

# Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

## Meeting Agenda

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	<b>Meeting No.</b>	6 D-23-117698
<b>Meeting Date</b>	28 September 2023		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	10:00am		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Function Room – City of Greater Geraldton		
<b>Attendance by Electronic Means</b>	<i>In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance has been authorised by the Mayor for Cr Name/Voting Member to attend this meeting by electronic means.</i>		
<b>Attendees</b>	Cr Bob Hall Chair - BH Cr Natasha Colliver Deputy Chair - NC Cr Jennifer Critch - JC Cr Michael Reymond Proxy – MR	<b>By Invitation</b>	Samantha Harring Dept Justice Terry Brennan Geraldton Streetwork Andrew Greaves MEEDAC Simon Philips MHCDS Merle Meyer Dept Justice Kieran Rigter Dessert Blue Connect Colleen Ethell Hope Springs Joanne Fabling MWCCI
	Jesse Steele CGG – JS Lisa Sage CGG - LS Peter Treharne CGG – PT	<b>Apologies</b>	Fiona Norling CGG - FN Lara Dalton Local Member
	Rob Grace WAPOL - RG Neil Vanderplank WAPOL - NV Rhys Marjoram WAPOL Proxy - RM Michael Hall WAPOL - MH	<b>Leave of Absence</b>	
	Leonie Taylor Community Member - LT Tim Milnes Community Member – TM	<b>Distribution</b>	
	Shauni Norman CGG Minutes - SN		
<b>Purpose of Committee</b>	Refer to <a href="#">Committee Book</a>		

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### 1 Welcome & Apologies

### 2 Acknowledgement of Country

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- 3 Disclosure of Interests**
- 4 Applications for Leave of Absence**
- 5 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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## Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	<b>Meeting No.</b>	5 D-23-082870
<b>Meeting Date</b>	29 June 2023		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	10:00am		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Function Room – City of Greater Geraldton		
<b>Attendance by Electronic Means</b>	<i>In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance has been authorised by the Mayor for Cr Michael Reymond and Leonie Taylor to attend this meeting by electronic means.</i>		
<b>Attendees</b>	Cr Bob Hall Chair - BH Cr Natasha Colliver Deputy Chair - NC Cr Jennifer Critch - JC Cr Michael Reymond (Proxy) - MR	<b>By Invitation</b>	
	Jesse Steele CGG - JS Fiona Norling CGG - FN Andy Gaze CGG - AG	<b>Apologies</b>	Peter Treharne CGG – PT Merle Meyer Dept Justice Leonie Taylor Community Member - LT Colleen Ethell Hope Springs Rob Grace WAPOL - RG Neil Vanderplank WAPOL - NV Rhys Marjoram WAPOL Proxy - RM Michael Hall WAPOL - MH Lara Dalton Local Member Samantha Harring Dept Justice Terry Brennan Geraldton Streetwork Andrew Greaves MEEDAC Simon Philips MHCDS Kieran Rigter Dessert Blue Connect Tim Milnes Community Member – TM
	Russel Hurts WAPOL - RH Chris Martin WAPOL - CM	<b>Leave of Absence</b>	
	Ken Thompson Hope Springs - KT Talya Quinn PCYC - TQ Sara Hinton – Proxy Lara Dalton - SH Chaili Shiosaki - Proxy MEEDAC - CS Leonie Taylor Community Member – LT Electronic Attendance Joanne Fabling MWCCI - JF	<b>Distribution</b>	As listed
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## 1 Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed the members to the Committee and apologies were noted from.

PT	RG	RM	KR
MM	NV	SH	TM
LT	MH	TB	
CE	LD	AG	

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## 3 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

## 4 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

## 5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2023 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:  
MOVED JC, SECONDED NC**

**CARRIED**

JF arrived at 10:07am

## 6 Community Crime Prevention Report – JS

Highlights from report (attached)

Noted the Youth Crime Prevention Officer role has been filled for the maternity leave cover from on 05 July 2023.

The City's Youth Development team has secured \$150,000 in funding from the Dept. LGSC to deliver after-school sports programming twice a week during school terms over a three-year period. Late night basketball running successful this Friday is the last of the eight (8) weeks 29 June 2023

Tomorrow Starts Today – The City has partnered with MEEDAC, PCYC and WA Police to deliver camps for at-risk youth and future youth leaders during key school holiday periods.

RH and CM WAPOL arrived at 10:10am

LT joined via electronic at 10:14am

The planning of the Geraldton Youth Centre, on 103 Pass Street is in the early design stage with a presentation to Council Concept form in August 2023.

The City is currently working with Bundiyarra and other organisations around the long-standing issue of 'rock throwing'. Bundiyarra has completed community engagement.

## **7 Crime Prevention Plan Update – FN**

Updated the Committee on the way forward with the Plan; The draft is being worked on internally, as the Committee is one meeting out from “disbandment” from the Council election, staff will continue working through the community engagement phase with plans for final draft for the new committee to work through.

## **8 General Business**

### **8.1 Organisational Updates**

WAPOL Update – Noted crime in the City has had a slight reduction with regards to stealing, damage and vandalism during the night hours due to colder weather. Officers have been seconded to Carnarvon noting that it has not affected the reach in Geraldton. Continued efforts on combat rock throwing, noted 12 reports on the week of 26 June 2023 with hot spots identified.

Noted “Operation Heat Shield” funding has been finalised for the financial year, with work starting on other grants.

Working on retail theft in partnership with MWCCI and larger retailers, offences are declining as banning notices being issued which gives greater grounds for apprehension. Once the high-level retailers have got the process correct, WAPOL and MWCCI will work on a rollout to smaller businesses.

PCYC Update: Noted their School holiday programs are not advertised to the public as they are working on the at-risk youth and referred youth group. Looking to get engaged with the youth that are not attending school or are committing crimes.

Successfully received three (3) \$25,000 grants to support the remainder of the year of with their programs.

A boxing class for emotional regulation will begin in the next School term for an eight (8) week program.

City FN: Noted the antisocial behaviour in Queens Park has further escalated with the people who gather in the area daily, It’s not only led to fighting and antisocial behaviour but now is a concern for staff and patron safety who walk through the area which has seen the need for security to be employed to patrol in the park. The City is planning to prune the low growth in the area to improve the line of sight.

Noted WAPOL to commence a lunchtime patrol and add to a hot spot rout.

MEEDAC are also assisting by doing double shifts to move the people on from the City Centre.

FN and SH left meeting at 10:56am

AG left the meeting at 11:00am

Hope Springs Update: In early planning of the community consultation phase for a new mentor program and detox centre.

JF left the meeting at 11:02am

## **9 Date of next meeting**

The last meeting is scheduled for 23 September 2023 at 10:00am.

## **10 Close**

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting closed at 11:05am

Signed: Councillor Bob Hall Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **6 Community Crime Prevention Report – JS/LS**



DATE: 28 September 2023	TRIM FILE REF: D-23-125373
TITLE: Crime Prevention Report	
VENUE: Function Room City of Greater Geraldton Offices	
OFFICER: Lisa Sage	

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

**7 Crime Prevention Plan Update**

**8 General Business**

**8.1 Organisational Updates**

**9 Close**