

# Meeting Minutes

25 February 2014 Konrad Seidl | Community Safety Crime Prevention Committee

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| <b>Meeting Name.</b>    | Community Safety Crime Prevention   | <b>Meeting No.</b>   | 1 (2014)   |
| <b>Meeting Date</b>     | 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2014  |                      |  |
| <b>Meeting Time</b>     | 11:00 to 14:00 hours including lunch  |                      |  |
| <b>Meeting Location</b> | Committee Meeting Room, Cathedral Avenue  |                      |  |
| <b>Attendees:</b>       | Des Brick (Chair)<br>Bob Hall (BH)<br>Brendan Wilson ( <a href="#">via Video link</a> )<br>Charmaine Yeates (CY)<br>David Richardson (DR)<br>Kate Rickerby (KR)<br>Konrad Seidl (KS)<br>Kathleen Williams (KW)<br>Merrilyn Green (MG)<br>Neryl Beer (NB)<br>Tarleah Thomas (TT)<br>Val Gray Minute taker (VG) | <b>By Invitation</b> |  |
|                         |   | <b>Apologies</b>     | Ian Blayne (IB)<br>Jenny Allen (JA)<br>Joanne Brennan (JB)<br>Jonine Harrison (JH)<br>Kathryn Park (KP)<br>Maureen Campbell (MC)<br>Philip Clayton (PC)<br>Renee Ellis (RE)<br>Shane Love (SL)<br>Glenn Wishart (GW) |
|                         |   | <b>Distribution</b>  | All councillors – through Amy Zinetti  |

## 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country

Meeting Chairman Des Brick (DB). Meeting started at: 11:05 hours  
DB welcomed all including Mullewa members via video link with acknowledgement of Country & apologies.

## 2 Apologies As above

## 3 Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accept minutes of meeting held on 12 December 2013 as true and correct.

**Moved:** BH

**Seconded:** KW

The chairman's chair was vacated as this was the first meeting for 2014.

The chair thrown was opened up for nominations for the position to chair this and current meetings:

BH nominated DB

Seconded TT

No other nominations received therefore DB was re-elected to the position of chair.

### • Review of Status Actions

| Date | Details                            | Action by Who | Updates   |
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|      | • Graffiti on Town Towers Building | KS/NB         | Graffiti Town Towers – to be monitored as an ongoing issue & to make sure it remains clean. KS believes a JJT order associated as an ongoing issue. FM to monitor on her daily rounds as parking officer. <b>KS/NB to monitor</b> |
|      | • Lighting in playground area      | KS/NB         | Police were to assist with monitoring, nothing  |

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|  |    | <p>back, may mean there was nothing to report. The night club area was assessed. KS said there have been audits done in the past, may need additional lights, assessment needed for skate ramp. KW spoke on extension of skate park requiring additional funding, commence implementation stage – councillors to be shown design, lighting will be incorporated in that, KW said lighting would be addressed in Phase 2, park will need to be close down for this, lights will need to be removed. KW when asked by BH said she envisages extension by the end of the year. DB suggested CGG apply for funding for lighting in playground area. KS spoke, said there has not been a lot of damage due to mosquito devices in playground area, playground is not meant for night time use. NB would ask FM to be the eyes on the street while on patrol</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>KS/NB</b></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Bus</li> </ul>                | KW | <p>Sun City Christian Centre are going fabulous, doing a great job, KW mentioned expanding funding for this, no issues. CY said for 6 weeks prior to Christmas the bus was not there, it should be there or at least notify Yamatji, school holiday times are the worst times. MG said they do a very good job when they are there, appears to be a downfall in communications. KW said all contact details for agencies has been provided to Sun City Christian Centre. <b><u>KW to follow up with Bonnie</u></b></p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Events Security presence</li> </ul> | KW | <p>Security presence at Australia Day Event – covered by festive season budget – KW stated security is part of the events package + Sun City Security. CY expressed concern over security staff having guns in their holsters – CY said they are not required at children’s events. KW mentioned at any public event there is a requirement for security to be present.</p>   |

## **Presentation by MG On Night Outreach**

12 months pilot program, Global funding, and Global program.

