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Community Safety & Crime Prevention Survey Report



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Background

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan is out of date and requires a review to ensure it still meets the needs of the community and can be actioned by the City.

To determine the effectiveness of the updated plan, the decision was made to benchmark current perceptions on community safety, the City's reputation regarding crime and gather ideas on how the community can help the City and WA Police reduce crime and improve safety.

Engagement

The City conducted the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Community Survey from 30 October to 20 November 2023.

The survey was promoted in a media release and in a series of social media posts and advertisements in the Geraldton Guardian. A dedicated website page with links to the online survey and information on the location of hard copy surveys was also published. Hard copies of the survey were available at the City Civic Centre, Mullewa District Office and QEII Seniors and Community Centre. The survey was promoted at the QEII Centre during Seniors Week and on various social media channels including the City's Facebook and Instagram accounts, Mullewa Community Group and Over 50's Geraldton Life. The City received 387 responses of which 300 were submitted online and 87 submitted paper copies.

Summary

The majority of respondents own their homes, know their neighbours well and have at least eight home security measures in place.

Most feel safe in their home and neighbourhoods during the day and at night. They also feel safe in the CBD during the day but not at night.

The majority lock their doors when they are at home, or when they go away and also lock their cars.

Although most respondents have not been a victim of crime in the last five years, more than half had reported crime or anti-social behaviour within the same time period.

The majority of respondents believe Geraldton has reputation of having a high crime rate and a crime problem. Additionally, nearly 20% believe that youth are associated with crime and anti-social behaviour and are not being held accountable for their actions by their parents or the judicial system. Nearly 20% also said keeping youth off the streets, in school, participating in activities and programs or offering them a safe place to go such as a youth centre would make a difference.

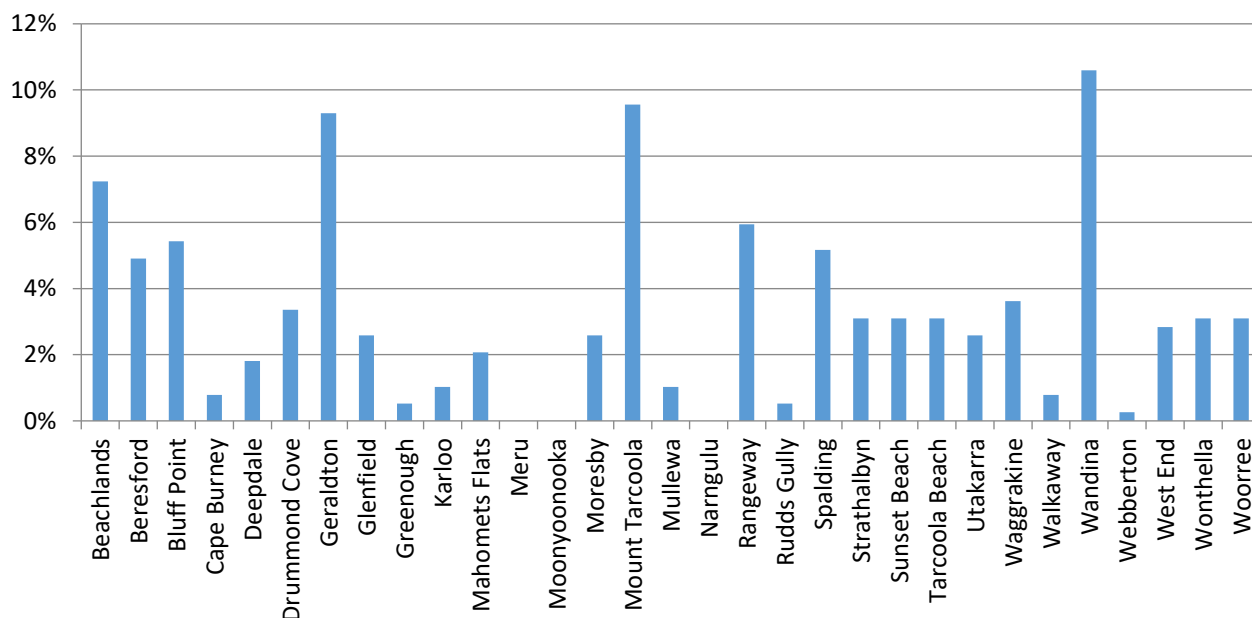
Nearly 40% of respondents said that people need to take responsibility if safety is to improve and crime reduced through police reporting, locking up and getting to know their neighbours.

Better communications and information sharing such as a crime/anti-social behaviour reporting app, website that lists crimes that have been solved, holding community meetings or forums to educate the community and discuss issues and more sharing of incidents on community social media pages would improve safety, reduce crimes and change the perception that the City has a crime problem and reputation of having a high crime rate.

Survey Results

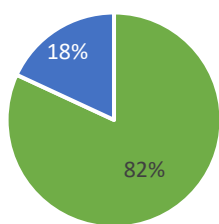
Location, Home Ownership, Safety Measures

Community members from nearly all suburbs and localities, with the exception of localities that are predominantly industrial, responded to the survey.



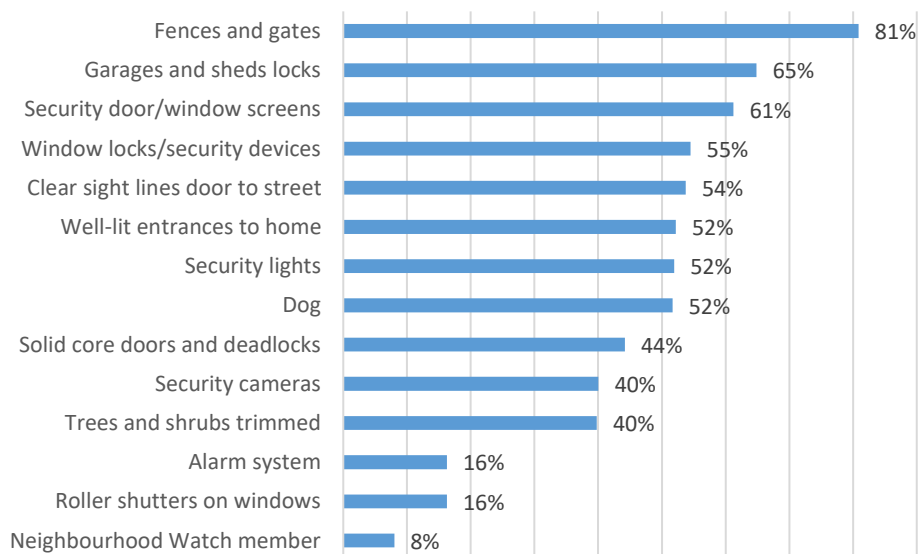
The majority of respondents own their home and have taken at least eight measures to secure it.

Home Ownership



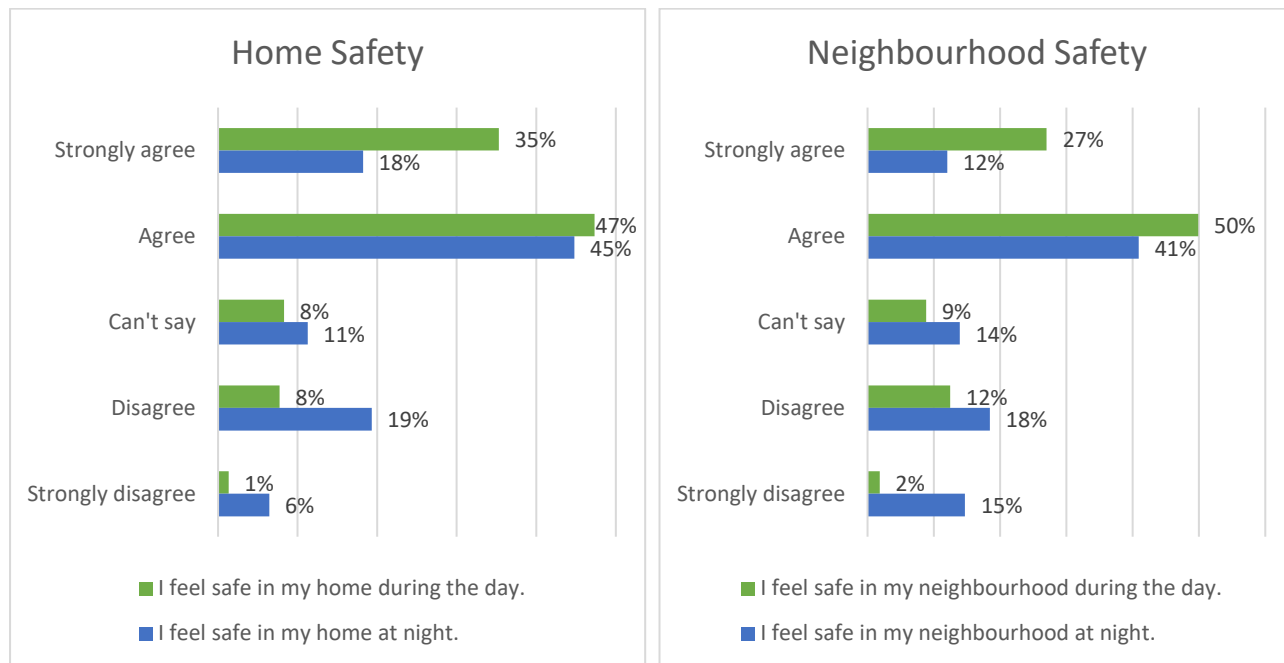
■ Yes
■ No

Security Measures



Safety At Home

The majority of respondents said they feel safe in their home both day (83%) and night (63%) and also feel safe in their neighbourhood both day (77%) and night (53%).

