Perception survey on Cook Islands police

RESULTS of a community survey starting this week will enable Cook Islands police to plan better community policing strategies.

The survey is part of the Pacific Police Development Programme, funded by the Australian Federal Police.

Social researcher from the Australian National University Dr Christine McMurray is on the island coordinating the survey.

“The purpose of the survey is to collect information on how the community sees policing services in the Cook Islands,” says McMurray.

“This is a chance for people in the community to share their opinions on the policing services in the Cook Islands,” she added.

There is no right or wrong when answering the question and the names of survey respondents will remain anonymous.

16 people have been through an interviewer's training scheme and they will be responsible for conducting 300 interviews across Rarotonga, 160 in Aitutaki and 100 in Mauke.

In the training, interviewees will be taught to ask questions in English and Maori, question without biasing respondents, data entry and many other interviewing skills.

Dr Christine McMurray with some of the individuals who will be conducting the interviews in the coming weeks. 14112532