

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	4 – D-22-156777
Meeting Date	Tuesday 13 December 2022		
Meeting Time	10:00am		
Meeting Location	Function Room – Civic Centre (63 Cathedral Avenue)		
Attendees	Cr Natasha Colliver (Deputy Chair) Cr Jennifer Critch Cr Bob Hall (Chair) Leonie Taylor – Community Representative Peter Treharne - CGG Jesse Steele – CGG Lydia Young – CGG Aidan Salmon - CGG Shauni Norman SN (Minutes)	By Invitation	Samantha Harring – Dept. Justice Terry Brennan – Geraldton Streetwork Andrew Greaves – MEEDAC Chaili Shiosaki – MEEDAC Melany Murray - MEEDAC Talya Quinn – PCYC Merle Meyer – Dept. of Justice Kieran Rigter – Desert Blue Connect Colleen Ethell – Hope Joanne Fabling - MWCCI Lara Dalton - Local Member
		Apologies	Neil Vanderplank - WAPOL Fiona Norling - CGG Cr Michael Reymond (Proxy) Tim Milnes – Community Representative Simon Phillips – MHCDS Gina Rainbird – Hope Sarah Hilton Rhys Marjoram – WAPOL (Proxy for OIC Geraldton) Michael Hall – WAPOL Max Walker – Mullewa POL Chris Martin WAPOL Rob Grace – WAPOL
		Leave of Absence	Jamaica Byrnes – YJS
		Distribution	
Purpose of Committee	The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan was Adopted by Council 24 July 2018 (DCS376). The City will host the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee, which is the overarching committee for Crime Prevention in the City. Refer to Committee Book		

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- 1. Welcome & Apologies**
- 2. Disclosure of Interests**
- 3. Attending Meetings Electronically – Amendment to Regulations**

--- Embedded Attachment ---

Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2022

Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

1. Citation

These regulations are the *Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2022*.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation as follows —

- (a) regulations 1 and 2 — on the day on which these regulations are published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) the rest of the regulations — on the day after that day.

3. Regulations amended

These regulations amend the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

4. Regulations 14A and 14B deleted

Delete regulations 14A and 14B.

5. Regulation 14C amended

- (1) In regulation 14C(1) insert in alphabetical order:

natural disaster includes fire, flood, lightning, movement of land and storm;

relevant period, in relation to the proposed meeting referred to in subregulation (3), means the period of

12 months ending on the day on which the proposed meeting is to be held.

- (2) In regulation 14C(1) in the definition of **meeting** paragraph (d) delete “government.” and insert:

government;

- (3) Delete regulation 14C(2) and (3) and insert:

- (2) A member of a council or committee may attend a meeting by electronic means —

(a) if —

- (i) a public health emergency or state of emergency exists or a natural disaster has occurred; and
- (ii) because of the public health emergency, state of emergency or natural disaster, the member is unable, or considers it inappropriate, to be present in person at the meeting; and
- (iii) the member is authorised to attend the meeting by electronic means by the mayor, president or council;

or

- (b) if the member is otherwise authorised to attend the meeting by electronic means by the mayor, president or council.

- (3) The mayor, president or council cannot authorise a member to attend a meeting (the **proposed meeting**) under subregulation (2)(b) if the member’s attendance at the proposed meeting under that authorisation would

result in the member attending more than half of the meetings (including the proposed meeting) of the council or committee, in the relevant period, under an authorisation under subregulation (2)(b).

- (4) Subregulation (3) does not apply to a member who is a person with a disability as defined in the *Disability Services Act 1993* section 3.
- (5) In deciding whether to authorise a member to attend a meeting by electronic means under subregulation (2), the mayor, president or council must have regard to whether the location from which the member intends to attend the meeting, and the equipment that the member intends to use to attend the meeting, are suitable for the member to be able to effectively engage in deliberations and communications during the meeting.

Note: The heading to amended regulation 14C is to read:

**Attendance at meetings by electronic means may be authorised
(Act s. 5.25(1)(ba))**

6. Regulation 14CA inserted

After regulation 14C insert:

**14CA. Provisions relating to attendance at meetings by
electronic means (Act s. 5.25(1)(ba))**

- (1) In this regulation —
meeting has the meaning given in regulation 14C(1).
- (2) The electronic means by which a member may attend a meeting under an authorisation under regulation 14C(2) include telephone, video conference or other means of instantaneous communication, as determined by the mayor, president or council.