28<sup>th</sup> March statistics collated– will report to other agencies.

Yamatji are major partners.

A major decrease in city centre aggressive behaviour.

CBD around yacht club/Foreshore are – piloted areas Thursday night.

6 staff employed prior to Christmas, lot 1 person who went away to school – he was the recipient of the young achievers award, he turned his life around after a rocky start, he is a great role model for other young ones.

There is a lot of training, funding from City of Greater Geraldton would not have been possible. Very happy with support from the City. Pilot program yet to be determined. Statistics will be presented to Crime Prevention

Meeting in particular. Staff have grown

- Be there every week

- Community events held in difficult suburbs

- A special selection process used to select suburbs

- Age group & gender, mainly girls, ages have varied a lot in recent weeks, where to from here?

- Stake holders meeting (afternoon of meeting 25/2)

- Surveys with businesses – different responses

- Fourth survey on next week, very interesting

MG spoke about the Alice Nannup walk trail near St John's School, a big clean-up of the area by Night Reach

KS added that this was a great report – positive working in with patrol, great to see agencies working together in partnerships. Board and Management Strategy Plan – do better this time round – all working from MG's account. There is a scope for more of the same to continue.

It was mentioned that the value isn't highlighted until it's no longer there.

DB spoke on noticing issues, if something is coming up, close relationship instead of falling away, keep it up. Acknowledgement and recognition of the City of Greater Geraldton's help

## 4. Items to be discussed

### • Graffiti and Vandalism

- NB spoke about Graffiti through Eyes on the Street by enlisting Rangers to notify outstanding sites so they can be attacked immediately
- NB spoke of ongoing vandalism at Rubik toilets, i.e. the lighting of toilet paper in the bowl.
- NB spoke about the 3 CCTV cameras cutting through the final red tape for Mullewa, should be delivered in 6 weeks, then they will be installed in Mullewa. In the interim cameras may be linked to Mullewa Police Station by wireless, unsure if they can be linked into entire network (3 cameras), they will be linked to Geraldton initially. Second stage will be RFT fibre work.
- KS – City of Greater Geraldton need to install fibre through streets in Mullewa, fibre to be fed into Mullewa Police Station, this all depends on Police internet; this may be an option.
- DB – Asked about Mosquito device at Triton Place public toilets. Has been submitted, waiting on longer cable before it is installed. There is talk that toilets not regularly used may be moved. Mosquito device is set for night time activity when toilets are supposed to be locked, most vandalism happens during daylight hours when there are not a lot of people around these areas. Devices cannot be turned on at these times as people are allowed to be and encouraged to be in these areas during daylight hours.
- KW said she is involved in the project Wonthella Skate Park extension, she has visited parks within the City of Greater Geraldton, she said Forrest Park has terribly offensive graffiti, she mentioned it's a shame there was no report of it earlier, the playground equipment maintenance is very low. She spoke to some youth to obtain comments; it surprised Kathleen to learn that the youth did not want urban art on the new skate park; they said it is unsightly and makes the surface slippery, interesting comments from the youth.
- BH asked if we had any statistics for graffiti - NB said we get our stats from graffiti.co. Website, works department have their own stats. Police do not give us their stats; Neryl says Police stats are not needed as we have sufficient stats from our Works Department.
- DB mentioned there are several mosquito devices on Foreshore – 11pm on – devices are designed to deter not injure – encourages people to move away from the area. Public & young people involved in street art, graffiti. Rubik toilet not targeted, maybe look at some infrastructure, encourage more activity in the area.

Mullewa/Sunset Community Association – CY noticed during patrols, campers moved on from St George’s Beach camp at Triton Place - A lot of campers deter kids & vandalism in the area.

