

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	CS/16/0020 D-22-065271
Meeting Date	Wednesday, 15 June 2022		
Meeting Time	10:00am		
Meeting Location	Library – Randolph Stow Rooms		
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 Community Representative Leonie Taylor and Councillor Jennifer Critch to attend this meeting by electronic means [Reference: D-22-068563 and D-22-069446].		
Attendees	Cr Hall BH (Chair) Cr Colliver NC (Deputy Chair) Cr Critch JC (by electronic means) Cr Reymond MR (Proxy) Rob Grace RB – WAPOL Charlie Comeagain - WAPOL Leonie Taylor LT – Community Representative (by electronic means) Tim Milnes – Community Representative Lydia Young LY – CGG Peter Treharne PT - CGG Andrew Greaves AG – MEEDAC Jordan Gabelish GB – MEEDAC Simon Phillips SP – MHCDS Colleen Ethell CE – Hope Talya Quinn TQ – PCYC Merle Meyer MM – Dept. of Justice Kieran Rigter KR – Desert Blue Connect Chloe Collard CC – Geraldton Streetwork Moana Wilson MW (Minutes)	By Invitation	Pieter Vorster PV – CGG
		Apologies	Michael Hall MH – WAPOL Mark Walker MW – Mullewa POL Ron Addison RA – WAPOL Neil Vanderplank - WAPOL Joanne Fabling JF - MWCCI Jesse Steele JSt - CGG Lara Dalton LD – Local Member Gina Rainbird GB – Hope Samantha Harring SH– Dept. Justice Jamaica Byrnes JB – YJS Terry Brennan TB – Geraldton Streetwork Fiona Norling FN – CGG Chris Martin CM – WAPOL
		Leave of Absence	
		Distribution	
Purpose of Committee	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. Refer to Committee Book		

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1 Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed the members and provided opportunity for each individual to introduce themselves, apologies were received as noted above.

Joanne Fabling of MWCCI left the meeting at 10:09am.

2 Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interest were made.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Crime Prevention Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

MOVED CR Colliver, SECONDED Bob Hall

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee held on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4 Committee Membership – WAPOL Transfer of Membership

Committee discussed membership and confirmed transfer of membership for Ron Addison RA – WAPOL to Robert Grace (WAPOL - Crime Prevention Officer Geraldton).

Discussion Points

Officer Robert Grace & Charlie Collard provided update on the following:

- Upcoming youth initiatives:
 - In conjunction with PCYC, football and cricket carnivals for juveniles at risk and are looking to have other districts involved ie; Kalgoorlie.
 - Cricket Australia also supportive of programs, especially indigenous youth and there will be future programs rolled out together.
- Upcoming basketball carnival
 - Tayla Quinn confirmed there would be an indigenous team from NAIDOC attending to make a total of 3x teams.
- Big focus on setting community BBQ's, events would be held in a number of different suburbs to encourage community engagement across the region.
- Robert Grace confirmed there to be 4x constables and 1x sergeant as task force for these initiatives in the region.

Councillor Michael Reymond left the meeting at 10:16am.

- Youth disturbances during business hours
 - Police encourage businesses to work together with community and Police
 - Suggested that each shop has a sticker on the front door, "Any issues call this number for assistance" which may deter youth causing disturbances, as it's not necessarily possible for the shops to call the Police for such a matter
 - Officer Robert Grace advised that shop management would have to eject the youth and if they refused to leave then this would turn into a police matter as trespassing
 - Peter Treharne of the City of Greater Geraldton commented that not everyone has the skills to intervene in a situation
 - A program inviting local business managers to upskill themselves on communicating to individuals displaying inappropriate behaviour suggested
 - Talya Quinn from PCYC invited this idea due to previous refusals of service to her Organisation
- Other key focuses for Police include
 - Elderly victims of crime
 - Bicycle theft (school programs are being proposed to educate youth by the Police)
 - Possession theft from vehicles (roll out "No valuables left in this car" leaflets for vehicles)

As a new Community Representative Tim Milne advised that the Police initiatives seem fun and engaging and it's great to see activities for youth to engage in rather than engaging in crime. Tim Milne explained that it's a small portion of youth causing disturbances and that keeping kids at school needs to be a focus. While activities are engaging they don't necessarily stop kids committing crime.

