

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	3 D-24-146246
Meeting Date	05 November 2024		
Meeting Time	2:00pm		
Meeting Location	The Greenough Room – City of Greater Geraldton		
Attendance by Electronic Means	Nil		
Attendees	Voting Members: DM Natasha Colliver (Presiding Member) Cr Jennifer Critch (Deputy) Cr Aaron Horsman Bob Hall Community Representative Nonvoting Optional Attendees: Nancy Kirby Ngala Josephine Bianchi – (on behalf of Lara Dalton) Chanee Gibson Ngala City Support Officers: Fiona Norling, Director Community and Culture Peter Treharne, Manager Community and Cultural Development Jesse Steele, Coordinator Youth Development Lisa Sage, Youth Development Officer Clint Marshal – Community Safety and Crime Prevention (CCTV) Shauni Norman (Minutes)	By Invitation	Beth Brady --Holyoake Katy Cameron - WAPOL Crime Prevention and Diversity Officer (on behalf of Russell Hurst)
		Apologies	Russell Hurst – WAPOL Chris Martin – WAPOL Lara Dalton MLP Joanne Fabling MWCCI Colleen Ethell Hope Community Services
		Leave of Absence	N/A
		Absent	Natalie Clark WAPOL Youth Engagement Sarah Doughty Dept Justice Michael Mongoo PCYC Clinton Bolton MEEDAC Julie French GSAC
		Distribution	As listed.
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](#)

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

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:
R Hurst, C Martin, L Dalton, J Fabling and C Ethell.

4 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

5 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

6 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 04 June 2024

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting held on 04 June 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

MOVED Cr Critch, SECONDED B Hall

CARRIED 4/0

Not Voted: 0

Against Votes: 0

For Votes: 4

Name	Vote (For or Against)
DM N Colliver	For
Cr J Critch	For
Cr A Horsman	For
R Hurst WAPOL	Not Present
N Clarke WAPOL	Not Present
B Hall	For

7 Reports to be Received

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

7.1 Youth Development Officer – J Steele

The Committee accepted the report and read and received.
Highlights from report:

Based off the Crime Prevention Plan 2024-2029 Four Focus Areas:

Breaking Cycles

Safe Places and Spaces

Perception and Personal Responsibility

Advocacy and Partnerships

Community Grant Funding from WAPOL – Running Late Night Basketball

Mullewa Youth Centre open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday.

Upgrades to CCTV cameras within the CBD 60 cameras replaced to date from February.

Noted mobile CCTV has been implemented and moved around as requested and required from highlighted areas.

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.

Noted the Presiding Member requested to open the Committee to discussions for general business and collaboration by non-voting and invited attendees.

9 General Business

ACTION – J Steele to arrange a meeting with B Brady from Holyoake noted a collaborating of a diversionary program that has worked well in other areas.

K Cameron WAPOL – Statistics in Wandia have increased but are not the highest among suburbs. Outreach is being done to raise awareness on reporting. Planning is underway for the busy school holiday and Christmas season, with plans to collaborate and provide feedback to WAPOL. Issues with juveniles in the retail sector were noted, with suggestions for retailers to implement relevant policies.

B Hall suggested a role for the committee in advocating to the State and Federal Governments for changes in legislation regarding accountability and responsibility, seeking additional resources from Child Protection and increased funding. – Noted that the Committee cannot form an advocacy position on behalf of the City.

Noted sponsorship for the Mullewa pool will provide free entry for the summer season and the Aquarena will be providing a free access (funded by the State) 3-month pass for eligible children through the Kidsport program.

Reminder was noted for all voting members and invited attendees that any topics for discussion or items for the committee's consideration must be submitted in writing during the "call for agenda items" to assist in keep the Committee on track.

10 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be called by the Presiding member as business arises that require input from the Committee.

11 Close

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 2:51pm.