

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	5 D-23-082870
Meeting Date	29 June 2023		
Meeting Time	10:00am		
Meeting Location	Function Room – City of Greater Geraldton		
Attendance by Electronic Means	<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>		
Attendees	Cr Bob Hall Chair - BH Cr Natasha Colliver Deputy Chair - NC Cr Jennifer Critch - JC Cr Michael Reymond (Proxy) - MR	By Invitation	
	Jesse Steele CGG - JS Fiona Norling CGG - FN Andy Gaze CGG - AG	Apologies	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	Leave of Absence	
	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	Distribution	As listed
Shauni Norman CGG Minutes - SN			
Purpose of Committee	Refer to Committee Book		

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The Presiding Member is to refer to the following Policy, Meeting Procedures and Regulations when chairing a meeting.

[Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011](#)

[Council Policy 4.4. Operation of Advisory Committees](#)

[Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates](#)

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

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 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.



Youth Development Officer Report June 2023

Strategy One: Breaking cycles and building futures through social development.

- 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. The focus of the funding is low sports participation groups e.g. disengaged youth. This funding will be utilized to active and staff the Geraldton Youth Center and complement existing youth programs like Late-Night Basketball.
- Late Night Basketball- the City has secured the GABA for 8 weeks over terms 2 and (to be confirmed) term 3 2023. The popular program will continue to be run in partnership with youth organizations like PCYC, WA Police, 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. The program is well attended, and benefits from an adherence to a strict 12+ policy. From the perspective of building futures through social development, a former Midnight Basketball participant, who also attended the national tournament in Sydney in 2017, now works for the City and supports the deliver the current program.
- 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 was run on Dirk Hartog Island with local indigenous organisation Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures (Darren Capewell). The next instalment of the program saw five young people on the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure in December 2022. The latest two instalments ran from the 1-4 May at the Nanga Bush Camp, and the final Camp to be delivered as part of NAIDOC Week Celebrations with a Basketball Camp to Perth 2-5 July 2023.
- Back to Country Camps - The City has successfully applied for \$25,000 of WA Police Community grant funding to run two more Back to Country Camps in 23/24 FY. The city will look to continue the partnership model and learnings from previous camps.
- 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.
- Closing down of PCYC Safe Space Thursday Evening – the City has supported this program which was started as a response to young people congregating in the CBD on



a Thursday evening. The program targeted young people aged 10-18yrs who may have been street present on a Thursday evening. The closure of this program will have a significant impact in the long term on antisocial behavior. It is paramount that Geraldton has a well-funded and staffed PCYC for drop-in-youth services for at-risk youth.

- 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 is planned for August 12, 2023, at the Wonthella Skate Park. The event is a celebration of youth culture with live music and exhibition skaters. The City is looking at incorporating scooter riders at the event this year.

Strategy two: Designing out crime

- 103 Pass Street has 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. TRCB Architects have developed stage one and two plans and conceptual plans for a stage three. The City is currently seeking an opinion of cost on the project. Plans will be tabled at the Council Concept Forum in August.

Strategy three: 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, Rock's Lane Way activation, health and wellbeing programs and community events. This is viewed as a strategy to reclaim public space and reduce the fear of crime.

Strategy four: 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 five: Anti-Social Behaviour

- The City is currently working with Bundiyarra and others around the long-standing issue of 'rock throwing'. Bundiyarra has completed community engagement and is moving toward a youth sector forum model, potentially hosted by Dept. Communities. The City

acknowledges the role Bundiyarra has to play in shaping community behavior and parental responsibility.

- Looking at solutions to anti-social behavior around Queens Park Theater Gardens and Civic Centre.

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: _____