

Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley



Community Safety Plan

2008/09 – 2011/12

*Working in partnership
with State Government and the local community
to make the Shire a safe place to live, work and play.*

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1. Introduction

The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley's vision and commitment to the future of the region is to create a thriving and vibrant community with unlimited opportunities.

The Shire's mission is to develop the Shire in a manner that will achieve the best possible social, cultural and economic outcomes for all.

One way in which the Shire aims to achieve this is by improving the wellbeing and safety of the community, through the development and implementation of the Community Safety Plan.

The Shire acknowledges the following key principles in the development and implementation of the Community Safety Plan:

- Matters of law and order are predominantly the responsibility of the Police Department and other state agencies, and that the community and its local government must take a complementary and assisting role to help make our area a safer place for the community to live, work and play.
- Matters of safety and security should be addressed from the broader perspective of community well-being.
- A holistic approach to community safety and well-being should be used, which acknowledges that all sections, groups and members of the community have an important, positive and continual role to play.
- A Community Safety Action Plan shall include shared objectives, and relevant strategies from each agency and group willing to participate. Each agency continues to be responsible for the implementation of those strategies.
- Community Safety is more than crime prevention alone. Community safety is a result of social responsibility and promotes the sense of belonging and community well being.

2. Objectives

The broad objectives of the Community Safety Plan are to:

- Identify the contributions of local community groups, service organisations, businesses, Council, State and Commonwealth Government departments that assist to achieve the vision and mission of the Shire and make the community a safer place to live, work and play.
- Build and strengthen partnerships between key stakeholders to develop and implement strategies to enhance community safety by working together to achieve common goals.

The Plan identifies a number of key priorities to facilitate improvements in community safety:

1. Development and maintenance of key partnerships and interagency communication

Purpose: To foster partnerships between State and Federal Government agencies, Local Government, community service organisations, business and the community in developing strategies to create a safer community.
2. Reduction of anti social behaviour

Purpose: To plan, design, build and maintain safer environments that reduce the ability and the opportunity for engagement in criminal or anti-social behaviour.
3. Development of more effective responses to alcohol and other drug issues

Purpose: To reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug related harm through both enforcement and awareness raising that engages the whole community.
4. Improve opportunities for young people's development and well being

Purpose: To increase overall coordination and increase diversionary activity programs so that young people are supported to engage in positive recreation and skills development opportunities and young people's sense of belonging and place is increased.
5. Improve understanding and perceptions of crime, including fear of crime

Purpose: To achieve greater understanding of the scope and dimensions of crime in the local community to reduce people's fear of crime and improve community confidence.

3. Background

Following on from the Safer WA program, the Western Australian Government developed the Community Crime Prevention partnerships with local government in 2004/05.

The Shire originally declined the Community Crime Prevention partnership, then reconsidered its position and advised the WA Office of Crime Prevention in August 2004 it would proceed with the development of a community safety plan.

In 2006 interagency and community consultations were undertaken, with the support of the Office of Crime Prevention, to commence the development of the Shire's Community Safety Crime Prevention Plan.

A working draft was developed and further input was provided during 2007 and 2008 through the Kununurra Liquor Accord, Aboriginal Justice Agreement forums and regularly through the subsequently established North East Kimberley Interagency. This working draft plan has continued to inform discussions and strategy development over the past 2 years.

ACTION PLAN

1/. Development and Maintenance of Key Partnerships and Interagency Communication

Strategies Identified	Actions	Key Stakeholders	Outcomes	Resources	Timeline	Actions Achieved (as at March 2009)
Regular North East Kimberley Interagency (NEKI) meetings	Community Safety is a standing agenda item and regular implementation reports are received from all agencies in relation to the monitoring and implementation of specific strategies identified in the Community Safety Plan	Lead Agency - DIA & SWEK in partnership with ICC WA Country Health Police DCD KDC Dept of Justice Dept of Education OVAS Centrelink DHW DPI Kimberley Community Legal Service Disability Services Commission DSR	To implement & evaluate priority strategies identified in the Community Safety Plan	Secretariat support - DIA Committee support - OCP ICC – in kind SWEK – in kind	Existing & ongoing Bi monthly meetings	North East Kimberley Interagency established in 2007 as Local Managers forum. Secretariat support provided by DIA. Bi monthly meetings held and minutes distribute. Average meeting attendance = 20 Community Safety standing agenda item.
Engagement of MG Corp & OES reps	To link MG identified key priorities & strategies to the Community Safety Plan to strengthen partnerships, reduce duplication and ensure open effective communication	Lead Agency – SWEK & DIA in partnership with MG Corp & OES	To ensure open effective communication & reduce duplication To encourage effective working relationships between relevant parties to achieve common goals	Participation by DIA, SWEK, MG Corp and OES	Ongoing	Regular updates received Partnerships developed & maintained e.g. Narbelek Community Concert, Youth Service development in Kununurra