As a new Community Representative Leonie Taylor advised that she was glad to see so many expert points of view in the room and she is hoping to have valuable input as a concerned citizen. Leonie advised that she would like to see a reduction in drugs and see the Committee make the community safer while coming up with great initiatives as a Team to reduce crime.

5 Laneway Update – Pieter Vorster

Pieter Vorster provided update that the City had a school activation program with bi-weekly events however without security. The program was rolled out by an outside agency who has since resigned due to inappropriate behaviour from members of the community.

The City has reviewed management of same and conducted research, appointing a security company to determine whether there was a pattern to the disturbances – no pattern was identified. Disturbances arise at random therefore there is no targeted resolution.

Additional research is being conducted on future purpose of the space and it has been noted that the community feels no ownership of the space. The City is going to engage more with events and claiming the space.

The lighting system was not fit for purpose and is being upgraded along with a sound system. The Rocks Laneway is currently open 8:00am-5.30pm and upgrades will be undertaken in conjunction with the GRAG opening to encourage connection with both locations. Overall the feedback is more eyes, less crime.

There is also some consideration of having a City team member located in the office at the Rocks Laneway to deter inappropriate behaviour and improve the perception of the space.

Talya Quinn advised that PCYC have previously encouraged businesses to be in touch to identify if there's a pattern in times so they could also have a presence to deter behaviours using their relationship with the youth.

The Committee was reminded that decisions need to be about both adults and kids as often the discussion is directed back to children however the Committee is about the wider issue of safety and crime.

Peter Treharne suggested and encouraged that there be Rocks Laneway programs rolled out that including local stakeholders such as Regional Sounds, PCYC and any other interested local organisations to reclaim ownership of the space.

Leonie Taylor agreed with the ideas to reclaim the space and additionally suggested community designed tourist attractions created by youth – to engage youth and improve the presentation of the city as well.

6 Community Crime Prevention Report – Lydia Young

Lydia Young from the City of Greater Geraldton - Youth Crime Prevention Officer presented tabled document Community Crime Prevention Report and spoke to same – see detailed report attached.

The report had previously been known as the Youth Crime Prevention Report, however it is now the Community Crime Prevention Report and Lydia Young will make improvements to content for the next meeting.

Highlights from the report

- The City has purchased Rocky's Gym for a Youth Hub – with a collaborative approach being taken towards creating a Youth/Community Precinct. A multipurpose floor to be installed to allow indoor sports – awaiting contractor timeframes.
- Talya Quinn advised 100+ children have previously attended the Thursday PCYC nights event and roll out of same again will encourage youth to the sporting area rather than town

Lydia Young encouraged community engagement to gain opinion on the precinct and the programs.

7 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

Committee discussed the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan and relevant content and initiatives within the community – see attached for reference.

Councillor Bob Hall advised that the report is coming up for renewal/revision.

Lydia Young confirmed that the Plan is currently being reviewed by herself, Jesse Steele & Peter Treharne. There is a need to review names, tidy up the report and look at if the priority areas. Once reviewed the Crime Prevention Plan and key actions will also work to inform the focus of the committee. Lydia Young will confirm once the review of the new Crime Prevention Plan is completed and submit to the Committee for input and advice.

8 Household CCTV Rebate Scheme & Youth Engagement – Leonie Taylor

Community Representative Leonie Taylor presented her Household CCTV Rebate Scheme and Youth Engagement ideas with the Committee.

Leonie detailed the seniors only initiative that had been rolled out by the State for funded CCTV. Leonie spoke to an incentive in Karratha whereby if you had a security screens or security cameras you could receive rebate on rates for such installs. If you received a rebate for a security systems, can also be a collaborative presence in the community as locals can provide footage in assisting Police and organisations with footage of incidents in the neighbourhood.

It was advised the City has cameras everywhere already and while there is merit in the idea it is potentially something for the State government and whilst this is food for thought concerns were raised surrounding costs and funding.

