

Meeting Minutes

16th October 2014 Konrad Seidl | Community Safety Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Name.	Community Safety Crime Prevention	Meeting No.	5 (2014)
Meeting Date	16 th October 2014		
Meeting Time	11:00 to 14:00 hours including lunch		
Meeting Location	Committee Meeting Room, 63 Cathedral Avenue		
Attendees:	Councillor Bob Hall (Cr BH) (Chair) Anne Treloar (AT) Bonnie Stafford (BS) Brendan Wilson (BW) <i>via video link</i> Charmaine Yeates (CY) Esmeralda de Trafford (EdT) Neryl Beer (NB) Helen Exten (HE) Isobelle Scott (IS) (Electoral Officer Ian Blayney MLA) Jesse Steele (JS) Jonine Harrison (JH) Glenn Wishart (GW) Peter Gereda (PG) <i>via video link</i> Val Gray Minute taker (VG)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Des Brick (DB) Konrad Seidl (KS) Jacinta Johnston (JJ) Kate Rickerby (KR) Ruth Goss (RG) Jenny Allen (JA) Kathryn Park (KP) Martin Haime (MH) Maureen Campbell (MC) Merrilyn Green (MG) Shane Love MP (SL) Wayne McDonald (WM)
		Distribution	All councillors – through Amy Zinetti

1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country

Meeting chaired by Councillor Bob Hall in the absence of Des Brick (DB). Meeting commenced at 11:05 hours

BH welcomed all attending members and Mullewa attendees via video link with acknowledgement of Country & apologies.

Video link availability was set up by IT between the City of Greater Geraldton committee room and Mullewa Chambers – 2 members attended by video link.

BH welcomed Jesse Steele the new Mullewa Youth Centre, Jesse has come to join the Mullewa team from Italy, he is doing a fabulous job, Jesse welcomes anyone who wishes to pop into the Youth Centre for a look; Jesse would love to see you there.

BW raised an addendum to previous minutes dated 12th August 2014 to do with "no school, no pool", including school attendances up to 100%, these figures are not accurate, it should read that school attendance figures have greatly improved.

2 Apologies As above

3 Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved: NB

Seconded: EdT

• Review of Status Actions

Date	Details	Action by Who	Updates
	• Graffiti on Town Towers Building	KS/NB	Graffiti Town Towers – NB updated meeting , said a letter was sent with reference to the

	<p>side facing Cathedral Avenue encouraging owners to remove graffiti from the building, the graffiti is still on the building, no response has been forthcoming from the owners. NB asked about State Government rate deductions in relation to Town Towers. BH said from CEO at City of Greater Geraldton to renew plan on conditions. They must show positivity definuating building and state of use. BH said during discussions on rates remaining the same then giving discounts in place of discounting rates in the first instance. Legitimate tenant/rental property impost to encourage positivity. Batavia Motel site is gutted/vandalised, would require massive boost of funds to restore, BH said he walked through the remains and was shocked at the cancer in the concrete to mention but one major issue, he said would be best to demolish and start again. Then it would go to the appeal process, and drag on and on. The question was asked why City of Greater Geraldton does not demolish or taken action, BH stated City of Greater Geraldton financial impost to demolish the site. There would be no capacity for the owners to pay as this would be a civil debt. General appearance of Batavia Motel site is that it looks like Beirut.</p> <p>ACTION : KS to give update @ next meeting</p>
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Items to be discussed

4.1 Graffiti and Vandalism

- NB Parking machines in paid parking stations have been hit a few times; removal of graffiti has been done within a day or so.
- NB reported to meeting that parking station 5 will soon go onto CCTV to allow monitoring.
- Water tanks locally have been hit, City of Greater Geraldton gets straight onto the clean-up and removal of the graffiti.
- NB reported no vandalism on City of Greater Geraldton assets of late.
- JH said Geraldton statistics are currently very low
- PG reported Mullewa is pretty good with not many current issues

4.2 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

4.3 Property Crime (Theft & Burglary)

- JH reported burglaries are through the roof. Police recently ran Operation Telepathic, they program will run again over the 8 week school holiday period. Spikes are experienced during school holiday periods. GW said 30 additional officers came to Geraldton in a team, research is done on jobs/crime, the target areas are then flooded with maximum manpower. Operation Telepathic may undergo a name change for the next operation.

