



Safer Communities Partnership

Community Safety Crime Prevention
Operational Plan 2017/2018

Quarterly Report
January to March 2018



Safer Communities
Partnership
Keeping the City of Karratha safe



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Karratha

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 third quarter for 2017 / 2018 (January to March 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">– Stage 2 (for installation at various location in Karratha, Roebourne, Wickham and Point Samson). progressing, with anticipated installation completion by June 2018.– Solar lighting to be installed at the Tank Hill lookout (behind Karratha Visitor Centre) in addition to lighting installations on paths leading to underpasses near Baynton Drive and Rosemary Road, Karratha and at the Searipple Lookout and Maitland Lookouts. These additional works will be completed at the same time as Stage 2 installation.
		Develop & implement the CCTV Plan for key community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Preliminary investigation has commenced prior to formal procurement process for CCTV installation at Tambrey Pavilion and public toilets, Mara Guthurra Adventure Playground (Baynton West) and additional CCTV at The Youth Shed. Installation to be completed June 2018.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Graffiti Contractor continued to remove graffiti on a regular basis – approximately 25 hours per fortnight.– Majority of reported offensive graffiti removed within 24 hours of request for removal (which exceeds performance requirements to have graffiti removed within 48-hour timeframe).– Reports submitted to Police (via Goodbye Graffiti database) on regular basis outlining graffiti incidents across the City.– Grant application submitted to WA Police for \$20,000 for a graffiti removal blitz to be conducted in Wickham and Roebourne. Notification on successful applications are not expected until May/June.
		Develop & implement the City of Karratha Litter Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– One large scale community cleanup was completed in Wickham with 6 community groups involving approx. 79 volunteers. The groups collected 1,307 bags of

			<p>litter, resulting in \$7,842 paid to participating community groups. To date (end of March), the Bucks for Bags program has achieved the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 444 volunteers ○ 9 cleanup events ○ 3,558 bags of rubbish collected ○ \$21,320 paid to participating community groups
		Implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles for community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ongoing liaison with City Building Maintenance, Police and Rangers team to address levels of vandalism occurring around the community, particularly at community facilities. Public toilet facilities have been a regular target.

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"> – Attended several meetings external to regular monthly Partnership meeting to develop and promote Partnership activities with representatives from WALGA Roadwise, Karratha City Shopping Centre and local Police.
		Establish a communication protocol to respond quickly to negative feedback or community sentiment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Safer Communities Partnership Communications Strategy has been developed and is used to drive key community safety messaging and provide 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"> – West Pilbara Street Chaplains program recommenced operation in February due to number of volunteers away for holiday break. Chaplains visit the Police Station and the Youth Shed and walk to know 'hang outs' on Friday evenings. – Attended and participated in external partnership group meetings including the West Pilbara Liquor Accord meetings, and Pilbara Industry Road Safety Alliance meetings.
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 has been disseminated via social media on the City of Karratha and Pilbara Police social media pages and regular media channels.

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	– Review completed. Focus is now on promotion of the Safer Communities Partnership and associated strategies & activities.
		Implement Community Safety Partnership Communications Strategy	– Community Safety Survey was completed closing in December. 737 responses received. Survey results have been analysed, with results to be presented at the April Partnership meeting (due to cancellation of March meeting). Significant increase in participation rate – up from 488 responses completed in 2016.
1.b.2	Increase public awareness of crime prevention and community safety reporting functions	Promote reporting functions available to community	– Ongoing promotion of 'Report It' through City social media site and webpage. – Additional promotion of reporting incident of littering and illegal dumping initiated due to number of sites either reported to or located by Ranger team.
		Improve web presence of community safety initiatives on City's web page	– The community safety web page on the City of Karratha web page has been reviewed and updated, and is more interactive, with links and visuals incorporated into the 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	– Participated in Bike Week (held in March) with displays at Karratha Library and at major youth event held at Balyarra Park and pump track. Approx. 400 bike locks (in total) and security information distributed at both events. – National Bike Register (which assists to prevent bicycle theft, and Police to identify offenders on stolen bicycles whilst on patrol and assist return property to rightful owners) program is ongoing and is promoted at regular intervals. – Motorbike locks program in partnership with Northwest Honda and Karratha Motorcycles is nearly complete, with both businesses reporting majority of stock has been sold.
		Develop relevant community education campaigns	– Pool Voucher reward program conducted during December/January school holidays. Vouchers were distributed by Karratha and Roebourne Police to youth as a reward for positive behaviour. Feedback from Police was that program has merit and was well received by youth, though Police generally have limited contact with youth under positive

			<p>circumstances. Program to be reviewed prior implementation in April school holidays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Community speed display signs (which display the speed of vehicle travelling along the road) were installed as part of trial at several locations in Karratha and the LIA to determine impact they have on reducing speeding on local roads. Data from traffic counts and the signs will be analysed to determine impact of the signs. – Working with the City's Community Engagement team to develop neighbourhood activation events. The events will target each suburb and focus on grass roots community development. Events are proposed to be held in May/June.
		Promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – There has been no activity in this area during the quarter

5. Governance

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

Ref ID (Strategic Community 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"> – One Safer Communities Partnership was held during the quarter, in February due to limited availability of stakeholder representatives in January & March.
		Document activity and outcomes of SCP actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Monthly and quarterly reports on actions (from operational plan) submitted to SCP members. Meetings documented as per Terms of Reference.