



Solar lighting installed at Maitland Lookout

Safer Communities Partnership

Community Safety Crime Prevention
Operational Plan 2017/2018

Quarterly Report
April to June 2018



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



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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 final quarter for 2017 / 2018 (April to June 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 footpath lighting installations at various locations in Karratha, Roebourne, Wickham and Point Samson have been completed.– Some of the existing footpath lighting in the Wickham location were upgraded, enabling some solar lights to be reallocated for installation at the Karratha Back Beach boatramp.– Solar lighting installations completed on paths leading to underpasses near Baynton Drive and Rosemary Road, Karratha and at the Searipple Lookout and Maitland Lookouts, which has been funded through the State Government's 'Local Projects Local Jobs' grant. Solar bollard lighting has also been installed at the Tank Hill Lookout.– A total of 75 lights have been installed throughout these locations.
		Develop & implement the CCTV Plan for key community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Contractor has been engaged to commence installation of CCTV at Tambrey Pavilion and public toilets, Mara Guthurra Adventure Playground (Baynton West) and additional CCTV at The Youth Shed. Installation is scheduled for completion late July 2018. Funding is being provided by the State Government's 'Local Projects Local Jobs' grant.– CCTV Management Policy reviewed and endorsed by Council– Police have been provided CCTV footage for numerous incidents where CCTV has been installed, which has resulted in identification of a number of offenders
1.b.1	Facilitate and support programs and initiatives that	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

	promote clean, attractive towns that are well utilised by the community		<p>performance requirements to have graffiti removed within 48-hour timeframe).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Total cost for graffiti removal during 2017/2018 was nearly \$80,000 (– Reports submitted to Police (via Goodbye Graffiti database) on regular basis outlining graffiti incidents across the City. – Awaiting formal notification from WA Police regarding grant application for \$20,000 for a graffiti removal blitz to be conducted in Wickham and Roebourne. – Total cost for graffiti removal for the City during 2017/2018 totaled \$79,970 an increase of just over 7% on the previous year.
		Develop & implement the City of Karratha Litter Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 2,000 traveller litter packs (comprising rubbish bags, pocket ashtray and car litter bag compiled and distributed to Karratha Visitor Centre and City based caravan parks. Kits are provided to visitors free of charge. Donation made to Karratha Kats Netball Club for assistance in compiling the kits. – One community cleanup was completed in Wickham involving approx. 10 volunteers during May. The group collected 206 bags of litter, resulting the group receiving \$1,236 for their efforts. – Overall for 2017/2018, the Bucks for Bags program has achieved the following results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 454 volunteers ○ 10 cleanup events ○ 3,764 bags of rubbish collected ○ \$22,556 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, Technical Services, Police and Rangers team to address levels of vandalism occurring around the community, particularly at community facilities. – Preliminary discussions commenced with key City staff regarding development of a CPTED Working Group.

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 Regional Youth Stakeholders Network, WA Football Commission – Pilbara, Karratha City Shopping Centre and local Police. Representative from Regional Services Reform Unit provided update of progress of West Pilbara Healing Plan.
		Establish a communication protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Safer Communities Partnership Communications Strategy has been developed and is used to drive key

		to respond quickly to negative feedback or community sentiment	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"> – Liaison with State Director Street Chaplains WA to assist with capacity building of West Pilbara Street Chaplains program. Arrangements commenced for Karratha visit to increase volunteer numbers, provide training for new volunteers and develop local management structure. – Attended and participated in external partnership group meetings including the West Pilbara Liquor Accord meetings, Regional Youth Stakeholders Network and Pilbara Industry Road Safety Alliance meetings. – Grant funding confirmed from WA Police for City Hoopz – a youth diversion program (basketball) to be run on Saturday evenings. Program to be coordinated through City Youth Services team.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review 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"> – 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Participated in Yara's Global Safety Day, providing an interactive alcohol and road safety display – Commenced discussions with Northwest Honda and Karratha Motorcycles on participation in subsidised motorbike lock program partnership. Both in agreed to participate in program again. Locks expected to be made available to purchase in July/August 2018.
		Develop relevant community education campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pool Voucher reward program conducted during April school holidays. Vouchers were distributed by Karratha Police Youth Crime Intervention Officers, Roebourne Police and security from Karratha City Shopping Centre to youth as a reward for positive behaviour. Feedback from Police and Shopping Centre was positive. – Neighbourhood activation events held throughout Karratha suburbs to encourage community members out into 'their' community. Events focused on grass roots community development /engagement and included free sausage sizzle and movie in local park and opportunity to chat with Rangers, Police and City staff on local projects/programs and concerns in their suburb. Events very well attended in Baynton (approx. 150 people) and Nickol West (approx. 100 people). Participation numbers dropped of significantly in other suburbs - Millars Well (approx. 50), Nickol (approx. 50) Pegs Creek (approx. 20), Bulgarra (approx. 50).
		Promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preliminary discussions commenced with key City staff regarding development of a CPTED Working Group.

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"> – Three Safer Communities Partnership was held during the quarter, in April, May & June. June attendance was relatively poor.
		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.