

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	4 D-25-084332
Meeting Date	12 August 2025		
Meeting Time	1:30pm		
Meeting Location	The Greenough Room – City of Greater Geraldton		
Attendance by Electronic Means	N/A		
Attendees	Voting Members: DM Natasha Colliver (Presiding Member) Cr Jennifer Critch (Deputy) Cr Aaron Horsman Bob Hall Community Representative Katy Cameron WAPOL Crime Prevention and Diversity Officer Russell Hurst Senior Sargeant–WAPOL Nonvoting Optional Attendees: Matthew Paddick (Proxy for Kirrilee Warr MLA) Vivian Dyer (Proxy for Sandra Carr MLC) Joanne Fabling MWCCI Julie French GSAC Sarah Doughty Dept Justice Colleen Ethell Hope Community Services Michael Mongoo PCYC Nadine McClymans MEEDAC Nancy Kirby Ngala City Support Officers: Fiona Norling, Director Community and Culture Jo Bianchi, Manager Community and Cultural Development Lisa Sage, Coordinator Youth Development Nav Lewis, Youth Development Officer Shauni Norman (Minutes)	By Invitation	Bradley Mitchell Dept Communities
		Apologies	
		Leave of Absence	
		Absent	
		Distribution	As listed.
Purpose of Committee	Refer to Committee Book		

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05 November 2024

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	3 D-24-146246
Meeting Date	05 November 2024		
Meeting Time	2:00pm		
Meeting Location	The Greenough Room – City of Greater Geraldton		
Attendance by Electronic Means	Nil		
Attendees	Voting Members: DM Natasha Colliver (Presiding Member) Cr Jennifer Critch (Deputy) Cr Aaron Horsman Bob Hall Community Representative Nonvoting Optional Attendees: Nancy Kirby Ngala Josephine Bianchi – (on behalf of Lara Dalton) Chanee Gibson Ngala City Support Officers: Fiona Norling, Director Community and Culture Peter Treharne, Manager Community and Cultural Development Jesse Steele, Coordinator Youth Development Lisa Sage, Youth Development Officer Clint Marshal – Community Safety and Crime Prevention (CCTV) Shauni Norman (Minutes)	By Invitation	Beth Brady --Holyoake Katy Cameron - WAPOL Crime Prevention and Diversity Officer (on behalf of Russell Hurst)
		Apologies	Russell Hurst – WAPOL Chris Martin – WAPOL Lara Dalton MLP Joanne Fabling MWCCI Colleen Ethell Hope Community Services
		Leave of Absence	N/A
		Absent	Natalie Clark WAPOL Youth Engagement Sarah Doughty Dept Justice Michael Mongoo PCYC Clinton Bolton MEEDAC Julie French GSAC
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1 Declaration Of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 2:00pm

2 Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Yamatji people.

3 Welcome and Apologies

The Presiding Member welcomed the members and apologies were noted from:
R Hurst, C Martin, L Dalton, J Fabling and C Ethell.

4 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

5 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

6 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 04 June 2024

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting held on 04 June 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

MOVED Cr Critch, SECONDED B Hall

CARRIED 4/0

Not Voted: 0

Against Votes: 0

For Votes: 4

Name	Vote (For or Against)
DM N Colliver	For
Cr J Critch	For
Cr A Horsman	For
R Hurst WAPOL	Not Present
N Clarke WAPOL	Not Present
B Hall	For

7 Reports to be Received

All items are to be submitted prior to the meeting with supporting documentation.

7.1 Youth Development Officer – J Steele

The Committee accepted the report and read and received.
Highlights from report:

Based off the Crime Prevention Plan 2024-2029 Four Focus Areas:

Breaking Cycles

Safe Places and Spaces

Perception and Personal Responsibility

Advocacy and Partnerships

Community Grant Funding from WAPOL – Running Late Night Basketball

Mullewa Youth Centre open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday.

Upgrades to CCTV cameras within the CBD 60 cameras replaced to date from February.

Noted mobile CCTV has been implemented and moved around as requested and required from highlighted areas.

8 Wandina Crime Concerns – L Sage/J Steele

The City has received multiple reports of an increase in crime in the Wandina area, with residents citing a rise in thefts and vandalism. Authorities emphasise that this is primarily a

police matter and residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to assist the police in addressing the situation effectively.

In response to this increase the youth team have applied for a grant from the Department of Justice to support a youth diversionary program called 'Break It Up'. This initiative will focus on workshops designed to educate and divert youth from criminal activities, while also providing comprehensive support services to victims of crime and implementing various community safety and crime prevention strategies to foster a safer environment for all residents.

Noted the Presiding Member requested to open the Committee to discussions for general business and collaboration by non-voting and invited attendees.

9 General Business

ACTION – J Steele to arrange a meeting with B Brady from Holyoake noted a collaborating of a diversionary program that has worked well in other areas.