- KW mentioned Forrester Park Skate Park & Drummond Cove skate park have had the graffiti removed.
- BH reminder all about the snap send solve – has the capacity photo, send and help eradicate in a timely manner. Reminder to Progress Association & Streeties. MG said groups already out there that care about the areas they live. Graffiti on private property, if its sent to graffiti.com they won’t get involved, it is up to the property owner/s to remove it, City of Greater Geraldton can provide products to assist.
- BH asked where the State funded trailer is and who runs it? This was provided to be used to assist errant individuals, should be encouraged to assist community, re-establish partnership with Youth Justice to get it happening again. KS thinks it may be at the Depot, but not used.  
**ACTION : KS**
- BW spoke on vandalism in Mullewa. He said vandalism to street/statutory/heritage building signs – CCTV generally, not just in hot spots – ongoing. LIS Insurance Scheme main times, replace under Insurance claim, works well for Mullewa. BW said petty vandalism when pool/activity areas aren’t open is at its worst, school holiday times it vamps up, Mullewa Library will introduce more activities during these times. Youth-n-motion will contact KW.
- TT spoke to Sergeant of Police, 3-4 break ins during school holidays, increase of 20%

#### **4.1 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design**

- BH spoke about the Eastern Breakwater, commented on its brilliance. The only drawback he could see was the loose limestone blocks that he witnessed a small child throwing at its mother, he questioned why they had been put there in the first place when they can be used as missiles/weapons
- KW said there was not a lot of thought went into planting of the sheeks near the railway line; it is a risk on the railway line with huge nuts falling.
- NB/KS told the meeting they were not consulted during the design process, suggested to cement the limestone rocks into place, the removal of risks and projectiles. There are only 3 cameras in this area to prevent & deter, expensive but with long term benefits. CY said there was lack of wheelchair access to main breakwater steel structure at main section, restricting. A beautiful area, CY said Christine De Mallow is located in the State office - Geraldton Disability Commission, City of Greater Geraldton could grow in this area and use her knowledge for future projects. BH said Public & Disability has a high priority 80% rating for services and access, sporting grounds etc. currently heads the disability list. He said the breakwater is a brilliant design, needs to go to the next step.

##### **KS to encourage design/consideration from other Departments**

- TT asked KS – have you been consulted re sound audit  
**KS to follow up**
  - DB to follow up re accident on Chapman Valley Road, he has a query about the speed limit work @ pedestrian crossing, why is this still a 60 km per hour area in a built up area?  
**Action DB to follow up**
- BH spoke with his Road wise hat on, school areas will all get flashing lights as Brand Highway – state wide program. Chapman Road 60 kph – Main Roads will have final say – mitigate issues in built up area. Apparently the speed limit is 60 heading out of town along Chapman Valley Road yet into Waggrakine the signage reflects 70kph. BH spoke on street lighting on Chapman Valley Road is very poor near Island near Wahn Avenue, Sunset/dusk worst times when the angle of driving into the sun going down.  
**Action DB to follow up**

## Property Crime (Theft & Burglary)

- DB said ever since he has been the chair of this committee and according to the reports from the Police there has been a slight decrease in crime. DB spoke about the Community Action Group who want to take their streets back, seems to be a lot of concern about crime. With reference to the Media, one of City of Greater Geraldton's Councillors wrote to the paper about how they report on issues. Police need a pat on the back for work done along with Rangers and other agencies too numerous to mention. KW said Geraldton residence demanding their streets back stated out 2000 people strong, gathering recently at Utakarra Ball Park where 15 turned up. KW suggests there is no sustenance so may not go any further.
- Needs to be a monthly report for Council to present statistics in the public arena. Geraldton is reflected poorly in the eyes of the world with reference to Crime due to Media sensationalism.
- KS said in reality there was a spike over Christmas for burglaries, Everything Geraldton compounded the issue by printing run offs from Facebook posts about Geraldton being out of control. Before social media people were unaware of things as they happen or 5 minutes after they have happened.
- KS said some cannot be rehabilitated from prison when released facts reflect it; this is normally when our figures spike.
- KS spoke about the trail bikes stolen – Chapman River- bikes are being stolen as using Chapman River as thoroughfare between suburbs, it is not out of control.
- BH said he fell foul to crime while he was away overseas, the offenders were apprehended, The Geraldton Guardian needs to wake up to the stark realisation. *If they cannot say something positive then they should not say anything at all.* Justice system is not working the way it was set up to work. Politicians – stop kids, keeps happening. Horsemanship program in Walkaway. Funding was granted then there was a change of Government, horsemanship program was no longer funded
- KR spoke about the program she had listened to on the ABC Radio from the OIC Police Station – January statistics had peaked but compared to previous years the figures were still lower. WA days program – linking into information to contact when noticed suspicious activity, it has not come to Geraldton in that format. The need is there to encourage people to report issues. Yalgoo horsemanship, kids shone, not always academic but shone on horseback, bullies were not so good on the horses. They were taught how to collect chicken eggs, they were then sold, this taught them responsibility and respect.
- KR suggested a program to educate parents to respect.
- BW said statistics are put out in Mullewa in the Mullewa Mail – invites Government agency each month, OIC Police Station provides a run down on previous month, keeps everyone informed of the issue spots. Social media aspect – more bad news – 2 days since last incident – negative. Mullewa office has been approached to put newsletter online – BW said it works currently works well, not too keen to go down this line.
- DB – social media – no adverse comment, need to start saying crime not acceptable. KW said it takes time to get organisational successes celebrated through the media; we need to promote positives within our community.
- DB/KS – dedicated statistics report – report to Progress Associations. Ewatch Geraldton, low subscriptions to this site.
- Ewatch.com.au to register as a recipient. NB does report up from City of Greater Geraldton side of things. Police can send out an alert to suburbs, this may not be utilised by the Police to its full potential. Enter your suburb; it will bring up statistics for your area.
- TT spoke of a partnership with the Police. Recently 2 prisoners escaped, they went to Mullewa. PG wanted to thank Brendan during that time, he went above and beyond the call of his normal position, BW even organised extra housing through City of Greater Geraldton for the additional officers involved in the manhunt. TT said there was a distinct lack of communications from Police. There were inconsistencies throughout the area. TT was not

