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### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2010**

Another year has flown by and we look back at all the achievements that we have made over the last year as well as all the problems that there were and which we envisage over the next year.

I think that, firstly, we have to thank our Patrolmen who are out there 24 hours a day, protecting our properties and our lives and those of our loved ones. They are always there endangering their own lives to protect ours. These deeds sometimes seem to go unnoticed, but believe me, they are appreciated.

It has been a busy year crime wise with hijackings, armed robberies, theft of motor vehicles and theft out of motor vehicles on an increase continuously. The SAPS and the EMPD are just too under staffed and resourced to handle these problems and that is where the Community plays a very important role. Communication between the Community and the law enforcement agencies is of utmost importance as this is where a lot of crime can be curbed. Our relationship with the CPF is strong and that is our legal route to follow if we have issues relating to crime and service delivery.

A point of real concern for us is the apathy of the Community in getting involved in fighting crime in our areas. It seems that most people think that it is under control because there are vehicles patrolling 24 hours a day. The reality is that crime is still hitting us hard and the Community needs to get more involved.

We are busy with the closure of Farrarmere as a way to curb crime. This is a way for us to start taking back our suburb again so that our children can once again, ride their bicycles in the streets without the everyday threat of violence and robbery. With this initiative, we obviously need more input from the Community as well as people to offer to help us to have this closure realised sooner than later. All of us have lived in Farrarmere for many years and plan to do so for quite some time in the future, so why not put your hand in and fight alongside us to revive our suburb to its former glory.

Thank you to CMS for all their assistance and guidance throughout the years as well as the Committee who give up their precious time and families to attend meetings and getting involved with Community issues. This "JOB" is not a paying "JOB" but is, however, fulfilling at times when you see something going right in the Community and it is something that you have fought for.

We look forward positively to the next year and hope that, together with all role-players, we can combat crime and even win back our suburb and live in harmony and peace.

Yours in Community Safety.

**CLIVE PATTERSON**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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