

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	4 – D-23-021428	
Meeting Date	Friday, 14 April 2023			
Meeting Time	10:00am			
Meeting Location	The Greenough Room – Civic Centre - 63 Cathedral Avenue			
Attendees	Cr Bob Hall (Chair) Cr Natasha Colliver (Deputy Chair) Cr Jennifer Critch Cr Michael Reymond (Proxy) Jesse Steele – CGG Lydia Young – CGG Fiona Norling - CGG Peter Treharne - CGG	By Invitation	Samantha Harring – Dept. Justice Terry Brennan – Geraldton Streetwork Andrew Greaves – MEEDAC Simon Phillips – MHCDS Talya Quinn – PCYC Merle Meyer – Dept. of Justice Kieran Rigter – Desert Blue Connect Colleen Ethell – Hope Joanne Fabling - MWCCI Lara Dalton - Local Member	
	Rob Grace – WAPOL Neil Vanderplank - WAPOL Rhys Marjoram – WAPOL (Proxy for OIC Geraldton) Michael Hall – WAPOL Max Walker – Mullewa POL		Apologies	
	Leonie Taylor – Community Representative Tim Milnes – Community Representative		Leave of Absence	
	Shauni Norman SN (Minutes)		Distribution	As listed
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 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 13 December 2022

TRIM Reference:	D-22-164103
Discussion:	CONFIRM that the minutes of the Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting held on 13 December 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Minutes

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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 VIA ELECTRIC MEANS Cr Bob Hall (Chair)	By Invitation	
	Talya Quinn – PCYC Michael Hall – WAPOL Joanne Fabling - MWCCI	Apologies	Cr Michael Reymond (Proxy) Tim Milnes – Community Representative Simon Phillips – MHCDS Gina Rainbird – Hope Sarah Hilton Max Walker – Mullewa POL Rob Grace – WAPOL Lara Dalton - Local Member Patricia Papertalk Samantha Harring – Dept. Justice Terry Brennan – Geraldton Streetwork Andrew Greaves – MEEDAC Chaili Shiosaki – MEEDAC Merle Meyer – Dept. of Justice Kieran Rigter – Desert Blue Connect Colleen Ethell – Hope
	Shane WAPOL Leonie Taylor – Community Representative VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS Chris Martin WAPOL Peter Treharne CGG Jesse Steele – CGG Lydia Young – CGG Aidan Salmon – CGG Fiona Norling - CGG Corryn Bull – RUKPA	Leave of Absence	
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1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed the members and apologies were noted from:

- Tim Milnes
- Simon Philips
- Gina Rainbird
- Sarah Hilton
- Max Walker
- Rob Grace
- Michael Reymond
- Colleen Ethell
- Lara Dalton
- Patricia Papertalk
- Samantha Harrington
- Terry Brennan
- Andrew Greaves
- Chaili Shiosaki
- Merle Meyre
- Kieran Rigter

2. Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interest were made.

3. Attending Meetings Electronically – Amendment to Regulations

Noted by the Committee

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee held on 30 September 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

MOVED NC, SECONDED BH

CARRIED

5. Community Crime Prevention Report – Lydia Young

Highlights from Report

Applications for grant funding have been submitted to the Department of Justice to assist in staffing at the new Youth Hub (old Club Rocky's building)
School holiday program has been launched for Mullewa and the City.

NACC will start the Youth Ranger program in July 2023 along with Aboriginal School Traineeships.

Working with Department of Education to get "keeping kids in school" initiative back up and running.

Noted that there are crossovers in some areas e.g. WAPOL, PCYC, the Schools and the City. Suggestion for regular email updates on programs that would benefit those organisations to assist in better planning.

ACTION: LY, TQ and MH to discuss options for regular updates.

JF attended electronically at 10:16am

The Dismantle Bike program has put in a grant on behalf of the City and will run workshops in Mullewa during the January School holidays.

6. General Business

Youth Hub (Club Rocky's) – Jesse Steele Update.

The City purchased the building in May 2022 on Pass Street Wonthella, it was deemed a suitable location for a youth facility. There has been considerable delays in the design process, which is now expected from UDLA before Christmas close down, once the design has been reviewed the procurement process will begin. The City has been successful with Dept. Justice funding applications in the past. The City has applied for Dept. Justice funding and are still waiting on notification of the application being successful to staff the building and run programs at the facility once it is completed.

Rock Throwing/bush clearing -Joanne Fabling – MWCCI

Concerned with the current issue of continuous rock throwing along the Highways and requesting to keep the bushes cleared back off the highway and if there are plans for regular maintenance.

The City has been working with Main Roads and have completed the removal works on their land along areas of North West Coastal Highway; the remainder of the areas falls back to the property owners which can be difficult to contact. PCYC is working on creating RAP videos with the at risk children to assist in the education against rock throwing.

