

APOLOGIES

Cr Tim Koschel	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Paul Funnell	Wagga Wagga City Council
Simone Jolley	Department of Justice
Neil Caldicott	Department of Communities and Justice
Saba Nabi	Community Member
Bob Noble	NSW Police, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command
Adrian Telfer	NSW Police, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command

PRESENT

Andrew Stockman	Department of Premier and Cabinet
Acting Inspector Brent Fletcher	NSW Police, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command
Inspector Peter McLay	NSW Police, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command
Mayor, Councillor Greg Conkey	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Kerry Pascoe	Wagga Wagga City Council
Dr Joe McGirr	Member for Riverina
Colin Taggart	Neighbourhood Watch
Justin Busuttil	Community Member
Thomas Gardiner	Community Member
Kat van der Wijngaart	Community Member
Jenene McGrath	Department of Education
Tracey Pahl	Department of Communities and Justice

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Thompson	General Manager
Janice Summerhayes	Director Community
Madeleine Scully	Manager Community Services
Lisa Saffery	Social Planning Coordinator
Diane Wright	Land and Real Property Coordinator
Mark Gardiner	Manager Environment and City Compliance
Michelle Castle	Minute Taker

The meeting of the Crime Prevention Working Group commenced at 1:00pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this Land, on which this meeting takes place and to pay my respects to Elders past and present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CRIME PREVENTION WORKING GROUP - 26 AUGUST 2019

Recommendation:

On the Motion of K van der Wijngaart and Councillor K Pascoe

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Crime Prevention Working Group Meeting held on 26 August 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest received

REPORTS

Tracey Pahl from Department of Communities and Justice entered the meeting at 1:17pm.

RP-1 BURNT OUT HOUSES

Recommendation:

On the Motion of K van der Wijngaart and T Gardiner

That the Crime Prevention Working Group;

- a receive and note the report**
- b receive a report from Department of Communities and Justice on number of abandoned houses relating to social housing properties**

CARRIED

RP-2 CLOSURE OF LANEWAYS REPORT FOR CRIME PREVENTION WORKING GROUP

Recommendation:

On the Motion of C Taggart and K van der Wijngaart

That the Crime Prevention Working Group:

- a note and receive this report**
- b note that Council staff will undertake a review of laneways in response to the Laneways item 1.2 of the Crime Prevention Plan 2021 and present this review to the Crime Prevention Working Group at the 25 May 2020 Crime Prevention Working Group meeting**

CARRIED

RP-3 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF A PEDESTRIAN LANEWAY - WALLA PLACE, GLENFIELD PARK

Recommendation:

On the Motion of T Gardiner and K van der Wigngaart

That the Crime Prevention Working Group:

- a defer any closure of the pedestrian laneway in Walla Place, Glenfield Park until the full laneway review report is completed for 25 May 2020**
- b receive information to inform the report in a) above that considers physical treatment measures in the pedestrian laneway of Walla Place, Glenfield Park that will address crime and antisocial activities.**

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS/AROUND THE TABLE

1. Wagga Wagga Local Area Command Acting Inspector Brent Fletcher provided an update on crime statistics advising that crime of Steal from a Motor Vehicle and stolen cars has decreased this month compared to previous months. The Police also tabled their regular contact with the Youth Action Program and the PCYC activities.
2. Justin Busuttill raised the frequency and timing of the Crime Prevention Working Group meetings. Justin would like to see the meetings held every two months and for a period of two hours from 12:00noon – 2:00pm.

Action: This matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the 24 February 2020 for all working group members to consider.

3. Justin Busuttil raised the question of what are the major issues and impacts that the Crime Prevention Working Group would like to achieve. There was general discussion on linking priorities to the existing Council Crime Prevention Plan given it was developed out of extensive consultation. Justin encouraged all working group members to bring back their priorities for consideration noting the purpose of the working group is for crime prevention strategies.

Action: This matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the 24 February 2020 for all working group members to consider.

4. Kat van der Wijngaart raised a question in regards to the support Council and the Community provides to refugees arriving in the City. Director Community and Manager Community Services Wagga Wagga City Council provided a verbal response and offered to provide further information and community contacts as required between meetings.
5. Thomas Gardiner raised a question on the nature of crimes and how many crimes youth commit before being placed in the Juvenile Justice Centre. A verbal response was provide by Police on current legal processes and actions in this area.
6. Colin Taggart raised that there are panels missing from the fence along the railway track at Grinton Avenue.

Action: Colin to provide information to Council's Social Planner, Lisa Saffery. Council staff will then follow up with ARTC as the responsible land owner authority.

7. Colin Taggart moved that the Crime Prevention Working Group invite PCYC to be a member of the Working Group. Seconded Dr Joe McGirr. The motion was put for all voting members present. The motion was lost.

The Crime Prevention Working Group rose at 2:30pm.