



# **SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP**

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

**Quarterly Report  
July to September 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 July to September 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	– Liaising with City of Karratha Technical Services on key locations for footpath lighting installations to be installed under 2016/2017 works program.
		Develop & implement the CCTV Plan for key community facilities	– Grant application submitted for CCTV installation at Tambrey Pavillion, which 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	– Graffiti Management Plan drafted and approved by SCP membership. – Graffiti removal contractor engaged to remove graffiti on schedule. Contractor required to remove offensive graffiti within 48 hours. Performance exceeds this requirement, with most graffiti removed with 24 hours of reporting. – Community graffiti removal kits disseminated at the Dampier Love Where You Live expo and to Roebourne District High School. – Working with Department of Corrective Services to facilitate youth offenders completing 'voluntary hours' assisting with graffiti removal. One youth has completed 5 hours' work. – Rangers team are working with Mawarnkarra Environmental Health team to assist residents clean up around their residences. Residents are provided with resources to conduct clean-ups under guidance of MHS and City Rangers.
		Develop & implement the City of Karratha Litter Management Plan	– Bucks for Backs program well subscribed by community. Nine community groups (with 136 volunteers) participated in 5 clean-up events. Volunteers collected 1,662 bags of rubbish. \$9,972 donated to participating community groups. – Five ICARE (Industry Communities Against Rubbishing our Environment) clean-ups conducted along designated routes by participating industry groups.

		Implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles for community facilities	– Developing training package to be delivered to key City personnel, who can implement CPTED principles as part of their core business in and around community facilities.
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## **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	– Guests are invited to SCP meeting to talk on their core business and opportunities where the Partnership can assist. Karratha based WA Police Youth Crime Intervention Officers attended the September meeting.
		Establish a communication protocol to respond quickly to negative feedback or community sentiment	– The Partnership has been working with the Housing Authority to establish a Memorandum of Understanding 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	– Partnership established with The Youth Shed to implement the 'Bike Rescue' program commencing in October 2016. The program uses bike mechanics as a vehicle for outreach, engagement and mentoring and is conducted over a 10-week period. The program is offered to approx. 12 male youths, who have been identified as 'at risk' or are actively known to Police.
1.b.3	Support WA Police with regular communication activities	Contribute to the development of communication material	– Variable Message Sign has been used to advise motorists on road closures and road safety hazards for controlled burns, events and road works. – 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	– Review of Cleansweep branch completed, with development of the Safer Communities Partnership name and associated branding. A branding guide is available for reference. SCP Strategic Plan is currently being printed, with hard and electronic versions available.
		Implement Community Safety Partnership Communications Strategy	– The SCP Communications Strategy has been developed and has been accepted by the Steering group membership. – 247 SCP branded promotional first aid kits provided to Karratha SHS and St Luke's College for Year 10 students participating in 'Keys for Life' program.
1.b.2	Increase public awareness of crime prevention and community safety reporting functions	Promote reporting functions available to community	– Development of electronic reporting functionality has been progressing, though slower than first anticipated. The scale of the project has also grown, to now encompass reporting of all issues within the City (not just community safety related matters).
		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>– Partnered with Northwest Honda and Karratha Motorcycles to implement a subsidised motorbike lock program. Quantities of locks are available for purchase from respective stores at a heavily subsidised price.</li><li>– Burglary cocooning flyer has been developed and provided to Police, to promote community awareness of burglary offences being committed in the vicinity and information on crime prevention methods.</li></ul>
		Develop relevant community education campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– SCP had a stall at the Dampier 'Love Where You Live' Expo, with assistance from Dampier Police and City Rangers members. Information provided to community members on numerous aspects of the SCP and community safety crime prevention matters.</li></ul>
		Promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Developing CPTED information session tailored for the community, who can implement CPTED principles in and around their homes. A CPTED 'Self-Assessment' form is available for community members to undertake assessments at home.</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 August and September 2016. July meeting cancelled (due to significant number of members absent for extended period of time).</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>