

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Minutes

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| Meeting Name | Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting | Meeting No. | CS/16/0020 D-22-030682 |
| Meeting Date | 16 March 2022 | | |
| Meeting Time | 10:00am | | |
| Meeting Location | The Greenough Room | | |
| Attendance by Electronic Means | In accordance with the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance by electronic means in public health emergency or state of emergency (Act s.5.25(1)(ba))</i> the Mayor authorised for Cr Critch and Cr Reymond to attend this meeting by electronic means [Reference: D-22-010168]. | | |
| Attendees | Cr Hall BH (Chair) | By Invitation | |
| | Cr Colliver NC | Apologies | Peter Treharne |
| | Fiona Norling FN – CGG | Leave of Absence | |
| | Jesse Steele JS - CGG | Distribution | |
| | Lydia Young LY – CGG | | |
| | Devi Avani – DA - CGG (Minutes) | | |
| | Cr Critch JC (Via electronics means - TEAMS Link) | | |
| | Cr Reymond MR (Via electronics means - TEAMS Link) | | |
| Purpose of Committee | Refer to Committee Book | | |

All Committee Members, including external members, are subject to the same rules as a Council Meeting concerning confidentiality, public statements, conflicts of interest and behaviours of members, pursuant to the [Local Government \(Model Code of Conduct\) Regulations 2021](#).

The Presiding Member is to refer to the following Policy, Meeting Procedures and Regulations when chairing a meeting.

[Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011](#)

[Council Policy 4.4. Operation of Advisory Committees](#)

[Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates](#)

1. Welcome & Apologies

BH opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies received as listed above.

2. Election of Chair/Deputy Chair

BH called for nominations for Chair and Deputy Chair. Cr Colliver nominated Cr Hall as a Chair; Cr Hall nominated Cr Colliver as a Deputy Chair.

Committee Decision: Cr Hall was elected as Chair

Moved Cr Critch, Seconded Cr Colliver

Committee Decision: Cr Colliver was elected as Deputy Chair

Moved Cr Hall, Seconded Cr Critch

CARRIED

3. Terms of Reference

Committee reviewed the proposed Terms of Reference. See attached.

Committee Decision: Proposed Terms of Reference was accepted by the committee.

CARRIED

It was agreed by all present that during a State of Emergency permission will be sought to hold meetings by electronic means (Teams). All Councillors wishing to attend meetings electronically will need to notify administrators (LY/JS) prior. Permission has been given for all Councillors to attend the June meeting by electronic means should we still be in a State of Emergency.

Action: LY and JS to review group list and identify new sources for active participation.

4. Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures were made. BH queried validity of this process in relation to committee and group members.

Action: FN to follow up on the City's policy in relation to BH's query.

5. Committee Membership

Committee discussed about membership, potential groups, members and establishing a quorum. LY noted advertisement for seeking expressions of interests from community representatives for Geraldton and Mullewa closes on 18 March 2022.

Issues discussed:

- Identify proactive stakeholders to reach a quorum.
- Invite potential committee members and create a new group of members
- Establish a standard committee consisting of three (3) council members, WA Police, and community representatives if there are nominations. Other group members are included by invitation.
- Review previous crime prevention plan and key stakeholders and recognise current trends and stakeholders.
- Youth Crime Prevention Officer Report to be renamed Community Safety and Crime Prevention Update. Service delivery and strategic vision shared by community organisations may differ. For example Department of justice (Youth and Adult) and Aboriginal organisations.
- Future role and potential members to form a quorum.

FN raised the importance to clarify meaning and priorities of crime prevention. A difference in opinion between stakeholders example domestic violence which may be a priority for the Council and not for other group members need to addressed.

Committee Decision:

- Review list of committee members and gain further information on activities and programs of other agencies in relation to safety and crime prevention.
- Standing agenda to invite single organisation to present and share program and service information to committee about safety and crime prevention strategies.
- Community representatives may be elected as part of standard committee and relevant process to be discussed in future meetings.

Action: Committee to review and identify group members and extend invitations.