9 General Business

- Community Wellness Plan – should be up and running by next meeting.
- Talya Quinn of the PCYC provided update on upcoming programs/initiatives;
 - Youth mentoring
 - Gold Program
 - Surfing WA
 - Cricket WA
 - HMAS Stalwart III
- Talya Quinn also thanked to City of Greater Geraldton for purchase of Rocky's Gym.
- Desert Blue Connect – Kieran Rigter introduced Bree Maher and thanked the Committee for the invite.
- Homeless prevention: information on where to find assistance for the homeless was queried.
 - The Zero and Homes First Project were identified
 - The purpose of above is to remove the red tape surrounding assistance
 - An audit conducted amongst the 54 homeless identified mental health as the main concern
 - Both projects have less restrictions on accommodation timeframes and a wraparound service
 - Department of Communities have also been more involved

10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 21 September 2022.

Remaining schedule of quarterly meetings for 2022 as follows:

- Wednesday, 14 December

11 Close

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:12am.



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Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting

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- 6. Community Crime Prevention Report**
- 7. Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan**
- 8. Household CCTV Rebate Scheme & Youth Engagement**

15 June 2022

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Minutes

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		

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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.

Initial: _____

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: _____



Community Crime Prevention Report

June 2022

Strategy 1: Breaking cycles and building futures through social development

- **Late Night Basketball**- the GABA has been secured for 4 of the 16 weeks and Late Night Basketball will run from 2 – 23 September. The program will continue to be run in partnership with PCYC, MEEDAC, GSAC and the Batavia Buccaneers. 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 by bus at 10.30pm.
- **Safe Space Thursday Evening** – the City is continuing to support the program which has returned to the PCYC building during the winter months. The program is run on Thursday evenings from 4pm onwards for young people aged 12-17yrs.
- **The Mullewa Youth Centre** – ongoing weekly outreach with WA Police establishing basketball/football program. Another priority is developing opportunities for local young people to engage in work experience.
- **Tomorrow Starts Today** – the next camp will be run during Naidoc week in Perth and will focus on team building.
- **Career Pathways** – WA Youth Policing Team is looking for opportunities to collaborate with NGO's and Community groups on providing support to young people to prevent offending/reoffending. Looking at a broader solution to support young offenders and aide in the rehabilitation of positive futures.
- **Cultural Surfing** – a trial program between GSAC, Surfing WA, A Glassy Day, PCYC, CGG, Flexible Learning Centre and Clontarf Academy has seen young people trying surfing for the first time. There has been a high level of engagement and participation from young people so far with positive outcomes. The program is 4 weeks long with 3 weeks allocated to surfing and 1 week to a cultural tour delivered by GSAC. There are plans to extend this to a 10 week program and beyond.

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 project is nearing completion with the street trees recently being painted. These trees bookend designated on street parking which alternates sides of the streets creating a snaked laneway with reduced sight lines. The on street parking also reduces the carriage way width to two vehicles wide.
- **Rocks Laneway** – update will be provided by Pieter Vorster at this meeting.
- **AMC Park & Mitchell St Community Centre** - Four workshops have been held with the community. Two with Bluff Point Primary School Students and two with a community reference group. The workshops identified and prioritised what improvements could be made and the workshops were held to review the draft design. Designing out crime played a key role in some of the projects the community identified such as potential changes to the Mitchell Street Community Centre so that there is better surveillance of AMC Park from the centre. It also looked at how people will move into and around the community centre from the residential area to the west.



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.
- **City of Greater Geraldton Rangers** are conducting increased patrols in high volume areas.

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.
- **New pilot housing program** – six refurbished social housing dwellings have provided accommodation for 10 people. The new pilot program that will provide housing and wrap-around supports for tenants. The program will be run in partnership between the Department of Communities and ICARE Drug and Alcohol Support Service, who will work with tenants to help them transition to independent living and sustain their tenancies.

