



Graffiti contractor removing graffiti in Roebourne

Safer Communities Partnership

Community Safety Crime Prevention
Operational Plan 2018/2019

Quarterly Report
July to September 2018



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



BHP



North West Shelf Project



Background

The City of Karratha is actively working to create safe, healthy and livable communities through the Safer Communities Partnership.

Community safety, which has been identified as a priority for the City and our community, is a complex area that cannot be addressed by any one organisation alone. The City joined forces with WA Police and key industry and government stakeholders to form the Safer Communities Partnership (formerly known as the Cleansweep Taskforce), and is working with the community to develop and implement programs to address community safety.

The Safer Communities 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 & vehicle safety

The Safer Communities Partnership Strategic Plan 2015-2018 addresses Theme 1 'Our Community – Diverse and Balanced' in the City's Strategic Community Plan 2016 – 2026, has been developed to build on the successes of the Cleansweep Taskforce Strategic Plan 2012-2015 and further enhance our community as a safe and desirable place to live.

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. The Community Safety Coordinator manages the Safer Communities Partnership and the City of Karratha community safety and crime prevention function.

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

Invitations to meetings are often extended to include representatives from organisations to contribute to discussions and problem solving in relation to community safety matters within the City of Karratha.

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

Community Safety Survey

The first community safety survey, conducted in August 2015, was used as part of the community consultation process to develop the Safer Communities Partnership Strategic Plan, and also provided the benchmark in relation to measuring performance of the Safer Communities Partnership and effectiveness of community safety strategies.

Surveys are now conducted on an annual basis, in November each year. In addition to being an evaluation tool, results are analysed to assess community sentiment and priorities and assist in determining the focus of the Safer Communities Partnership when developing the Operational Plan for the forthcoming year.

Operational Plan

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

Following is an overview of community safety activities undertaken during the quarter for July to September 2018.

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 (Strategic Community 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Solar lighting installations have been completed at Back Beach carpark and boatramp, Karratha. These lights were reallocated from works proposed in Wickham. (as existing lights in Wickham were upgraded)– Grant application submitted to Federal Government for approx \$750K for footpath lighting throughout Millars Well and Nickol. Anticipate outcome provided late 2018.– Locations for 2018/19 schedule has been assessed. Installations locations include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wickham – segment around Wickham Community Hub○ Bulgarra – through Bulgarra playspace○ Baynton West – from Baynton Drive to Bajamalu Drive through Rothchild Park, Baynton West
		Develop & implement the CCTV Plan for key community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Contractor has completed installation of CCTV at Tambrey Pavilion and public toilets, Mara Guthurra Adventure Playground (Baynton West) and additional CCTV at The Youth Shed. Funding is being provided by the State Government's 'Local Projects Local Jobs' grant.– Police have been provided CCTV footage for numerous incidents where CCTV has been installed, which has resulted in identification/charging number of offenders
1.b.1	Facilitate and support programs and initiatives that promote clean,	Develop & implement the City of Karratha Graffiti Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Proactive and reactive works program for 2018/19 developed for Graffiti Contractor. Approximately 25 hours per fortnight allocated for proactive removal based on regular asset inspection and community reports.

	attractive towns that are well utilised by the community		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Secured \$20K grant from WA Police State Graffiti fund to conduct graffiti removal blitz in Wickham and Roebourne. Grant project also focusses on increasing reporting and working with local Police on education and enforcement. Blitz to commence in October 2018. – Graffiti Policy reviewed and endorsed by Council in July 2018
		Develop & implement the City of Karratha Litter Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Three community cleanups were completed at Withnell Bay, Wickham and Karratha Back Beach involving approx. 77 participants and 6 community groups. The groups collected a total of 775 bags of litter, resulting the groups sharing in \$4,650 for their efforts.
		Implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles for community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CPTED Working Group established, with first meeting scheduled for October 2018. Group comprises key City personnel and will liaise externally as required and report to Safer Communities Partnership.

