

# Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

## Meeting Agenda

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	<b>Meeting No.</b>	3 D-24-117346
<b>Meeting Date</b>	05 November 2024		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	2:00pm		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	The Greenough Room – City of Greater Geraldton		
<b>Attendance by Electronic Means</b>	<i>In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance has been authorised by the Mayor for Cr <b>Name/Voting Member</b> to attend this meeting by electronic means.</i>		
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Voting Members:</b> DM Natasha Colliver (Presiding Member) Cr Jennifer Critch (Deputy) Cr Aaron Horsman Bob Hall Community Representative Natalie Clark WAPOL Youth Engagement  <b>Nonvoting Optional Attendees:</b> Lara Dalton MLP Joanne Fabling MWCCI Julie French GSAC Sarah Doughty Dept Justice Colleen Ethell Hope Community Services Michael Mongoo PCYC Clinton Bolton MEEDAC Nancy Kirby Ngala  <b>City Support Officers:</b> Fiona Norling, Director Community and Culture Peter Treharne, Manager Community and Cultural Development Jesse Steele, Coordinator Youth Development Lisa Sage, Youth Development Officer Shauni Norman (Minutes)	<b>By Invitation</b>	
		<b>Apologies</b>	
		<b>Leave of Absence</b>	
		<b>Absent</b>	
		<b>Distribution</b>	As listed.
<b>Purpose of Committee</b>	Refer to <a href="#">Committee Book</a>		

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[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](#)

[Council Policy 4.12 Independent Committee Member Fees and Reimbursements](#)

- 1 Declaration Of Opening
- 2 Acknowledgement of Country

**3 Welcome & Apologies**

**4 Disclosure of Interests**

**5 Applications for Leave of Absence**

**6 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 04 June 2024**

Embedded Attachment

# Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	<b>Meeting No.</b>	D-24-066856
<b>Meeting Date</b>	04 June 2024		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	2:00pm		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	The Greenough Room		
<b>Attendance by Electronic Means</b>	<i>In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance has been authorised by the Mayor for Cr Cr Jennifer Critch to attend this meeting by electronic means.</i>		
<b>Attendees</b>	DM Natasha Colliver (Presiding) Cr Jen Critch (Deputy) (Via Teams) Cr Aaron Horsman AH Jesse Steele CGG – JS Lisa Sage CGG - LS Shauni Norman (Minutes)	<b>By Invitation</b>	
		<b>Apologies</b>	Peter Treharne CGG – PT Fiona Norling CGG - FN
		<b>Leave of Absence</b>	
		<b>Distribution</b>	As Listed
<b>Purpose of Committee</b>	Refer to <a href="#">Committee Book</a>		

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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:

FN and PT.

### 4 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

### 5 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

## 6 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 20 February 2024

### Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

### COMMITTEE DECISION:

**MOVED JC, SECONDED AH**

#### CARRIED 3/3

Not Voted: 0  
Against Votes: 0  
For Votes: 3

Name	Vote (For or Against)
DM Colliver	For
Cr. Critch	For
Cr Horsman	For

## 7 EOI Community Representative Assessment

### Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the EOI for Community Member Bob Hall for the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting as submitted on 27 May 2024, be appointed to the Committee for the term of 21 October 2025.

### COMMITTEE DECISION:

**MOVED AH, SECONDED JC**

#### CARRIED 3/3

Not Voted: 0  
Against Votes: 0  
For Votes: 3

Name	Vote (For or Against)
DM Colliver	For
Cr. Critch	For
Cr Horsman	For

**Noted by the Committee:** The vacant Community Member position remain vacant until a suitable candidate is identified and encouraged to apply.

**Action:** SN to share the EOI with AH.

## 8 Date of next meeting

As business arises with the potential for a meeting in September 2024 to pull the entire Committee together for a first official meeting and update on progress of actions from the Crime Prevention Plan.

## 9 Close

Meeting closed at 2:20pm.

## **7 Reports to be Received**

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

### **7.1 Youth Development Officer - L Sage**

Embedded attachment

September 2024

# Community Safety and Crime Prevention Report

Youth Development Officer

Lisa Sage



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## Introduction

This report was prepared by the City's Youth Development Officer and covers the period April-September 2024 following the endorsement of the City's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2024-29 published 30 April 2024.