Strategy 5: Anti-Social Behaviour

- **Hotspots Program**- Is now complete with all funding allocated. The following initiatives were funded as part of the program and ran for a minimum of 10 weeks; Levy Street Life, Soda Sessions, Raising Saints, Skate Today GRAMS, and Spalding Park Bike Program. The program was extremely successful in activating spaces throughout the Geraldton and Mullewa.
- **Skate Today** – Running successfully from the Wonthella Skate Park on Wednesdays 5-7pm and GRAMS reserve on Mondays 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.
- **School Holiday Inflatable Course** – is being run again, the course has various inflatable parts and will be travelling from Perth. The course will be set up on Saturday 2 July at Midalia Park and will capture young people in the CBD. There will be two 2.5 hour sessions with specific ages for each time. Youth workers from GSAC, MEEDAC, and CGG will all be attending to engage with young people.
- **Deadly Cricket** – run by PCYC in partnership with CGG, Cricket WA, MEEDAC, and GSAC. Deadly Cricket provides a diversionary activity at locations where youths are gathering – linking participants to community cricket opportunities, replicating the fun of backyard cricket and more structured environments.
- **Indigenous Golf Program** – stakeholders met with Marc Pike from Golf WA to discuss ways to increase participation in the sport by Indigenous players. Monday 11th July a Come & Try event will be hosted at Spalding Park Golf Club during the school holidays. This will be followed by a 6 – 8 week program in Term 3 on Monday's after school. The program will be split between Spalding Park and Geraldton Golf Club.



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**“ Reduce
the fear
of crime ”**

FOREWORD

For a number of years now the City of Greater Geraldton has been actively involved in working with the community to develop strategies that aim to increase community safety and crime prevention.

The City has long recognised that crime and the perception of crime has a negative effect on the community, and that local government authorities have a role to encourage collaboration to investigate the nature of crime and how best to provide localised solutions.

While traditionally crime reduction has been thought of as addressed through law enforcement, security operations and the criminal justice system, it is now agreed that community and other non-government agencies have a valuable role to play through social strategies.

The City's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee is made up of representatives from various agencies and community organisations. Members of this group provide guidance and expertise to address the issues highlighted in our Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan. The Committee is an excellent forum that allows the free flow of information and ideas, and connects members to facilitate better outcomes for our community.

We are already celebrating the successes of programs such as Safe Space, Midnight Basketball, Neighbourhood Watch Engraving Days and continual expansion of the CCTV network. The development of close relationships with both government and non-government agencies also further our progress.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan outlines new initiatives that build on previous successes and further advance community safety in the City. The plan aims to identify measures of success for safety and crime prevention and foster an approach to community safety that is wholly embraced by the community and the City.

I encourage and thank all the dedicated and enthusiastic members of our community and representative agencies who continue to work together and take ownership of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.



Bob Hall

CR BOB HALL

GERALDTON POLICE

In 1829 Sir Robert Peel, the man considered the father of modern day policing, created nine principles of law enforcement. The one 'Peelian' principle I consistently reinforce to my officers is "The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with them".

I am happy to say that at the time of writing this, the Mid West-Gascoyne Police District (including the Geraldton subdistrict) have reduced crime over the past two years and are well positioned to achieve that again this year.

This outcome has been achieved not only due to the diligent efforts and endeavours of my officers, but by them working collaboratively with a variety of government and non-government agencies and community members. Contrary to popular belief, police are not solely responsible for community crime issues as this is the responsibility of each and every community member. This may be as simple as community members better securing their residences, not leaving valuables in view in unattended vehicles, passing on valuable information or reporting suspicious behaviour.

Crime ultimately has three core elements - desire, opportunity and ability. If we can remove just one of these elements, the crime will not occur. This Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan (CS&CP) codifies strategies and initiatives we can all work on collaboratively to ensure our community is safe and secure for all. I encourage you to take the time to read this document and see what you can do to assist make Geraldton an even better place to live.

District Superintendent - Mike Bell

As the officer in Charge of Geraldton Police Station and an active member of the City of Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee, I know the only way to disrupt and reduce crime is for the entire community to be involved from the grass roots and to take a no tolerance approach to crime. Geraldton Police has a strong partnership with the City of Greater Geraldton, government and other non-for profit organisations to change the cycle of young people from offending and committing crime in our community.

Supporting early intervention strategies and new and emerging communities is vital to the disruption of young people from a cycle of crime. We are working with our partners to design communities that are safe, secure and sustainable to reduce and eliminate crime hotspots and support each other.

Strong engagement with all stakeholders in the development of strategies to prevent crime and reduce the incidents of crime is vital in providing a safe environment for the community. Geraldton Police are using the latest innovation in policing from increased intelligence capability, suppression and enforcement activities to ensure the development of robust prevention strategies and precise resource allocation.