- (3) A member who attends a meeting under an authorisation under regulation 14C(2) by electronic means determined under subregulation (2) is, whether or not the member is physically in the State, taken to attend and be present at the meeting for the purposes of the Act and these regulations while the member is in contact by those electronic means with each other member present at the meeting.
- (4) Subregulations (5) to (7) apply if —
 - (a) a member has been authorised to attend a meeting by electronic means under regulation 14C(2); and
 - (b) the meeting, or part of the meeting, is to be closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2).
- (5) The member must not attend the meeting or the closed part of the meeting unless, before the meeting, or the part of the meeting, is closed, the member declares that the member can maintain confidentiality during the meeting or the closed part of the meeting (as the case requires).
- (6) If the member makes the declaration under subregulation (5) and subsequently cannot maintain confidentiality, the member must leave the meeting or the closed part of the meeting.
- (7) A member's declaration under subregulation (5) must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

7. Regulation 14D amended

- (1) In regulation 14D(1) insert in alphabetical order:

relevant period, in relation to the proposed meeting referred to in subregulation (2A), means the period of 12 months ending on the day on which the proposed meeting is to be held.

- (2) In regulation 14D(1) in the definition of ***meeting*** paragraph (d) delete “government.” and insert:

government;

- (3) In regulation 14D(2):

- (a) delete paragraph (a)(ii) and insert:

- (ii) the mayor, president or council considers it appropriate for the meeting to be held by electronic means because of the public health emergency or state of emergency and having regard to the matters in subregulation (2B);

- (b) in paragraph (b)(ii) delete “means.” and insert:

means;

(c) after paragraph (b) insert:

or

(c) if the council otherwise authorises the meeting to be held by electronic means.

(4) After regulation 14D(2) insert:

(2A) The council cannot authorise a meeting (the **proposed meeting**) to be held under subregulation (2)(c) if holding the proposed meeting under that authorisation would result in more than half of the meetings (including the proposed meeting) of the council or committee, in the relevant period, being held under an authorisation under subregulation (2)(c).

(2B) In considering whether it is appropriate for a meeting to be held by electronic means under subregulation (2)(a) or deciding whether to authorise a meeting to be held by electronic means under subregulation (2)(b) or (c), the mayor, president or council must have regard to whether the location from which each member of the council or committee intends to attend the meeting, and the equipment that each member intends to use to attend the meeting, are suitable for the member to be able to effectively engage in deliberations and communications during the meeting.

(5) After regulation 14D(4) insert:

(5) Subregulations (6) to (8) apply if —

(a) a meeting is to be held by electronic means under this regulation; and

- (b) the meeting, or part of the meeting, is to be closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2).
- (6) A member of the council or committee must not attend the meeting or the closed part of the meeting unless, before the meeting, or the part of the meeting, is closed, the member declares that the member can maintain confidentiality during the meeting or the closed part of the meeting (as the case requires).
- (7) If a member makes the declaration under subregulation (6) and subsequently cannot maintain confidentiality, the member must leave the meeting or the closed part of the meeting.
- (8) A member's declaration under subregulation (6) must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Note: The heading to amended regulation 14D is to read:

Meetings held by electronic means (Act s. 5.25(1)(ba))

8. Regulation 14E amended

- (1) In regulation 14E(1) insert in alphabetical order:

Band 3 or 4 council or committee means the council of, or a committee established by, a Band 3 or 4 local government;

Band 3 or 4 local government means a local government that is allocated to Band 3 or Band 4 under Schedule 1 of the *Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members Determination No. 1 of 2022* published in the *Gazette* on 11 April 2022;

- (2) Delete regulation 14E(3) and insert:
 - (3) If a council or a committee holds an electronic meeting, a member of the council or committee who attends the meeting by electronic means determined under regulation 14D(3) is, whether or not the member is physically in the State, taken to attend and be present at the meeting for the purposes of the Act and these regulations while the member is in contact by those electronic means with each other member present at the meeting.
 - (3A) If a council or a committee holds an electronic meeting, the meeting is open to members of the public under section 5.23(1) if —
 - (a) in the case of a Band 3 or 4 council or committee — the requirement to publish the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting under regulation 13(1)(a) is complied with within the applicable time period set out in regulation 13(2) or (3); or
 - (b) in any case — the council or committee publicly broadcasts the meeting on a website or the meeting or a broadcast of the meeting is otherwise accessible to the public.
- (3) Delete regulation 14E(4)(b) and insert:
 - (b) the council or committee determines at the meeting —
 - (i) in the case of a meeting held by electronic means under regulation 14D(2)(a) or (b) — that, given the public health emergency, state of emergency or direction issued under

the *Public Health Act 2016* or the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, it is not appropriate to respond to the question at the meeting; or

- (ii) in any case — to respond to the question at the meeting in accordance with the procedure determined by the council or committee.

9. Regulation 29 amended

Delete regulation 29(1)(bb).

10. Regulation 31 amended

In regulation 31(1):

- (a) in paragraph (b) delete “member.” and insert:

member; and

- (b) after paragraph (b) insert:

- (c) child care and travel costs incurred by a council member in completing the training required by section 5.126(1).

