

APOLOGIES

Dr Joe McGirr	Member for Wagga Wagga
Bob Noble	NSW Police, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command
Cr Paul Funnell	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Tim Koschel	Wagga Wagga City Council
Thomas Gardiner	Community Member

PRESENT

Mayor, Cr Greg Conkey	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Kerry Pascoe	Wagga Wagga City Council
Andrew Stockman	Department of Premier and Cabinet
Adrian Telfer	NSW Police, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command
Lee Gray	NSW Police, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command
Jenene McGrath	Department of Education
Tracey Pahl	Department of Communities and Justice
Colin Taggart	Neighbourhood Watch
Saba Nabi	Community Member
Chantal Levett	Save the Children, Murrumbidgee Region

IN ATTENDANCE

Janice Summerhayes	Director Community
Madeleine Scully	Manager Community Services
Lisa Saffery	Social Planning Coordinator
Olivia Jones	Minute Taker

The meeting of the Crime Prevention Working Group commenced at 12noon.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CRIME PREVENTION WORKING GROUP - 15 FEBRUARY 2021

Recommendation:

On the Motion of J McGrath and A Stockman

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Crime Prevention Working Group Meeting held on 15 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

PRESENTATION - SAVE THE CHILDREN

Chantal Levett team leader of the Murrumbidgee Region for Save the Children, informed the group of the Family Connect and Support (FCS) Program. The program is aimed at children, young people, and their families who need support. This is a free and voluntary program available for children and families in the Murrumbidgee Region.

REPORTS

RP-1 OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT

Recommendation:

On the Motion of S Nabi and A Stockman

That the Crime Prevention Working Group

a Receive and note this report

GENERAL BUSINESS AROUND THE TABLE

1. Lisa Saffery advised the CPWG that she has resigned from her position as Social Planner at Wagga Wagga City Council and will finish on 22 April 2021. The Mayor and the CPWG thanked Lisa Saffery for her contribution to the working group and in her role as Council's Social Planner.
2. Saba Nabi provided an update and commented on the following:
 - a. There has been extremely positive feedback received from the community on the Community Safety Perception Survey.
 - b. An invitation has been extended to Adrian Telfer or a representative of the NSW Police, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command to address both the Country Women's Association (CWA) and the ladies group event to be held at the Charles Sturt University Mosque. This is to encourage a positive relationship for women and the elderly to speak out about issues they are facing, in a safe and inclusive environment. Saba Nabi to provide details when they come to hand.

3. Adrian Telfer provided an update from the NSW Police, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command:
 - a. There has been an overall drop in crime rates this summer in comparison to the previous three years. Car jackings and break and enters have dropped considerably. Break and enters are 200 below target, and car jackings are almost 300 below target. This result is seen as a combination of courts, drivers, community campaigns and joint initiatives between NSW Police, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command and Council eg Park Smart.