Michael Hume
Councillor

- BH/JH said unlocked houses – campaign – people are the key to locking up. With the warmer weather approaching people leave windows and doors open, this is an open invitation to those looking to break into your property.
- BH said he has heard stories about people checking properties to see if there are dogs at the property and some throwing rocks through windows to see if anyone is home; it is important to be aware of activity around your street & report any suspicious activity to Police.
- All calls are to be rung through to Call Centre in Perth, the take the calls and collate statistics which are then provided to Geraldton, this could assist in capturing offenders, the number to call is **131444** option 1 or 2
- Mullewa property crime reported by PG, families having problems trying to knock it on the head, 1½ months ago arguments and fights started, people coming from Geraldton, Mt Magnet, Pia and surrounds to get involved, creating major problems. Some of these people come in for summer and for the recent funeral in Mullewa.
- PG said during school holidays Mullewa had a stolen vehicle, issues up to midnight-1am in the streets with kids out and about late.


4.4 Violence

- JH said family violence is the main problem. Only one night club operating in Geraldton now, not many incidents happening/reported to Police.
- With the warmer weather approaching figures may increase.
- CY said Yamatji Patrol normally steps in before problems occur. Some issues are happening around the ANZ bank where people leaving the Camel Bar and Breakers hang out, there is CCTV near the Camel Bar and near Breakers, unfortunately the CCTV camera is on Breakers side of the street and unable to capture issues in Staples car park. CY mentioned CCTV cameras interfere with Yamatji Patrol's radio reception.
- BS from Sun City Christian Centre spoke on the youth bus, she said the bus has been on the foreshore for a year now, it was falsely reported recently that they had been seeing up to 60 youth a night, their report clearly states the number was 34. BS thanked CY for Yamatji Patrol's involvement in the basketball competition which was a great success. BS would like Sun City Christian Centre's thanks to be passed onto all those involved behind the scenes. Activity run for 3 hours, unfortunately when contract was initially outsourced to Sun City Christian Centre funding was 40,000, it has since been reduced to \$20,000. There has only been one occasion due to heavy rain and fighting which thankfully was away from the bus where Sun City Christian Centre staff had to leave early for staff safety. SCCC staff paid \$17.00 per hour, they do an amazing job for the small wage they receive; these are very dedicated people who genuinely care for the youth in our town. 2 buses have been taken to Mullewa so far, 45 kids, trying to link with activities and happy to hear and work where possible.
- BH thanked CY for providing such a great service for the youth and keeping the lid on some situations, a job well done
- CY said she knows a lot of the people and parties of family feuding, have involvement with Police at base. CY finds it difficult to not have the youth bus available during school holidays, she said they have issues in suburbs therefore they are not on the foreshore either, it does not take the youth long to work out no-one is around, then the kids create issues.
- BH said City of Greater Geraldton control the funding and funding has been pulled back as it has with a lot of other things needing funding. Financially awkward.
- CY said we need to decide what works and what doesn't; there is nothing to occupy these kids. Sun City Christian Centre is bound by a contract, they would love to provide a service, but it's not possible under their current contract.
- JW said Sun City Christian Centre is having a new building which will house a youth centre and basketball courts.
- CY said it may not work in the suburbs. Yamatji Patrol used to run similar programs at Streeties on Thursday nights, tried to keep kids out of town but it didn't work, town is where they want to be. Streeties used to take the kids home, Yamatji has not taken over this role and pick these kids up. CY said there are 5 very dedicated staff that run this youth bus/patrol, Yamatji have 2 big buses, only 1 opportunity if other bus is being used in the suburbs.