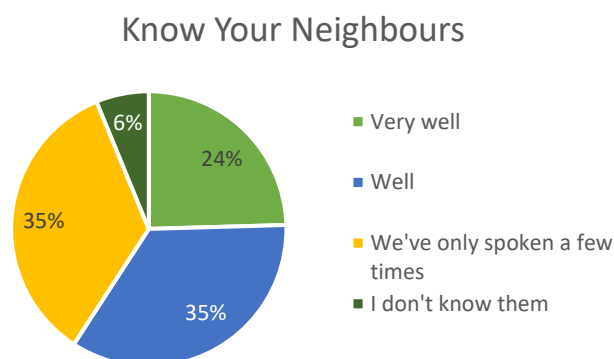


The three localities most respondents said they did not feel safe in their homes and/or neighbourhoods during the day and/or at night included:

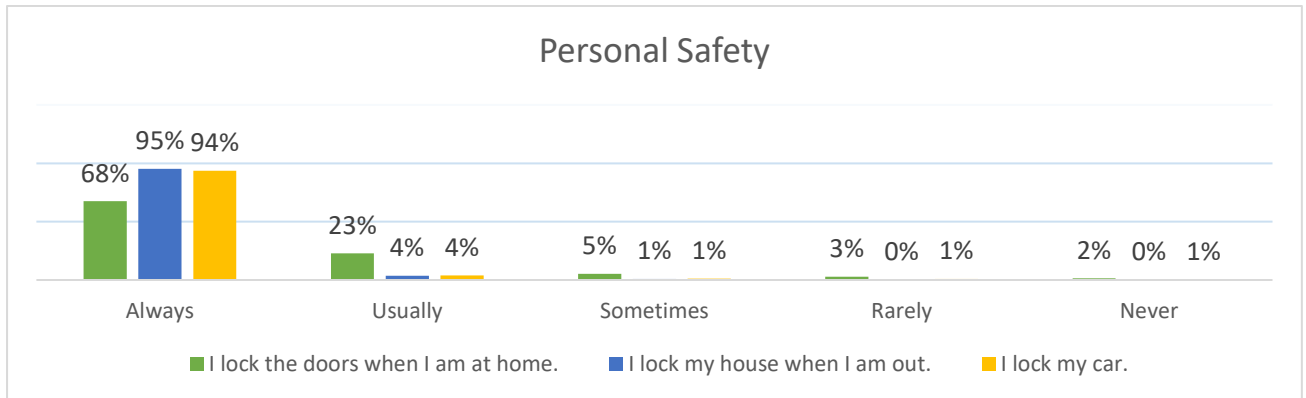
	1st	2nd	3rd
Feel unsafe in home in the day	Spalding	Rangeway	Beachlands
Feel unsafe in home at night	Wandina	Geraldton	Bluff Point
Feel unsafe in neighbourhood in the day	Rangeway	Spalding	Wandina
Feel unsafe in neighbourhood at night	Geraldton	Rangeway	Spalding

The majority of respondents (59%) said they knew their neighbours well or very well.

Of the 24 respondents who said they didn't know their neighbours, seven, or 1.8% of all respondents, said they felt unsafe in their homes and neighbourhoods both during the day and at night.

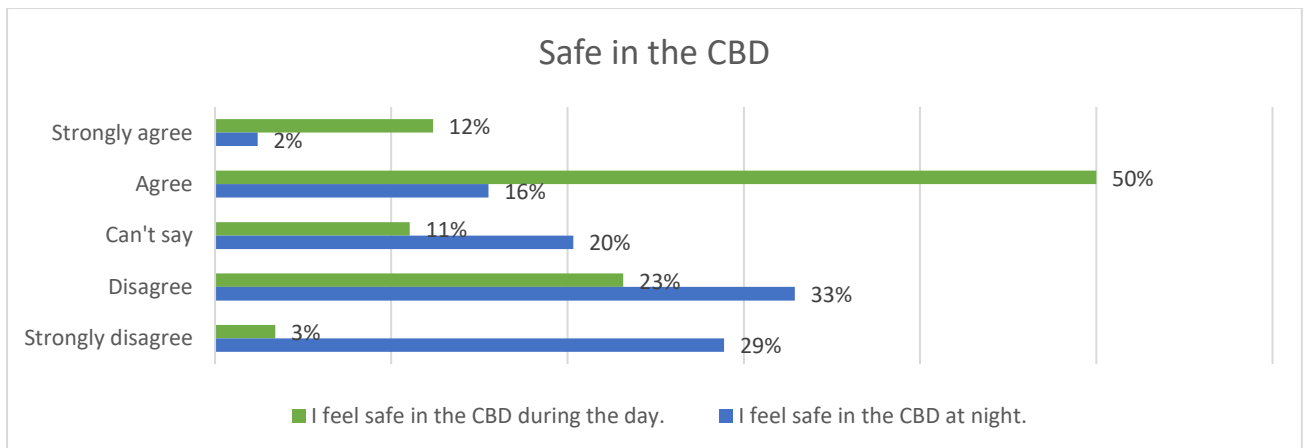


The majority of respondents said they lock their doors when they are at home, when they are out, and also lock their car doors.



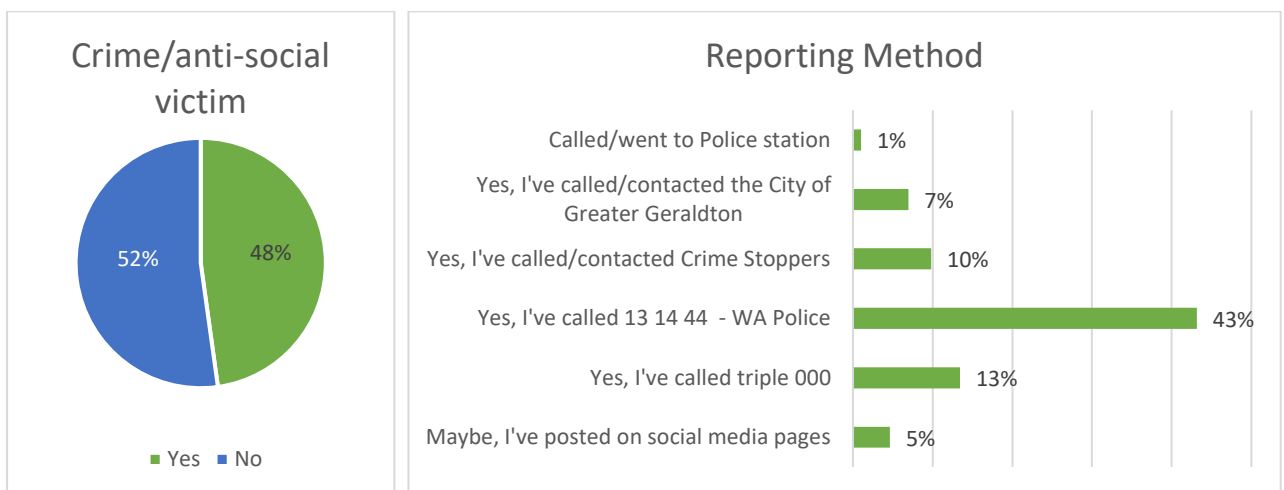
Safety in the CBD

The majority of survey respondents (62%) said they felt safe in the CBD during the day but not at night (62%).



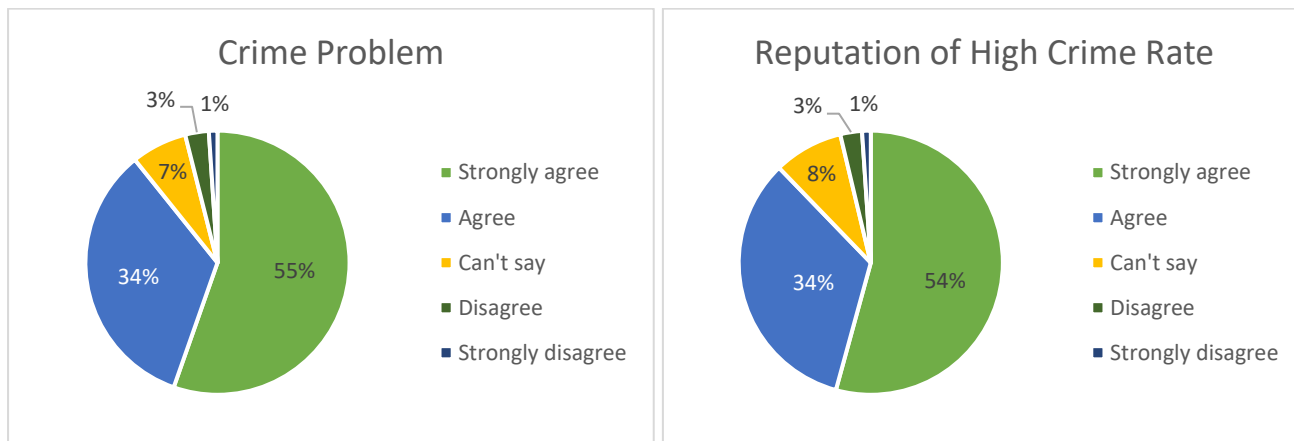
Crime and Reporting

Although the majority of respondents (52%) said they had not been a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour in the last five years, 78% had reported crime or anti-social behaviour in that same time with calling the WA police the most commonly used reporting method.



Crime Perception and Reputation

The majority of respondents (89%) believe Geraldton has a crime problem and 88% believe Geraldton has a reputation of having a high crime rate.