advised, some members of the public felt unsafe in their homes. Suggested use of SMS alerts (Harvest/vehicle movement bans) same as Fire Department use through mobile phones may be able to be utilised, update community events. Make sure Police are aware for next time.

- TT mentioned minor incident at Mullewa School on today's news where a teacher was stabbed in the leg by an 8 year old student. TT said maybe get right teachers for Mullewa area.

## **4.2            Violence**

## **4.3            Youth**

### **Wonthella Skate Park Extension**

The Wonthella Skate Park Extension workshops have concluded and we have had wonderful participation from the Wonthella Skate Park User Group and other community members. The final design has been developed (attached) and the technical drawings will be received by the end of February. The implementation phase of this project is expected to commence shortly after.



### **National Youth Week**

National Youth Week is the largest celebration of young people in Australia aged 12-25 years old. The aim of National Youth Week is to celebrate, acknowledge and value the contribution our young people contribute to our nation and local communities. National Youth Week is also an opportunity to highlight current youth needs and issues and enable community, government and service providers to address them.

The theme for National Youth Week 2014 is 'Our Voice. Our Impact.' It was chosen by the Young Members of the National Planning Group following broad consultation with young people from across Australia. The theme really captures the contribution, successes and celebration of our young people's achievements and highlights the importance of encouraging our young people to have a voice in decision making and matters that affect them. CGG is committed to ensuring that these contributions are valued and celebrated.

In 2013, the CGG youth team took a new approach to celebrating National Youth Week. Previously, the youth staff has hosted one big event with the support of Youth Service Providers however we felt that

more could be done to capture the participation and celebration of a wider demographic of young people by hosting a week long program of events, and activities.

We had a lot of success with this approach and are working to build on them for 2014. The events we are currently developing are as follows:

| <input type="checkbox"/> Date                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Event  | <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Organisation                                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 4th April 2014    | •   | •   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 5th April 2014  | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 6th April 2014    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding Clinic   | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding Australia                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday 7th April 2014    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 8th April 2014   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport and Recreation - Come and Try night  | <input type="checkbox"/> Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation / ATLAS    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 9th April 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> "Hear My Voice" youth consultation event   | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Greater Geraldton / Australian Youth Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 10th April 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth'n'Motion Youth Bus activities<br><input type="checkbox"/> Extension to current Youth Bus services                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun City Christian Centre                            |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> NYW Chat and Chomp – Youth Service Providers event "Our Voices, Our Impact – Celebrating Young People and those that support them" | <input type="checkbox"/> Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 11th April        | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquarena Movie Night   | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Drug Action Group                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 12th April 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> Shredfest – Skate, scooter and BMX freestyle competition   | <input type="checkbox"/> Geraldton PCYC / Freestyle Now                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 13th April 2014   | •   | •   |