The report focuses on the plans four strategic areas:

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

## Breaking Cycles

The City's Youth Development team secured \$50,000 in funding from WA Police Community grants to assist with the youth diversionary programs Late-Night Basketball and Bimba Basketball (Mullewa). The program has attracted strong numbers of participants over the last two terms the City has worked with headspace, Bundiyarra and Legal Aid to deliver life skills workshops.

Bimba Basketball is scheduled to run in Mullewa in term four from the 17 October.

The City has been successful in securing Lotterywest grant funding totalling \$954,000 for the Geraldton Youth Centre redevelopment which is on target to be completed within the 24/25 financial year.

The City has applied for Confiscated Proceeds of Crime Grant funding (Department of Justice) to deliver *Break It Up*. If successful, the program will allow the City to fund youth diversionary initiatives that address time and place specific issues in the community.

The West Coast Eagles football club have recently moved their Youth Engagement Coordinator to Geraldton and the City have been working with them to deliver after school clinics at AMC Park in Spalding.

Country for Connection – the City partnered with Midwest Employment And Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation (MEEDAC), Headspace and PCYC to run a successful camp for 14 Geraldton youth. The camp was held in Bickley along the Darling Scarp and held cultural and outdoor activities. The funding has now been successfully acquitted.

Skate Today – running successfully from the Wonthella Skate Park on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm during school terms. The long-standing program fosters a sense of community pride and connection whilst promoting a safer neighbourhood. The program attracts family groups and displaces antisocial behaviour from the skate park.

Game On – An inclusive sports program run twice a week during the school term to deliver afternoon sport clinics that is designed to attract “low sports participants” groups such as youth, adolescent females, disengaged youth, ATSI and youth living with a disability. The City was successful in applying for a grant from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to allow this program to run over a three-year period, finishing up in 2026.

Mullewa Youth Centre –The Mullewa Youth Service offers a safe space for the young people in Mullewa. The youth have access to cooking classes, a music room, art space, video games area,

pool table, basketball court and a skate park. The Mullewa Youth service has recently engaged with Headspace, WA Country Health Service (WACHS) and Community Alcohol and Drugs Service (CADS) to facilitate workshops on healthy relationships and the negative effects of drugs and alcohol. 13 young people successfully completed their participation certificate in the Bike Rescue program with Dismantle during the school holidays. The service operates for three days after school hours. Funding is secured from the Department of Communities until 2026.

## 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. The centre incorporates several spaces from a large hall to smaller activity rooms which offer a range of diverse and inclusive programs and activities. Additionally, engaging with the community on how best to improve places and spaces has led to media releases encouraging input from residents for projects like AMC Park, Maitland Park Transport Hub and Education Precinct and Geraldton Foreshore Youth Precinct.

City's Officers service and maintain the City Precinct areas including mowing lawns, path sweeping, garden maintenance, high pressure cleaning, graffiti removal, and tree pruning (including the 'Love Heart Tree').

The City ensures there is rapid removal of graffiti in the CBD – When graffiti is identified or reported it is cleaned/removed immediately to ensure the City looks more appealing. This is a proven method of reducing graffiti long term.

A major ongoing project focusing on upgrading CCTV cameras across the City commenced in February 2024. Over 60 outdated cameras have been replaced with cutting-edge models that feature Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities and advanced analytics. These new cameras significantly improve image quality and resolution, enhancing the overall surveillance system. Notably, these upgrades include cameras in both Geraldton and Mullewa, expanding the surveillance network's reach beyond Geraldton alone. The upgrades listed below reflect the safety initiatives the City has put into place.

- GRAG - An option is being explored to permit GRAG employees' access (viewing rights) to live CCTV footage with a focus on public and community safety. A policy review has been undertaken and legal advice is being sought in relation to this matter to ensure legislative and privacy compliance.
- Mullewa Youth Centre - In February 2024, several CCTV cameras were replaced in the Mullewa precinct, including the Mullewa Youth Centre. A further review noted protective casing of two cameras were damaged as a result of vandalism. The protective casing for both cameras has been requested to be replaced to improve the image quality of both cameras.
- Aquarena – A CCTV project commenced in April 2024 with several additional cameras, both indoors and outdoors have been considered in consultation with the Manager Sport and Leisure. A recent quotation was received, and a requisition has been approved to proceed with project completion.

**Network Safeguarding Technologies** In addition to upgrading the cameras, another ongoing project has been the implementation of various technologies and equipment to protect the CCTV network from faults caused by weather conditions and insect infestation. These measures are designed to

improve the reliability of the network and ensure uninterrupted operation under challenging environmental conditions.