Geraldton Police will continue to work with the community to reduce the demand of illicit drugs and the effects of alcohol abuse and will continue with a firm approach to those that wish to cause harm to the community. As the Officer in Charge of Geraldton Police Station I endorse the goals, objectives of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan and am personally committed to making our community a safer place.

Officer in Charge - Brad Bird

MULLEWA POLICE

As the new officer in charge of Mullewa Police Station and part of the City of Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee, I strongly believe that crime prevention is a key element in fighting the fear of crime and keeping the community safe. Crime prevention is the responsibility of the whole community and we at Mullewa Police Station will do our part in actively coordinating a positive response.

The Western Australia Police Force plays a vital role in communicating crime trends to the community and to other stakeholders within the community. We will take an active part in the development of prevention strategies and strongly support a crime prevention plan. I look forward to working closely with the other members of the panel and assisting in its future development. As the officer in charge of Mullewa Police Station I fully endorse the goals of the plan and am fully committed to achieving its objectives with the aim of making our community a safer place.

Officer in Charge - Chris Martin



Strategic alignment with the Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027

The City of Greater Geraldton Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 is a blueprint for the future direction of the City and its community members. It represents a shared community vision and sets out long term strategies designed to strengthen and build on Greater Geraldton's unique assets.

MAJOR GOAL: COMMUNITY

The Community Safety Crime Prevention plan contributes to the achievement of the major goal of community, which aims to value our sense of community, our small town feel and the lifestyle opportunities of our coastal location and bushland.

OBJECTIVE 1.3 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY

One of the four performance measures under this objective is directly related to the CSCP Plan. That is:

- 1.3.4 Encouraging initiatives to improve community safety.

OBJECTIVE 1.5 RECOGNISE, VALUE AND SUPPORT EVERYONE

Four of the six performance measures under this objective are directly related to the CSCP Plan:

- 1.5.1 Supporting and strengthening community groups, organisations and volunteer services
- 1.5.2 Supporting young people to develop the skills to make valuable contributions to their communities
- 1.5.3 Providing community services and programs that support people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds
- 1.5.4 Supporting initiatives that enhance education and learning opportunities for all community members



“ Encouraging initiatives to improve community safety ”

Local Programs and Initiatives

The City of Greater Geraldton has had many successes in the area of Community Safety and Crime Prevention. When addressing the new plan we must analyse and acknowledge past achievements within our community. Some notable programs and initiatives include:

- U-Turn Project 2016-2018
- PCYC Safe Space Program 2018
- Midnight Basketball 2007-2018
- Friday Night Football 2016-2018
- Return to Country Camps 2017
- Mitchell Street Community Centre 2016-2018
- Neighbourhood Watch engraving days 2017
- Continual expansion of the CCTV network

It must be recognised that many more programs and projects that have not been identified here, have taken place in the City of Greater Geraldton in recent years. Every project is considered valuable and every project has contributed toward creating a safer and more secure environment.



Agency Cooperation

Some agencies contributing to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan are listed below. It is recognised that the included agencies vary due to renaming, restructuring and the ever broadening scope of outcomes undertaken by the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee.

CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON COUNCILLORS

Cr Hall (Chair)

Cr Reymond

Cr Critch

Cr Tanti

Cr Colliver

CORE

MEEDAC

WA Police – OIC Geraldton

WA Police – Mid West Gascoyne Youth Engagement Team

WA Police – OIC Mullewa

CGG Youth Crime Prevention Officer

CGG Manager Urban and Regional Development

CGG Coordinator Ranger Services

OTHER CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

Ian Blayney MLA

Geraldton Community Member

Mullewa Community Member

Midwest Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Geraldton Streetwork Aboriginal Corporation

Department of Corrective Services

Community Alcohol and Drug Services

Hope Community Services

Desert Blue Connect

Police and Community Youth Centre

Youth Justice Services

CGG Coordinator Youth Development

Priority Strategies

The Community Safety Crime Prevention Committee held a workshop with assistance from the Office of Crime Prevention in June 2015 to identify priority strategies. The outcome of the workshop was the identification of priority areas for the committee to focus on. It is noted that some agencies and groups do not have influence or act across all parts of the City, therefore their contribution may be restricted to particular geographic locations or specific demographics. However, all contributions are important and through the ongoing effort and collaboration of all stakeholders, progress can be made and change achieved. The areas now considered by the CSCP Committee as those needing attention are as follows:

1. BREAKING CYCLES & BUILDING FUTURES THROUGH SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

We will help to break the cycles of disadvantage, exclusion and isolation that lead to future offending behaviour.