In addition to the above events we are also working on the following events to be confirmed:

- Youth arts project
- Disco / Youth performance
- Health awareness event

### Hear My Voice

The Hear My Voice event was held for the first time during the National Youth Week program in 2013. The Hear My Voice event is an opportunity for young people to participate in a supportive, engaging and interactive forum and to voice their ideas, opinions, concerns and issues about being a young person growing up in the City of Geraldton. The event is facilitated by young people for young people with clear rules of participation to ensure everyone has an opportunity to contribute.

The outcome of last year's event (and other opportunities throughout the year) enabled the valuable information contributed by young people to be used to shape the Youth Strategic Plan (YSP). This year



we are asking young people to contribute their thinking and develop ideas and initiatives to implement the YSP to achieve the Key Strategic Objectives. It is also important that our Young people in Mullewa are also given the same opportunity to participate and I hoping to have a “live stream” or the event facilitated simultaneously between Geraldton and Mullewa on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Positive Media Campaign**

Aligning with the theme of National Youth Week and the Youth Strategic Plan, young people have identified the need to feel valued and celebrated and currently feel somewhat “demonised” by community and media within the City of Greater Geraldton.

The City of Greater Geraldton is working on a media campaign for the duration of National Youth Week. To ensure that positive news stories are featured about the achievements and successes of our young people via the following mediums.

- Print media – Geraldton Guardian , Midwest Times
- Social media – Twitter, Facebook, Instagram
- Electronic media – Websites, E-newsletters, smartphone Apps.



### **Midnight Basketball**

Midnight Basketball is a national social inclusion program to help 'at risk' youth, aged between 12 and 18 years, build skills, confidence, identify and embrace positive opportunities in their lives and their community.

Midnight Basketball provides a positive, highly structured and life-changing activity filling a gap during the high risk periods of Friday nights and is free for participants to attend.

In keeping with the motto “No Workshop, No Jumpshot”, players must attend the compulsory workshops in order to play basketball. Building on essential life skills, these workshops enable real and relevant teen issues to be discussed with topics covering healthy eating, drugs and alcohol, courtesy and respect, conflict resolution, financial literacy, job readiness and more.

Midnight Basketball aspires to build strong relationships, such as those with community leaders and other community mentors, on the premise that they can demonstrate leadership and become strong role models to players.

Basketballs, team singlets and bags, banners, volunteer lanyards, player awards, trophies and an online administration and tournament system are provided by Midnight Basketball Australia, along

with training and funding support for communities to continue running the 8 week tournaments twice a year.

Since its inception in Redfern, Midnight Basketball Australia has run over 150 tournaments in metropolitan, regional and remote locations with over 50,000 youth attendances (65% Indigenous), 210,000 volunteer hours, 86,200 hot, nutritious dinners and 3,700 workshops.

As part of the program, every Midnight Basketball participant completes a survey on Grand Final nights. These results, independently assessed by CIRCA (Cultural & Indigenous Research Centre Australia), show:

- 95 per cent of players say that Midnight Basketball is "great and want to attend again".
- Communities want (expect) the program to continue.

Midnight Basketball Australia Website: [www.midnightbasketball.org.au](http://www.midnightbasketball.org.au)

Midnight Basketball Geraldton Website: [www.midnightbasketball.org.au/geraldton](http://www.midnightbasketball.org.au/geraldton)

In 2013 Geraldton had:

- over 120 participants registered with an average of 55 attending on tournament nights – 60 youth is the optimum.
- Workshops delivered by a variety of youth service providers on topics from setting goals to homelessness
- Referees, youth workers
- Over 30 volunteers registered with up to 15 per night assisting to make the night run smoothly
- Transport of youth to their homes at the end of the evening – a bus run to north and one south
- All youth home by midnight! (mostly)
- Cost to run the tournament was just over \$20,000 with inkind support of approximately \$7,000 (funding was provided by grant from Midnight Basketball Australia and CGG)

In 2014 Geraldton is:

- to host two Midnight Basketball 8 week tournaments
  - 9 May to 27 June and
  - 8 August to 26 September

To run the program more efficiently a Community Committee is to be established to oversee the various elements needed for a successful tournament.