Action: FN to follow up DLG subgroup with an intent for a City representative to be invited to these meetings.

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6. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 16 September 2021

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of meeting held on 16 September 2021 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Committee Decision: The minutes of previous meeting held on 16 September 2021 was accepted as true and correct record of proceedings.

MOVED Cr Hall, SECONDED Cr Colliver.

CARRIED

7. Youth Crime Prevention Officer Report

JS briefed the committee on Youth Crime Prevention Officer Report prepared by LY. See attached for detailed report.

Highlights from the report:

- Late night basketball is set to run in Terms 2 and 3 but there are difficulties securing the Active West Stadium due to the GABA running a winter competition. Other options are being explored.
- Wonthella Skate Park has seen a reduction in extensive anti-social behaviour due to the success of the Skate Today program which is being expanded to GRAMS Reserve.
- Growing success of Mullewa Rising Stars Program. See attached report

JC queried about police involvement with youth program. JS responded there has been regular involvement in the past.

BH commended Youth team on their efforts.

Action 1: LY to distribute Mullewa Rising Stars Program with committee.

Action 2: JS and LY to identify sources of fear of crime, perceptions and crime statistics. FN recommended the City's plan to recognise positive stories as part of this program.

Action 3: Youth team to consider proactive engagement with community and businesses to reinforce safety and crime prevention.

Action 4: FN to investigate the Community Satisfaction Survey

8. Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan Link

JS presented and discussed key points with the Committee. Please refer to [this link](#) for details.

9. General Business

Cr Critch raised the issue that CCTVs in Mullewa are not working. Cr Critch asked for a follow up.

Safe space – Cr Critch emphasised the need for family friendly environment in the region. Rocks Lane Way poses potential risk in terms of safety. LY explained this is being addressed by Economic development team.

Action 1: LY is following up with Pieter Vorster, Coordinator of Economic Development.

Action 2: LY is following up with Steve Cole, the custodian of the CCTV for an update on the functionality of Mullewa's cameras.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 15 June 2022 depending on establishing contact with other agencies. Future meetings are to be held via Teams.

Initial: _____

11. Close

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:10am

Signed by: Chair – Cr Bob Hall

Date

Initial: _____

4.5 Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

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Purpose:

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan was Adopted by Council 24 July 2018 (DCS376). The City will host the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee, which is the overarching committee for Crime Prevention in the City.

Committee Members:

Members three and one Proxy

Cr Robert (Bob) Hall

Cr Jennifer Critch

Cr Natasha Colliver

Cr Michael Reymond [Proxy]

Appointments of Chair / Deputy Chair:

External Members

Nominee from MEEDAC

Nominees from WA Police – OIC Geraldton / OIC Mullewa / OIC Midwest
Gascoyne Youth Engagement Team

Member for Geraldton

Nominee from Geraldton Community

Nominee from Mullewa Community

Nominee from Midwest Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Nominee from Geraldton Streetwork Aboriginal Corporation

Nominee from Adult Community Corrections

Nominee from Mental Health and Community Alcohol and Drug Service

Nominee from Hope Community Services

Nominee from Desert Blue Connect

Nominee from Police and Community Youth Centre

Nominee from Youth Justice Services

City of Greater Geraldton - support staff

Director Development and Community Services or delegate.

Council Resolution:

Date: 23 November 2021

Item Number: CEO0085

Term of Office:

Membership expires 21 October 2023 or as determined by Council

Terms of Reference

SET the Terms of Reference of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee to:

- a. the quorum of a committee meeting is in accordance with Section 5.19 of the Local Government Act 1995, at least 50% of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of member of the Committee;
- b. appoint three Council Members and one proxy to this Committee;
- c. provide advice and guidance on the implementation of the Community Safety Crime Prevention Plan;
- d. provide input into any required review of the Community Safety Crime Prevention Plan; and
- e. act as an advisory body to Council on matters relating to community safety and crime prevention.

Delegation:

There is no delegated authority.

Meeting Details (if known)

Meetings are held quarterly.

