

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	1 D-20-075105
Meeting Date	1 July 2020		
Meeting Time	10:00am - 11:30pm		
Meeting Location	Function Room City of Greater Geraldton		
Attendees	Cr Hall BH Jason Scragg JSc – WAPOL Talya Quinn TQ – PCYC Simon Phillips SP - MHCDS Andrew Greaves AG – MEEDAC Casey Wiffen CW - MEEDAC Joanne Fabling JF - MWCCI Daphne White DW - Desert Blue Connect Beth Martin BM – Desert Blue Connect Merle Meyer MM – Adult Community Corrections Shane Love SL – Member for Moore Erin Middleton EM – Proxy for the Member for Geraldton Sean Wagenaar SW – GSAC Renai Gildersleeve RG – CPDD WAPOL Colleen Ethell CE– Hope Community Services Jesse Steele JSt - CGG Simone Mahoney SM - CGG Michelle Plume MP - CGG Shauni Norman SN (Minutes)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Fiona Norling FN - CGG Cr Keemink SK Cr Colliver NC Mark Adams MA - CGG Rangers Senior Sgt Johansen Sgt.J - WAPOL Cr Fiorenza PF Chris Martin CM – Mullewa POL Brendan Barwick BB – MWGDES Roger Beer RB - MWGDES Michelle Melville-Main MMM - YJS
		Distribution	As listed

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cr Bob Hall welcomed the members and apologies were noted from PM, FN & MA.

All members introduced themselves to the Committee.

2. Election of Chair

Call for nominations of Chair to Committee.

SM nominated Cr BH to be Chair.

MOVED: BM **SECONDED:** JSc

RECOMMEND: That BH be elected Chair of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

3. Terms of Reference

SM noted the Crime Prevention Plan is due for renewal from 2020.

Suggestion - to lower the requirement on having all Organisations attend as a requirement to assist in achieving quorum.

Correction – to replace Department of Justice with Adult Community Corrections as a “nominee from”.

RECOMMEND: That the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Terms of Reference with amendments made be formally endorsed and put to Council for adoption.

MOVED DW SECOND JSc

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

4. Youth Crime Prevention Officer Report – SM

Main highlights from Reports

The COVID19 restrictions had put a hold on a lot of programming but now that restrictions have been relaxed City facilities are opening up again.

Lotterywest has provided a grant for revitalization to GRAMS Park.

Railway Street “Safe Active Street” Program will begin in the coming weeks.

BikeLinc Initiative has had 10,000 people register online and has successfully been returning bikes to their owners.

July School Holiday program has been released.

5. Mullewa Crime

Item deferred as MP had technical difficulties with Skyping from Mullewa.

6. General Business

WA Police - JSc

Noted a reduction in crime which attributes to a combination of COVID19 and Police operation round away. COVID19 saw less break-ins and theft with having more people staying home and less businesses open.

JF thanked the Police for their efforts in such a challenging time.

RG Working on starting Neighbourhood Watch groups again in Suburbs. Shop Banning Notices for retailers have been standardised to meet the Court requirements. CCTV and a Police investigation will be a requirement as part of the banning notice conditions.

ACTION: RG and JF to discuss forms and requirements from Businesses.

Mullewa Youth Centre – JSt

The Youth Centre has had a slight reduction in services and opening hours, with minimal staff returning after the COVID19 shutdown and a recruitment freeze.

Desert Blue Connect – DW/BM

Family Violence did not have a rise during COVID19 but noted with intrastate borders being open again the drug usage via increased traffic is now on the rise. BM is working on a Women’s Health and Sexual Violence Consultation and Communication Strategy.

MEEDAC – AG/CW

The buses continued to run the Connectors programs, during COVID19 their drop off and pick up numbers were still average. Assisted in the Driveway Dinners and started the program “Return To Country” to get people who were stuck in regional areas to get home.