K Cameron WAPOL – Statistics in Wandia have increased but are not the highest among suburbs. Outreach is being done to raise awareness on reporting. Planning is underway for the busy school holiday and Christmas season, with plans to collaborate and provide feedback to WAPOL. Issues with juveniles in the retail sector were noted, with suggestions for retailers to implement relevant policies.

B Hall suggested a role for the committee in advocating to the State and Federal Governments for changes in legislation regarding accountability and responsibility, seeking additional resources from Child Protection and increased funding. – Noted that the Committee cannot form an advocacy position on behalf of the City.

Noted sponsorship for the Mullewa pool will provide free entry for the summer season and the Aquarena will be providing a free access (funded by the State) 3-month pass for eligible children through the Kidsport program.

Reminder was noted for all voting members and invited attendees that any topics for discussion or items for the committee's consideration must be submitted in writing during the "call for agenda items" to assist in keep the Committee on track.

10 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be called by the Presiding member as business arises that require input from the Committee.

11 Close

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 2:51pm.

7 Reports to be Received

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7.1 Coordinator Report

July 2025

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Report

Youth Team



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Introduction

The City's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2024-29 published on 30 April 2024, continues to be utilised as a strategic framework for program development and delivery. The report focuses on the following four strategic areas:

- Breaking Cycles
- Safe Spaces and Places
- Perception and Personal Responsibility
- Advocacy and Partnership

Breaking Cycles

The City successfully secured \$954,000 in Lotterywest funding for the redevelopment of the Geraldton Youth Centre, completed in the 2024–25 financial year. The Centre now offers a safe, versatile space for youth programs and events, featuring a multi-use sports court and large venue area, with maximum occupancy of 400. It is also available for bookings by youth development and wellness service providers.

The Mullewa Youth Service continues to provide a safe and engaging environment for local young people, offering activities such as cooking, music, art, gaming, and sport. The service operates 3–4 days per week and is funded by the Department of Communities until 2026. In the past six months, 86 young people have engaged with the service, contributing to a notable reduction in school suspensions. Recent collaborations with Headspace, WACHS, CADS, JK Foundation, and the Stephen Michael Foundation have further strengthened its impact.

The Youth Development Team coordinates the Late-Night Basketball program, delivered in partnership with multiple organisations including WA Police, PCYC, Headspace, and GSAC. The program promotes life skills, social connection, and safe recreation. Similarly, Bimba Basketball in Mullewa remains a valued annual initiative supporting youth wellbeing.

Skate Today is held weekly at Wonthella Skate Park, and fosters community pride and has helped reduce antisocial behaviour. Game On, an inclusive sports program targeting youth groups that don't engage in regular sports. A recent collaboration with the West Coast Eagles and AFLW players enhanced engagement and activated public spaces.

A 'Day in the Laneway' has been running successfully for the last three years, providing young creatives an opportunity to showcase and sell their handmade products and merchandise. This initiative offers young people experience creating their own businesses. In the lead-up to the event, tailored workshops were delivered to equip the young people with the skills and confidence. This year, Mullewa was represented with crafts and plants produced by the Mullewa Youth Centre young people.

In April, the City supported the Revolve Skate event at Wonthella Skate Park, a vibrant collaboration with local service providers. The event featured youth skate and BMX competitions, local youth band performing and craft stall holders from 'A Day in the Laneway'. The event drew a strong attendance highlighting a welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment.

Battle of the Bands, now in its seventh year, offers a safe space for musicians to perform and connect. A mentorship program with Regional Sounds supports skill development and confidence building.

The City delivers a wide range of school holiday programs across sports, arts, education, and culture, offering safe and enriching experiences for young people.

The Dare2Lead program, is delivered in partnership with JK Foundation and WA Police, mentors' at-risk young men through weekly sessions at the Youth Centre. The Start the Dream program, led by GSAC and supported by Desert Blue Connect, WACRH, and Bluff Point Primary, provides holistic after-school support for Indigenous youth.

Mingle on Mitchell is a monthly, free community barbeque for people of all ages. The event aims to bring together local services and community members. It provides an informal setting to raise awareness of available support services and how they can assist those in need.

The City also supports the Jambinu Carnival, hosted by the Stephen Michael Foundation, which brings together Indigenous youth from across the Mid-West for a regional football tournament.

Safe Spaces and Places

The QEII Seniors and Community Centre provides a safe and welcoming environment for seniors and other community members, fostering a sense of belonging and support. Through intergenerational activities, the centre brings together people of all ages, encouraging the sharing of knowledge and experiences and building stronger connections across generations to enhance safety and promote a secure environment. The centre occasionally engages security personnel to patrol the premises and surrounding areas, helping deter antisocial behaviour and promote a secure environment. Clear procedures are in place to empower staff to confidently report crime or antisocial behaviour, contributing to a proactive and community-focused approach to safety and crime prevention.

The Geraldton Regional Library continues to be a safe, inclusive and welcoming space for the community and visitors alike. It offers free membership, access to diverse collections, public amenities, digital support and regular programs such as Story Time and Rhyme Time. Community groups regularly utilise the Randolph Stow Meeting Rooms and the newly installed reception desk with swipe access and a public barrier has enhanced staff safety and transaction security. Friendly staff, trained in managing challenging interactions, contribute to the library's role as a trusted and vibrant community hub.