Update:



Youth Crime Prevention Officer Report

March 2022

Strategy 1: Breaking cycles and building futures through social development

- **Late Night Basketball**- the City is in the process of securing the GABA for 16 weeks over terms 2 and 3. The program will continue to be run in partnership with PCYC, MEEDAC, GSAC and the BataviaBuccaneers. The program has been running for many years and was in response to anti-social behaviour by young people in and around the Wonthella sporting precinct. The young people have dinner, play basketball, transported home bybus at 10.30pm.
- **Skate Today** – Running successfully from the Wonthella Skate Park on Wednesdays 5-7pm. With a view to curb anti-social behaviour in the area by positive role modelling and a sense of ownership by young people of the facility.
- **Safe Space Thursday Evening** – the City is continuing to support the program which has tailored a summer beach program on Thursday evenings for young people aged 10-18yrs.
- **The Mullewa Youth Centre** has reopened with a new center manager joining the Youth Team. The service is running on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Funding secured from Department of Communities until 2024.
- **Tomorrow Starts Today** – The City has partnered with MEEDAC, PCYC, and WA Police to deliver two camps in January, both being hosted in Perth. The camp had various activities tailored to focus on leadership, team building and resilience. The next camp will run in April with Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures in Shark Bay.
- **Safe Sistas** – run by PCYC is an initiative for young women to come together and connect. It is run every Tuesday and the location varies depending on the day's activities. The group has undertaken a large number of volunteering hours and one of the participating women recently received an award.
- **LGBTQI+ collective** – has formed with multiple organisations in town. The Collective is hosting a safe space catch up at Lester House fortnightly. It is a social meeting space for 16 – 25 year olds. Young people were consulted and during this process a need for a space such as this was highlighted.

Strategy 2: Designing out crime

- **CCTV update:** CCTV revamp throughout the City of Greater Geraldton is well underway, with the project sitting at 58% completion.
- **Railway Street Safe Active Street** -The design for the project is nearing completion. Construction tenders will be requested in the New Year. Railway Street will become a shared zone providing a safe connection for active transport users. The streetscape will be narrowed and landscaped to provide a low-speed environment. Raised plateaus at road intersections will further slow traffic.
- **The GRAMS Reserve** – the GRAMS Reserve upgrade is complete and Skate Today is running at the new skate park on Mondays from 5-7pm. With a view to curb anti-social behaviour in the area and activate the new space.
- **Rocks Laneway Piped Music** – The Geraldton Project were exploring options for having music piped in Rocks Laneway as a deterrent for anti-social behavior and crime in the area. They have also noticed a reduction in anti-social behaviour when they have regular pop up programs being run in the space. Activation of this space seems key.
- **AMC Park & Mitchell St Community Centre** - A draft concept plan to revitalise the AMC Park and Mitchell Street Community Centre developed by local community members will change the look and feel of the area located in the heart of the suburb. Anyone interested in reviewing the plans and providing their feedback to the team are invited to drop into the Mitchell Street Community Centre in Spalding anytime between 9am to 11am on Saturday 19 March 2022

Strategy 3: Reduce the fear of crime

- The State Government has announced a \$400 rebate for all WA Senior Card holders to purchase security equipment. The rebate will mean more local seniors can purchase the equipment they need to stay safe and feel secure in their home.

Strategy 4: Reducing the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs

- **Community Wellness Plan** - the City has agreed to promote Alcohol and Drug Free events for youth and will continue to promote health messages online and on social media. The plan is undergoing a review with various organisations, including the City, being consulted.
- **CADS Outreach Program** - WACHS Community Alcohol Drug Service, in collaboration with Centacare runs an outreach program on a fortnightly basis. They are linking in with the Youth Crime Prevention Officer to find an alternative location to host the program and explore opportunities for young people to engage.