Note: The heading to amended regulation 31 is to read:

Expenses to be reimbursed (Act s. 5.98(2)(a))

11. Regulation 36 amended

In regulation 36(1):

(a) in paragraph (a) delete “either” and insert:

any

(b) after paragraph (a)(ii) insert:

(iii) the course titled *LGA50220 Diploma of Local Government - Elected Member*;

(iv) the course titled *LGASS00007 Elected Member*;

Note: The heading to regulation 32 is to read:

**Expenses that may be approved for reimbursement
(Act s. 5.98(2)(b))**

Clerk of the Executive Council



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LGAlert

Electronic meetings, mandatory training course updates, and reimbursements

Following on from the LG Alert of 4 November 2022, the State Government has today introduced new provisions to enable Western Australian local governments to continue to conduct council meetings electronically.

The regulatory amendments will enable councils to continue to conduct up to half of all council meetings by electronic means from 9 November 2022.

Council members will be able to attend a council meetings or committee meetings by electronic means, with the approval of the mayor, shire president, or majority of the council. There will be a cap on the number of council meetings that a councillor can attend by electronic means, which will not apply to councillors living with a disability (as defined in the Disability Services Act 1993).

The cap applies to in-person meetings conducted from 9 November 2022 onwards. This means that meetings held entirely by electronic means, and meetings that have previously been conducted under the State of Emergency will not be counted towards the cap.

While these provisions have been introduced, and provide flexibility to the sector, local governments should, where practical, make every effort to hold their meetings in person.

The new regulations will be reviewed after a 12-month period. There will be a public consultation process, and members of the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on how council meetings have operated under these regulations.

In addition to the provision for electronic meetings and other administrative matters, the new amendment also provides for the reimbursement of travel and childcare costs associated with mandatory training.

Local governments with any queries can contact DLGSC at info@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

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4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 30 September 2022

TRIM Reference:	D-22-124509
Discussion:	CONFIRM that the minutes of the Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 September 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

--- Embedded Attachment ---

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	3 - CS/16/0020
Meeting Date	Friday, 30 September 2022		
Meeting Time	11:00am		
Meeting Location	Function Room – Civic Centre (63 Cathedral Avenue)		
Attendance by Electronic Means	<i>In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance by electronic means in public health emergency or state of emergency (Act s.5.25(1)(ba)) the Mayor authorised for Cr Critch to attend this meeting by electronic means [Reference: D-22-124498].</i>		
Attendees	Cr Colliver (Deputy Chair)	By Invitation	
	Cr Critch (by electronic means)	Apologies	Cr Hall (Chair) Tim Milnes – Community Representative Michael Hall – WAPOL Max Walker – Mullewa POL Leonie Taylor – Community Representative
	Cr Reymond (Proxy) Rob Grace – WAPOL Officer in Charge, Mid West Gascoyne Youth Engagement Team Jack Bohannan – WAPOL Proxy for OIC Geraldton		Lydia Young – CGG Peter Treharne - CGG
	Fiona Norling - CGG Jesse Steele – CGG		Colleen Ethell – Hope Simon Phillips – MHCDS Talya Quinn – PCYC Merle Meyer – Dept. of Justice Kieran Rigter – Desert Blue Connect Neil Vanderplank - WAPOL Samantha Harring – Dept. Justice
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1. Welcome & Apologies

Acknowledgement of Country and welcome was conducted by the Chair with apologies noted from:

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| ▪ Cr Hall (Chair) | ▪ Tim Milnes | ▪ Michael Hall | ▪ Max Walker |
| ▪ Neil Vanderplank | ▪ Leonie Taylor | ▪ Lydia Young | ▪ Peter Treharne |
| ▪ Simon Phillips | ▪ Merle Meyer | ▪ Kieran Rigter | ▪ Samantha Harring |
| ▪ Talya Quinn | ▪ Colleen Ethell | | |

2. Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interest were made.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 June 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

MOVED Cr Colliver, SECONDED Cr Critch

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee held on 15 June 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. Community Crime Prevention Report – Lydia Young/Jesse Steele

Jesse Steele from the City of Greater Geraldton – Coordinator Youth Development presented tabled document Community Crime Prevention Report and spoke to same – see detailed report attached.

- Department of Justice (DoJ) are not renewing the Criminal Property Confiscation Grant funding, reapplications are required for the continuation of the Tomorrow Starts Today (TST) program;
- Tomorrow Starts Today (TST) is a back to country and adventure camp framed around diversion from criminal endeavours and has been exceptionally successful;
- Collaboration with MEEDAC officers, Department of Justice, PCYC and Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures (Darren Capewell) wraps up the September 2022 camp at Dirk Hartog Island;
- Some participants are from Target 120 as well, the intention is to bring together indigenous youth from similar backgrounds in order to achieve positive outcomes;
- Three more TST camps until the DoJ funding is finished and at the end of the two year roll out period;
- If the DoJ funding is unsuccessful it may be worth looking at some level of funding via Council due to the success of the program;
- The Committee discussed how the model could be framed for the Midwest to divert funding from youth criminal justice and into something such as the Tomorrow Starts Today program;
- The Committee discussed that the region already has the infrastructure for such programs with any number of expired cattle stations and similar;
- It was noted that there is evidence to suggest that children coming out of the criminal justice system are not necessarily rehabilitated and that diversion of these funds could be more affective;
- Social Investment WA are looking at a program as per the above for children leaving the criminal justice system in Halls Creek;
- Department of Indigenous Affairs were of the view that there was change needed as the current funding was targeted towards public intoxication and diverting funds to the youth space would be more beneficial;
- The Committee discussed recent correspondence from the CEO of the Shire of Carnarvon, this TRIM Report is to be distributed to Committee Members;
- **A question was raised** regarding the figures of the success of the TST program to which the Committee was advised that in the Community Services space statistics aren't based on quantitative data but rather case studies and outcomes reached for the children;