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Investigate development of a Wyndham specific Community Safety Plan	Ensuring strong linkages to the Kununurra Community Safety Plan	Lead Agency – SWEK In partnership with local Wyndham Interagency and agencies	To ensure open effective communication & reduce duplication To encourage effective working relationships between relevant parties to achieve common goals	SWEK in kind/personnel involvement Wyndham Interagency support - DIA	2009/2010 & Ongoing	Wyndham Community Safety Plan development to be investigated during 09/10

Strategies led by other Agencies

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Engagement of Local Aboriginal Justice Agreements	To link AJA identified key priorities & strategies to the Community Safety Plan to strengthen partnerships, reduce duplication and ensure open effective communication	Lead Agency – Justice in partnership with DIA and other NEKI interagency members	To ensure open effective communication & reduce duplication To encourage effective working relationships between relevant parties to achieve common goals	Participation by Justice/DIA	Ongoing	AJAs in place with numerous communities. Coordinator provides updates to North East Kimberley Interagency

2/. Reduction of Anti Social Behaviour

Strategies Identified	Actions	Key Stakeholders	Outcomes	Resources	Timeline	Actions Achieved (as at March 2009)
Implementation of Designing Out Crime (DOC) and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles	<p>Provide training opportunities in DOC principles</p> <p>Investigate incorporation of DOC principles in Shire LPS & other policies</p> <p>Identification of hot spots</p> <p>Audit, assessment & advice re public, private & commercial places in the town</p> <p>Community DOC awareness program (forums/letters, etc)</p> <p>Implement the Shire's Parks Plan (sale of hot spots/closure of parks, redevelopment of others)</p>	<p>Lead Agency – SWEK in partnership with Police</p> <p>Interagency group (NEKI) KCCI (Chamber of Commerce)</p> <p>Community members</p> <p>OCP</p>	<p>Identify problem areas within the Shire</p> <p>Provision of DOC training & forums</p> <p>Production of brochures, letters, etc</p> <p>Audit completed and recommendations implemented</p> <p>Implementation of Parks Plan</p>	<p>OCP – in kind (DOC training & resources)</p> <p>SWEK – in kind & municipal budget resources</p>	<p>Commenced 2007</p> <p>On going</p>	<p>CPTED training held in March & April 2007 – attended by Shire staff & Police.</p> <p>Office of Crime Prevention staff completed safety audits in Kununurra & Wyndham, with Shire staff in April 2007.</p> <p>CPTED principles incorporated into Shire's planning assessments</p> <p>Closure & sale of parks as per Parks Plan completed. Park redevelopment underway 2008/09 and 2009/10</p>
Reduction of Graffiti	<p>Develop a graffiti management strategy</p>	<p>Lead Agency - SWEK in Partnership with Justice</p> <p>Police</p> <p>KCCI (Chamber of Commerce)</p> <p>Community</p>	<p>Completed graffiti management strategy</p> <p>Coordinated & targeted approach to graffiti removal</p>	<p>SWEK - in kind, budget</p> <p>OCP – funding</p> <p>Community – in kind</p> <p>Police – in kind</p> <p>KCCI – in kind & financial support</p>	<p>6 – 12 months strategy development</p> <p>Ongoing - implementation</p>	<p>Comprehensive records of graffiti incidents on Shire property maintained since 2006/07.</p> <p>Rapid removal employed by Shire staff.</p> <p>Applications submitted to Graffiti Fund, Hotspot Graffiti & Proceeds of Crime grant rounds March & April 2009.</p>

