program is designed to meet the needs of both Police core business in crime prevention and the communities role of support in identifying appropriate prevention strategies. With these strategies in place the educational programs and results are measurable through an evaluation process including the Juvenile Justice system.

Noorla Yo-Long is one of the most advanced Blue Light adventure training facilities in Australia on a twenty five acre site at Rendelsham. Noorla Yo-Long has in excess of eighty ground based obstacles, high ropes course, eighteen-metre abseiling tower and two outdoor classrooms. These physical activities combined with the natural features of the site are complemented by Noorla Yo-Long's greatest asset, the facilitators.

Blue Light Outdoor Adventure (Noorla Yo-Long) has a full time Police position that is responsible for the management and program coordination of the facility. Several local outdoor adventure facilitators who are trained in youth development assist the Police member.

As well as innovative outdoor team activities Noorla Yo-Long has developed a comprehensive range of proven indoor training methods which generate a powerful and exciting environment where significant personal and team learning occurs.

The concept of the programs and facility is to provide physical and group activities while addressing topics such as alcohol/drug use, law and social responsibility, job employment, acquisition skills, team building, leadership programs, creating positive attitudes, problem solving skills, anger management & family violence whilst creating personal growth of participants.

Activities and programs are designed and facilitated to expose participants to exercises which make them think about how they interact with others and to develop skills required to plan and manage their lives. The learning methodologies are based around experiential learning and the challenge by choice philosophy.