



# **SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP**

**Community Safety Crime Prevention  
Operational Plan 2016/2017**

**Quarterly Report  
October to December 2016**



**Safer Communities  
Partnership**  
Keeping the City of Karratha safe



**RioTinto**



## **Background**

The Safer Communities Partnership (SCP) is a joint initiative comprising representatives of Local Government, State Government and industry, which was initially formed in 2010 (and was known as the Cleansweep Taskforce) in response to a Community Survey conducted by the City of Karratha that showed crime and safety issues were a high priority for our community.

The Safer Communities Partnership Terms of Reference outlines the scope and limitations for the Partnership, including functions, membership and management.

The Partnership delivers community safety initiatives focusing on the following five key areas:

- Crime/anti-social behaviour
- Graffiti management
- Litter management
- Drug and alcohol management
- Road and vehicle safety

The *Cleansweep Taskforce Strategic Plan 2012-2015* has successfully been implemented and the *Safer Communities Partnership Strategic Plan 2015-2018* has been developed to build on the successes of the previous plan and further enhance our community as a safe and desirable place to live.

The renaming of the Cleansweep Taskforce to the Safer Communities Partnership was considered a priority by the Steering Group and was implemented in December 2015 in conjunction with the development of the new Strategic Plan.

The new name is a more relevant reflection of the goals of the partnership and commitment of the Steering Group membership who are working together to address community safety within the communities throughout the City of Karratha.

The Plan addresses theme one in the *City of Karratha Strategic Community Plan 2016-2026*:

*Our Community – Diverse and Balanced - To create safe, healthy and liveable communities*

## **Steering group**

The Safer Communities Partnership comprises a Steering Group, which meets on a regular basis. All meetings are chaired by the City of Karratha Mayor, and the Mayor's absence, meetings are chaired by the City's Director, Development or Manager Regulatory Services. The Community Safety Coordinator manages the Safer Communities Partnership and the City of Karratha community safety and crime prevention function. Members include organisations with different roles and expertise that are involved in promoting wellbeing and safety initiatives within the City of Karratha.

As per the Terms of Reference current Steering Group Members include representatives from:

- City of Karratha
- WA Police
- Rio Tinto
- Woodside / North West Shelf Project
- Housing Authority

## Safer Communities Partnership Strategic Plan 2015-2018

Four strategic goals are outlined in the Safer Communities Partnership Strategic Plan 2015-2018, these being:

1. Safe and well maintained public spaces  
To create built and natural environments that are safe, attractive, well maintained and utilised by the community.
2. Partnering for a safer community  
To strengthen existing and establish new partnerships which enable collaborative and effective approaches for addressing community safety
3. Communications and promotion  
To create awareness within the community on safety & crime prevention initiatives
4. Community Action, Connection and Involvement  
To engage and collaborate with the community to implement effective programs to address crime prevention and community safety

### Operational Plan

Specific objectives have been set in relation to each of the Strategic Plan goals and an operational plan has been developed in consultation with the Steering Group to affirm the key projects and activities to be delivered each year.

Following is an overview of activities undertaken during the period October to December 2016 in relation to the goals and objectives.

#### 1. Safe and Well Maintained Public Spaces

Goal: To create built and natural environments that are safe, attractive, well maintained and utilised by the community.

Ref ID (Corporate Business Plan 2016 - 2026)	Objective	Action	Activity Notes
1.b.1	Improve access and safety at key locations within the City and areas of high pedestrian traffic	Develop & implement the Footpath Lighting Strategy	– Tender process commenced for installation of additional footpath lighting at various locations within Karratha (approx. 2.6km of footpaths will have lights installed). Installation scheduled to commence early 2017.
		Develop & implement the CCTV Plan for key community facilities	– Notification that grant application submitted for CCTV installation at Tambrey Pavillion was unsuccessful.
1.b.1	Facilitate and support programs and initiatives that promote clean, attractive towns that are well utilised by the community	Develop & implement the City of Karratha Graffiti Management Plan	– Tender process completed to secure a Graffiti contractor from 2017 onwards for 2-year contract. Current Contractor continues to remove graffiti on a regular basis. Number of graffiti reports & amount of removal remains steady. Contractor required to attend all offensive or racist reports within 48 hours. Contractor exceeded requirements, with all work removed with 24 hours. – Community graffiti removal kits disseminated to Karratha SHS and local real estate companies to enable removal of small amounts of graffiti.
		Develop & implement the City of Karratha Litter Management Plan	– Participation in the Bucks for Bags litter prevention program was strong considering the climatic conditions during the reporting period. Four (4) cleanups were conducted around Dampier, Wickham & Karratha, with 114 participants. 802 bags of litter collected resulting in \$4,712 donated to participating groups. – Working with Marwarra Health Services and City Rangers to assist Roebourne residents conduct rubbish cleanups around residential properties.
		Implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles for community facilities	– CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) training sessions and community forum for implementation of CPTED principles within community held in October 2016. Community forum cancelled due to zero community participation (despite some community registration). Approx. 30 people attended training session included reps from Woodside, Rio Tinto Sodexo, local real estate agencies & City of Karratha.