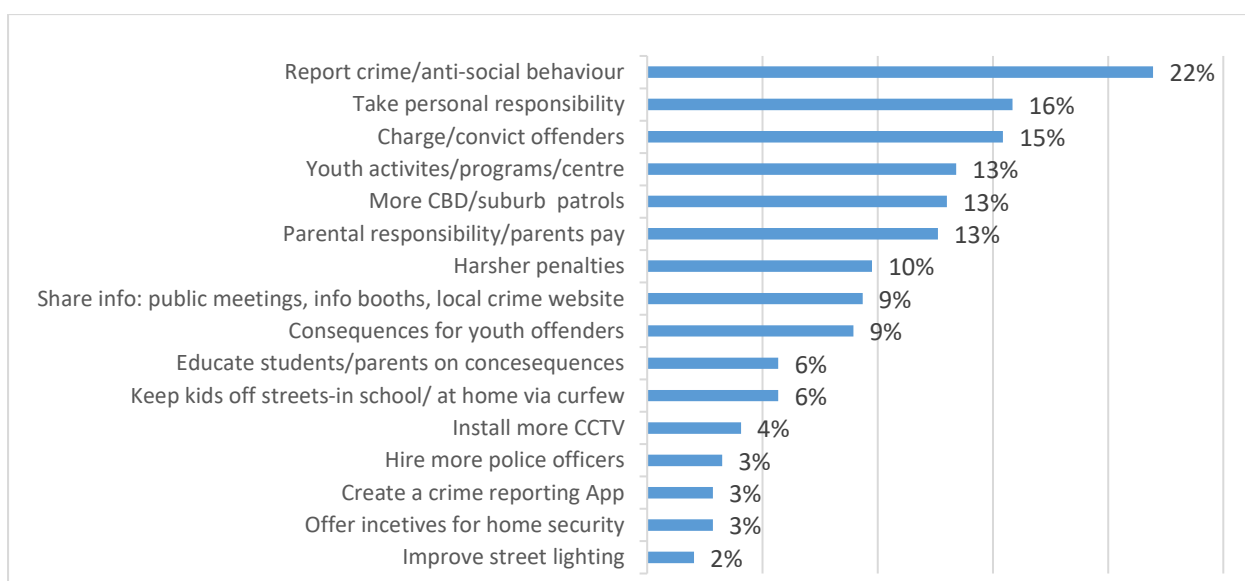
Community Collaboration

241 respondents commented on how the community can better collaborate with the City and WA Police to improve safety and address crime. The most reoccurring responses have been themed into the 16 categories below. The full list of comments is in Appendix 1 on page eight.

The most common responses focus on taking personal responsibility by reporting crime and anti-social behaviour, locking up, staying informed via neighbourhood social media pages, getting to know your neighbours, sharing private CCTV footage with police and potentially patrolling your street.

The further common responses focus on more police patrols and the charging and convicting of offenders. Respondents also mentioned providing youth activities, programs and a safe place to go such as a youth centre would help.

Additionally, the comments of 74 respondents, or 19%, associated youth with crime and anti-social behaviour and/or indicated they are not being held accountable for their actions by their parents or the judicial system.

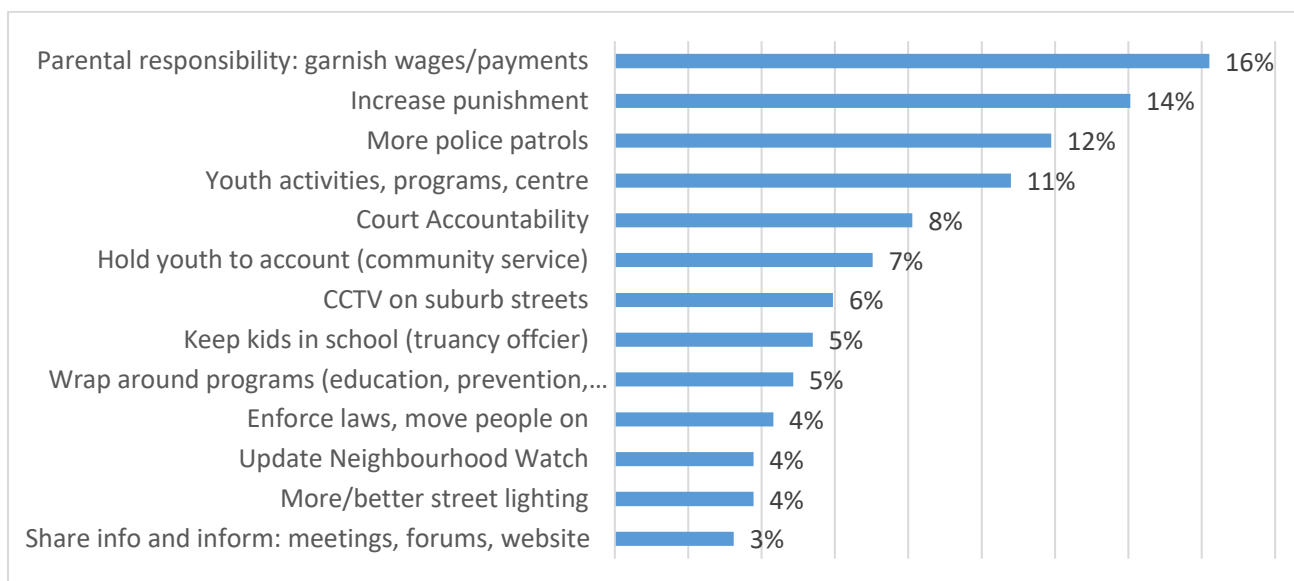


Ideas and Feedback

173 respondents provided additional comments and feedback on how to improve safety and reduce crime. The most reoccurring responses have been themed into the 13 categories below. The full list of comments is in Appendix 2 on page 16.

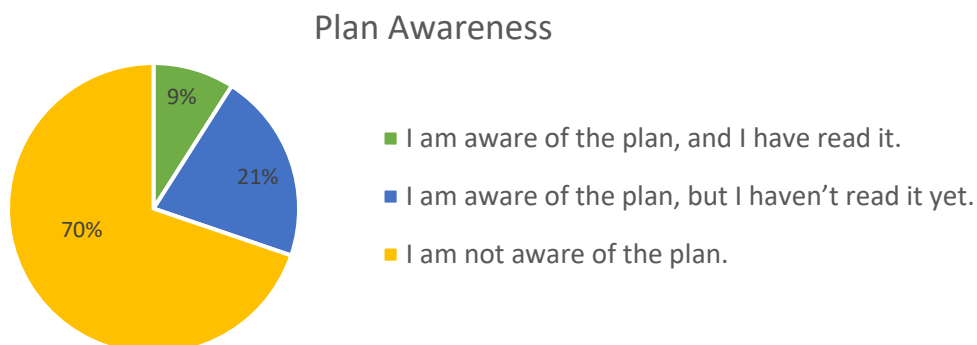
The most common responses focus on parental responsibility and holding them accountable for their children's actions. The courts accountability was also mentioned with respondents stating the penalties should be harsher and the courts need to implement them to hold offenders to account.

Further common responses focus on more police patrols and offering youth activities, programs and a safe place to go such as a youth centre.



Plan Awareness

The majority of respondents (70%) were not aware of the City's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.



APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Community Collaboration

Comments on how the community can better collaborate with the City and WA Police to improve safety and address crime.

Police attend quickly
A bigger police or security guards' presence at the shops at night
After being broken into 3 times I have fortified my home installed alarm systems and security lighting. This has enabled police to arrest and put offenders before the courts where they were given a slap on the wrist. Are magistrates' part of the problems?????
All your city workers need to do more in reporting crime when they see it and not just get back to work and chat amongst themselves about what they have seen. Also when they are having been told about something they should encourage who has told them to report it. When the city's security cameras go down and aren't working properly that should be a major priority and be addressed and fixed ASAP or the next day at latest. I hate calling 131444 and speaking to someone in Perth who doesn't know "the water park down the foreshore". We need locals answering the phone, so we get a faster response just like they used to.
Allow people to defend themselves and their property, with violence if necessary. Penalties that would actually deter repeat criminals.
Also collaborate with the justice system to ensure that the incredible work that WAPOL do is worth is and people who break the law actually receive consequences. Install CCTV in suburbs that crime occurs, not just in the CBD.
Always contact police if there is anti-social or criminal activity near your home or in public.
Always report a crime and report suspect behaviour. Report streetlights out. Lock doors and windows
Always report any incidents that you see, so the police are aware of what is happening, no matter how big or small it is.
An antisocial hotline to report behaviour, with a fast response.
Answer the phone
Arrest criminals.
As a community just keep ringing the police number, and getting a response
As a rate payer I would be happy for my rates to go to cover night security guard to patrol the crime hot spots as police can't be everywhere.
Attend more meetings of Council and Crime prevention meetings.
Be visible, not always in a car but involved and talking to people
Better lighting, mandatory youth diversion programs, responsible adults should be more accountable regarding their children.
Bring back Truancy Officers.
By addressing Youth Crime seems to be the biggest age group that is committing the crimes. More consequences for their behaviour. Maybe curfews maybe the answer nothing else is working.
by changing the court system and not letting everyone get let off for the crimes they commit, holding parents responsible for their children who commit crimes
By ensuring that any and all unsocial behaviour is dealt with and reported
By parents controlling their children and taking responsibility for the bad upbringing they have done.
By reporting suspicious persons and activities to the police and not just on social media. The police shouldn't have to comb social media pages to find out where crimes or questionable behaviour is happening.
By taking action and targeting the problems in the neighbourhoods
By talking to youth about they want in the towns
Calmly report all bona fide incidents to WA Police on 13 14 44. Make a note of incident reports if the matter needs to be followed up. Be vigilant at reporting - greater shared knowledge of anti-social behaviour - provides for a better response rate.
CCTV incentives as like Town of Port Hedland has done
Clear and quick communication between both parties, quick responses to situations, change laws about the rock throwing and stealing, consequences for youths' actions, have a youth centre for them to go to

