

# Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	<b>Meeting No.</b>	6 D-23-129694
<b>Meeting Date</b>	28 September 2023		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	10:00am		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Function Room – City of Greater Geraldton		
<b>Attendance by Electronic Means</b>	<i>Nil</i>		
<b>Attendees</b>	Cr Bob Hall Chair - BH Cr Natasha Colliver Deputy Chair - NC Cr Jennifer Critch - JC Cr Michael Reymond Proxy – MR	<b>By Invitation</b>	Samantha Harring Dept Justice Terry Brennan Geraldton Streetwork Andrew Greaves MEEDAC Simon Philips MHCDS Merle Meyer Dept Justice Kieran Rigter Dessert Blue Connect Colleen Ethell Hope Springs Joanne Fabling MWCCI
	Jesse Steele CGG - JS Peter Treharne CGG – PT Lisa Sage CGG - LS	<b>Apologies</b>	Fiona Norling CGG - FN Lara Dalton Local Member
	Rob Grace WAPOL – RG Fabian Wilke WAPOL FW	<b>Leave of Absence</b>	
	Shauni Norman CGG Minutes - SN	<b>Absent</b>	Leonie Taylor Community Member - LT Tim Milnes Community Member – TM Michael Hall WAPOL - MH Neil Vanderplank WAPOL - NV Rhys Marjoram WAPOL Proxy - RM
		<b>Distribution</b>	
<b>Purpose of Committee</b>	Refer to <a href="#">Committee Book</a>		

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[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 and Apologies

All welcomed and apologies noted from FN, and LD.

## 2 Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Yamatji people.

## 3 Disclosure of Interests

Nil.

## 4 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil.

## 5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

### Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting held on 29 June 2023 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

### COMMITTEE DECISION: MOVED JC, SECONDED NC

### CARRIED 6/0

Not Voted: 4

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 6

Name	Vote
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
R Grace	YES
F Wilke	YES
R Marjoram	NOT PRESENT
M Hall	NOT PRESENT
L Taylor	NOT PRESENT
T Milnes	NOT PRESENT

## 6 Community Crime Prevention Report – JS/LS

Highlights from the report

Mullewa Youth centre is now running on regular opening hours.

Bimba Basketball planned at Mullewa Rec Centre term four (4).

Late night basketball not able to run in term three (3) working toward term four (4).

Application for funding for EOI on stage one (1) of the Youth Centre has been submitted. TRCB Architects have been engaged and have provided stage one and two along with a concept for the whole project.

### Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the Crime Prevention Officer Report be accepted by the Committee.

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<b>L Taylor</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>
<b>T Milnes</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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OFFICER: Lisa Sage	

### **Strategy one: Breaking cycles and building futures through social development.**

- The Mullewa Youth Centre has continued to run effectively providing a safe space with programs targeted to significantly impact the youth living in Mullewa. The team actively support WA Police and their Blue Light events.
- Skate Today continues to run successfully throughout the school term providing a weekly skate clinic on Wednesdays 5-7pm. The clinics run by Infinity Skate provide positive role modelling and a sense of ownership by the young people using the Wonthella Skate Park.
- The Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture, Connecting to Country program is on its way with two camps being planned for December 2023 and April 2024. The camps will provide an opportunity for the youth in Geraldton and Mullewa to participate in cultural activities.
- Late Night Basketball ran an 8-week program in term two. The successful program ran in partnership with stakeholders PCYC, WA Police, MEEDAC, GSAC and the Buccaneer coaching staff and import players. The program drew in a cohort of 60 players every Friday night. The City was unsuccessful in booking term 3 with Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association, however, the City is in negotiations with the GABA to run the program in 2024.
- Tomorrow Starts Today grant funding administered by the Dept. Justice has finished. The funding provided 8 successful camps for at-risk youth and leadership development in Geraldton. The City partnered with MEEDAC, PCYC, WA Police and Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre to deliver these camps.
- An extensive school holiday program has been planned for the upcoming September school holidays. The Youth Vibrancy Officer put an Expression of Interest out to engage new activity facilitators for the youth in Geraldton.
- The funding the City received from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture to deliver an afterschool sports program targeting low participant youth will be implemented in October. The program Game On will have two sports, Indoor Tennis and Beach Volleyball delivering a session each a week for an 8-week program. The



program will move its focus once the Geraldton Youth Centre is activated.