- The Committee discussed Target 120 and that they are able to complete evaluations of their program and that conducting 6/12/18 month check-ups of the TST program may make it easier to clarify the program success for funding applications/communication;
- Navajo Tane was recruited as the Mullewa Youth Development Officer after a very successful 6 months in Mullewa – she is well aware of the youth and the community in Mullewa and the Centre saw improvement in the stability due to her influence;
- Department of Communities have granted funding for the Mullewa Centre;
- Recruitment of locals has proven difficult due to the high attrition rate;
- Not currently staffed to assist youth under 10 years old – this requires specialists;
- Nutrition and health projects have been successful – Dinner Club especially achieving high traffic;
- Averaging 25 youths per day and can increase to 40-50 per day;
- Rocky's Gym Purchase – currently with architects for design (Bruce Sherwood);
- Short term Youth Hub goals – preparation of site and design/fit out;
- Long term Youth Hub goals – the programs that will be run;
- The project is caught up in the shortfalls and delays seen state wide in the construction industry;
- Discussions with Lotterywest regarding funding will be undertaken as soon as project scope is determined;
- Additional funding may need to be requested of Council but that will be later down the track;
- **A question was raised** whether there will also be programs for mainstream youth as it's important that it be all inclusive;
- It was confirmed to the Committee that the programs are not solely for disengaged youth and the aim is for the Hub to be complimentary for all youth and families;
- Skate Today was discussed and that this program has seen ownership of the skate park return for families of all backgrounds on Wednesday nights;
- Applications have been made for more funding to activate the space for 4-5 nights a week and run structured programs allowing other community groups to engage;
- Part of the applied funding is to activate Rocky's Gym and formulate a strategy to keep kids in school, which will also be a collective effort with Department of Education; and
- **A question was raised** regarding whether there would be an ID system or membership card for the youth centre, the Committee was advised that is something for determination late but it is important for the kids to feel comfortable and it be a safe/open place.

5. General Business

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN POLICE UPDATE

Rob Grace and Jack Bohannan from Western Australian Police (WAPOL) provided an update on their activities and the following has been noted by the Committee:

- Police have been assisting businesses with serving ban notices;
- Individuals that attacked a security guard with bottles and bricks have been identified and banned from town shopping centres;
- A large local retailer were having issues with youth prompting a ban notice for one individual that was not complying with store or Police instructions;
- Ban notices are permitted and seen to be effective for individuals under 18 years old;
- Ban notices can be indefinite but most are 6 months or less as permanent ban notices are not seen favourably by the courts;
- Businesses were previously serving the ban notices however Police are now undertaking this to avoid conflict/repercussions for the businesses;
- Police have been undertaking Business Bee's – explaining rights to business owners/operators regarding trespassing, incidents and encouraging reports to the Police;
- Some larger retailers in town choose to deal with incidents themselves and do not engage with Police intentionally as they do not permit staff to follow through with proceedings;
- Some larger retailers will consider moving out of Geraldton if the loss margins are too great and similarly choose to do this instead of engaging with Police;
- Police as such are working with the shopping centres on reducing incidents overall with a focus on keeping businesses in town;
- **A suggestion was made to the Committee** that hired security form part of lease agreements moving forwards to increase a discouraging presence;
- E-Scooters: the WAPOL traffic department have concerns regarding kids under 16 riding them and prevalence of individuals not wearing helmets;
- IT is noted by the Police that the scooters are useful in Geraldton due to the limited public transport;