- BH mentioned this is a Holistic program.
- NB asked about the 5 Police officers with Youth Engagement from Crime Prevention forum. GW said there is only one officer in the position for the district. Bobby Pepper & Renee Gildersleeve are a major part of this team. JH said it is based and centric to the district not just Geraldton
- BH said this has prudence to youth.
- CY said this was clear –Agencies were unclear – district was not mentioned @ forum. No reflection on local Police.
- EdT spoke on youth transition – improve life if you wish to work with them. A child or anyone can refer whom ever to this agency.

4.5 Youth

- JS asked about Gregory Street, Mullewa pick up the slack? **ACTION :JA**
- AT introduced herself as coordinator family youth support from Geraldton Regional Community Ed Centre to the forum, Anna said she works with the 11-18 year old youth with personal barriers and issues of school transition. Year 6 + 7's off to high school next year, Anna is the outreach officer for this area Geraldton based.
- CY raised her concerns about 11 year old transitioning due to the amalgamation with the higher grades.
- JH said we these students are lucky because John Willcock College only goes up to year 9, things could be a lot worse if it went to year 12.
- IS mentioned the up and coming meeting between the Minister for Education and parents second education in Geraldton and how the community wants second education with the re-introduction of 2 schools. The date is yet to be confirmed, should be within the next month or so, the Minister will be flying up to attend this meeting. HE suggested that the Minister be made aware of the need to hold this meeting before the end of school year to ensure more parents/students will be in attendance, IS said it should be before the final exams have been completed.
- Year 6 to high school transition is outside of State Government's jurisdiction. Students are now older when starting school, therefore they are older when they leave, this brings up the topic of alcohol etc. being introduced to the younger students in transition mingling with the older students. Out of school activities cannot be controlled by the Education system.
- IS said in the Northern suburbs in Perth they have already gone back to secondary schools.
- CY spoke on the risks of school yard bullying at an early age, mental health issues on the rise and peer pressure in schools. She said when there were 2 schools; there numbers of bullying and fighting was a lot less.
- BH asked if anyone at the meeting had driven past the Highbury Street school of late, he said there is only one point of entry, with the quadrangle it looks like a prison block, the design is not aesthetically pleasing, does this have a detrimental mental effect on students or what do the students feel toward this building? General consensus around the Crime Prevention table is that the building has beautiful areas inside.
- IS comments on school designing structure – institutionalised, she said she is not sure this has any bearing on the quality of education.
- GW works with 15 entrenched youth at risk one on one basis, some have up to 50 convictions as juveniles, he only does the Geraldton area. Trying the engage stakeholders to get involved, looking at reduction in criminal behaviour.
- JS spoke on youth centre, he is providing diversionary activities from 3pm – 8pm for youth which is all that the current staffing level allows. BW is restructuring at the youth Centre, more money spent

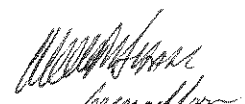


Anna Gildersleeve

on Youth Centre, skateboards and other new equipment including new coloured TV has been provided. The recovery of lost musical instruments has been a big win, program running Wednesday after school, JS is reaching out to other musician's within the community. Structured school term activities including Monday basketball, numbers fluctuate between 45 down to 20, on school holiday between 10am – 8pm activities at youth centre. Some of the activities are viewed as childish, run for under 15's, older ones not happy with 12 year olds. 18-26 year olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays mid-afternoon gym sessions. Term 4 – basketball, apparently Mullewa will not be putting in basketball team. If JS is engaged with 4-5 boys means 35-40 kids are not participating.