Early intervention strategies are critically important to preventing future offending behaviour in our children and youth. Through this focus area, we intend to support our partners in engaging those people in our community who do not traditionally have a voice in mainstream decision-making, and understand how best to support them to build positive futures.

2. CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN & MANAGEMENT

We will create environments where people feel welcome and safe.

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design and Management, or CPTEDM (pronounced "septed"), is a multi-disciplinary approach to reducing and deterring criminal behaviour through the design and management of environments. It involves applying a range of design principles to a site to minimise the potential for that site to facilitate and support criminal behaviour. It also involves managing the site in a way that maintains those design principles over the long term so the site always reduces and deters criminal behaviour. The City will intensify the application of the CPTEDM approach and has embedded it as the 'business as usual' approach to designing and managing public facilities and spaces.



3. PREVENTING & REDUCING REPORTED CRIME

We will prevent and reduce the incidence of current reported crime

Thanks to the intelligence provided by the WA Police databases, tracking the incidence and location of assaults, burglaries, graffiti, robberies and motor vehicle theft in the Greater Geraldton region is straightforward. We want to use this intelligence to become more proactive in preventing and reducing these crimes. The types and locations of crime change over time, and it is important that we work with residents to keep them informed and up to date with what is happening in their suburbs. We want to reduce the fear of crime, reduce preventable crime, encourage reporting, improve home and personal security and reduce the incidence of vandalism and graffiti on private and public property.

4. REDUCING THE HARMFUL USE OF ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

We will reduce the risk of alcohol and other drug-related harm in the City of Greater Geraldton area.

The harmful use of alcohol and other drugs results in considerable health, social, environmental and financial costs to the community. The City of Greater Geraldton is committed to working with key stakeholders and being involved in alcohol and other drug related crime prevention activities over the next four years.

5. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We will develop and encourage acceptable standards of behaviour in public places.

Antisocial behaviour continues to be a major concern across the community and requires a community-wide approach to address the issue. It is often linked to the excessive use of alcohol and drugs and a lack of activities that meet the demands of all community members. On other occasions it relates to perceptions created by the media, or low tolerance to different groups or individuals behaving or looking differently. Efforts and coordinated strategies across agencies will be ongoing and directed at hotspots and some of the underlying issues for the behaviour, including virtual spaces on social media.

Two resourcing levels have been identified for initiatives listed under these priority strategies. Some initiatives can be undertaken within staff resources and existing budgets through the City and other party agencies, however some will require additional external funding, as outlined in the tables below. Applications for additional funding will be prioritised by the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee and carried out by the most relevant of the member agencies.



“...become more proactive in preventing and reducing these crimes”

Initiatives under Strategy 1: Breaking cycles and building futures through social development

We will strive to break the cycles of disadvantage, exclusion and isolation that lead to future offending behaviour.

OBJECTIVE 1.1: TO ENGAGE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE EFFECTIVELY TO PROMOTE SAFE BEHAVIOURS AND PREVENT AT RISK YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ENTERING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Support youth and community organisations and networks to respond to disadvantage and emerging need by leveraging their existing knowledge and strengths during peak criminal activity periods	<p>Collaborative approach from all agencies</p> <p>Attend youth networking meetings</p> <p>Attend Integrated Offender Case Management Working Group Meetings</p> <p>Provide support letters for funding applications as they arise</p>	Additional funds required	<p>Young people who are in need are given the help and support they need to change their circumstances</p> <p>Number and range of diversionary activities delivered</p>
B) Design and animate public spaces in ways that celebrate young people, diversity and enhance safety and community cohesion	CGG – Youth, Events, Urban, Council	Additional funds required	Young people are actively involved in their communities and feel safe when they are out. They experience a city where people care about each other.