## 2. Partnering for a Safer Community

Goal: To strengthen existing and establish new partnerships which enable collaborative and effective approaches for addressing community safety.

Ref ID (Corporate Business Plan 2016 - 2026)	Objective	Action	Activity Notes
1.b.3	Improve communications between key agencies to facilitate the regular sharing of information	Formalise groups of reference agencies to contribute to Steering Group meetings on a regular basis	– Karratha based WA Police Youth Crime Intervention Officers have been invited to attend SCP meetings on quarterly basis to update members on activities. The Youth Shed Coordinator addressed members on youth and diversionary activities provided by The Youth Shed to assist address antisocial behaviour in Karratha.
		Establish a communication protocol to respond quickly to negative feedback or community sentiment	– The Housing Authority provided written clarification and a clear process to formalise channels of communication and information exchange to address issues around housing authority properties.
1.b.3	Identify and support partnerships that promote positive community outcomes	Participate in relevant externally driven community wellbeing and safety initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– In partnership with The Youth Shed, the 'Bike Rescue' program commenced in October for a 10-week period and provided mentoring &amp; outreach engagement for 'at risk' male youth, using bike mechanics as a vehicle. 12 male youths started the program, with 7-8 regular attendees coming each week. Some issues were identified, but overall participation and engagement by attendees has been positive. These learnings will be integrated into future programs.</li> <li>– Attended and participated in externally driven partnership group meetings including the West Pilbara Liquor Accord meetings (key topic of discussion related to alcohol restrictions) and Pilbara Industry Road Safety Alliance meetings.</li> </ul>
1.b.3	Support WA Police with regular communication activities	Contribute to the development of communication material	– SCP promotional material has been disseminated via social media on the City of Karratha and Pilbara Police pages.

## 3. Communications and Promotion

Goal: To create awareness within the community on safety & crime prevention initiatives

Ref ID (Corporate Business Plan 2016 - 2026)	Objective	Action	Activity Notes
1.b.2	Increase public awareness of community safety initiatives	Review Cleansweep Taskforce brand	– Completed. Focus will now shift to promotion of the Safer Communities Partnership brand, associated strategies & activities.
		Implement Community Safety Partnership Communications Strategy	– The Community safety survey was released to the community for completion in November / December (for 4 weeks). Results will be analysed early in 2017 and will be used to determine priorities for the SCP for the forthcoming year.
1.b.2	Increase public awareness of crime prevention and community safety reporting functions	Promote reporting functions available to community	– The Online reporting platform (Report It) is still under development. Key City of Karratha staff stakeholders were provided a 'test platform' to identify issues for remediation prior to release for public use. Numerous issues have been identified and have been sent to developer for remediation.
		Improve web presence of community safety initiatives on City's web page	– The SCP web page has been reviewed and amended. A more comprehensive review will occur once the new reporting platform has been finalised.

#### 4. Community Action, Connection & Involvement

Goal: To engage and collaborate with the community to implement effective programs to address crime prevention and community safety

Ref ID (Corporate Business Plan 2016 - 2026))	Objective	Action	Activity Notes
1.b.2	Increase awareness and community participation in crime prevention and community safety initiatives	Develop relevant community safety campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Motorbike lock program in partnership with Northwest Honda and Karratha Motorcycles completed. Community members were able to select from numerous security device options available for purchase at significantly reduced (subsidised) prices. Total of 226 security devices sold to assist prevent motorcycle theft.</li><li>Working with Police to develop a bicycle registration program to identify offenders on stolen bicycles whilst on patrol and assist return property to rightful owners.</li><li>Installation of a 'school drop-off zone' for Baynton West Primary School, to address traffic congestion and road safety concerns, completed. Drop-off zone well utilised and has alleviated many of the issues. Education for students and parents will remain a key element for road safety in and around the school</li></ul>
		Develop relevant community education campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Preparations commenced for SCP presence at the Karratha Australia Day 'Love Where You Live' Expo. Rangers &amp; Police will be in attendance.</li></ul>
		Promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) training sessions and community forum for implementation of CPTED principles within community was held in October 2016. Community forum cancelled due to zero community participation (despite some community registration). Approx. 30 people attended the full day training session, which included reps from Woodside, Rio Tinto Sodexo, local real estate agencies &amp; City of Karratha.</li></ul>

#### 5. Governance

Goal: To engage and collaborate with stakeholders to facilitate Partnership goals

Ref ID (Corporate Business Plan 2016 - 2026)	Objective	Action	Activity Notes
1.c.3	Manage the Safer Communities Partnership within the Terms of Reference and to City business standards	Members meet on a regular basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Safer Communities Partnership meetings were held in October, November and December 2016. Total of 9 meetings held in 2016.</li></ul>
		Document activity and outcomes of SCP actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monthly and quarterly reports on actions (from operational plan) submitted to SCP members. Meetings documented as per Terms of Reference.</li></ul>