- CY suggested to JS to get Patrol involved, this may be a major step forward in Mullewa.
- Most crime is happening after 8pm in Mullewa when the youth Centre has closed for the night.
- JS said relations between Meedac and Youth Centre are frigid, CY suggests getting in touch with Jim Sandy, he is a good bloke and very interested in the youth of Mullewa. Jim used to be on the Crime Prevention committee, he no longer attends our meetings.
- CY strongly suggests the patrol should be involved in mediation issues. May have impact to prevent further incidents.
- PG said he would rather do it his way. He said some patrol members are involved in the issues being dealt with. PG deals with the families involved individually, involving patrol is not part of the solution at this stage.
- JS mentioned the collaboration with the high school and pool activities during last school term. Music and cricket will be done in the heat of summer. Approx. 1 week -10 days before the centre opens up.
- IS raised issues on quad bikes, all hours of the day & night & the proposed fencing off along Drew Street, she said this will be great. NB said the Local laws Team have been very proactive in this area. They have cameras which can be deployed in areas where needed, there has been success with Police on operations and fencing issues.
- IS said parks & reserves bike issues, all off-road bikes should be registered, sometimes bikes are second and third hand, pretty much stuck from Police stand point, hard to know who the owner of the machine is, beach issues.
- JH mentioned the G Fest not having a mention in the minutes as a City of Greater Geraldton sponsored event, 3 years of recurring funding.
- NB mentioned the Community Safety Day run on the 5th October 2014, successful with good weather, the pet parade did not attend this year, some of the participants for this year were Sunset beach Progress Association, Western power, GDR and E Watch.
- BH passed comment on the G Fest – said he has heard nothing but glowing reports, no issues reported. A credit to all the concerned organisers and participants. Comment was made on the time of the street parade being a better time. This is not connected to Community law and Safety – G Fest/Sunshine Festival, its more about coming to the plate to work out issues. "Outstanding resurrection, brilliant".
- PG said he has a new female constable (26 year old) officer with 3 years of service coming to Mullewa. Michael and Nic both do exceptional work in Mullewa, interacting well with the youth. BH made comment on the voluntary work put in by this committee.

4.6 Entertainment & Events



Up & Coming Events

5. General Business

- CY advised the committee that Yamatji Patrol will be having a week off in November and 2 weeks in December, 2 weeks down over the Christmas period 22nd December 2014 returning 31st December 2014.

Meeting closed @ 12:10pm.

A special thanks to Jill Bourke Geraldton P.C.Y.C. for the lovely catering, as usual presented beautifully & enjoyed by all who attended, thanks Jill.

6. NEXT MEETING

To be conducted at the City of Greater Geraldton Committee Meeting Room, Cathedral Avenue on the 11th December 2014 @ **new time of 13:00 hours**.

Please forward any general business items for discussion to valg@cgg.wa.gov.au as soon as possible for inclusion in the minutes/agenda prior to the next meeting

SIGNED 

DATED 7-11-2014

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Mobile Youth 'N' Motion Quarterly Report (September 2014)

Project Manager:	Sun City Youth
Project Coordinator:	Brunno Santos
Report Compiled By:	Bonnie Stafford
Date of Report:	02/10/2014
Project Aim: Maximising the opportunities to engage with young people in and around Geraldton through the employment of the Youth 'n' Motion Mobile Youth Centre and dedicated youth workers, this project will build on the previous successes of the City of Greater Geraldton's youth engagement program. This project will incorporate the additional resources of Sun City Youth, her workers and volunteers, established pastoral care programs and inflatable equipment to complement the features of the Youth 'n' Motion bus.	

Summary

The Youth 'N' Motion Mobile Youth Bus has continued to attend the Geraldton Foreshore with steady numbers, averaging around 34 young people each night. Cooler weather has seen some decrease in numbers but still regular attendance by youth in the CBD for the activities. Activities have included the informal basketball games, which prove to be the most popular activity, video games, sumo wrestling and games. A free sausage sizzle is also held each evening free milos have been once again reintroduced in the cooler weather which have proven to be very popular.

We continue to have a strong and dedicated Youth workers team consisting of 2 Indigenous Youth Workers and 3-4 non-Indigenous Youth Workers. Healthy relationships are developing due to the consistency of team and this creates opportunities to engage more with the young people and create supportive relationships for those who regularly access the services.