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 (Strategic Community 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Completed. Reference agencies regularly invited to attend SCP meetings.
		Establish a communication protocol to respond quickly to negative feedback or community sentiment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Completed – Safer Communities Partnership Communications Strategy implemented. Strategy drives key community safety messaging and provides information to the community using multiple communications tools and channels.
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"> – Training for new Street Chaplains completed with 5 additional Chaplains volunteering for program. Capacity for local training and management structure addressed, which enable growth of program. – Arrangements finalised for establishment of City Hoopz youth diversion program (basketball). Program commenced in September and will run weekly on Saturday evenings at Karratha Leisureplex. Program coordinated through City Youth Services team. – Working with WA Football Commission (WAFC) to establish 'Karratha Nightfields', a youth diversion program administered through WAFC using football as a tool. Program proposed to be held at Pegs Creek on Sundays from 5 – 8pm. Implementation subject of funding. Negotiations continuing to secure funding.

1.b.3	Support WA Police with regular communication activities	Contribute to the development of communication material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SCP activities and key messaging included promotion of motorbike lock program, 'Police Beat' radio segment, graffiti blitz in Roebourne & Wickham. – VMS will be deployed for community safety messaging for Roebourne/Wickham graffiti blitz.
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3. Communications and Promotion

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

Ref ID (Strategic Community Plan 2016 - 2026)	Objective	Action	Activity Notes
1.b.2	Increase public awareness of community safety initiatives	Review Cleansweep Taskforce brand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Completed. Focus is now on promotion of the Safer Communities Partnership and associated strategies & activities.
		Implement Community Safety Partnership Communications Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reviewing Community Safety Survey and promotional campaign – due for release to community late October. Promotion will include 'Shopalive' videos, banner decal of hoarding at Karratha City Shopping Centre, web presence and social media campaign. – Promotional stickers for graffiti packs designed to promote graffiti reporting.
1.b.2	Increase public awareness of crime prevention and community safety reporting functions	Promote reporting functions available to community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ongoing promotion of 'Report It' through City social media site and webpage.
		Improve web presence of community safety initiatives on City's web page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Link to podcasts for Police Beat included on Community Safety web page.

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 (Strategic Community 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"> – Subsidised motorbike lock program in partnership with Northwest Honda and Karratha Motorcycles commenced. Community can purchase a variety of locks and security devices at subsidised prices. – Police Beat weekly radio segment commenced on Spirit Radio. Karratha Police participate in weekly segment on policing issues and crime prevention information on weekly basis. Segment supported by crime prevention messages (ads) during the week.
		Develop relevant community education campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pool Voucher reward program commenced during September/October school holidays. Vouchers will be distributed by Police Youth Crime Intervention Officers, Roebourne Police and security from Karratha City Shopping Centre to youth as a reward for positive behaviour.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Neighbourhood activation event held at Wickham. Event included free sausage sizzle and movie at Picture Gardens and opportunity to chat with Rangers, Police and City staff on local projects/programs and concerns in their suburb. Approx 55 people attended.
		Promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – CPTED Working Group established, with first meeting scheduled for October 2018. Group comprises key City personnel and will liaise externally as required and report to Safer Communities Partnership.

Performance Indicators 2018/2019

Performance will be measured annually with data derived from the annual community safety survey.

Following are the agreed performance indicators for 2018:

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR		2017 BENCHMARK
1	Decrease % of people who failed to report incidents to Police	27.7%
2	Increase % community who have heard of Safer Communities Partnership	30.4%
3	% of community who have utilised or are aware of Partnership programs and activities	Not previously measured
4	Decrease % of residents who believe the crime rate is high or very high	70.2%
5	Increase % of people who feel well connected to their local community	53.7%
6	Increase % of people who are satisfied with the appearance of their neighbourhood	40.2%
7	Increase % of people who feel the City of Karratha is generally a safe place to live	42.3%
	% of respondents who had been a victim of crime in last 12 months (for comparative purposes only)	39%