Identified roles for the Community Committee – which can be adjusted

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair    | <input type="checkbox"/> runs effective meetings and oversees the |

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|  | <b>committee's activities</b>   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>Volunteer Manager<br/>(Confirmed)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>Centacare – Kristy Geyson has undertaken to contact volunteers for each tournament night</b>                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>HR &amp; Training</b>                 | <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>recruits and inducts all Tournament support roles such as referees, bus drivers etc.</b>                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>Logistics</b>                         | <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>tables &amp; chairs arranged for dinners, bus hire and fuel etc.</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>Workshop Manager<br/>(Confirmed)</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>School Drug Education &amp; Road Aware (SDERA) – Kate McConkey has undertaken to arrange workshops presentations</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>Youth Manager</b>                     | <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>recruits participants for tournaments, mainly through schools</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>Finance Manager</b>                   | <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>manages tournament budget including final reconciliation</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>Community fundraising</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>identifies and secures in kind support and local sponsorship for program</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>Promotion</b>                         | <input type="checkbox"/><br><b>spokesperson and coordinator of all local media and public relations</b>   |

The members of the Community Committee are proposed to be organisations rather than individuals for sustainability.

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**PCYC working with KL on her Youth Week Program**

- Skate Scooter and Freestyle BMX Competition at Wonthella Skate Park - April 12 Funded by CGG and Dept Communities
- TAFE Diploma of Community Service students will hold an after school, Youth event at PCYC on April 11

Through funding we will be running a program at the centre during the MNBB season for children who are too young to attend the MMBB comp and workshops. PCYC will provide interactive activities for kids some of which will include, cooking, art and craft, basketball, volley ball, circus, disco's and movies nights. We hope that this initiative will help alleviate some of the trouble and anti-social behaviour that has occurred in the past in the Eight street precinct area, during the MNBB season

Through funds received from WESTPAC PCYC is working in collaboration with the Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre by providing a space for their Mobile Education Program students to come to during their school day. Funds will go towards WiFi installation as well as art classes, physical activity opportunities and other opportunities that will assist the students in developing to develop trust, connectivity, self-esteem and socialisation.

KS spoke about the circus show run by PCYC, circus training for Alice in Circus Land, most kids are involved with the training @ circus show, another component, kids needing help with school, Rangeway Primary School, kids got right into it and came out of themselves. Circus & boxing are winning programs, building relationships with the boys, they have started coming after school, having ownership and hang out in safety. JB said great advocate for kids sport, numbers are amazing.

DB said there is an opportunity for a media release for Youth Week coming up and PCYC and City of Greater Geraldton involvement.

KW lined up with media for push on positive news stories and agencies involved. With increasing things for youth creates a decrease in negativity in the community, reflected in social cost. Mobile education program (MEP) is running during school times, youth are coming to PCYC afterwards.

## 4.4 Entertainment & Events

### Up & Coming Events

## 5. General Business

KR asked if the committee members would like her to distribute ewatch.com to her database of 500 contacts (& increasing daily) all of the committee members were very in agreeance with this suggestion, thanks Kate.

KW said in relation to crime and violence, get to know all the people in your street by name, it helps, they watch your property & you watch theirs, you should know who belongs in your area & when your neighbours are away.

CY said with reference to break ins, we can thank the Dept of Housing for the transferring of persons into Geraldton from places like Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, CY said we have very few local offenders.

Meeting closed @ 12:40.

Thanks to Jill & staff @ Geraldton P.C.Y.C. for the lovely platters of sandwiches, as usual presented beautifully & enjoyed by all who attended.

## 6. NEXT MEETING

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 - Mullewa Committee Room commencing @ 11:00 am.**

For those requiring a lift, please let Val know **by COB Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014** by email to [valg@cgg.wa.gov.au](mailto:valg@cgg.wa.gov.au)

For those who cannot attend Mullewa, video link facilities will be set up in Committee Meeting Room from 11:00 on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014.