Collecting data of underage offenders and DNA samples from rocks that have been thrown. Involve elders in educating kids in primary schools. Create youth leaders and mentors' program, select kids to do sport sponsorship program.
Communities need to communicate with the politicians to get tougher laws and penalties for all.
Community development done by people who actually understand how to implement the principles and strategies. This can be done on a small scale and focus on the huge range of different 'communities' including neighbourhoods, community groups, mothers, sporting groups etc. Empower people to widen their network and therefore community. Increased access to mental health and detox facilities.
Community is already collaborating by reporting all crime and antisocial behaviour, but little is done by the Police regarding when offenders are not yet adults.
Direct home CCTV cameras streetside and share images/video when requested by police.
Diversionary activities for kids.
Do something about the level of homelessness.
Document everything and make sure there is jail time. People have given up calling police. Elderly friend broken into 2 times last week. He gave up ringing years ago.
Does it need to? Maybe crime problems are locality specific and if so, that answers your question about collaboration and where to focus resources.
Don't know how. Only phone police.
Don't know
Education and jobs essential. Children need to be occupied. Parents need to control their kids.
Encourage the reporting of street drinking, homeless and antisocial behaviour especially in the CBD as visitors witness this
Enforce laws. Crimes that carry mandatory prison time occur nearly daily on my street, Police attend but rarely is anyone ever arrested or removed.
Ensure people stay vigilant and lock doors. Local council laws for trespassers or damages to personal property from intruders.
Ensuring all CCTV cameras are functioning. Better lighting at night.
Everyone needs to go further back to address the root cause. Absolutely more money should be spent on preventative measures to get children in school, their parents educated and in work, safer households and less promotion of alcohol on tv and on our pub's public walls. I moved here from another regional centre, and I don't think Geraldton has half of the antisocial/burglary issues as my previous home.
Facebook, council meetings, council forums for the community to attend, radio
For one you ring the police no response we have drug houses in the area repeat calls to the police station no response Talk to Detectives in person, and they laugh at you because you live there in that area
For the Police to address all issues not just pick and choose
Forums, Feedback Promote programs around safety and offer incentives
Free security for ages 50 +. More security guards in shops, more police presence around streets on horseback doing patrols. Better education for children and better consequences for children.
Get parent's to be responsible for their children's behaviour and activities.
Get rid of scooters
Get rid of the Aboriginals then we will feel safe in our home, we have been broken into 16 times and the cops want to do a thing and they are known to the cops, from the same people my mum got a rape threat towards her, and you wonder why we aren't safe
Get the kids of the street at night and back in school in the day
Get to know the neighbourhood.
give rangers more power of reporting and information sharing with police more drone surveillance cut down on bottle shops or hours of access
Give the troubled youth something to do and something to lose.
Greater police presence on the streets, we hear and see anti-social behaviour, so they must see it also
Harsh laws for dirt bike use. Illegal dirt bike use, bikes should be confiscated and auctioned off.
Harsher penalties jail time for repeat offenders and juveniles
Harsher penalties when these perpetrators are caught
Have a better system in the police force but as well as the justice system.

<p>Have a dedicated website to report to so everyone can see where crime or suspected crime is. Showing things like gangs of kids, people on foot, bikes and scooters and surveying your street when these people have no reason to be in the area.. particularly wearing hoody's and talking into their speaker phones. Same ones who look up your driveways and check out your cars - the "spotters" - they are much more prevalent now that the scooters are about.</p>
<p>Have information sessions. Target youth, more police patrols, police to interact with youth.</p>
<p>Have regular forums, where certain issues can be discussed, and police have a voice to inform the public of actualities rather than media led moral panics. More mental health out of hours support. Uber or better taxi service to move people out of town quicker after pubs close. Community projects and accessible food banks to reduce financial pressures. Support in the prison system itself to promote recovery and skill setting/counselling so that people have opportunities to support themselves and can utilise wrap around services upon exit, to avoid reoffending. After school snack/homework/sports programs for young people to be mentored and supported whilst parents are still at work.</p>
<p>Have the ability to report crime and disorderly behaviour including graffiti, via an easily accessible app. Which is monitored for activity!</p>
<p>Having a calendar with police, ambulance, etc.. phone numbers are good.</p>
<p>Having a dedicated open and transparent place to see where and which crimes have been solved, the victims looked after, and the criminal punishment meted out. We need feedback!</p>
<p>Having clear lines to hold criminals accountable</p>
<p>Honesty. The community need to report the behaviours of these criminals. Keep an eye out for each other and help one another.</p>
<p>I believe businesses have clear communication lines between themselves and the police to report inappropriate behaviour. I have heard recently that Police are not responding to alleged incidents, perhaps due to shortage of staff.</p>
<p>I believe that the majority of crime issues is with kids and especially during school holidays. I believe that parents need to be held accountable for their child's behaviour. Reducing their governments payments until responsibility of children are managed. Parenting courses for parents of youth mandatory, drug and alcohol addiction rehab of parents to be made mandatory of children that are caught or are out of control. The parents are not being responsible at all for parenting. On another note, I think there is nothing for teenagers to do in Geraldton, something like a roller drome or bowling alley where the kids can hang out with strict rules of conduct. For the adults that are causing trouble, why aren't they locked up? It also appears that aboriginal people are untouchable by police or security guards. It's a shame as this town has a lot to offer but most are too scared to venture into town for fear of getting abused or robbed.</p>
<p>I don't see how we can. The age old solution to deterring crime, (including juvenile crime) which is the major problem), is harsh penalties for repeat offenders. Since this no longer applies in the Courts, juvenile crime and antisocial behaviour will continue and will grow worse.</p>
<p>I don't think community reporting is the problem I think it's what happens after the city and police have done their jobs that's the problem ..courts need to do more</p>
<p>I feel problem too hard until sufficient punishment is applied for incorrect and disrespectful behaviour.</p>
<p>i feel the WA police and City of Greater Geraldton actually need to collaborate with the community rather than the other way around. More walking patrols thru the CBD to put a stop to the street drinking and anti-social behaviours,</p>
<p>I have no suggestions</p>
<p>I have put forward to the WA Police for them to have a presence in the CBD on bicycles. It had a massive impact in the Perth CBD. It also makes them more approachable.</p>
<p>I think everyone is doing what they should and doing it well.</p>
<p>I think that the collaboration works well, and I can't think of anything to improve it. The problems that persist are in other areas.</p>
<p>I think the City Of. Geraldton. Should supply people with Security Cameras. Who cannot afford it, especially the pensioners..</p>
<p>I think the collaboration needs to be on the ground and face to face with the community groups & individual mentors directly involved in action plans. Strategic plans & surveys are all well & good, but often sit on a shelf gathering dust and only brought out again when issues arise. Regular reporting on outcomes will keep it alive & funded groups accountable.</p>
<p>I wish I knew...crime is out of control. If you're a victim of crime it would be fantastic if Police or representative would follow-up with victim with an update or at least let them know they are considered.</p>

I would really like to see strong youth programs. Most crime I hear about is young kids - I feel like if we had great programs and youth centres in town to fill their time they are less likely to gang cars and break and enter.
If you could arrange some sort of meeting about discussing the situation.
Immediately reporting suspicious activities, break ins, posting in social media for other residents to aware of there is an incident
Increasing presence of ranger patrols throughout the town and city centre
Inflict fines and penalties to the parents letting their children commit these crimes
Inform police of any known antisocial activity.
Information booth Promoting safety measures at community events.
Installation of more CCTV cameras so the crime rate can be monitored better.
Invest into preventative and diversionary programs that will have long term benefits on the crime rate (especially among youth offenders). Do not just rely on harsh retributive punishments just for short term politically popular results. Ensure people are aware of police contacts and services they can access.
It is my suggestion that the parents of roaming children be made responsible
it won't get solved until their parents start taking responsibility for themselves and their children until then nothing will change
It's not the policing system that needs to improve, it's the judicial system. Too soft and too many chances for some offenders.
It's about perception. If you can't stop the rock throwers, which is a very socially visible crime, then it is perceived you cannot control or stop the crime
Keep kids in school, no derelict buildings in city centre, more shops and activities
Keep reporting crime. There is not an easy fix. Worked in the system for 44 years and it has become worse than ever. It's called respect and society has lost it completely.
Keep reporting. Even if it's kids and we know they get tagged and released
Keep social housing out of areas where families have spent good money on properties to own and keep presentable.
Keep up information always to the public.
Kids roaming the streets during school hours need to be addressed.
Letterbox drop of contact information or QR code
Lighting - safety after dark or near dark walkways is a concern Activation - where there are people there is less anti-social behaviour, so city activation increases safety. Youth activities - I know the city already invests in these
Local small groups of people doing neighbourhood patrol on bikes and sharing suspicious activities with each other
Lock up the crims that are being a threat to decent working people, not just s tap, on the wrist
Lock up. Parents take responsibility for the whereabouts and action of their children and teach them respect for the law.
Make all kids attend some kind of schooling which will reduce crime. This will them flow into adult hood.
Make it easier to get in contact with CGG re matters vandalism. Police matters are pretty well ok.
Make it easier to report suspicious and anti-social behaviour. So used to seeing kids walking around with gings and people fighting and screaming at each other that it begins to become an acceptable part of our street. If people are congregating along the street or in their front yards yelling and arguing with each other, I'm too afraid to walk to the shop/chemist or walk the dog.
Make movement of noisy people and vehicles. Don't move in the night past 10pm.
Make parents accountable as well as kids
Make sure all incidents are reported correctly not just on social media.
Make sure children go to school
Make sure they do full nighttime watches around the neighbourhoods and make sure neighbourhoods are safe
Make the juveniles parents responsible for juveniles' actions by making them pay for stolen goods and damages
Make the parents responsible for sending children to school instead of wandering streets and causing crime.
Many measures have been taken but to no avail.
Maybe a Geraldton helpline and more police presence
Maybe start by looking at the root cause of the problem. Reactive and punitive measures are only dealing with the symptoms of a much deeper problem. As the saying goes... continuing to do the same thing, and expecting a different outcome, is the definition of insanity. LOL! And if we live in a world where the only solution we have to Juvenile crime is locking them up or beating them with a stick, then seriously, we might as well just give up now. If you aren't going to dig deep into the real cause of the issue then don't bother wasting time, energy or money on it.