- Police would recommend that Maitland Park be removed as a geo-location for the Scooters to reduce the under 16 year old use of the scooters;
- Increased reports of fighting after school at Maitland Park, QPT and the Cathedral by Geraldton Senior youth – patrols have increased to reduce this issue;
- Increased reports of organised fighting at GRAMS park – patrols increased have reduced things;
- Increased reports of violence at Batavia Inne – the increased patrols have been actively engaging with residents to reduce incidents;
- Police Community BBQs starting up again – BBQs were only in Rangeway and Spalding but Police are looking to include all suburbs because there is crime in all suburbs;
- Department of Housing event next Tuesday 4 October 2022 in Karloo - WAPOL will attend to provide advice on neighbourhood security;
- Foot patrols, and possibly bike patrols in the future, will increase in the CBD to discourage anti-social behaviour;
- **A suggestion was made to the Committee** that Police enquire with BEAM on using e-scooters for patrol;
- Police Enquiry Team have noted that the CCTV is often not working or not pointing in the right direction;
- The Committee was advised that CGG are developing a new CCTV strategy and that Police use of the cameras has been catalogued and that part of the new strategy is to improve CCTV for Police use;
- Police advised that they now have integrated face recognition software that will assist investigations using CGG CCTV footage;
- Rock throwing on the highway in Rangeway has started again – youth are hiding in the bush near St Johns and a CCTV camera would be useful in this area to capture such incidents;
- The Committee was advised that part of the new CCTV strategy may include a portable CCTV camera for hot spots and events – it would be an obvious design which works to discourage antisocial behaviour;
- **A suggestion was made to the Committee** that the CGG programs and amazing Police work are shared and promoted because the City and the Police are doing great work that the community may not realise;
- It was advised to the Committee that unfortunately negative stories get more hype than positive and that the City is conscious about over posting and becoming background noise;
- **A suggestion was made to the Committee** that it may be more effective to include good news stories and the work undertaken by the City and Police in the next Crime Prevention Strategy;
- A strategy regarding reducing the fear of crime may also be beneficial because the community don't know what the City and the Police are doing and if they did they might feel safer;
- The CCTV at Home strategy was confirmed as State initiative to the Committee;
- Police have had conversations with Seniors about this strategy and were advised they are unable to afford the initial outlay even though they will be reimbursed;
- Lara Dalton MLA confirmed that she has already flagged this as an issue with the strategy; and
- WAPOL confirmed that if home CCTV is registered with Police then they know who to contact for footage that can assist with investigations.

ACTIONS

1. Community Satisfaction Surveys – CGG officers to check feedback on the community's perception of safety and how we can measure how safe they feel. Feedback could also be promoted via the WAPOL Community BBQs;
2. CGG to follow up regarding the Police consultant for the CCTV as it may be more important for the consultant to speak to officers such as Rob Grace and Jack Bohannan; and
3. Lydia Young to make contact with all listed community stakeholders to gain feedback and encourage attendance to future meetings.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 13 December 2022.

7. Close

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 12:23pm.



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Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting

TABLED DOCUMENTS

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – 15 June 2022**
4. **Community Crime Prevention Report – Jesse Steele**

30 September 2022

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date	Wednesday, 15 June 2022		
Meeting Time	10:00am		
Meeting Location	Library – Randolph Stow Rooms		
Attendance by Electronic Means	In accordance with the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance by electronic means in public health emergency or state of emergency (Act s.5.25(1)(ba))</i> the Mayor authorised for Community Representative Leonie Taylor and Councillor Jennifer Critch to attend this meeting by electronic means [Reference: D-22-068563 and D-22-069446].		
Attendees	Cr Hall BH (Chair) Cr Colliver NC (Deputy Chair) Cr Critch JC (by electronic means) Cr Reymond MR (Proxy) Rob Grace RB – WAPOL Charlie Comeagain - WAPOL Leonie Taylor LT – Community Representative (by electronic means) Tim Milnes – Community Representative Lydia Young LY – CGG Peter Treharne PT - CGG Andrew Greaves AG – MEEDAC Jordan Gabelish GB – MEEDAC Simon Phillips SP – MHCDS Colleen Ethell CE – Hope Talya Quinn TQ – PCYC Merle Meyer MM – Dept. of Justice Kieran Rigter KR – Desert Blue Connect Chloe Collard CC – Geraldton Streetwork Moana Wilson MW (Minutes)	By Invitation	Pieter Vorster PV – CGG
		Apologies	Michael Hall MH – WAPOL Mark Walker MW – Mullewa POL Ron Addison RA – WAPOL Neil Vanderplank - WAPOL Joanne Fabling JF - MWCCI Jesse Steele JSt - CGG Lara Dalton LD – Local Member Gina Rainbird GB – Hope Samantha Harring SH– Dept. Justice Jamaica Byrnes JB – YJS Terry Brennan TB – Geraldton Streetwork Fiona Norling FN – CGG Chris Martin CM – WAPOL
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1 Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed the members and provided opportunity for each individual to introduce themselves, apologies were received as noted above.

Joanne Fabling of MWCCI left the meeting at 10:09am.

2 Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interest were made.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Crime Prevention Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

MOVED CR Colliver, SECONDED Bob Hall

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee held on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4 Committee Membership – WAPOL Transfer of Membership

Committee discussed membership and confirmed transfer of membership for Ron Addison RA – WAPOL to Robert Grace (WAPOL - Crime Prevention Officer Geraldton).

Discussion Points

Officer Robert Grace & Charlie Collard provided update on the following:

- Upcoming youth initiatives:
 - In conjunction with PCYC, football and cricket carnivals for juveniles at risk and are looking to have other districts involved ie; Kalgoorlie.
 - Cricket Australia also supportive of programs, especially indigenous youth and there will be future programs rolled out together.
- Upcoming basketball carnival
 - Tayla Quinn confirmed there would be an indigenous team from NAIDOC attending to make a total of 3x teams.
- Big focus on setting community BBQ's, events would be held in a number of different suburbs to encourage community engagement across the region.
- Robert Grace confirmed there to be 4x constables and 1x sergeant as task force for these initiatives in the region.