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Ongoing targeted Police patrols of hotspots	<p>Use intelligence led Policing</p> <p>Conduct community awareness campaign to encourage timely reporting of incidents to police.</p> <p>Establish regular media broadcasts of current trends both positive and “be mindful of” issues.</p>	<p>Lead Agency - Police in partnership with SWEK</p> <p>Local Media</p> <p>Community</p> <p>KCCI (Chamber of Commerce)</p> <p>Licensed premises</p>	<p>Reduce occurrence of anti social behaviour</p> <p>Increase preparedness of community to report</p> <p>Increase compliance of lawful behaviour</p> <p>Timely and appropriate awareness campaigns in response to current issues or trends.</p>	<p>Police existing resources</p> <p>OCP funding</p> <p>Community in-kind</p>	<p>Immediate & on going as per best practice policing for intelligence led policing</p> <p>Community Awareness – over next 12 months</p>	<p>Joint Police DCP patrols conducted during Operation Alliance. Media release given highlighting results. Liaison with Chamber of Commerce Re-service of juveniles in business premises during school hours and late at night.</p>

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Recognition of the imperative of indigenous driven responses to reduce indigenous anti-social behaviours	Strengthen and maintain partnerships with AJAs Waringarri Patrol & Outreach, MG Corp and other indigenous organisations	Lead Agency – DIA & Dept of Justice in partnership with Aboriginal service providers Language Centre ICC Police MG OES DCP SWEK	<p>Meaningful and relevant partnerships to facilitate information sharing and appropriate responses to identified issues</p> <p>Active participation of indigenous elders and community</p> <p>Increase feelings of safety</p> <p>Reduction in anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Meaningful & appropriate engagement of people in the community</p>	<p>Human Resources - Staffing</p> <p>In kind</p> <p>Grant funding & agency budgets</p>	Ongoing & reviewed annually	
Reduction in alcohol related anti-social behaviour	Refer to Drug & Alcohol Issues objective below	Refer to Drug & Alcohol Issues objective below	Refer to Drug & Alcohol Issues objective below	Refer to Drug & Alcohol Issues objective below	Refer to Drug & Alcohol Issues objective below	Refer to Drug & Alcohol Issues objective below

3/. Development of more effective responses to alcohol and other drug issues

Strategies Identified	Actions	Key Stakeholders	Outcomes	Resources	Timeline	Actions Achieved (as at March 2009)
Advocate for consistent and effective strategies to address alcohol misuse and abuse	Continue to promote and investigate options for effective alcohol restrictions, including 'drinking cards'	Lead Agency – SWEK in partnership with Police Interagency group (NEKI) Licensees Chamber of Commerce	Reduction in alcohol abuse and harm	SWEK – in-kind	Ongoing	Representation on Kununurra Liquor Accord Input into Oombulgurri restrictions (2008)

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Strategies Identified	Actions	Key Stakeholders	Outcomes	Resources	Timeline	Actions Achieved (as at March 2009)
Promote and strengthen the local voluntary Liquor Accords	Ensure ongoing and regular meetings are held. Actions are followed up. Increase awareness of the Accord and its actions through promotion strategy	Lead Agency – Country Health In partnership with Police SWEK Licensees Chamber of Commerce Local Media Kununurra Visitor Centre (KVC) Accommodation Providers	Appropriate behaviour of Licensees Adherence to agreed actions Number of Accord meetings & participants Increased awareness by community & tourists of accord and activities	OCP funding In-kind KVC – in kind	Ongoing	Regular liquor accord meetings held

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Education of licensees & service staff	Ensure appropriate training is provided to staff and others as per legislation through Accord	Lead Agency – Kimberley Community Drug Service & Licensees in partnership with Licensed Premises staff Police Kununurra Liquor Accord	Adherence to legislation Reduction in intoxication on licensed premises Reduction in alcohol related violence Reduce underage drinking	Licensees Kimberley Community Drug Service (in-kind)	Ongoing	
Enforcement of liquor licensing laws	Police to carry out patrols of licensed premises Police to charge offenders. Police to liaise with licensees and provide education re legislations and expectations Erect signage relating to liquor licensing legislation	Lead Agency – Police & Licensees in partnership with Dept of Health Community Health Office of Drug & Alcohol Kimberley Community Drug Service SWEK	Reduce infringements of LL laws Reduce irresponsible service of alcohol Reduce irresponsible consumption of alcohol	OCP funding DAO funding Health Funding	Ongoing	Licensed premises checks conducted regularly and ongoing. Liquor Accord meetings Ongoing to address issues. Legislation enforced whenever required.
Sober Up Shelters and Night Patrols	Improve effectiveness and sustainability of shelters, night patrols and associated services through improved resourcing	Lead Agency – DIA in partnership with service providers	Improved effectiveness and impact of shelters and night patrols Reduction in alcohol related harm at an individual and community level	DIA funding	12 months and ongoing	