Funds were expended in purchasing 5 more Xbox and Wii games, new controllers and battery packs at the request of participants as well as purchasing giant bean bags to improve the ambience of the video area. Prior to this happening the video area was receiving little attention but with the addition of the chill out bean bags it has quickly become very popular. Unfortunately the neck braces for the Sumo suits have gone missing so we are in the process of reordering these so this popular activity can be reintroduced to the bus. New basketballs, soccer balls and posters were also added to the bus this quarter.

Expansion of services

Sponsorship of \$5000 was received from MMG Golden Grove to expand the service of the Mobile Youth Bus to Mullewa, Rangeway and Spalding. The Mobile Youth Bus was taken out to Mullewa on three occasions this quarter being the 3rd July; 29th July and the 26th August to engage with Youth and children at an event organised by local Policeman Nicholas Filter. For each event we also took one of our Transit vans to provide transport for participants to and from the event. Attendances were strong at each event with an average of 42 participants enjoying a combination of organised events and the activities of the Mobile Youth Bus. Free milos were a hit!

The Mobile Youth Bus has also been invited to Gunnado Farm in October to support the Geraldton Aboriginal Streetworkers in their activities at a special open day.

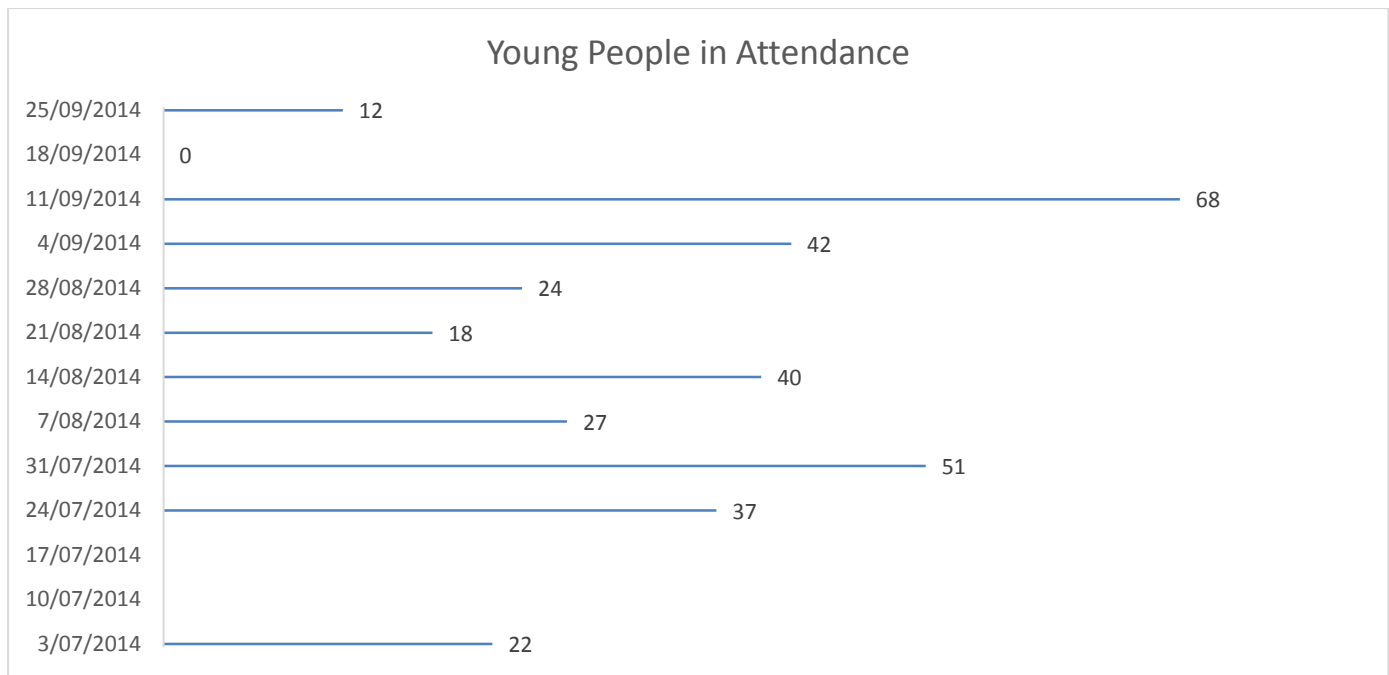
Partnerships

Yamatji Patrol continue to support the Mobile Youth Bus Service by providing safe transport home for participants.