Councillor Michael Reymond left the meeting at 10:16am.

- Youth disturbances during business hours
 - Police encourage businesses to work together with community and Police
 - Suggested that each shop has a sticker on the front door, "Any issues call this number for assistance" which may deter youth causing disturbances, as it's not necessarily possible for the shops to call the Police for such a matter
 - Officer Robert Grace advised that shop management would have to eject the youth and if they refused to leave then this would turn into a police matter as trespassing
 - Peter Treharne of the City of Greater Geraldton commented that not everyone has the skills to intervene in a situation
 - A program inviting local business managers to upskill themselves on communicating to individuals displaying inappropriate behaviour suggested
 - Talya Quinn from PCYC invited this idea due to previous refusals of service to her Organisation
- Other key focuses for Police include
 - Elderly victims of crime
 - Bicycle theft (school programs are being proposed to educate youth by the Police)
 - Possession theft from vehicles (roll out "No valuables left in this car" leaflets for vehicles)

As a new Community Representative Tim Milne advised that the Police initiatives seem fun and engaging and it's great to see activities for youth to engage in rather than engaging in crime. Tim Milne explained that it's a small portion of youth causing disturbances and that keeping kids at school needs to be a focus. While activities are engaging they don't necessarily stop kids committing crime.

As a new Community Representative Leonie Taylor advised that she was glad to see so many expert points of view in the room and she is hoping to have valuable input as a concerned citizen. Leonie advised that she would like to see a reduction in drugs and see the Committee make the community safer while coming up with great initiatives as a Team to reduce crime.

5 Laneway Update – Pieter Vorster

Pieter Vorster provided update that the City had a school activation program with bi-weekly events however without security. The program was rolled out by an outside agency who has since resigned due to inappropriate behaviour from members of the community.

The City has reviewed management of same and conducted research, appointing a security company to determine whether there was a pattern to the disturbances – no pattern was identified. Disturbances arise at random therefore there is no targeted resolution.

Additional research is being conducted on future purpose of the space and it has been noted that the community feels no ownership of the space. The City is going to engage more with events and claiming the space.

The lighting system was not fit for purpose and is being upgraded along with a sound system. The Rocks Laneway is currently open 8:00am-5.30pm and upgrades will be undertaken in conjunction with the GRAG opening to encourage connection with both locations. Overall the feedback is more eyes, less crime.

There is also some consideration of having a City team member located in the office at the Rocks Laneway to deter inappropriate behaviour and improve the perception of the space.

Talya Quinn advised that PCYC have previously encouraged businesses to be in touch to identify if there's a pattern in times so they could also have a presence to deter behaviours using their relationship with the youth.

The Committee was reminded that decisions need to be about both adults and kids as often the discussion is directed back to children however the Committee is about the wider issue of safety and crime.

Peter Treharne suggested and encouraged that there be Rocks Laneway programs rolled out that including local stakeholders such as Regional Sounds, PCYC and any other interested local organisations to reclaim ownership of the space.

Leonie Taylor agreed with the ideas to reclaim the space and additionally suggested community designed tourist attractions created by youth – to engage youth and improve the presentation of the city as well.

6 Community Crime Prevention Report – Lydia Young

Lydia Young from the City of Greater Geraldton - Youth Crime Prevention Officer presented tabled document Community Crime Prevention Report and spoke to same – see detailed report attached.

The report had previously been known as the Youth Crime Prevention Report, however it is now the Community Crime Prevention Report and Lydia Young will make improvements to content for the next meeting.

Highlights from the report

- The City has purchased Rocky's Gym for a Youth Hub – with a collaborative approach being taken towards creating a Youth/Community Precinct. A multipurpose floor to be installed to allow indoor sports – awaiting contractor timeframes.
- Talya Quinn advised 100+ children have previously attended the Thursday PCYC nights event and roll out of same again will encourage youth to the sporting area rather than town

Lydia Young encouraged community engagement to gain opinion on the precinct and the programs.

7 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

Committee discussed the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan and relevant content and initiatives within the community – see attached for reference.

Councillor Bob Hall advised that the report is coming up for renewal/revision.

Lydia Young confirmed that the Plan is currently being reviewed by herself, Jesse Steele & Peter Treharne. There is a need to review names, tidy up the report and look at if the priority areas. Once reviewed the Crime Prevention Plan and key actions will also work to inform the focus of the committee. Lydia Young will confirm once the review of the new Crime Prevention Plan is completed and submit to the Committee for input and advice.

8 Household CCTV Rebate Scheme & Youth Engagement – Leonie Taylor

Community Representative Leonie Taylor presented her Household CCTV Rebate Scheme and Youth Engagement ideas with the Committee.