Western Australian Police Update (WAPOL)

CM noted condolence to the families of the lives lost in QLD.

CM – Crime has risen 0.4% this financial year, with damage to property, stealing offences and motor vehicle theft.

Rock Throwing has seen over 200 processed and is continuing to be worked on with identifying the children, families and their addresses.

Noted that their office is the second business centre in the State.

Operation Heat Shield has commenced and will continue until March 2023, which aims to work on hotspots with officers on the ground creating a high visibility presence.

MH – Residential and businesses can register their CCTV, the initiative only allows WAPOL to see which residents have CCTV installed not viewing access, unless requested for enquiries.

ACTION: FN to follow up the City should be register as WAPOL already have access to their network.

ACTION: LY to work with the Marketing and Communications Team for the City to potentially promote the registering of CCTV to residents and business which can assist in apprehension.

LT Left the meeting at 10:52am

PCYC – Talya Quinn Update

The Strong Safe Sisters program was a great success and are now working on a younger age group to have a similar program.

Have had some very successful JJT referrals which has seen three gain employment.

Have now secured a boxing coach from Northam PCYC which will see Boxing, MMA and Kickboxing classes start again in 2023.

FN and PT left at 11:02am

Rangeway Progress Accusation Update – Corryne Bull

Kids from out of town have already started to arrive which creates tension in the suburb. Progress association have gotten engravers from Bunnings and hire out for residents to use so stolen items can be returned

WAPOL have provided neighbourhood watch packs which get handed out at all community gatherings, this assist in their planned initiative of “get to know your neighbour” which better connect the residents, making them feel safer.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 30 March 2023 at 10:00am.

8. Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:13am

4 Community Crime Prevention Report – Lydia Young

TRIM Reference:	D-23-043135
Discussion:	Update from City of Greater Geraldton Youth Crime Prevention Officer.



Community Crime Prevention Report - April 2023

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.

An extensive school holiday program has been planned for the Mullewa Youth Centre over the April holidays. The program will see some old favourites return with many new and exciting programs. The Youth Centre will have extended hours on Tues – Thurs to meet the school holiday needs.

Nans High Tea is being hosted at Mullewa Youth Centre monthly – the initiative aims to build connection and relationships with families and the community.

Preston from GSAC is running a Friday night basketball program from 5-7pm in Mullewa.

The next Tomorrow Starts Today camp will be hosted at Nanga Bush Camp from 1-5 May. The camp will focus on cultural learning, risk taking, teamwork, and survival skills. The camp is being attended by youth workers from Meedac, Department of Communities, Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre, WAPOL, and the City.

PCYC Safe Space is run on Thursday nights from 4-7pm. The City continues to be extremely supportive of this late night program for young people.

Skate Today continues to run successfully from the Wonthealla 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.

Midnight Basketball is set to start again on Friday 12 May for an 8-week tournament. Each session will be open to young people 12+ from 7-10.30pm with food and transport home provided. The tournament will run in partnership with Midnight Basketball Australia, Meedac, GSAC, PCYC, WAPOL, and Streetsies.

Strategy 2: Designing out crime.

There has been extensive activation of Rocks Laneway facilitated by Euphorium. A huge variety of activities and workshops have been hosted in the space with great attendance and feedback. The activation of the space has seen a reduction in crime and anti-social behavior during these times.

Strategy 3: Reduce the fear of crime.

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.

Alcohol and drug free events being hosted during the April school holidays; a Day in the Laneway and Headspace Youth Week Celebration.

Informative workshops will run as part of the Midnight Basketball tournament and will be facilitated by a variety of local professionals covering topics such as AOD use, emotional regulation and crisis management skills.

Strategy 5: Reducing anti-social behaviour.

The Department of Education is in the final stages of approving the Keeping Kids in School initiative for launch in term 2.

Soda Sessions have been hosting free circus and sounds workshops on the grassed area next to the Geraldton Yacht Club from 3-5pm on Saturdays. They are taking a small break and will restart again on 29 April.

Centacare has been running a Connect, Respect, Arise program facilitated by Aboriginal Community Advocate Joshua Joseph. The program is tailored for young men aged 14 – 24 and is delivered in Geraldton and Mullewa. The program is set to start again next term and the Mullewa program will run every second session on country with local elders.

Community Safety Plan update.

The Community Safety Plan has been reviewed and the final draft is with management for approval.

5 Police Retail Reporting Package – (Robert Grace)

Police will trial and distribute a 'Retail Reporting Package' to local businesses. The package will ensure that evidence gathering is commenced at the earliest opportunity and it will hopefully reduce the reporting / investigation time for both retailers and police.

6 Organisation Updates

7 General Business

8 Date of next meeting

Thursday, 29 June 2023 at 10:00am.

9 Close