Until you address the educational (pretty sure there's still some compelling evidence to suggest that 75% of prison inmates have some sort of learning difficulty) and social issues that lead to crime of this nature then you're never going to fix it ... so stop talking rhetoric and do something about the actual root cause of the problem.
Meet with them and coordinate initiatives
More activities for teenagers. More accessible sports programs.....even working families struggle with the fees. Engagement of families, instead of waiting for them to approach for support. Picking up children that should be in school. Positive role models in the community, not just at events.
More CCTV cameras Shire rangers assisting in patrols of high risk areas
More CCTV in the crime hot spots other than the CBD, while it won't prevent it. It may provide evidence of who was in the area which might be able to catch the criminals
More collection of statistics and more reporting of little accidents. More educational programs. More follow-up and less hand balling no one likes to take responsibility.
More community engagement with youth. Programs to keep them busy or mentoring. But really until courts have harsher punishment, nothing will happen. These kids know they can do whatever they like, and nothing will happen. Bring back patrols like years ago where they came into CBD and picked up the kids/people that were wandering about.
More cops on the beat (not driving around) Enable private security to apprehend and arrest. Enforce littering and vandalism fines (What is the CCTV for??) Faster response to calls, such as kids with gings.
More crime prevention community days - the last one was great. Subsidy for upgrading security somehow. I would love to install security screens or cameras, but I can't afford. If even a subsidy was available it would help. Also preventing antisocial gatherings where possible would help prevent crime - for example good lighting, locking gates at social clubs such as football clubs to discourage loitering after activities etc. Encouraging compliance of local rules and regulations such as music cut off times etc may also help discourage anti-social behaviour in some areas, so people disperse. More needle bins around so they don't get dumped on sidewalks and in parks. And kerbside parking compliance so the footpath can be accessed under lighting or accessed during events.
More events
More of a police presence and for them to be more approachable & accountable. My workplace called police multiple times last Wednesday in regard to a disturbed person and they never presented or followed up.
More patrols and surveillance
More patrols. Encouraging youth participation in positive activities.
More places for the youth to attend
More police .. People should be working Children in school Curfew
More police numbers located in Geraldton
More police on the beat in all areas in Geraldton.
More police on the street. Information visits to schools e.g. learner driving, driving offenses. Work experience for youth in courts.
More police patrol in all areas
More police patrol. They are never around when you need them
More police patrols in suburbs and CDB. Chips get charged for damage done by slingshots or charge their parents, or actually be punished for their crimes.
More police presence and more solutions to rock throwing etc.
More police presence in the CBD.
More police roving patrols in outer areas of town. stronger penalties. Make parents accountable for child's wrongdoing. Bring back More dog's response units
More police, more night patrols and a kick up the backside to the courts to punish those properly and severely
More police. Get rid of hire scooters, no benefit to Geraldton, footpath hazard, dangerous to drivers' eyesore. Expensive to those who can't afford it.
More security and police presence around shops and banks. Aggressive and abusive people in these areas are a daily occurrence as is trolley theft, shoplifting etc
More security at shopping centres.
More security cameras
More youth engagement programs like Late Night Basketball. A Youth Centre in Geraldton. More police presence in the CBD

Most safety for people reporting crimes as the criminals and their families may retaliate upon realizing that they were reported. Let citizens use self-defence when a criminal enters their home and runs away with their valuables.
Move on the "community members" who constantly demonstrate anti-social behaviour around our shopping centres, beautiful foreshore, parks next to the council office, Rocks Laneway - they do nothing for local people doing the right thing and nothing for Geraldton trying to be presented in the best light for tourists!
Need more truancy officers too many roaming streets, beach in school hours.
Neighbourhood Watch initiatives
Neighbourhood watch. Suggest camera coverage be extended to cover back area of parking outside cinema.
New residents not enough knowledge
Not sure, it's a system problem, the system is broken
Not sure. Possibly being able report crime like the snap and fix app you have. Where when there is crime or something going on able to report via photo so don't have actually call.
Offer cheap CCTV or some incentives to increase home security and community safety.
Online Reporting system that is actually actioned quickly and effectively.
Parents improve Curfews enforced Enforce political change with laws
Parents need to take responsibility for their children's actions and know where they are and what they are doing. Perhaps a local crime stoppers page to make easier to report
Parents of juvenile perpetrators of crime need to take responsibility.
parents/guardians take responsibility for the actions of their children..
People have given up reporting as police sometimes don't attend or perpetrators are bailed or not charged let off by the court so why bother, they have more rights than victims
People need the right of self-defence returned, people need to be able to prevent crime as it happens, criminals need to be treated as the cause or the problem. They need to have harsh penalties that affect them. We are too soft on crime, and we don't support our taxpayers. The people doing the right thing come last. Bring back firearms ownership for defence of the home "only" and pepper spray and self-defence abilities, less lethal weapons for defence. The criminals have guns, knives and bats we have cameras and locks.... Stop the act, so we don't have to react.
Police could spend more time hunting criminals and less time raising taxes for the state government and then we could start appointing judges from the private sector instead of the legal aid bureaucracy so that they are not already predisposed to letting criminals off.... and then the state government could keep the dogs in jail, as a taxpayer I am happy to pay for jail time if you need money for jails great do it and stop funding the liberal arts we do not think artists need to be subsidised by taxpayers
Police listen to community
Police need to do their job properly. Caucasian Australians feel we do not belong in this town when a person of colour can do whatever they please and nothing's being done about it and have all the privilege
Police need to fully extend the law on juvenile offenders. judges should stop pandering to youth of any colour. Less meetings and more out on the street policing. Stronger penalties, more curfews on offenders as they do work.
Police to work with community leaders to stop antisocial behaviour e.g. burglaries, robberies, rock throwing.
Poor something into place for the teenagers. They are bored with nothing to do. The little kids have the water park and public parks, young people have nothing. No where to go and hang out? A youth hub with free food and activities. Use the is Rocky's gym. That's just stirring there rotting away.
Possibly set up a similar website/portal to what the police use for witnesses to upload evidence but for less serious incidents
Proper curfew system for children that commit crimes Because parents don't supervise their children Roam the street which means they are left without supervision and gings and break into houses
Provide rebates on or free CCTV cameras
Provide some sort of incentive to residents to report. Increase patrols in areas. Especially at night and during school holidays
Public housing a huge problem
Public meeting maybe and discuss in a calm matter which is a bit difficult i know. I don't really know but we have to start somewhere.
Punish the people and clean up the drug problems
Punishment stops letting them get away with it
Put CCTV cameras in high volume crime areas, give police access 24/7
Put more police on the streets.

Put pressure on the gov. to make penalties higher for all crimes including juveniles.
Rangers need more authority when dealing with dirt bikes that cause damage to other people's property. More needs to be done as far as gings'/ weapons. (i had my own fence kicked in by two youths, who then ginged and killed two of my pets yet no one could do anything about it even though it was seen firsthand)
Really be harsh on the youth crime especially parents
Regular Community surveys and out-reach programs would help engage the community collaboration.
Regular liaison at schools. Police having regular sessions at school. More opportunities for external providers to visit schools - cyber safety, drugs, vaping, anti-social behaviour - assault / break in etc
Regular meetings and outcomes provided by both of the above with easy access to them for community members.
Regular public meetings where we can get together and brainstorm ideas to stop the crime.
Report anti-social behaviour
Report anti-social behaviour and crime, be aware of our own security and lock cars and houses
Report any suspicious activity
Report crime suspicious and antisocial behaviour
Report crimes as they happen, active neighbourhood watch
Report crimes.
Report criminal and anti-social activity. Influence where safe to do so. Record evidence of criminal activity where safe to do so and provide to police.
Report everything suspicious.
Report more, take photos and video and come up with realistic solutions rather than just complaining on Facebook.
Report the crime asap. Remove the offenders to out of town and put in army camps. Make them see and feel what discipline is. Unfortunately the courts failed us.
Safe to report crime without repercussions. Regular community meetings that can be attended to keep up with what is going on, and chance to meet neighbours etc.
School visit, community meetings, volunteer paroles
security cameras at street corners that are connected so police can see them 24/7 and not just in rich areas, actual lighting in the street, mobile security you can call like Melville has that is in contact with police.
Share security vision
Short Cut the 000 call process. Transfer to Perth etc. By the time you get the information to local police, the intruder is nowhere to find.
Should not have too if the magistrate did what they're supposed to do it would deter a lot of crime
Social Media
Sort out the housing problem and the homeless.
Start arresting youth, take gings off them, And home west needs to stop putting families together on the same street
Start being nice to everyone and building relationships so that you know who's walking the streets, don't be a racist and love thy neighbour
Start with actually prosecuting the offenders and charging them from the first offense. City and WAPOL need to implement youth curfews so that anyone under the age of 18 unless at a place of employment, approved extracurricular activity or supervised by a parent cannot leave their home and if found to be out they are collected by police and taken home.
Start with early years focused projects & programs. Invest early and with parents.
Stop blaming all crime on Aboriginal people for a start and stop the endorsement of discrimination and racial harassment on CGG and WA Police Midwest/Gascoyne social media comments, acknowledge racism, build trust and them maybe my community would be more likely to actually engage the CGG and WA Police.
Stop handing out cash from taxpayers that are hardworking to support drug/alcohol affected families. I feel there needs to be better parental management of kids. Parents need to be held accountable for kids. If kids are caught, then parents put on parenting course and drug and alcohol rehab if needed. Reduction in cash handouts if claiming dole etc for parents not doing the right thing. Boot camp for kids instead of jail. Stronger deterrents for everyone doing the wrong thing, there seems to be no punishments for aboriginal people. Lack of respect for the law.
stopping cars and motorbikes at night screaming around streets
Stronger discipline of offenders
Surveys like this help
Take responsibility for acting to reduce crime rather than passing the buck to others.
Take responsibility for their own children and work with Police not against them

The community already does everything it, can. Allow neighbourhood watches.
The community could better engage with CGG or WAPOL about matters regarding crime and safety. Attend meetings, attend youth crime prevention activities, gain some understanding of the work involved in attempting to prevent crime. Be proactive in keeping their own belongings safe but have a good sense of their immediate community/neighbourhood. Be proactive rather than reactive. Understand some basic values about community.
The community need to address the crimes that happen to them more and follow the case through so it's not sitting untouched on some officer's desk. We as a community also need to stand as a whole (not just whine in fb comments) and take action against this (seems to be) lousy court system and see these crimes we face nearly every week is actually seeing the consequences and punishments they deserve.
The community needs to be more diligent in reporting suspicious behaviour and acts of crime.
The community needs to take greater personal responsibility for crime prevention e.g. Parking cars off the street, removing valuables, installing CCTV etc
The community should be able to report crimes and have feedback on what is done to follow it up - too many crimes seem to consider 'small' eg bag or phone theft, break ins, indecent behaviour and are not followed up. But if people get away with these things they just keep doing it and these types of crimes can have a huge impact on peoples' sense of safety and quality of life. Police also need to collaborate better with school when crimes are committed by kids.
The front fence regulations need to be higher. The current front fence laws have left us feeling very unsafe in our home. We have lived here less than 12 months and have already experienced multiple people jump the fence, used syringes and glass bottles thrown into our yard and we have also witnessed by passers urinating in the streets and damaging other properties.
The police should be in time not after one hour.
The primary source of the problem seems to be drug related and / or poorly supervised juveniles who are living in poor socioeconomic environments with little parental guidance or modelling
There are a lot of empty, boarded up houses in Rangeway and the city needs to work with the state government to do something with them. They are havens for people not doing the right thing.
There are several pages on Facebook where people can alert their neighbours to suspicious behaviour, but these are usually suburb based. There needs to be a focal point for people to report all incidents in Geraldton and the community needs more information regarding areas that are being targeted.
There needs to be an easy reporting system and consequences for those committing crimes
There needs to be consequences of action. Training and options to improve the perpetrators lives. Parents to be responsible so parental training.
They should be able to better tackle youth crime and antisocial behaviour by youths as that's the highest crime in Geraldton
Through online questionnaires like this. Members of CofGG and the Police attending organised youth activities.
To crack down on the offenders and punish them hard so they won't do it again
Tougher penalties Get to know your neighbour's initiative #everybodyneedsgoodneighbours Facebook groups with community direct with details on crimes around the area, what to look out for etc
Trust in those in charge.
Try to get parents more aware of their responsibility of their children.
Voluntary Public registry of private cameras covering streets outside their property.
Watch out for each other
We see anti-social behaviour in the streets/CBD all the time. most however don't report or do anything about it. Community needs to understand the need to report and to do so. Community needs to actively understand their role in this issue meaning they are eyes on the street. They may not have the power to stop something, but it should still be reported.
Work together
Yearly family activities in local suburb park to mix with your neighbours and community members to have informal discussions.
Zero tolerance for the creatures who steal, and verbally abuse. Get the disgusting rich magistrates to have empathy for victims not filthy criminals.

Appendix 2: Ideas and Feedback

Three strikes and you have to do community work picking up rubbish, cleaning graffiti, weeding, helping the elderly. They need to be taught respect for their elders. In the case of Aboriginal children they should be punished under the law not the white man's law as it is too lenient, and they don't learn. They do it again and again thinking it is fun.
a curfew for the very young children and make sure they are going to school maybe go around to every school and find out who is enrolled but not attending but once again it comes back to the parents they are the problem
a few years ago they had Yamaji patrol unsure what happened to that. The kids that are roaming the streets day and night either to be taken to somewhere safe at night and during the day to school or to somewhere that they are supervised. Parents need to take responsibility for their kids and be accountable.
A lot of advance publicity is shared by Council via Facebook. A huge number of seniors do not use Facebook so miss out.
A system overhaul needs to be done to deter aboriginal teens from re offending - they just have no respect for anyone. This year I have had them try to break into my home, they tried stealing my son's bike and they were throwing rocks and my partner, and I when I asked them to go from my property.
Actually stop all and the repeated offenders and make them serve the time they deserve, make sure the courts actually do something where the criminal learns the lesson and serves the time. This also goes for all those young kids who constantly steal, damage people's property, threaten violence, etc. Though I know the rules are different for them, they still need to have consequences to understand and stop them from continuing the behaviour into the future. We as a community have a right to feel safe whether it's leaving our cars in a carpark while we shop, walk around the block for an exercise or even when leaving work to walk to your car. I understand there is so much the Police can do but really everyone needs to step up their game and the justice system here needs to take this crime seriously.
Allow beach parking and launching of small boats off back beach.
As above
As above. More needs doing and it needs doing now.
As someone running a business in Geraldton, I'm highly concerned about the level of crime and antisocial behaviour in the CBD. The same offenders get reported and nothing seems to happen to them, (not the fault of the police) it seems to be up to the businesses to ban them. There are hot spots in the CBD which should be more closely motioned or patrolled or have more CCTV to enable repeat offenders to be charged.
Ask the young people for info. Go to schools and put it back in them to see what the community can do together
Better CCTV around town and in suburbs
Bigger penalties for crime
Can neighbourhood watch be utilised more.
CCTV and security presence would deter criminals. Security patrols on off road bikes to deter that movement..
CGG needs an early year's strategy...
Children appear to be causing havoc with rock throwing, house breaking etc... laws say they aren't responsible...so who is then??
Children need to go to school, not be allowed to roam the streets. Parents should be made accountable for their children's crimes. All ages need to be properly punished for their crimes and victims need to be compensated by the perpetrators.
City of Cockburn Rangers /Security offer a service where they drive past your house when you are on holiday and call your nominated number, it's only a small initiative but makes homeowners feel safer when away from their house and mightn't have neighbours checking in. Some councils offer a rebate for homeowners putting in cameras. I mostly feel unsafe around young people and antisocial behaviour especially as rules are different for them.
City of Greater Geraldton has a massive dirt bike problem. With illegal dirt bike use and nuisance dirt bike use on private semi-rural property. Laws need to change as there's many properties being affected from excessive, noise, dust and fume pollution. Having 6 dirt bikes being ridden around on a 2.5acre block for more than the 2 hour time allowance is a regular occurrence in certain suburbs.
Clean up disgusting areas like Rock's arcade, and issue groups with move on notices (and enforce them) Enforce the obvious street drinking (In drink containers & paper bags. No sirens after midnight (flashing lights are enough)
Clean up eco creek scrub -major fire hazard, antisocial behaviour, drug drop off-pickup used as a shirt cut to Sutcliff south at early AM has drug run.

Community neighbourhood watch which is mobile and patrols the streets and liaise and work with directly with police. Not to interact with crime directly where possible. It had a lot of support when I suggested it on a local Facebook page.
Continue to do more patrols and police known traffic routes of troublemakers.
Council to provide a safe drop-in place for young ones to attend for help, activities and food with carefully picked no nonsense staff and volunteers to staff.
Court system is a joke.
Courts need to back up our police. The jail needs to house more people for longer.
Courts need to punish repeat offenders harshly to deter behaviour. It's simple really.
Curfews for children.
Despite need for the youth centre conduct youth forum to generate ideas how to make this town 'youth friendly and inclusive' support all actions leading to free neuro development assessments in high school years 10 under Medicare.
Educate people on how to secure their properties. Proper penalties for crime and social unrest.
Elders in our community need to step up and sort out their families.
Enact a vigilante squad, before the community does it themselves.
Focus on bringing in large projects and development the population will be then made of more employed people and balance out the problem people. Also bigger companies can support communities rollout programs with bigger fund
From the point of view of knowing stuff, information relaying, we should stop assuming everyone uses social media. Maybe going back to mail drops could be studied.
Geraldton is a beautiful place with the community centre at the QEII very great.
Get Police into schools (all levels) to run interactive class talks about appropriate behaviour, language and that taking other people's things is not a right. Morals need to be taught and if not getting at home needs to happen at a higher level. If caught and are underage perhaps some type of community activity is warranted like picking up rubbish
Get Sandy Davies and Carol Martin involved to come up with after noon sport projects so the kids can compete against other schools. Also include the indigenous football players as coaches and mentors. Also training after school, get them also involved in little athletics. Include the kids who are rock throwers break and enters, to reduce crime tire them out, get them interested in sport. They all love the West Coast Eagles 🏏
Give children a safe place to go if home is unsafe.
Hard for adolescents to behave when they have no role models at home.
Harsher penalties for continual offenders.
Harsher penalties for young criminals. Education is key, attract them to school and stay there.
have a greater presence of Rangers patrolling the CBD and foreshore earlier in the morning and later in the afternoon and give them more authority to act on matters of anti-social behaviour.
Have a register working with the schools for absenteeism of children without a proper excuse - eg medical certificate after 2 days of nonattendance. Better follow up for truancy. Withhold Centrelink payments for the child without a proper nonattendance letter - put the money into an account that is only used for food and clothing, gas and water etc - no alcohol, no drugs, no dog food and no tobacco. Only for the child. The parent would still receive their own entitlement but not be able to access the child's money. Also random drug testing for Centrelink clients - same as other professions going to work - who are the people who are paying for the Centrelink clients to receive their "dole" money.
Have a reporting system for DV and antisocial instead of police. Make parents responsible for their children.
Have thought about hiring personal security to drive through the bluff Point estate (where I live) regularly.
Higher Police presence in the CBD and noted hot spots. Harsher penalties given for offences by both adults and juveniles.
Hold people accountable for their actions. Homes west has a duty of care to neighbours. We are fed up with being prisoners in our homes. Stop hiding the problems here. Needles all over town now. Got to check parks before letting kids play. I know plenty of people who left town due to drugs and crime plague here.
Hold the parents accountable. More police presence in the shopping centres. Not older disabled security guards
I believe that the Beam scooters are being used by young criminals to get from suburb to suburb to commit break ins and crimes.
I can't see the Department of Justice as a stakeholder in the Plan. The law is the law. I am a law abiding citizen and I expect those who are not law abiding citizens to receive appropriate punishment and rehabilitation via the Justice system. Impairments should not reduce punishment, but rather increase rehabilitation and education measures for

<p>the individual towards positive change. No positive change, different level of punishment/rehabilitation. The DOJ need to work hand in hand with the community groups providing this rehabilitation/education for consistency. An individual who is gainfully employed in some fashion does not have the time or energy to put towards antisocial behaviour. Cash handouts without some re-investment of time by the individual towards some sort of productive/positive output doesn't help anyone, let alone the individual. Youth peer group pressure plays a significant role. Some of the previous programs mentioned are a good way for this pressure to be about challenging themselves & each other in positive ways (sport, camping, orientation, agriculture) rather than ways that impact on others (rock throwing, breaking/entering, stealing). If parents are not active (or financially able) to engage children with positive energy driven activities or surround them with law abiding peers & mentors, they need to be educated & supported to do this. If they still don't engage, there needs to be direct intervention by welfare groups to provide the child with these positive, educational measures before they reach the justice system. Provide the child with the tools & confidence to choose to be a positive influence no matter what their environment. They need to feel consistently safe & supported at an individual level to be able to do this. Recognise & reward those that are so they will mentor others to understand they have choice.</p>
<p>I clearly have a drug house at the end of my street, teenagers constantly trying to get into my cars at night. People try to jump my fence, but the dogs deter this mostly. People are always yelling and carrying on the young kids' male trouble unsupervised. Someone needs to help find a solution it's disappointing that it's come down to even being afraid to go on a holiday in fear we would get broken into or someone would harm our dogs to get into the house</p>
<p>I feel the Court System is letting the victims down - especially when victims are underage. Feel there is no accountability for their actions - i.e. throwing rocks - Gings & abusive language - no respect whatsoever.</p>
<p>I feel there needs to be more of a police presence in the CBD on busy days</p>
<p>I feel very lucky but as per my responses have tried to do everything I can to be secure.</p>
<p>I have lived in Woorree for 29 years and walk the area nearly every day and as the traffic is getting so busy either some footpaths or road verge repairs done as when you get off the road the verge is on a slope and gravel is very slippery. Plus some streetlights.</p>
<p>I hear people don't bother reporting to police as they say they don't turn up or nothing is done by the courts so why bother.</p>
<p>I hope Council could source and supply community with fake dog barking alarm. Similar to security lights which would turn on when detecting movement, this device would make dog barking sound when detecting movement.</p>
<p>I know that Councils doesn't want to discuss of flag anti-social issues online as it can impact the reputation of the City. But all residents see the issue and would prefer knowledge and support from the City when it is known that antisocial issues occur. I feel it is better if the City lead and flagged through communications media that matters have been actioned and reported when it comes up. The community has had to rely on our own Facebook groups to support each other in the suburbs particularly as Polce attendance is rare when called.</p>
<p>I moved from Karloo where I was broken into 4 times before moving to Tarcoola Beach 4 years ago and it's like living in a different country. Judicial system is too soft on offenders. Some people have no respect for themselves let alone others and enjoy being intimidating, stealing and being anti-social. Police all deserve a medal.</p>
<p>I recently walked thru Rocks laneway and have never felt so intimidated and frightened! There were locals drinking from goon bags and yelling and screaming at each other and me as i walked thru. Homeless people camped up in one corner also making a scene. I pity and local resident or tourist who needed to use the public restroom!! Police presence is needed on a regular basis</p>
<p>I think the kids should be made to go to school, and not wander the streets day and night, and the parents should take responsibility for where their children are and what they are doing at all times. People don't feel safe when they are going about their everyday life, with these groups of youth wandering around.</p>
<p>I think this is a WA problem tough penalty and it needs to be dealt with quicker</p>
<p>I think to prevent these crimes we should have better lighting in the streets..</p>
<p>I would like to see the weeds mowed before they seed around town. As this year they were very bad everywhere. Dongara Daisy and Walkaway Burr.</p>
<p>I'd like to see funding for a locked in centre like for kids roaming the streets at night to be taken to. We also need a truancy Officer like in the old days. There are too many kids on the streets instead of at school.</p>
<p>I'm not sure what else the council can do, most of the issues are drug related or kids. Maintaining CCTV and promptly fixing streetlights when damaged is good.</p>
<p>I'd like to see schools teach some form of ethics and social obligation.</p>

If a car or house has been broken into in a suburb that night / Day. There should be a general text to alert the suburb that an offence has occurred. This will no doubt help that community to be on alert to not only be more diligent with security measures but will more likely ring the authorities of suspicious characters / activities in the area, as previously they would have let this go and not been concerned.
If you're going to run a campaign about the reputation that Geraldton has as a crime hotspot - just remember it's not necessarily all untrue. There are suburbs that show high rates of family and domestic violence - this is violence happening in the home -not retail theft or small property damage in the public eye. The really serious crimes are happening behind closed doors or as a result of licensed premises not serving to RSA rules.
I'm disappointed that in the past 56l to 6 years Geraldton was a nice place. Now you see the issues and I feel like moving
In most cases parents need to be held accountable
Incarcerate criminals for longer.
Increase patrols in areas. Especially at night and during school holidays
increase punishment for offenders especially juveniles,
Intravenous drugs user needs a better more active counselling to help with prevention and health needs Mullewa - Education review on how many children are attending school and getting the education they need to go further in life Mullewa employment opportunities Employ people who want to be part of our community, participate bring their children up
Introduce yourself to your neighbours and maintain good relations. A strong community is more resilient to crime and anti-social behaviour.
Is there a website that lists daily crimes for reference and knowledge. Signage for closest police stations and how to report crime etc?
It shouldn't be all up to us to prevent crime, harsher penalties and punishment are required. Police do their job as best as possible, but the courts let them down with weak punishments and long wait times.
It's us who have to lock things up, barricade ourselves in our own homes, when it should be the offenders who should be locked up. Or deported to a big island... like offenders as young as 8 were sent to Australia as prisoners for stealing a loaf of bread. Here we honour them, feel sorry for them, nurture them, give them more, let them be free to continue their crimes. While we who work hard for what we have need to buy locks, cameras, taller fences, security screens and hefty insurances.
Laws need to be stronger. More support to victims of crime and less on the criminals. Do the crime do the time. Public schools need stronger leadership and less woke ideologies. It's not working. Cultural issues not working. Laws introduced to deter families blaming others. Time to be more practical and less political with this.
Let citizens own guns for un their home. Stop protecting criminal thugs at the expense of law abiding citizens
Like to have more police patrols.
Make us feel safe in our own town. Too many disgusting creatures who need to be dealt with.
Maybe a crime reporting Facebook page where incidents can be shared and moderated so as to delete racist, inflammatory comments and just stick to the facts. I don't like the existing neighbourhood pages because they're a mess of abuse.
More advocacy to shop owners on employing indigenous workers to give an improved cultural diversity in our retail.
more attention to curbing hangout areas, dirt bike and quad use, close off access to bushland hiding areas, more drone surveillance
more cameras
More CCTV and more education to the parents and children affecting these crimes
More events, activities for teenagers
More facilities needed for youth and young adults. Geraldton has a great early childhood with Ngala Child Parent Centre and great seniors' citizens centre but not much for young teenagers. More facility access for disability. Many places are not accessible. More shaded areas for sitting walking. All bus stops to have seating and a shack. Older people standing in the sun not good.
More police patrols in suburbs and CBD
More provision of housing or night shelter for homeless.
More rebates for low income families for home security etc.
More street presence, and residence presence eg/ waking police, cars down streets, police horses or bikes on patrol through CBD during evenings.

More visibility/promotion of neighbourhood watch. Didn't realize this still existed until I saw it as an option in this survey.
Need a lot more rental unit houses for aged people to rent as not all pensioners are financially well off.
Need harsher penalties for offenders especially repeat offenders I'm sure Greenough regional could house a few more
Need to better educate children and help parents who have problems in raising kids
Neighbourhood Watch is also overdue for a revision and review. Current issues differ to those 40 years ago. Membership should be more culturally diverse and culturally aware of issues impacting on the whole community.
Neighbours are not what they use to be no one cares any more
Night security patrols reporting to the police to aid in areas that they can't be by having just the presence it will deter crime.
Nighttime curfews would be a nice start. More general patrols in the known problem areas not just the tourist spots. More things for kids to actually do especially in the outer suburbs. Also... the whole limit on alcohol as far as wine casks as far as I can see has done nothing to curb anti-social behaviour, it just punishes the vast majority that are doing the right thing. A banned drinkers register (i.e. for every transaction) would be far more effective.
No I don't have faith in WA Police
No it's a complex issue
Not really. Police are doing a great job under duress
One comment I've seen on neighbourhood pages says, "No point ringing the police." There is a perception that Geraldton Police are understaffed. When we had the mass-breakout from Greenough Prison, there were lots of Perth Police in town and Geraldton felt safer. Is it possible to get temporary help from Perth during school holidays?
One of our main concerns is Rocks Walkway in the CBD. Do not feel safe using public toilets due to constant abuse and aggressive behaviour from the homeless people drinking and antisocial. Don't like criticising the homeless but it is a real problem in that area. Also asking for money and the abuse from saying no is not nice.
Only new to Geraldton. Perhaps next year.
Parents of minors who damage cars and homes should be accountable.
Police are good and responsive when you call them, but you know that they are stretched and busy and you really have to access the situation before you call them. We need more police in town, and we need homeswest to be more vigilant and clamp down on the amount of people who reside in their properties.
Police need to more visible. During after school in Maitland Park for a start. And walking the foreshore and marine tce regularly
Police Station at new Mitchell Street development Same at Levy Street hall Maned till midnight
Problem now too big!
Proper legal actions need to be taken who ever convicted with any crimes or burglary. Parents of the kids should pay for the crimes their kids were doing. Cut short the allowances can make the things better for each crime commits and proper rehabilitation should be provided for drug usage
Punishment for any crime no matter the age
Reintroduce community hours for crimes committed, make them accountable esp. for graffiti & rock throwing, gings. There needs to be a clear message that it's not ok to damage other people's property.
Restrict benefit payments, must undergo drug and alcohol screening to receive benefits. Parents made liable for undesirable children roaming the streets at night.
Rock throwing is the other major crime issue impacting safety on our roads. I don't have any suggestions though security cameras at street corners, actual lighting in the street, mobile security you can call like Melville has, scrub graffiti off bus stops, have a rubbish regular pickup so rubbish doesn't collect and make the place look like a tip, give free plants to beautify verges so people don't park on them at random and to upmarket the area,.
Security cameras in hot spots around the place? My son was bashed and had his bike taken from him in daylight at the pump track in Spalding Park. 6 on 1 he never stood a chance. We know who it is and so do the police, but this kid is growing in popularity amongst his friends, and it will be only a matter of time before he is involved in a serious offence with irreversible consequences
See above... can't see it ever happening though...
Shopping centres need more supervision. Outlaw kids would be better is sent to 'boot camp' rather than a slap on the wrist.
Should have user pays opt in security service where they have a fixed charge to ratepayers and call tenders each one to two years This would only require the City to administer it so negligible cost Also would assist police and rangers

who are basically never able to respond promptly to youth crime issues Could include Aboriginal Corporations in this to help manage social elements to the arising issues
Sometimes police deal with other important matters but nuisance/anti-social neighbours can affect your daily lifestyle. Maybe providing security surveillance would be good to deal with these kinds of issues
Start being nice to everyone and building relationships so that you know who's walking the streets, don't be a racist and love thy neighbour
Stop letting people off for crimes rock throwing cut the problem areas bush shrubs back more solar lighting in all area's crimes hate lights. Make tougher on crimes don't let them out on Bail.
Stop spreading around the government houses into nice areas, especially if they don't appreciate the house and the people around them. Give stricter consequences to both 18+ and under 18. Getting away with things consistently will not teach them a lesson
Stop the rock throwing problem, stop letting those children get away with almost murdering people and costing normal citizens thousands in damages to their cars. My cousin almost died when some kid threw a rock through her window and almost knocked her right in the head. If the children won't pay, make their parents pay for it.
Stop the theft of bikes, motorbikes, and vehicles, should be much stronger penalties, also make all the kids go to school and not get into mischief, make the parents pay for any wrongdoing by the kids, also police presence when phoned would be good not just ignored
Stronger penalties for offenders.
Supply more park areas/playgrounds in areas that aren't filled with homeswest like Woorree, strath, Drummonds etc to allow families to have day outs without the threat of being ginged. Build another skate park
Support community events as then kids are involved and feel supported by their community
Teach upper primary and lower high school students about Tafe options and apprenticeship pathways. Bring back work experience week.
The app SNAP SEND SOLVE needs to be promoted a lot more.
The CBD is not too bad as a result of the cameras everywhere and proximity to the police station, it's other suburbs that need work. Mt Tarcoola Rangeway and Spalding generally are the worst. I carry pepper spray everywhere I go in those suburbs for protection
The CBD is poorly lit, there are many blind alleys and dark corners that do make it slightly uncomfortable to walk around at night.
The city could have information on their website about how to make a home safer.
The city to ensure all streetlights are working. Including changing over too led lighting like the Shire of Esperance has done
The Council should be monitoring the news being broadcast as it paints Geraldton in a very bad light
The Courts are too lenient with bail and punishment to deter criminals from committing anti-social and illegal behaviours.
The courts should have more power to punish people bought to them by police and if defendants are too young to prosecute parents or guardians should be made accountable
The environment needs to change to promote connectedness, shared responsibility and supporting those who need it. Prevention measures. Supporting families and not just individuals in acute distress
The greater number of people responsible for this crime is down to indigenous youth, parents need to be held responsible for their actions
The penalty should match the crime. Throwing rocks at moving vehicles is attempted murder. Theft is theft whether it is a bottle of coke or \$100,000 piece of jewellery. People are sick of paying out of their own pocket to protect themselves when thieves and vandals seem to be given extra rights and incur very little if any retribution
The problem is the repeat offenders keep getting let back into the community to continue offending with next to no consequences.
The problem with the youth in Geraldton needs to be dealt with. The adults are bad enough in the CBD, but the youth are everywhere in numbers, and they have no morals at all Stop Centrelink payments being so easy and accessible
The provision of more suburban CCTV. Distribution of Crime Alert (when possible criminal activity is occurring) via SMS to nearby or affected, at risk, citizens who opt-in or sign up.
There are parts of town I now avoid as have groups of people yelling and gathering. It is good to see the benches were removed near woollies under the tree near City, this was a big problem area.

There has to be consequences for committing a crime. The police aren't interested in small crimes they won't even come and investigate. Bring back truancy officers.
There should be groups of adults that have authority to pick up roaming children and take them to a safe place and help deal with the issues involved.
This needs a holistic approach with Government, police and social services as it is a generational problem I feel.
Tougher penalties
Tougher penalties for deterrent hopefully.
Tougher sentencing from the courts. More power to Police to actually do their job. No distinction within races - no special treatment to Aboriginal juveniles, as was under Commissioner Dawson, which is why they are on the street and not in detention.
Town of Port Hedland offers an incentive for residents to install CCTV if the cameras are purchased locally.
Trimming of the verges / entrances to the beach. Can be overgrown - risk for early morning dog walkers. More police car drive by through the night in our neighbourhood. More proactive approach / more interest from police in addressing ginging of cars
Unfortunately until the court system is fixed you can only really install CCTV system around suburbs, better street lighting more police and a court system that takes the victims of crime as their priority not the criminal
Unless people are made responsible for their actions and choices nothing will change. Parents are not being parents. There needs to be an organisation dedicated to picking up children roaming the streets at night and taking them to a safe place. Also needs to be an organisation or service to pick up children not attending school.
WA Police should work more night shifts.
We need more activities for the youth, more places for them to go that is safe. It's great to see the swimming pool open later and seeing kids there.
We need more truancy officers, to make sure kids are attending school.
We need to start addressing the causes of crime and antisocial behaviour problems. For too long we have only tried to fight the symptoms. We'll never get to the bottom of it that way. So, I am very excited about the youth survey.
We really enjoy living in Geraldton and the progress being made.
We want to be safe in our house, but we can't be 16 reports of the family harassing us we won't them out of my street.
What about a cash incentive to install security cameras at home. More CCTV around town.
When renting a house. Some of the house owner or someone's property are strictly not allowing pet or not pet friendly, when they can make a condition apply to allow pet under those conditions only. They worried about the damage on house than safety of the person living there, who pays them money.
When someone contacts CGG with a crime-related issue, your response need to be to own the complaint and contact the agency responsible and find someone who can help rather than just telling people you aren't responsible and telling them to try someone else.
Why does crime happen? For attention. A cry for help? For something to eat. To get away from a dangerous situation?
Working CCTV in city areas would be good.
Yes. Grassroots community involvement in programs for those juveniles at risk and other young people in these low socioeconomic suburbs or housing. Example local after school drop in centre in those problematic suburbs where children can get nutritious afternoon snack supervised activities with appropriate local mentors and a youth worker. These centres may also provide employment opportunities for local adults. Homework support area in the local facility. Ability to identify at risk children for referral for help from specialist areas., You can increase home security police patrols and arrest and incarceration all you like but that is just like trying to stop a haemorrhage with a band aid. It will not be cheap but giving these young people something to do after school and on weekend with caring input their parents are incapable of giving them may make a difference.
Yes life sentences for drug dealers or better still the death penalty.
You can't fix the racism that is imbedded in our community including upper management at the Council. If you could this would help combat a lot of the perceived problems.
You cannot have two law systems, one that indigenous are to follow but nothing happens. Perhaps an indigenous reform facility back on country. Stop giving handouts of cash.