Leonie detailed the seniors only initiative that had been rolled out by the State for funded CCTV. Leonie spoke to an incentive in Karratha whereby if you had a security screens or security cameras you could receive rebate on rates for such installs. If you received a rebate for a security systems, can also be a collaborative presence in the community as locals can provide footage in assisting Police and organisations with footage of incidents in the neighbourhood.

It was advised the City has cameras everywhere already and while there is merit in the idea it is potentially something for the State government and whilst this is food for thought concerns were raised surrounding costs and funding.

9 General Business

- Community Wellness Plan – should be up and running by next meeting.
- Talya Quinn of the PCYC provided update on upcoming programs/initiatives;
 - Youth mentoring
 - Gold Program
 - Surfing WA
 - Cricket WA
 - HMAS Stalwart III
- Talya Quinn also thanked to City of Greater Geraldton for purchase of Rocky's Gym.
- Desert Blue Connect – Kieran Rigter introduced Bree Maher and thanked the Committee for the invite.
- Homeless prevention: information on where to find assistance for the homeless was queried.
 - The Zero and Homes First Project were identified
 - The purpose of above is to remove the red tape surrounding assistance
 - An audit conducted amongst the 54 homeless identified mental health as the main concern
 - Both projects have less restrictions on accommodation timeframes and a wraparound service
 - Department of Communities have also been more involved

10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 21 September 2022.

Remaining schedule of quarterly meetings for 2022 as follows:

- Wednesday, 14 December

11 Close

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



Community Crime Prevention Report

September 2022

Strategy 1: Breaking cycles and building futures through social development

- 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. This is made possible by funding secured from Department of Justice Criminal Property Confiscation Grant. The September camp has just wrapped up and was run on Dirk Hartog Island with local indigenous organisation Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures (Darren Capewell). The next instalment of the program will see five young people on the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure, December 2022
- Late Night Basketball- the City is in the process of securing the GABA for 16 weeks over terms 2 and 3 2023. The popular program will continue to be run in partnership with youth organizations like PCYC, MEEDAC, GSAC and the Batavia Buccaneer coaching staff and import players. The program has been running for many years and was in response to anti-social behavior by young people in and around the Wonthella sporting precinct.
- Skate Today – Running successfully from the Wonthella Skate Park on Wednesdays 5-7pm during school terms. With a view to curb anti-social behavior in the area by positive role modelling and a sense of ownership by young people of the facility. There has been great feedback from community members, with ownership and safety coming back to the skate park.
- Safe Space Thursday Evening – the City is continuing to support the program which had been started as a response to young people congregating in the CBD on a Thursday evening. The program targets young people aged 10-18yrs who may have been street present on a Thursday evening.
- The Mullewa Youth Centre has continued to run, with Navajo Tane appointed as the Youth Development officer to coordinate the service. The service runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Funding is secured from Department of Communities until June 2024.
- Revolve Youth Event the second installment of the successful skate/music event was held 17th September at the Wonthella Skate Park. The event is a celebration of youth culture with live music and exhibition skaters. Funding secured from Rio Tinto and Healthway.
- Indigenous Surfing program – the City has partnered with Flexi Learning's Mobile Engagement team and A Glassy Day Surfing to deliver a series of surf sessions to young people.

Strategy 2: Designing out crime

- Railway Street Safe Active Street -The project is completed, Railway Street is now a shared zone providing a safe connection for active transport users. The streetscape is narrowed and landscaped to provide a low-speed environment. Raised plateaus at road intersections will further slow traffic.
- The GRAMS Reserve – the GRAMS Reserve upgrade is complete and Skate Today is running at the new skate park on Mondays from 5-7pm. With a view to curb anti-social behavior in the area and activate the new space.



- 103 Pass Street has recently been purchased by the City with a view to develop the site into a multi-service youth hub. Building on the strategic advantages of Wonthella as a location for young people and the building upon of the work PCYC have already started. A conversation has been started with Lotterywest for funding to support short term and medium term development of the site.

Strategy 3: Reduce the fear of crime

- A key area for further development. As part of the upcoming youth development strategy opportunities to reduce stigmatization and perception of youth will be looked at as part of a larger media strategy.
- Space activation along the Foreshore has been a focus with school holiday programs, Sundays by the Sea, Films on the Foreshore, Sunset Yoga, health and wellbeing programs and community events. This is viewed as a strategy to reclaim public space and reduce the fear of crime.

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

- 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. A review of the plan is currently taking place with various organizations, including the City, being consulted.

Strategy 5: Anti-Social Behavior

- The City is currently working with Geraldton Senior High School around truancy issues in the CBD. Looking for a workable solution to young people in school uniforms in the CBD during school hours. There has been a building up of antidotal evidence to suggest that students leaving campus during the day has been increasing. How do local business, the schools and agencies work together to find a solution.
- As part of this truancy issue the City has made a funding application to the Department of Justice Criminal Property Confiscation Grant funding.

5. Community Crime Prevention Report – Jesse Steele/Lydia Young

TRIM Reference:	D-22-160303
Discussion:	Update from City of Greater Geraldton Youth Crime Prevention Officer.

--- Embedded Attachment ---



Community Crime Prevention Report

December 2022

D-22-160303

Strategy 1: Breaking cycles and building futures through social development

- Department of Local Government, Sport and Culture released a Connecting to Country program to support organisations undertaking on country activities. A funding application has been submitted to deliver two on-country camps in the second half of 2023 once the Tomorrow Starts Today funding has ceased.
- A funding application has been submitted to the Dept. Justice for \$200,000 over two years to staff the Youth Hub with sport/recreation and youth workers. The short term aim is to activate the space four nights a week and more during the school holiday period with a view to improve school attendance.
- An extensive school holiday program has been planned for the Mullewa Youth Centre over the January holidays. The program will see some old favorites return with many new and exciting programs. The Youth Centre will have extended hours on Tuesday – Thursday to meet the school holiday needs.
- The Youth team will be delivering a special Mullewa Christmas lunch for young people on Thursday, 22 December 2022 in the Youth Centre. Key partners and service providers from 2022 will be invited to join.
- 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. This is made possible by funding secured from Department of Justice Criminal Property Confiscation Grant. The next camp is being hosted from the 23 – 27 January in Nanga with 12 participants joining the camp to undertake intensive leadership and team work activities.
- Skate Today – Running successfully from the Wonthella Skate Park on Wednesdays 5-7pm during school terms. With a view to curb anti-social behavior in the area by positive role modelling and a sense of ownership by young people of the facility. There has been great feedback from community members, with ownership and safety coming back to the skate park.
- Street Soccer was hosted at the Rage Cage and Stow Gardens as part of Christmas on the Terrace. The initiative was thanks for Soccer West and Soccer futures. It gave young people an opportunity to participate in an alternative activity with youth workers on site.
- NACC will commence a Youth Ranger Program in July of 2023 along with Aboriginal school traineeships.



Strategy 2: Designing out crime

- Rocks Laneway Update – waiting for new PA system quote and installation. Issued an RFQ for activation of Rocks/GRAG – Closed on 15 September. Liaising with WA Police to develop an information sheet so that information is accessible to all businesses in City centre.
- 103 Pass Street has recently been purchased by the City with a view to develop the site into a multi-service youth hub. Building on the strategic advantages of Wonthella as a location for young people and the building upon of the work PCYC have already started. A conversation has been started with Lotterywest for funding to support short term and medium term development of the site. Relocation has commenced from the Lester Avenue site to allow for the scheduled demolition.

Strategy 3: Reduce the fear of crime

- A key area for further development. As part of the upcoming youth development strategy opportunities to reduce stigmatization and perception of youth will be looked at as part of a larger media strategy.
- Space activation along the Foreshore has been a focus with school holiday programs, Sundays by the Sea, Films on the Foreshore, Sunset Yoga, health and wellbeing programs and community events. This is viewed as a strategy to reclaim public space and reduce the year of crime.

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

- Community Wellness Plan delivered a successful School Leavers campaign was launched with support of the City.
- ‘Mentally Healthy Christmas Street’ was set up at Christmas on the Terrace this year which saw 14 service providers host a variety of interactive stalls that encouraged messaging of how to stay mentally and physically healthy over the Christmas period.

Strategy 5: Anti-Social Behaviour

- The City has been working alongside the Department of Education to bring the Keeping Kids in School initiative back to Geraldton. The initiative has support from WA Police and will be released in the New Year to coincide with the start of school. Engagement with students will commence once school returns.
- WA Youth Policing Team has delivered rock throwing presentations to local schools in a bid to deter a number of young people engaging in rock throwing. WA Police have also increased their patrols of hot spot areas where rock throwing is prevalent. NACC are coordinating weekly rap sessions on Wednesdays to produce music about topics including rock throwing.

- Centacare has been running a Connect, Respect, Arise program facilitated by Aboriginal Community Advocate Joshua Joseph. The program was tailored for young men aged 14 – 24 and was delivered in Geraldton and Mullewa. The program ran for 16 sessions and was extremely successful in engaging young men.

6. General Business

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 30 March 2023.

TRIM Reference:	D-20-020239
Discussion:	Committee to determine preferred week of the month for meetings each quarter of 2023.

8. Close

2023 COMMUNITY AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MEETING	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
GERALDTON REGIONAL ART ADVISORY (RC/8/0011) Minutes: Shauni Norman			16			15			14	*Committees Dissolve in September 2023 for Council Elections for expiring members*		
GREATER GERALDTON CRIME PREVENTION (ES/9/0003) Minutes: Shauni Norman			30			29		28				
HERITAGE ADVISORY (GR/10/0028) Minutes: Annette Burton			9			8		7				
QEII SENIORS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (CS/6/0014) Minutes: Rosetta Finlay			23			22		21				