**Mobile CCTV Initiative** Since April 2024 the City has implemented mobile CCTV units to monitor high-risk areas not covered by the existing CCTV network. Mobile CCTV uses wireless technology and renewable energy sources to provide surveillance in areas without access to the City's optic fibre network. These units offer flexible monitoring solutions in various locations including:

- Geraldton Surf Life Saving Carpark Recycling Area: Monitoring illegal waste dumping.
- Mullewa Waste Disposal Facility: Two units monitor waste disposal methods, including general and recycling waste.
- John Batten Hall, Drummonds Cove: Two units monitor camping, parking, and overstaying issues with RVs and caravans. Data collected informs the City's strategy on managing camping in the area and its impact on residents.
- AMC Park, Spalding: Two units monitor antisocial behaviour and potential damage to the ablutions area and irrigation compound.

2024/25 Financial Year Focus- the City plans to focus on consolidating its CCTV network during the 2024/25 financial year. No further network expansions are planned for this period. A request for Quote (RFQ) has been submitted for maintenance and operational support of the current network for up to 12 months. The RFQ is expected to be awarded imminently.

## Perception and Personal Responsibility.

Implementation of a joint initiative has recently been discussed between the WA Police Community Engagement team and the City to promote crime prevention awareness initiatives.

Highlighting Greater Geraldton as a safe and inclusive location remains a top priority for the City's Communication and Tourism Team.

Over the past financial year, the City has issued 40 media releases related to the promotion of Greater Geraldton as a both a fantastic destination for tourists as well as a brilliant place to live, work, relax and grow up.

Importance has been placed on increasing the community's awareness of events and programs targeted towards young people including Game On, Battle of the Bands, Revolve Skate, School Holidays Programs, Sundays by the Sea and Films on the Foreshore as well as those aimed at minority groups such as Passport to Employment, All Ability Day and Iwarra Wilungga Festival of Aboriginal Art and Culture. Diversity and inclusion are always a consideration for all city events, programs and activities.

Encouraging tourism through extensive marketing has meant an abundance of positive messaging being distributed highlighting regional drawcards such as Geraldton Foreshore, wildflower season and cruise ships. The City's ongoing commitment to increasing visitation was recently recognised by Tourism Council WA after the City was awarded a silver in the 7News Top Tourism Town WA for the third year running.

## Advocacy and Partnerships

The City has taken a proactive approach in supporting various community safety and well-being initiatives. Through advocacy and partnership, the City plays a key role in enhancing public safety, addressing social issues and promoting community health. It supports efforts to improve accessibility, such as the Community Connections Transportation program (MEEDAC), while aligning with broader goals like the Community Wellness Plan.

The City's Community Development staff regularly attend monthly meetings of the Community Respect Equality (CRE) initiative led by Desert Blue Connect. The team collaborates with various services to demonstrate the City's commitment to speaking out against disrespect, a primary prevention initiative aimed at ending violence towards women. The City is a signatory of the CRE initiative. The Active Bystander Training was implemented in 2023 as a mandatory component of the Key Services Inductions for all new and existing staff. A total of 23 face-to-face sessions were conducted throughout the year, engaging participants across the organisation. This initiative reinforced the City's commitment to creating a respectful and equitable workplace by addressing gender inequality and power imbalances, with the aim of eliminating violence against women and their children. The program's effectiveness and significance were further recognised on a national level, by winning the National Award for Local Government in the category of Addressing Violence against Women and their Children.

In line with its focus on safety and crime reduction, The City continues to advocate for increased transparency from WA Police and the Department of Corrective Services regarding crime statistics and sentencing. It also pushes for more visible policing, particularly through foot patrols in the CBD and Foreshore, as well as ongoing youth and community policing efforts.

The City regularly participates in the Western Australian Alliance to End Homelessness, Zero Project, participating in meetings and supporting various organisations to advocate for solutions addressing homelessness and the challenges faced by rough sleepers. To further raise awareness among City staff and provide educational insights into the complexities of homelessness, Centacare conducted an informative presentation to City staff. This session was part of the City's ongoing efforts to enhance understanding and engagement on this critical social issue.

Additionally, the promotion of community funding opportunities allows external organisations to implement safety and crime-reduction programs, reinforcing the City's overall strategy to support a safer, more connected community.

## **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.

## **9 Date of next meeting**

## **10 Close**