City Officers maintain the City Precinct areas through regular mowing, path sweeping, garden care, high-pressure cleaning, graffiti removal, and tree pruning, including the well-known 'Love Heart Tree'. Graffiti in the CBD is removed promptly upon identification or reporting, contributing to a cleaner and more appealing environment. This rapid response approach has proven effective in reducing graffiti over time.

The City continues to manage and operate a network of 221 CCTV cameras across Geraldton and Mullewa to support public safety, emergency response and asset protection. Cameras are installed in town centres and at City facilities, including the recently opened Geraldton Youth Centre, where internal and external coverage enhances safety for children, young people and the wider community. The CCTV network aligns with the Strategic Community Plan 2025- 2031, contributing to improved community safety and crime prevention

A new Youth Precinct Masterplan, developed through consultation with local high school students, has been formally endorsed by Council. The City has allocated \$3.8 million in the 2025–26 budget to upgrade the Youth Precinct.

Designed to cater to young people aged 12 to 25 years, the precinct will feature a range of high-quality amenities informed by community feedback. Proposed facilities include a zipline, dedicated social zones and a skate section. The precinct has been intentionally designed to provide an engaging and

inclusive outdoor environment for teenagers and young adults, distinct from the existing foreshore parks which primarily serve younger children.

Perception and Personal Responsibility.

The City and the WA Police Community Engagement Team are working together on new crime prevention efforts. Key issues identified include e-bike and e-scooter theft, with plans to create awareness posters for social media and provide bike locks at the Geraldton Youth Centre to help keep young people's belongings safe.

Another growing concern is overcrowded housing, especially where family and domestic violence is present. These households often face limited access to basic services, increased exposure to harm, and high levels of stress, which can have wider impacts on the community.

The City remains committed to supporting crime prevention initiatives and continues to advocate for frontline services and WA Police in addressing these challenges.

Positioning Greater Geraldton as a safe and inclusive destination remains a key priority for the City's Communication and Tourism Team. Over the past financial year, the City issued 40 media releases promoting Geraldton as a vibrant place to live, work, visit and grow up.

The City's Youth Development Team and Communication and Tourism Team work collaboratively to ensure positive news stories about young people and minority groups are shared throughout the year. These stories provide young people with a platform to celebrate their achievements and help model positive behaviour for their peers.

Efforts have focused on raising awareness of youth-focused events and programs such as Game On, Battle of the Bands, Revolve Skate, School Holiday Programs, Sundays by the Sea and Films on the Foreshore. Initiatives supporting diverse and minority groups have also been highlighted, including Passport to Employment, All Ability Day and City programs that celebrate and recognise Reconciliation and NAIDOC Week. Diversity and inclusion remain central to all City-led events and activities.

The City supported the Geraldton CBD "Do-Over" in April 2025, a community-led initiative coordinated by Euphorium with Town Team Movement and RAC. Volunteers, businesses and staff delivered quick improvements including public art, lighting upgrades and laneway activation. These actions applied CPTED principles to enhance safety, visibility, and community ownership of public spaces.

Extensive marketing has helped showcase regional attractions such as the Geraldton Foreshore, wildflower season and cruise ship visits. The City's commitment to boosting tourism was recently recognised by Tourism Council WA, awarding Geraldton silver in the 7News Top Tourism Town WA for the fourth consecutive year.

Advocacy and Partnerships

The City continues to take a proactive role in supporting community safety and wellbeing through advocacy, partnerships and program delivery. This includes support for accessibility initiatives such as MEEDAC's Community Connections Transportation Program and alignment with strategic frameworks like the Community Wellness Plan.

City staff regularly participate in key networks, including monthly meetings of the Community Respect and Equality (CRE) initiative led by Desert Blue Connect. As a signatory to the CRE initiative, the City demonstrates its commitment to primary prevention efforts aimed at ending violence against women. This program, which addresses gender inequality and power imbalances, was nationally recognised with the Local Government Award for Addressing Violence Against Women and their children.

The Youth Development Officer also attended the Liquor Accord meeting, contributing to discussions around alcohol-related harm and community safety.

In line with its focus on crime reduction, the City continues to advocate for WA Police to publicly report crime statistics. It also supports increased visible policing, particularly foot patrols in the CBD and Foreshore, to enhance community safety

The City also participates in the WA Alliance to End Homelessness Zero Project, working alongside service providers to address homelessness and support rough sleepers. As part of its internal education efforts, Centacare delivered a presentation to City staff to deepen understanding of homelessness and its complexities.

Additionally, the City promotes community funding opportunities to enable external organisations to deliver safety and crime prevention programs, reinforcing its commitment to a safer, more connected community.

END

8 Date of next meeting

The Committee will dissolve due to the Council Election in October 2025.

9 Close