OBJECTIVE 1.2: TO PROMOTE YOUTH IN A POSITIVE WAY

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Develop a media campaign that showcases positive youth stories and outcomes of youth projects and shared through member agency's accounts	CGG – Youth, Communications Team Local Media outlets	In house - CGG	A minimum of six media activities implemented per year

OBJECTIVE 1.3: TO SUPPORT PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL IN OUR COMMUNITY

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Member organisations to support the Community, Respect & Equality project	Desert Blue Connect CGG – Communications Team, Community Development NGOs	In house - CGG	Increase number of relevant social media posts with #RespectRules #ViolenceIsNeverOK
B) Members to promote Community, Respect & Equality Champion project	CGG – Community Development NGOs	In house - CGG	Number of Community Champions trained by Chrysalis
C) Investigate the possibility of implementing a 'Preventing Violence against Women Strategy'	CGG – HR	Additional funds required	Family Violence Policy/Strategy implemented
D) Members to support the March Against Violence and Men's Rising Breakfast	Desert Blue Connect CGG NGOs	In house - CGG	Number of participants at the events

OBJECTIVE 1.4 UTILISE MENTORING PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Utilise Repay WA where appropriate for graffiti removal (develop relationship with utility agencies to improve removal of graffiti on private property)	Youth Justice Community – Snap, Send, Solve & CGG partnership	Additional funds required - State Graffiti Fund	Reduce recidivism – measured by YJ
B) Reduce graffiti through application of legal murals	CGG – GRAG Public Arts Committee	Additional funds required	Number of legal murals created
C) Investigate the possibility of a Youth Hub/Centre	CGG – Youth	Additional funds required	Provides young people with a place to go as a one-stop shop for information and immediate referral to relevant services and programs

Initiatives under Strategy 2: Designing out Crime

We will create environments where people feel welcome and safe.

OBJECTIVE 2.1: DEVELOP AND MANAGE THE CITY OF GERALDTON'S BUILT AND LANDSCAPED ENVIRONMENT BASED ON CPTEDM PRINCIPLES.

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) concepts and Department of Planning's Designing Out Crime Guidelines into town planning and urban renewal activity	CGG – Urban, Rangers WA Housing Authority		Demonstration that the CPTED concepts are incorporated into Development Strategies, Structure Plans and subdivision applications prepared or supported by CGG relating to hot spots
B) Install Look Lock Leave and Beach Watch signage at local car parks	NHW WAPOL Rangers	Additional funds required	Number of signs installed
C) Support place making initiatives and neighbourhood building programs that activate public spaces, foster community ownership and pride in private and public spaces and contribute to a sense of community and belonging	CGG - Urban		Number of place making initiatives endorsed by Council Number of Community Grants and Community Project Support Grants

OBJECTIVE 2.2: INCREASE THE PROVISION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SERVICES THAT SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY AND PREVENT CRIME IN THE CITY

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Continue the extension and enhancement of the CCTV network to support intelligence led policing	CGG – Rangers, IT, Council WAPOL	Additional funds required	CCTV system and service consistently reliable for all users
B) Increase public awareness through media, signage and promotional activities of CCTV and how to access assistance	CGG – Communications Team WAPOL	Additional funds required	Marketing plan being implemented effectively during 2018 and onwards
C) Conduct and promote safety and crime prevention education and awareness activities in Geraldton and Mullewa	CGG – Youth Community safety groups WAPOL	In house - CGG Additional funds required WAPOL OCP education resources	Community participating in activities in 2018 and onwards

Initiatives under Strategy 3: Reduce the fear of crime

We will prevent and reduce the incidence of current reported crime.