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Issues awareness campaign	Produce info pamphlets & posters for display around licensed premises and the commercial district Promote "Enough is Enough" campaign Conduct local media campaign about responsible drinking Sessions for high school students (SDERA)	Lead Agency – Office of Drug & Alcohol & Dept of Health in partnership with Police SWEK Licensees Community KCCI (Chamber of Commerce) KDHS	Greater awareness of responsible drinking Reduction in alcohol related incidents	DAO funding Health Funding SWEK in kind	12 months and Ongoing	
Appropriate signage re responsible drinking	Increase signage in public places and at Licensed premises Develop culturally appropriate signage with involvement by local people	Lead Agency – Kimberley Community Drug Service & Licensees In partnership with SWEK KCDS Language Centre DIA	Greater awareness of liquor licensing & public drinking restrictions	OCP – funding DAO – info resources SWEK – in kind Licensed prem – signage costs Other Businesses – in kind	12 months	
Timely community reporting of alcohol related violence	To raise awareness through education campaign to increase reporting and time frame of reporting of alcohol related incidents	Lead Agency – Police in partnership with Liquor Accord SWEK KCCI Local Media Community	Improved reporting Increase in number of timely reports	Police – in kind SWEK – in kind OCP – funding for production of resources DAO – info resources	12 months	Media releases conducted highlighting anti-social behaviour. Targeted Liquor patrols conducted for enforcement.

4/. Improve opportunities for young people's development and well being

Strategies Identified	Actions	Key Stakeholders	Outcomes	Resources	Timeline	Actions Achieved (as at March 2009)
Improved youth service coordination & increased opportunities for diversionary activities, skills development and positive recreation	Implementation of the East Kimberley Youth Service Model and associated youth services & programs in Kununurra, Wyndham, Oombulgurri, Kalumburu and surrounding communities	<p>Lead Agency – SWEK in partnership with DCP ICC</p> <p>Save the Children Connections (Wunan) KCCI (Chamber of Commerce) Service Providers Community</p>	<p>Improved services for young people</p> <p>Coordination of services, programs and activities throughout the Shire</p> <p>Increased belonging and place for young people in the community</p>	SWEK – funding & in kind State Govt – funding & in kind Federal Govt – funding & in kind	2009 – 2011	<p>Kununurra Youth Centre operational in 2008, with 2 collocation partners and regular user groups accessing facility.</p> <p>Dec 2007 – Shire committed \$100,000 per annum for 3 years for East Kimberley Youth Service (Regional Youth Development Coordinator position & f/t Kununurra Youth Officer)</p> <p>Sept 2008 – Shire secures DCP funding for p/t Wyndham youth service</p> <p>Oct/Nov 2008 – State and Federal Government each match funding commitment.</p> <p>Dec 2008 & Feb 2009 – recruitment of Shire youth services staff for Kununurra, Wyndham & regional role.</p>

5/. Improve understanding and perceptions of crime, including fear of crime

Strategies Identified	Actions	Key Stakeholders	Outcomes	Resources	Timeline	Actions Achieved (as at March 2009)
Reduce fear of crime and changing/altering community perception of crime	To promote community safety initiatives to the community through concerted education program utilising local media, newsletters, flyers, letters, posters, community noticeboards, public forums	Lead Agency – SWEK & Interagency Group (NEKI) in partnership with Police KCCI (Chamber of Commerce) Community	Improved understanding of scope and dimension of local crime Increased community confidence and reduced fear of crime	SWEK – in kind	12 months & ongoing	Draft Community Safety Plan finalised for adoption by Council and distribution to community.