



Shire of Northam  
*Heritage, Commerce and Lifestyle*

## **Shire of Northam**

### **Agenda**

### **Community Safety Committee**

**24 February 2017**

**NOTICE PAPER**

**Shire of Northam Community Safety Committee**

**24 February 2017**

Committee Members

I inform you that a Community Safety Committee meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, located at 395 Fitzgerald Street, Northam on 24 February 2017 at 2pm.

Yours faithfully



**Jason Whiteaker**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

## 2. ATTENDANCE

### Committee Members:

Chairperson	Cr Julie Williams
Councillor	Cr Denis Beresford
Councillor	Cr Chris Davidson
Executive Manager Community Services	Mr Ross Rayson
Northam Roadwise Committee	Mr Cliff Simpson
Community Representative	Ms Margaret O'Reilly
Local Youth Service Representative	Ms Jane Atterby
Department Sport and Recreation	Mrs Jenifer Collins
Health Representative	Mr Greg Bentley
Department of Housing	Mr Attila Mencshelyi
Holyoake	Ms Eloise Fewster
Safer Northam Committee	Mr Brian Webb
Northam Chamber of Commerce	Mr Paul Tomlinson
Northam Police	SSGT Geoff Dickson

### Committee Ex-Officio Members:

Wundowie Police	SGT Max Walker
Community Development Officer	Mrs Michelle Blackhurst
Department Child Protection and Family Support	Mrs Dawn Lamperd
Main Roads Western Australia	Ms Elizabeth Davies

### 2.1 APOLOGIES

Department Education	Mrs Sharon Bray
LDAG	Mrs Rose Power

### 2.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Item Name	Item No.	Name	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

##### 4.1 COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 11 NOVEMBER 2016

###### RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Shire of Northam Community Safety Committee meeting held Friday, 11 November 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

#### 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 5.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION PLAN UPDATE

<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Owner:</b>	Shire of Northam
<b>File Reference:</b>	1.3.12.1
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Community Development Officer
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Executive Manager Community Services
<b>Voting Requirement</b>	Simple or Absolute Majority

###### BRIEF

To update the Committee on the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan actions.

###### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan – Action Plan

###### BACKGROUND / DETAILS

The Shire of Northam Community Safety and Crime Prevention (CSCP) Plan 2016-2020 is a four year strategic outlook for the Shire of Northam that aims to map the issues of primary concern to the community and document the strategies and partnerships to deal with these issues.

Together with key partners, the Shire of Northam is committed to ensuring continual improvements to community safety with a particular emphasis on minimising the occurrence and opportunity for antisocial and criminal activity.

The CSCP Plan 2016-2020 has brought all of the current data together to help the Committee to understand 'What is the Northam story'. This will help the Committee to reconcile where the facts and the perceptions differ.

## CONSIDERATIONS

### Strategic Community / Corporate Business Plan

Objective: Create an environment that provides for a caring and healthy community.

Strategy: Provide community services to uphold public safety standards.

Action: Review and implement the Shire of Northam Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

### Financial / Resource Implications

N/A

### Legislative Compliance

N/A

### Policy Implications

N/A

### Stakeholder Engagement / Consultation

N/A

### Risk Implications

N/A

## OFFICER'S COMMENT

The Shire of Northam's Community Development Officer will provide an update on recent activities.

### Criminal or Offending Behaviour

- Lock and Light Program and Program Launch
- Alcohol and Other Drugs Management Plan – Eloise Fewster from Holyoake to provide an update
- Woolworths appeal to the Liquor Licensing Commission – appeal refused. – Greg Bentley

### Community Awareness

- Property Marking Day – Share and Care
- Social Media
- Local Police/Shire – Variable Message Boards

### Building Partnerships

- Youth Stakeholders – Night Hoops program
- Shire of Northam Community Grants

#### Community Design

- Youth Precinct update
- CCTV Project update

#### Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

- Inclusion of additional activities

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council accept the update provided.**

## 5.2 COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE BRANDING

<b>Address:</b>	
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<b>File Reference:</b>	1.3.12.1
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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Executive Manager Community Services
<b>Voting Requirement</b>	Simple or Absolute Majority

#### **BRIEF**

To seek Committee support for finalising the branding of the Community Safety Committee.

#### **BACKGROUND / DETAILS**

At its previous meeting, the Community Safety Committee recommended to Council that Council approve the development of Community Safety Committee branding, including a slogan and logo, to be used in conjunction with the Shire of Northam logo.

Most other Council based community safety groups have a brand so that they are identifiable as the committee and not only as the Shire.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS**

##### **Strategic Community / Corporate Business Plan**

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**Financial / Resource Implications**

N/A

**Legislative Compliance**

N/A

**Policy Implications**

N/A

**Stakeholder Engagement / Consultation**

N/A

**Risk Implications**

N/A

**OFFICER'S COMMENT**

The Community Safety Committee resolved to develop a slogan and a logo to brand the Community Safety Committee to be more inclusive of the Committee's participating organisations.

Examples of slogans were discussed at the previous meeting and suggestions were also emailed to Mrs Michelle Blackhurst. It was suggested that words such as 'developing' may imply that it is not safe in the Shire of Northam and does not help to improve the perception of crime here.

Suggestions to date:

- 'Working together for a safe community'
- 'Keeping our community safe'
- 'Working together to keep our community safe'
- 'Community safety starts with you'
- 'Supporting a resilient safe community'
- 'Sponsoring a resilient safe community'
- 'Encouraging a resilient safe community'
- 'Collaborating to drive community safety'

Can the Committee agree on a slogan today?

Is the Committee supportive of Council staff proceeding with the designing a logo on behalf of the Committee? Are there any requested inclusions?

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council accept the Community Safety Committee slogan of ....., with a logo to be developed by Council staff.**

### 5.3 BERNARD PARK TOILETS

<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Owner:</b>	Shire of Northam
<b>File Reference:</b>	1.3.12.1
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Community Development Officer
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Executive Manager Community Services
<b>Voting Requirement</b>	Simple or Absolute Majority

#### BRIEF

To seek feedback and direction from the Committee regarding reports from the cleaners of the Bernard Park toilets who are indicating that the behaviour of the users is getting worse.

#### BACKGROUND / DETAILS

Reports from the cleaners of the Bernard Park Toilets indicate that the behaviour of the users is getting worse. There are increasing reports of events such as:

- People intentionally dropping excrement on the floor and wiping it over the walls
- Broken glass, also in the park
- Almost daily all the toilet paper is emptied into all the toilets
- Drunk/Drug affected people sleeping it off in the toilet
- Empty alcohol bottles and syringes in the toilets
- People drinking in the park

Bernard Park is an alcohol free area and with the construction of the Water Playground it is frequented by families.

The mix of drunk/drug affected people and families is not good and it is only a matter of time until violence will erupt.

#### CONSIDERATIONS

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N/A

**Legislative Compliance**

N/A

**Policy Implications**

N/A

**Stakeholder Engagement / Consultation**

N/A

**Risk Implications**

N/A

**OFFICER'S COMMENT**

Special Guest Nathan Gough and SSGT Geoff Dickson to address the group.

People drinking or obviously intoxicated in the park were in the past moved on by police and understood that they could not drink there. Could this be reinstated? Are there other preventative steps that we could take?

**6. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION**

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Meeting dates for 2017:

Friday, 24 February 2017 at 2pm  
Friday, 21 April 2017 at 2pm  
Friday, 16 June 2017 at 2pm  
Friday, 18 August 2017 at 2pm  
Friday, 13 October 2017 at 2pm  
Friday, 08 December 2017 at 2pm

**8. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE**