

# Meeting Agenda

<b>Meeting Name.</b>	Community Safety Crime Prevention	<b>Meeting No.</b>	1 (2015)
<b>Meeting Date</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2015		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	13:00 – 15.00pm		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Committee Meeting Room, Cathedral Avenue		
<b>Attendees</b>	Des Brick (Chair) Cr Bob Hall (BH) Konrad Seidl (KS) Anna Treloar (AT) Martin Haime (MH) Peter Gerada (PG) Helen Exten (HE) Mathis Wieler (MW) Robyn Condon (RC) Kathleen Williams (KW) Neryl Beer (NB) Jill Burke (JB) Merle Meyer (MM) Kate Rickerby (KR) Maureen Campbell (MC) Amy Zinetti - Minute taker (AZ)	<b>By Invitation</b>	Ken Diehm (KD)
		<b>Apologies</b>	Shane Love (SL) (MP) Jenny Allen (JA) Brendan Wilson (BW) Else Ronan (ER) Jesse Steele (JS) Joanne Brennan (JB) Kathryn Park (KP) Lesley Evans (LE) Lorna Lenson (LL) Val Gray (VG)
		<b>Distribution</b>	All All councillors – through Amy Zinetti

## Agenda

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<1>	Welcome to Country Chair, Cr Brick, welcomed all to the meeting and proceeded with Welcome to Country.	DB
<2>	Apologies As above	DB
<3>	Minutes of Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree that the previous Minutes of 11th December 2014 are a true and correct record. <b>Moved</b> Cr Hall; <b>Seconded</b> Neryl Beer</li> <li><b>Review Status of Actions</b> DB - Graffiti and anti-social behaviour Town Towers site – Cr Van Styn has reported there is work being undertaken there. The City has pushed forward and put in place agreement on both sites to continue with the building works. BH - approached CEO (KD) during this meeting. KD - cordially obliged with a brief attendance to update the Committee on building progress.</li> </ul>	ALL

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	<p>CEO's update regarding derelict buildings around the city, particularly Town Towers and Batavia Motor Inn as buildings like these were a focus of the City Centre Vibrancy Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The City has limited powers other than the power to enforce a demolition order. The City has met with both property owners and it was reaffirmed that they will be issued with demolition orders if no progress was made to the expectations of the City to refurbish these buildings should the buildings remain in a derelict condition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Conditions were set with both property owners, undertaking the works. CEO was provided with adequate proof of financial capacity to complete the building works.</li> <li>o Building owners were issued a permit and have agreed to comply with their permits.</li> <li>o CEO does regular random checks and last Friday morning noted the Batavia Motor Inn roof is being worked on. Once the roof is completed this will speed up the remaining works.</li> <li>o Itinerants and graffiti incidents will drop off once the building nears completion.</li> <li>o Of late, the City touched base with the Town Towers owner / builder to say things are not progressing quickly enough and from outcomes of those discussions is confident that works will be done to satisfaction of the City.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>DB - clarified the situation for the Committee.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> Konrad Seidl <b>Seconded</b> Des Brick</p> <p>MOTION: This item on Town Towers and Batavia Motor Inn building progress will be removed from the Crime Prevention Meeting agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Presentation by Merrilyn Green on Night Outreach</b></li> </ul> <p>In the absence of Merrilyn Green, the presentation is postponed until the next Crime Prevention meeting.</p>	
<4>	<p><b><u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Graffiti and Vandalism</b></li> </ul> <p>NB - updated that on City side of things graffiti incidents is steady, few recent tags of JMF is still circulating.</p> <p>NB - Vandalism - nothing other than the Triton Place toilet block to note with large amounts of sand dumped everywhere.</p> <p>MH - Graffiti and vandalism - peaks and troughs noted. No increase in prevalence generally fairly steady across the board.</p> <p>DB – enquired, does the City still issue Graffiti removal kits?</p> <p>KS - stated City still has these kits and KS will follow up with Depot if people are still procuring kits. Noted: that when people call the City to come and clean a front fence, they will be advised about the kits so they can DIY.</p> <p><u>Teleconference Link:</u></p> <p>(Cr Tarleah T joined the meeting via telephone linkup at 1:21pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Crime Prevention through Environmental Design</b></li> </ul> <p>DB - enquired on Triton Place as it gets targeted frequently. Is there</p>	ALL

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	<p>consideration for mosquito devices to be installed?</p> <p>NB - informed that these devices have already been installed.</p> <p>KS -mosquito devices are on timers for night time activity to keep people away from these areas and mainly to deter night time activity.</p> <p>NB -There has been no criticism from community since the mosquito device installation.</p> <p>DB - Mosquito device activation on the foreshore is also a deterrent to antisocial behaviours.</p> <p>● <b>CCTV Project and Cemetery</b></p> <p>NB – funding is an issues not able to get any funding to install fencing. Tensil strands – Jan has said Geraldton Police and Yamatji is patrolling the area but with no funding to put in a perimeter fence around the cemetery, makes it difficult.</p> <p>NB - expressed a need to procure funding opportunities through the agencies and networks and asked if anyone can source funding they would be happy to receive the assistance.</p> <p>NB - The Safer Streets CCTV program is progressing very well and explained the camera locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 cameras on Esplanade youth centre precinct.</li> <li>• 8 cameras HMAS Sydney II Memorial - 6 are fixed.</li> <li>• 11 cameras at carpark station No 5 outside of Stirling shopping centre where there is constant antisocial behaviour.</li> <li>• Mullewa CCTV stage 2 - Held a meeting in Mullewa and has a contractor to do stage 2 it is going well. Cameras will be installed opposite Mullewa office and pub entrance where pharmacy</li> <li>• 1 camera positioned opposite deli near Telstra building .</li> </ul> <p><u>ACTION:</u> NB - will inform Committee of the outcomes of the camera installation.</p> <p>PG - enquired how do the cameras link into Mullewa police rather than Geraldton.</p> <p>NB - police will have access to Mullewa Cameras all PTZ. A huge advantage to monitor from Mullewa.</p> <p>TT - enquired on the cameras overlooking female facility near swimming pool.</p> <p>NB - informed that this camera pan has a greyed out block to avoid any visual access of the female amenities.</p> <p>KS - River system – CGG gained funding for fencing of permitter of Chapman river. Has success with river system with covert cameras which has led to infringements issued on people who enter. It has led to prosecution where someone entered with an off road vehicle, was taken to court and the court ruled that the vehicles be seized for 6 months. A win for the City and the community.</p> <p>● <b>Property Crime (Theft &amp; Burglary)</b></p> <p>MH – update that burglaries are a consistent problem with a rise of 83% overrunning, but is on a down trend to 40% but still remains a challenge for a period of time.</p> <p>Social media is particularly damaging and police are trying to address the conversation that is going on. Geraldton has an adverse reputation. Commentary on second phase how they are addressing offenders gives good results which shows a reduction on burglaries.</p> <p>Drivers on burglaries - noted that a quarter of these offenders don't live in</p>	

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	<p>Geraldton.</p> <p>Quality of feedback from these offenders is that they enjoy the thrill of the offence/theft/burglary. Geraldton police are adopting Perth methodology and identify likely 'at risk' people and young people. If identify early they can get partner agencies to come on board as well. Police currently have good case management to address offenders. Noted the UK and US model are being sourced.</p> <p>Police look at dependency on partner agencies to deliver better results.</p> <p>PG - update on Mullewa. The statistics trend is up where they were at last year. Two primary incidents have pushed up the report number since last year. There have been a few incidents in one year and this has caused a roll on effect.</p> <p>Burglaries update - a young gang are very active and on the run with both Geraldton and Mullewa police. The youths are being harboured by family and friends and they go on crime sprees.</p> <p>Huge disappointment for PG but has seven (7) DVs from one family. It is expensive when these issues occur. Mullewa is dealing with this, but has passed on to other agencies to step up and help.</p> <p>PG – is liaising with schools regarding young offenders on how they get affected by alcohol and drug abuse. 10 - 15 year olds to receive help.</p> <p>DB - asked if Mullewa people can access the Aboriginal Court Program.</p> <p><u>Program link:</u>  <a href="http://www.magistratescourt.wa.gov.au/G/geraldton_family_violence_court_barndimalgu.aspx?uid=4497-7800-5232-5352">http://www.magistratescourt.wa.gov.au/G/geraldton_family_violence_court_barndimalgu.aspx?uid=4497-7800-5232-5352</a></p> <p>PG - updated that the current program takes 25 appointments to complete this and it is a long time. Prosecutors report that recipients are doing very well. If this program is successful, then it will be rolled out to others as well.</p> <p>KR - it is a holistic program and can't change people overnight. Feedback is very good and is being opened up to the whole community especially Aboriginal people.</p> <p>KS - informed he is researching statistics of crime in regional areas.</p> <p>KS - noted there is talk of organising rallies through City streets to speak of their crime experience. State Crime Prevention said they will help the City where they can.</p> <p>Sporting clubs are being broken into and approached KS for guidance.</p> <p>KS - has approached state office to come up to talk and help with the sporting clubs with Ryan Thompson, Sports and Recreational Club Development officer, to lead on this.</p> <p>On <b>12 &amp; 13 March 2015</b> there is a '<i>Coffee with a Cop</i>' promotion to be in held in Geraldton. The coordinators are willing to support the City through the issues with social media and police.</p> <p>KW - PCYC are they involved in cohesive approach to improve security.</p> <p>KS - has had discussion with Jill B and also Ryan Thompson on security matters.</p> <p>DB - enquired on unsecured premises and property.</p> <p>MH - updated that stolen motor vehicles, about 40% have their keys left in the vehicles and this is a grave concern.</p> <p>DB - anecdotal comments received regarding Verita Road with concerns that the new road will increase the antisocial behaviour in surrounding suburbs. Common sense is that this may not be so.</p> <p>MH - affirmed they are anecdotal in nature and Tarcoola fences are mapped with GPS-codes and police can get a visual picture where things</p>	

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	<p>are at. Verita Road is a hot spot area and will capture the amount of people coming in and out of Tarcoola area. In any event will open up this. The surrounding bushland is a pressure with increase of crime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>• <b>Violence</b></p> <p>MH - Domestic Violence with families in town has affected high school student attendance and is seeing a lack of family leadership and not allowing the children to be engaged in that type of activity, it is a concern for Police with the pressure of patrols on the schools.</p> <p>MH - expressed disappointment to see some of the behaviour on foreshore on Australia Day with the night time conflict noted.</p> <p>MH - the night club scene comes and goes with issues. One of the pubs had incidents after the races and police looked at disciplinary action on the licensee. The behaviours of patrons in night club is a constant source of demand on police resources.</p> <p>PG - Mullewa – reported families feuding due to a funeral and people arrested and charged over the incidents. There was also a second funeral a month later, but there were no noted issues at all.</p> <p>Due to family issues, seeing less teenagers going to school. Also police are noting junior kids as young as 4 and 5 years fighting each other. Did get on quickly to agencies to sort this out and now seems to be resolved.</p> <p>PG – the task of trying to get children back with families was extremely difficult as parents being drunk constantly and never ending domestic violence. Police are currently working on a process with Kardaloo farm for a dry community.</p> <p>PG - noted very little crime in town other than burglaries.</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>Youth</b></p> <p>KW - On Australia Day between 2:00 – 6:00pm the City hosted a youth event on the foreshore - a fantastic outcome and no behavioural issues noted. The presence of police officers was brilliant and thanks to police attendance it was highly successful and will plan to do this event again next year.</p> <p>Midnight Basketball - will commence this year on <b>1 May</b>. Called for volunteers to help and asked could agencies promote to their networks for anyone wanting to volunteer. Any assistance would be appreciated.</p> <p>National Youth Week - planned for <b>April 2015</b> and KW is putting together a program and advertising to promote the event.</p> <p>Youth Forum - also with young people to engage with them and this program will be circulated.</p> <p>Community Summit – the Summit aims are to gauge necessary services provided by the City and ones that can be discontinued. There is a call for the community to attend the summit and have a voice in the decision making. Youth Funding programs will be evaluated and there is a need for young people to attend to gauge their ideas/responses.</p> <p>The Summit also needs a good demographic representation of the community.</p> <p>KW – Also is working on Aboriginal community regarding Headspace Development and making sure the engagement is culturally sensitive, it is a big project on our plate and an exciting concept for the city.</p> <p>Youth providers - no update for this meeting.</p> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>DB - on the Community Summit – appealed strongly to all to go to their networks to promote to anyone who wants to come along. It will assist the City to determine the range and level of services needed by our community. Community Summit 4 &amp; 14 March 2015. Poster attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Entertainment and Events</b> <p>KW - Waitangi Day was a great event with big contribution from New Zealand and Multicultural communities.</p> <p>AT - Wanggajimanha Family Fun Day at Nukara Farm - <b>Saturday 14 March 2015</b> from 1:00pm to 9:00pm. Please see event poster attached.</p> <p>HE - event run by Streeties and Merrilyn Green.</p> <p>KS - Our Home Our Street - event in Spalding will gauge how this goes and will include other areas. Establishes better connection with agencies servicing the area and encourages community to take more care and guardianship. It is a two way community channel and lets them know what all the agencies are doing. KS will schedule a meeting with agencies and research around this to gauge the before and after affect. There is also a social element to the program as well.</p> </li> </ul>	
<5>	<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS - This year Community Safety Crime Prevention Plan to update topic relevant use of amphetamines caught up with Robyn form CADS who are at this meeting. Will include alcohol and drugs in the discussion.</li> <li>• RC - Alcohol and Drugs - CADS – mentioned the collaborative work practices with them and police to combat issues of drugs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RC - Suggestion to meeting – to present the ‘Prevention Plan’ and with the focus being on the Midwest and Geraldton.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Problem in schools and the CADS offices has experienced a rollover of management and now sits with Country WA Health Service which is in a more stable situation. They are now in negotiations and are progressing well.</li> <li>• Issues in schools – these are being worked on closely and schools are buying into the road safety program with extra prevention activities in school.</li> <li>• Mullewa has a funding agreement and resources for cannabis prevention service. Will progress the service to Mullewa and the treatment opportunities. Aboriginal worker is placed out there and in training now. The program is going well in Geraldton and is a big deterrent and can help victims to get them into treatment.</li> <li>• Alcohol and drug management plan in Geraldton, Carnarvon, Meekatharra the idea is for collaborative practices. Will revisit two year plan for Geraldton and has approached the City to get on board, it needs City involvement.</li> </ul> <p><u>ACTION:</u> RC will come and present the Community Safety Crime Prevention Plan at next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KR - informed on StandBy post prevention for suicide. Details of StandBy and the two Training Sessions on <b>11th March</b> and the Bereavement group meeting on <b>9th March</b> – N.B. the latter has an error in the notice stating February 9th instead of <b>March 9th</b>. <b>See information attached.</b></li> <li>• BH - enquired on Australia Day in respect of foreshore issues. Were the offenders adults or children and did the fights take place in the</li> </ul>	ALL

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	<p>day?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MH - stated the Australia Day offences took place late in evening in the southern end, involving adults which spread over to Forrest Street end.</li> <li>• DB - commented that his Committee's aim is to foster good interrelation of the agencies and thanked all for their input with some great outcomes achieved.</li> <li>• The meeting was declared closed. @ 2:22pm</li> </ul>	
<6>	Next Meeting – May 2015 TBA in Committee Meeting Room, (Mullewa - via Video Link)	DB





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# FUN



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## FAMILY FUN DAY!

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1.00pm - 9.00pm



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# Community Summit

March 4 and March 14



The City's financial situation has been impacted by reduced Government funding, rising utility costs and a growing backlog of assets.

To help better inform Council about what services the community thinks should be retained, or cut, the City is holding a Community Summit, linked over two sessions, on the evening of Wednesday March 4\* and Saturday March 14\*.

**It's about the future of your City.**

*\*Note: Participants will need to be available for both of the above times*

If you'd like to be involved, please contact Janell Kopplhuber at the City on 9965 6779 or [janellk@cgg.wa.gov.au](mailto:janellk@cgg.wa.gov.au)



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# INVITATION

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## **StandBy** **“Pathways to Care”**

### Community Forum

To map a whole of community response  
for those **bereaved through suicide**

#### **“Pathways to Care”** Workshop Purpose

- To establish an effective coordinated community response plan to provide support to families, friends and associates bereaved through suicide by enlisting local community participation in the **Geraldton Community Postvention Plan**
- To increase understanding about suicide bereavement through the contribution of local responders
- To increase individual and community capacity for the care and well-being of those bereaved by suicide

**Date: March 11, 2015**  
**Time: 8.30am – 12.30 pm**  
**Venue: Salvation Army Hall**  
**42 Ainsworth St., Geraldton**

#### **Facilitators:**

**Claude Boulenez; M. Suicidology**  
**Jill Fisher; M. Suicidology**  
**M. Health Studies ( Loss & Grief)**

#### **RSVP: March 3, 2015**

Free Registration  
Morning Tea, Lunch Included

*For further information or  
workshop registration  
Please Phone 0488 780 144 or  
cpr1@unitedsynergies.com.au*

**Contact: Claude or Helma**  
refer above contacts

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United Synergies gratefully acknowledges the funding provided by the Australian Government



*You are invited to join us at the*  
**Geraldton StandBy CPR**  
**“Crossing the River”**



## **Suicide Bereavement Training Workshop**

**Local community support for those bereaved through suicide**

### **Afternoon Session** **“Crossing the River”**

#### **Purpose**

To equip service providers and community caregivers with basic suicide bereavement intervention skills.

To enhance and further develop the capacity of Geraldton community to respond to suicide, trauma and related issues.

#### **Topics Covered:**

Preparedness; suicide bereavement experience and differentials; traumatic loss; complications of grief; crisis intervention approaches; risk review & harm minimization; self care.

#### **Target Group:**

Communities implementing a StandBy Critical Postvention Response including community workers; volunteers; health care providers, human resource managers; health, welfare & education professionals; youth service providers; clergy, people responding to family, friends and associates bereaved by suicide and concerned individuals.

#### **Featuring:**

- **“The Edge of the River”** - General information about crisis and trauma.
- **“In the Whirlpool”** - Specific suicide bereavement experience including shock, trauma, lived experience and differentials of suicide loss. The Way it was and the Way it is now - The bereavement condition, the emotional experience of grief and dynamics of suicide bereavement.
- **“Crossing the Waters”** - Crisis Intervention approaches, risk review, harm minimization, and providing bereavement care.
- **“On a New Shore”** - Managing the Effects on the Carers & Supporters: Individual and Community Strategies for self-care & vicarious traumatization.

**Date: March 11, 2015**

**Time: 1.15 – 3.30pm**

**Venue: Salvation Army Hall**  
**42 Ainsworth St., Geraldton**

**Facilitator: Jill Fisher,**  
M. Suicidology,  
M. Health Studies ( Loss & Grief)  
**National Coordinator StandBy**  
**Bereavement Response**  
**Service**

**Free Registration**  
**Afternoon Tea Included**

**For registration, or further**  
**information 0488 780 144**  
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**RSVP by March 3, 2015**  
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## “In a Time of Grief”

### INFORMATION AND SUPPORT EVENING

#### FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TOUCHED BY SUICIDE

Losing someone to suicide is a traumatic and devastating experience that can shatter the lives of those left behind struggling to survive their loss. Whole communities may be affected when someone dies, particularly under sudden, unexpected and traumatic circumstances such as suicide. Providing care and support to those grieving may be challenging. In response the StandBy Response Service, United Synergies Ltd, continues its efforts to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities by hosting this important evening.

This evening will explore the experience of traumatic loss, grief and the impact of suicide bereavement. Information on managing grief and self care will also be provided with an opportunity for questions, sharing and participation.

#### **Session “In a Time of Grief”**

##### **Target Group:**

*This will be a closed session for community members who have been personally affected by suicide loss. Carers and support persons of the bereaved person are encouraged to attend.*

##### **Purpose:**

*To provide information for community members affected by traumatic loss and grief.*

##### **Topics Covered:**

- \* *The experience of bereavement*
- \* *Grief and traumatic loss*
- \* *The needs of the bereaved*
- \* *Ways to support those bereaved*
- \* *Self-care strategies.*

**Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

**Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm**

**Venue “The Meeting Room”  
QE2 Centre,  
88 Durlacher St.,  
Geraldton**

**Presenter: Jill Fisher**

M. Suicidology

M. Health Studies (Loss and Grief)

*Light supper provided at conclusion*

**Free Registration**

*For further information and registration please phone Claude or Helma on 0488 780 144 or email [cpr1@unitedsynergies.com.au](mailto:cpr1@unitedsynergies.com.au)*

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## StandBy Critical Postvention Response

**The National StandBy Response Service** is one of Australia's leading suicide postvention programs dedicated to assisting people and communities affected by suicide. The StandBy Response Service was established in 2002 by United Synergies, a not-for-profit organisation based on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. The service currently operates in several communities across Australia and has significant experience in the provision of postvention support in a range of communities and contexts.

The National StandBy Response Service comprises four areas of operations. These include strategic oversight all areas of StandBy operations including: continuous improvement and practice development; the delivery of the StandBy Response Service, an extensively tested and evaluated community-based active postvention model; the StandBy for LiFE training and community education program and the StandBy Critical Postvention Response (CPR) a short term rapid response to communities experiencing suicide crisis.

**The StandBy Critical Postvention Response (CPR)** is a community based project designed to address a suicide crisis within a community and work toward preventing any further loss of life. The aim of the CPR is to minimise further harm caused by suicide, and to build postvention (after suicide) capacity within the community through the provision of training and the development of a coordinated community response. The CPR builds on existing community strengths and encourages the development of local solutions to local problems. The program is also formally evaluated and underpinned by all emerging evidence and good practice.

### How does it work?

A community is experiencing a suicide crisis or several events related to suicide loss which have increased anxiety about local community well-being. The community contacts the National StandBy Response Service or is contacted about the

opportunity for the StandBy Critical Postvention Response (CPR). An analysis and risk evaluation is undertaken to determine the most effective and efficient response reflective of community need and existing capabilities. These can include the intensive full eight week implementation of the critical postvention response staffed by the StandBy CPR team and short term local staff; or a short term StandBy CPR intervention in partnership with local staff; or a Community Outreach Response (COR) provided by the StandBy CPR team over a designated time period.

### What happens next?

Once the analysis is complete and with the support of the Australian Government, the CPR is implemented and undertakes several activities including:

- the establishment of a short term local advisory committee to oversee aspects of the project
- identification of a local host and, if required, assistance with recruitment or secondment of a local short term CPR coordinator
- establishment of community connections and linkages through agency visits, training and information sessions
- establishment of a communications plan and media guidelines as well as identification of spokespersons' roles and responsibilities
- the Pathways to Care community workshop and Crossing the River suicide bereavement skills training
- the provision of a broad range of resources

The response also includes direct crisis support to people bereaved by suicide by skilled StandBy staff, training for community and emergency responders and the development of a coordinated community plan to respond to suicide and provide postvention support in the future. Formal evaluation and project outcomes are provided to the community via a follow up Community Information Session after the conclusion of the work.

# FACTSHEET



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## STANDBY CPR TIME LINE

**PRIOR** – Community analysis, needs assessment, action planning and liaison with local community

**Week One** – Commencement of the StandBy Critical Postvention Response and establishment of a local advisory group including communications planning, project implementation and baseline assessment

**Week Two** – Community consultation, mapping, and provision of localised crisis contact lists. Active responses to those requiring immediate support

**Week Three** – Training, community information sessions, school, workplace and social group support and intensive public communications

**Week Four** – Pathways to Care & Crossing the River Workshops; creation and testing of local services register; additional scanning and community monitoring

**Week Five** – Development and dissemination of the localised StandBy Referral Pathways resources, additional skills based training for responders and community well-being checks

**Week Six** – Testing of resources, integration of feedback and capability analysis

**Week Seven** – Ongoing direct support, specialised sessions (e.g. children's grief activity session, parent information evenings, etc.), key stakeholder consultation and gap analysis

**Week Eight** – Local advisory group meeting, evaluation planning and identification of additional or future capacity building activities

**POST CPR** – Community information session including feedback and evaluation outcomes, on call support and planned follow up

## About United Synergies

United Synergies is a not-for-profit organisation committed to making a difference to the lives of others. Our services support young people, families and communities around Australia, with particular emphasis on those experiencing some form of disadvantage.

We offer support services that provide: accommodation; alternative education; youth support; assistance for young parents; suicide prevention and bereavement support; youth mentoring; pre-employment and training; work experience; counselling and referral; and consulting and training to the human services sector as well as industry.

The National StandBy Service is a program of United Synergies and regularly contributes nationally and internationally to the field of postvention through sharing practice, research and evaluation outcomes.

United Synergies is committed to further building the knowledge and evidence base in the areas of suicide prevention, postvention and overall health and well-being.



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### StandBy's Vision

Community respect, understanding and support for the health and well-being of people bereaved by suicide

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