- PCYC have received 4.6 million in funding to be spread over two years. Term 4 will be back to running a five-day safeSPACE program. The additional funding provides 2024 with a 6-day program as well as a part-time coordinator and a part-time facilitator. PCYC plan to collect data via community consultation regarding 2024 programs for at-risk youth.
- Revolve Skate Series youth event is planned for 11 November at Wonthella Skate Park. The event is a celebration of youth culture with live music, stall holders and exhibition skaters.
- The Connect Respect arise program has been running sessions at the Mullewa Men's Shed with guest presenters to help develop healthy relationships and enhance resilience.

#### **Strategy two: Designing out crime.**

- An application has been applied for the federal funded Growing Regions grant. If successful \$640, 000.00 will be distributed to start developing the building the City purchased on Pass St into the much-needed youth centre.
- Regulatory Services is implementing a new role within the City by inducting a CCTV Officer into the team. They will handle overseeing cameras and working with stakeholders regarding camera provisions that are suitable for this town and its future. The new position will be advertised mid-September.

#### **Strategy three: Reduce the fear of crime.**

- The City is actively collaborating with WA Police to address and alleviate the fear of crime within our community. As part of our commitment to enhance safety and fostering a sense of security among the community we are organising two community exhibitions in partnership with WA Police. The exhibitions are designed to educate on organised crime and how to identify it and provide the community an opportunity to learn about crime prevention strategies and showcase businesses that can assist in creating more security as we move into the warmer months.

#### **Strategy four: Reducing the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs.**

- Stakeholder GRAMS have attended City events to promote their program Butt Out-Tackling Indigenous smoking. Providing information and merchandise promoting Butt Out.
- Stakeholders GSAC and Stephen Michael Foundation, as well as DLGSC and Healthway are launching the first Jambinu Carnival to be held in Geraldton. Football

teams have been created from Mid-West, Gascoyne, North Midlands, and the Murchison to compete in a two-day event.

- Ongoing CGG participation in the CADS led Community Wellness Plan.
- Ongoing CGG participation in the Geraldton Liquor Accord.

**Strategy five: Anti -Social behaviour.**

- WA Youth Policing team have delivered rock throwing presentations to local schools in a bid to deter number of young people engaging in rock throwing and are still patrolling the hot spot areas that rock throwing is prevalent. PCYC are running a youth music development program focused on creating a rap about the dangers of rock throwing.
- To create a sense of safety the shrubs in Queens Park underwent a vigorous pruning to support clear sightlines and passive surveillance from many viewpoints to allow the public to feel safe in recognition of CPTED principles.
- CGG Expression of Interest out for a community group to activate Rocks Laneway and prevent anti-social behaviour.

## **7 Crime Prevention Community Safety Plan Update**

The Committee noted the current plan has expired and has been drafted and now progressing towards community and stakeholder engagement, feedback from the Committee and the City's Executive Management Team to follow once the draft is complete, with the final step being Council adoption.

## **8 General Business**

### **8.1 Organisational Updates**

MWCCI – Small Business day end of October 2023

PCYC – Successful in receiving State Government funding in the share of the 4.6 million allowing for six (6) day operation during 2024. Working on early intervention for 10–17-year-olds in the safe space program. Working with Flexi Learning and alternative learning youth referrals, Drive to the future, safe sisters and regular boxing club programs.

Noted Antisocial behaviour in the CBD is still a regular issue and is a little more prevalent being the School Holidays.

WAPOL – Sargent Hall is working with Dept Education for a presentation and videos for use in School and Juvenile Justice on the current rock throwing issues. Shop lifting and banning notices have been progressing with 75 issued and a 40% reduction since the program started promotion in April. Community information session held for the Crime Stoppers they will never know program and the development of an Eyes on the Street phone app.

NC left the meeting at 11:15am

## **9 Close**

The Chair closed the meeting 11:20am