



# **SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP**

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

**Quarterly Report  
January to March 2017**



**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 October to December 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	– Tender process commenced for installation of footpath lighting at various locations within Karratha (approx. 2.6km of footpaths will have lights installed). Installation scheduled to be completed mid June 2017.
		Develop & implement the CCTV Plan for key community facilities	–
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 Contractor continues to remove graffiti on a regular basis – approximately 25 hours per fortnight. Number of graffiti reports & amount of removal remains steady. Contractor required to attend all offensive or racist reports within 48 hours. Contractor exceeded requirements, with all work removed with 24 hours. – Roebourne Police charged 1 x person with graffiti related offences which occurred in Karratha, Wickham and Roebourne.
		Develop & implement the City of Karratha Litter Management Plan	– No community groups participated in Bucks for bags community litter cleanups primarily due to climatic conditions. – Resources for Traveller Litter Kits have been ordered, with compilation to be completed by Baynton west Primary School students (as a fundraiser activity). Kits will be distributed to Karratha Visitor Centre and caravan parks and are available free for visitors to the area.
		Implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles for community facilities	– Formal quote process completed for design and supply for lighting in Roebourne PCYC carpark. Installation will be completed as a separate RFQ. Works expected to be completed by late May 2017.

## 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	– Karratha City Shopping Centre provided an overview of activities underway to address antisocial behaviour in the shopping centre.
		Establish a communication protocol to respond quickly to negative feedback or community sentiment	– A Communication Implementation Plan is under development, and will be 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	– Liaising with Police and local Ministers Association to provide support and determine level of interest from local church congregations to support development of the Street Chaplains program. – Attended and participated in externally driven partnership group meetings including the West Pilbara Liquor Accord meetings - key topic of discussion related to City of Karratha Alcohol Restrictions survey and alcohol restrictions.
1.b.3	Support WA Police with regular communication activities	Contribute to the development of communication material	– 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	– Completed. Focus will now shift to promotion of the Safer Communities Partnership brand, associated strategies & activities.
		Implement Community Safety Partnership Communications Strategy	– The Community safety survey results have been analysed and have been used to determine priorities for the SCP for the forthcoming year. Draft Operational Plan developed with activities focused on key outcomes of the survey. Focus areas remain very similar, though priority is focused on crime prevention and antisocial behavior.
1.b.2	Increase public awareness of crime prevention and community safety reporting functions	Promote reporting functions available to community	– The Online reporting platform (Report It) is still under development. The platform has been released to City of Karratha to use for live data while still in test mode. Once issues are addressed the program will be released to the community. A full promotion campaign will be implemented to promote the release.
		Improve web presence of community safety initiatives on City's 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 (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	– Working with Police to support implementation of the National Bike Register to assist Police to prevent bicycle theft, identify offenders on stolen bicycles whilst on patrol and assist return property to rightful owners.
		Develop relevant community education campaigns	– Captain Cleanup engaged to conduct educational performances throughout the City of Karratha from 29 May to 6 June 2017. Conducting 14 performances in primary schools, 2 performances at the Shopping Centre and 7 performances at early learning centres. Performances will focus on litter, graffiti and illegal dumping. – Participated in the Karratha Australia Day Love Where You Live Expo. SCP stand incorporated into City of Karratha stand and attended by Ranger and Police personnel. Very poor attendance at Australia Day activities and Expo in comparison to previous years due to impending cyclone event (on Blue Alert).
		Promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the community	

#### 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	– Only one Safer Communities Partnership meeting held (on February 14) for the quarter.
		Document activity and outcomes of SCP actions	– Monthly and quarterly reports on actions (from operational plan) submitted to SCP members. Meetings documented as per Terms of Reference.