PCYC – TQ

PCYC is in financial distress and have closed 4 centres within WA. Geraldton is one of the top four centres of focus and priority. Funding has been granted for another three years but does not start until August. Assisting where they can with mentors and providing assistance to other organisations and their planned programs.

STREETIES - SW

Noted: staffing levels and funding has created uncertainty during COVID19 for STREETIES but now things are getting back on track and they are starting to take referrals again.

7. Dates of next meetings in 2020:

Wednesday 9 September 2020

Wednesday 9 December 2020

N.B. Meetings commence at 10:00am City of Greater Geraldton Offices as advised.

8. Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:12am.

Cr Bob Hall

Dated



Youth Crime Prevention Officer Report July 2020

Strategy 1: Breaking cycles and building futures through social development

- The Youth Development team have collaborated with PCYC, MEEDAC and WA Police to deliver activity packs, dinners and sporting equipment to young people who would normally present to youth programs across the agencies. Commencing during the April school holidays, these weekly home visits have ensured that families remain connected to services during the COVID-19 isolation period, and have assisted young people in getting back to school in Term 3.
- GRAMS is now hosting a monthly youth sector meeting to encourage collaboration for more effectiveness across the sector
- The City has applied for the next round of the Criminal Property Confiscation Grants to continue running the youth programs that currently occur and also run a series of 8 camps in various locations to collect data on how best to work with young people with acquired brain injuries and foetal alcohol spectrum disorders. Outcome expected in February 2021.
- The City participated in seven community messaging projects by putting coloured lights on the QPT from March – July, including celebrating COVID First Responders, National Volunteer Week and recognising the SES with Wear Orange Wednesday.
- The City's Comms team have been running a series of Local Legends posts on the Facebook page about individuals and organisations in the community doing extraordinary things
- The City has successfully received a grant for the revitalisation of the GRAMS Reserve in Rangeway from Lotterywest. Consultation has started, including the youth team to ensure that the public space is designed in a way that celebrates young people and diversity.
- The City has successfully received funding from Rio Tinto to provide basics hampers and hot meals to people in need, and to provide assistance to victims of family violence

Strategy 2: Designing out crime

- CCTV update: There are several cameras around the CBD and foreshore under repair at the moment, some due to vandalism and some due to weather.
- The Railway Street Safe Active Street Project update sheet is attached and reflects changes from the community feedback process that has occurred from March-May 2020.

Strategy 3: Reduce the fear of crime

- The Bikelinc initiative has seen over 10 000 bikes registered online state wide, and is already seeing stolen bikes re-connected with their owners successfully
- There hasn't been any graffiti related sentencing so far this financial year, and so the Repay WA program hasn't been running graffiti clean-up. Instead the young people doing community work have been building furniture and learning new skills at the youth Bail House and Lester House
- Tourism campaign to promote WA visitors to Geraldton and Mullewa this year with the upcoming wildflower season rapidly approaching

Strategy 4: Reducing the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs

- As a party to the Community Wellness Plan the City has agreed to promote Alcohol and Drug Free events for youth and will continue to promote health messages online and on social media
- The Together Again exhibition highlights skills and hobbies that young people have learnt or mastered during isolation that show you don't need drugs and alcohol to have fun (collaborative project by headspace, CGG, Euphorium Creative and the Geraldton Project Act Belong Commit)



- Geraldton Police liquor enforcement team worked closely with pubs and retail outlets during the COVID restrictions. State wide regulations were in place as a preventative measure to reduce the effects of binge drinking in the homes.

Strategy 5: Anti-Social Behaviour

- WA Police successfully conducted Operations Roundway and Heatshield from January – May, making 180 arrests for over 350 charges.
 - LDAG have been running a series of Facebook posts demonstrating mocktail recipes to reduce excessive alcohol consumption
 - Successful alcohol free community events March - June: GRAMS Family Fun Day, Online Book Club, Geraldton Virtual Runs, Driveway Dawn Service, Funtavia HeArt Drive(way) Adventure, Beachlands' Beats in the Park, CGGTV programming
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