Strategy 5: Anti-Social Behaviour

- **Hotspots Program**- Has been very successful to date with all four of the 10 week programs running with great attendance. The last of the Hotspots funding has been allocated to the 'Raising Saints' program in Mullewa.
- **Skate Today** – Running successfully from the Wonthella Skate Park on Wednesdays 5-7pm. With a view to curb anti-social behaviour in the area by positive role modelling and a sense of ownership by young people of the facility.
- **Soda Sessions** – Was a Hotspots program hosted at Mitchell Street Park on Saturdays. Over the 10 week trial there was a great turn out and extensive positive feedback from the community. The City has decided to fund another 10 week program commencing Saturday 19th March and will run through the school holidays.
- **Spalding Bike Program** - Flexible Learning Centre was successful in receiving Hot Spots funding to run a 10 week bike program at the Spalding Pump Track. The program will run throughout term 2 and will see various young people picked up before school and taken to engage in the program which will include learning mountain bike skills with an accredited trainer. Young people will also learn about nutrition, stretching, and mental health.
- **School Holiday Ninja Course** – is being organised by GSAC, the course has 7 inflatable parts and will be travelling from Perth. The course will be set up for 2 days at the end of the April school holidays at Stow Gardens and will capture young people already in the CBD or at the beach. There will be two 2.5 hour sessions each day with specific ages for each time. Youth workers from GSAC, MEEDAC, the City and PCYC will all be attending to engage with young people. This will be advertised in the coming weeks.



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MULLEWA RISING SAINTS PROGRAM

The Colts Team

The Mullewa Football Club (MFC) is a not-for-profit Country Football Club that engages the broader community of Mullewa and encourages social and emotional wellbeing. The Colts is one of the MFC's youth teams, consisting of young Aboriginal men aged 15–19 years old.

Program Aims

Rising Saints is a monthly program that aims to support Colts members to develop confidence and competence, strong social connections, and effective communication skills. We are committed to providing young men with positive role-modelling through mentoring, coaching and informal support. Additionally, we are focused on building a strong club culture and encouraging players to develop respect for themselves and others.

Program Objectives

Rising Saints seeks to implement a meaningful and relevant set of club standards. It is our vision that by doing so, we can foster prosocial behaviours, respectful communication, and a sense of unity and collectiveness among players. The standards, outlined below, will also offer guidance to members and promote responsibility and accountability.

Colts Club Standards

- All Colts players must attend 2 training sessions a week to participate in the game. Players should notify the coach or leadership group of absences.
- Players must not use alcohol or other drugs prior to training or games.
- All players should arrive before 9:30 am at the football oval on game day.
- Team shirts and black pants or black shorts must be worn on game days.
- No drinking alcohol or smoking while on the team bus.
- Players will clean the team bus together once per month.
- Players must help others around the club if asked.
- No aggressive or abusive language will be tolerated at training or on game day.
- Players will be held accountable for maintaining the above standards.

Underpinning the club standards are our core values: Passion, Pride, and Power. Rising Saints seeks to embed these values into the club and foster connectivity, social and emotional wellbeing, and respect.

- **Passion:** Passion is what gives us the energy to achieve our goals and overcome obstacles.
- **Pride:** Pride is our sense of value and dignity. We take pride in ourselves and our culture.
- **Power:** Power is our ability to make a difference or change in ourselves, our team, and our community.



Program Model

Rising Saints will consist of monthly workshops and ongoing individual mentoring. The workshops will involve social skills training, team-building activities, and guest speaker sessions. Members will be taught about the MFC history, values, and standards. Additionally, the young men will be supported to develop and practice their leadership skills within a group setting. The program will also assist members to formulate and achieve both personal and team goals.

Target Group & Program Outcomes

The program will target Aboriginal youth aged 15–19 who are already engaged with the Colts team. It will also engage boys 11–14 who are interested in joining the Colts. This program will directly impact approximately 20–30 young men living across Geraldton, Mullewa, and Perth. Expected benefits of this program include:

- Improved club culture;
- Increased social connections and teamwork amongst players;
- Enhanced social and emotional wellbeing of players; and
- Greater communication skills and respect amongst players.

Sponsorship

Rising Saints is gratefully accepting sponsorship in the form of material goods, services, or monetary donations. Sponsorship will be used to directly resource the program and support the young men participating.

Please contact Joshua Joseph, the program coordinator, for more details regarding sponsorship

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