Sustainability

In addition to the Mobile Youth Bus being granted funds from MMG to increase activities in Rangeway, Spalding and Mullewa; Sun City Christian Centre has also received funding to increase Youth activities in Rangeway and will utilise this funding to pay for Youth workers to engage with the Mobile Youth Bus into John Willcock and Geraldton

Secondary College in Term 4 of 2014 and Term 1 of 2015 with permission from the City of Greater Geraldton and pending the ability to employ a Youth Worker who holds the appropriate licence.



Please Note: The Youth Bus was not in attendance on:

- 10/7/14 & 17/7/14 due to school holidays.
- 18/09/2014 due to heavy rain.
- And left early on 25/09/2014 for staff safety due to fighting on site as per City of Greater Geraldton Guidelines. (Police were called to attend).

Additional Information

It was disappointing to note the minutes of the Crime Prevention Network Meeting on 26th June 2014 reflected negative discussion in regards to the Mobile Youth Bus Service. At the meeting Kathleen Williams reported that the Youth Bus was going strong with averages of 60 plus in the last quarter which was strongly refuted by the Yamatji Patrol. The report submitted to the City of Greater Geraldton defined the average attendances as 47 which is consistent with the total years data collected (although slightly higher due to warmer weather in this quarter) and submitted by Sun City Christian Centre, with two nights reaching figures of 63 and 74.

In no way does Sun City Christian Centre wish to misrepresent the activities that are conducted on behalf of the City of Greater Geraldton and so we have three data collection points each evening with great variances of numbers across those three points. We understand that the Yamatji Patrol’s numbers could differ from what was reported and acknowledge their continuing support of the program and hope to address this at the October meeting of the Crime Prevention Network.

Comment was also made that the activities of the Mobile Youth Bus are sporadic, but we would maintain that the Youth Bus is in attendance every Thursday night except during school holidays, or heavy rain. Some mechanical issues have prevented the bus from attending on occasion but these are not detrimental for the service and there was no incidence of this happening this quarter.

Another comment was made stating that the Mobile Youth Bus was only used for dealing with church issues but we feel this is a misrepresentation of the hard work our Youth team are doing on the Foreshore each week. Our Youth workers will not openly talk to the Youth in attendance about church issues but will answer questions if asked by the Youth. This is completely in line with our policies when we enter schools and other public venues on invitation and complete focus is given to providing safe inclusive activities for all who are in attendance. One of our Youth

Workers, Brunno Santos, is currently the chaplain at John Willcock College and another, Grant Shaw, was a previous John Willcock College chaplain. For this reason they are both well known to some of the Youth who are in attendance.



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Our Club Rules!

Club Makeover Program

Recruit, Recognise & Retain

Making the most of your members and volunteers

*Can't find new members? Don't understand why people leave your club?
Knowing why people join your club or why people leave
is vital in ensuring your club's longevity.*

Join Kristy Geyson from Centacare Volunteer Service and Jo Blayney from Insightful Coaching & Consulting as they discuss ways to attract and retain more members and volunteers to your club or association.

- **What is best practice volunteer management.**
- **Hear different ideas to attract and retain members to your club or association.**
- **Link with a local volunteer resource centre.**
- **Walk away with templates, which will strengthen the governance of your club or association and support members and volunteers**
- **Network with members from a variety of clubs and association and share ideas**

This 45-60min short taster will be of value to anyone involved in a community or sporting club or association who wants their organisation to be sustainable in the medium to long term future, rather than 'just survive' from one season to the next.



Venue: CGG Function Room,
Cathedral Avenue
Time: Wednesday 22nd October,
5.30pm - 6.30pm
RSVP: By Friday 17th October to
Ryan Thompson at
ryant@cgg.wa.gov.au or
on 9965 6775



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