OBJECTIVE 3.1: TO SUPPORT, DEVELOP AND EXPAND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAM IN GERALDTON AND MULLEWA

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Promote the principles and activities of NHW program throughout the community to encourage new memberships	NHW members CGG – Customer service, Communications Team	Addition fund required	Membership numbers gradually increase
B) Community Safety Workshops at the QEII Centre for seniors	NHW Geraldton WAPOL CGG- Community Development	In house CGG	Number of attendees at presentations
C) Safety for Seniors tips leaflets to be developed and distributed	WAPOL	Additional funds required	Number of leaflets produced

OBJECTIVE 3.2: TO FACILITATE A COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE POSITIVE PERCEPTION OF GERALDTON AND MULLEWA

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Positive news stories on social media	CGG – Communications Team Geraldton Visitor Centre WA Police	In house - CGG	A minimum of six positive stories per year
B) Promote outcomes of CSCP activities and initiatives through CGG social media and share through member agency's accounts	CGG - Communications Team Member agencies	In house	Quarterly update of activities/initiatives distributed

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

We will reduce the risk of alcohol and other drug-related harm in the Geraldton and Mullewa communities.

OBJECTIVE 4.1: MANAGE AND REDUCE HARM TO AND BY PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL USE OR OTHER SUBSTANCES

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Monitor and target enforcement of street drinking (intelligence led policing) to create a sense of community safety	WAPOL MEEDAC Community members Geraldton Liquor Accord Mullewa Liquor Accord CGG - Rangers	WAPOL	Number of CCTV observations Number of infringements

OBJECTIVE 4.2: PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE SERVICE AND SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Target enforcement of intoxication laws in licensed venues and public places	WAPOL	WAPOL	Number of infringements
B) Members to support the existing Alcohol and Other Drugs Management Group	All	In house - CGG	Number of active members in the AODMG

Initiatives under Strategy 5: Anti-Social Behaviour

We will develop and encourage acceptable standards of behaviour in public places.

OBJECTIVE 5.1: IDENTIFY AND MANAGE HOT SPOT AREAS FOR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN GERALDTON AND MULLEWA

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Coordinate a low tolerance approach by police to target and manage anti-social behaviour	WAPOL	WAPOL	Reduction of crime rates Reduced number of assaults
B) Regular liaison between WAPOL, CGG, government and non-government agencies and community groups to discuss and address hot spots	WAPOL CGG - Rangers NGOs MEEDAC	In house by all agencies	Regular attendance at crime prevention meetings Reduced rates of crime in relation to anti-social behaviour

OBJECTIVE 5.2: ENCOURAGE ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR IN PUBLIC PLACES

Key Actions	Stakeholders	Resources	Success
A) Support education programs to reduce antisocial behaviour and excessive alcohol consumption	AODMG	Government programs – Alcohol think again etc	Number of education activities delivered
B) Encourage alcohol free public events to attract a diverse range of people to the city	CGG Events; Vibrancy	In house CGG	Increased number of alcohol-free major events supported by CGG

Acknowledgements

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Specifically the City recognises the input of agencies that devote time to attend meetings of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee, Integrated Offender Case Management Working Group meetings, Regional Human Services Managers meetings and other community committees.

Often the valuable volunteers of the community go unrecognised. While all these persons are not able to be identified, it should be noted that their contribution to the community is highly valued.





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From: Taylor, Leonie
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Subject: RE: Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting

Hi Moana,

You can decide if my idea will fit into your agenda. I think they are great and will really help Geraldton in two different ways. It's what we need

Sorry it's quick but I am at work atm.

Idea 1)

What: Security camera / improve home security

Council sets up a rebate scheme that if home owners gets "approved" security cameras, security screens etc to improve home security.

Rebate – whatever council comes up with – gets taken off rates bill. Encourage people to pay rates to get rebate back.

Shop local – can only source these via local business. Not ebay etc approved list of businesses. When you submit the invoice to council

Benefit: Police will have more video footage, prevent crime – as it deterrent if harder or they will get caught, make community safer,

Police benefit: reduce crime, register security cameras might be one of the criteria on the police website

Idea 2)

What: Tourist attractions all over town. Crayfish or something like this to pretty up the town

Cost: Local business to sponsor and get recognition

Local project for youth: can design each crayfish

Local business: to make – keep money local

Tourism: have a map so tourist can go on a trail to find them. Fun for locals and tourist

Idea came from Post Macquarie NSW [Hello Koalas](#)

Many thanks

Regards

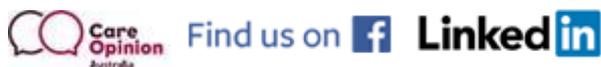
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