

# Town of Port Hedland



Review of 2010 Community Safety Plan

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# Hedland Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan

2010-2013



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# RFQ



## ❧ WHERE ARE WE NOW?

❧ what crimes are currently being committed, their causes and how they impact on the community.

❧ **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION PLAN 2010-2013:** Review the previous plan and identify the following:

❧ The successes of the initiatives identified.

❧ Outline the committee's success/ failures.

❧ Recommendation moving forward. What does the Town need to change or take into

❧ consideration to ensure progression and success? What lessons can be learnt for the new plan.

# Background of the previous plan

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- ❧ In 2003, the Town of Port Hedland entered into a CS & CP partnership with the Office of Crime Prevention (OCP) as part of a new State Government initiative for reducing crime, improving community safety & resident's 'quality of life'.
- ❧ This partnership was designed to:
  - ❧ ♣ Build effective partnerships with organisations and individuals working to improve the safety and well being of individuals in the Hedland region,
  - ❧ ♣ Prioritise safety issues for the Town of Port Hedland and
  - ❧ ♣ Oversee the implementation of crime prevention projects in response to local safety issues.



❧ The first stage in this partnership was to develop a CS & CP Plan which would provide the Hedland community with a documented framework to ensure that crime and safety issues were addressed in a coordinated manner. This was undertaken in 2003, and the result was the development of the Town of Port Hedland Safer Community and Crime Prevention Plan 2003-2005. This plan was reviewed at the end of 2005 and in 2006 the Hedland Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan 2006-2009 was endorsed.

# Development



- ❧ In November 2009 a Community Safety Survey was made available to residents to gather information on priority safety issues in the Hedland region.
- ❧ Following this in December 2009, a planning workshop was held which brought together representatives from key organisations. The feedback gathered from the workshop in conjunction with results from the Community Safety Survey formed the basis of the current Hedland CS & CP Plan.
- ❧ It was believed that the plan outlined safety priorities for the Hedland region and associated action plans that aim to improve safety and perceptions of safety.
- ❧ Mandated by OCP were 3 key areas;
- ❧ 1.Evidence based
- ❧ 2.Wide and meaningful consultation
- ❧ 3.On-going consultation, monitoring & evaluation

# Aim of the Plan



- ❧ “Respond to current local safety issues and to ensure a proactive approach is taken to addressing these issues”.
- ❧ To work toward a safer local community for all Hedland residents to enjoy – this is achieved through increasing people’s sense of pride in their surroundings and confidence in their ‘quality of life’ – making Hedland a place where people can pursue all aspects of their lives without fear or hindrance from crime or anti-social behaviour.

# Values of the Plan



# Implementation



- ❧ Implementation of the plan is undertaken in a collaborative manner by CS & CP Working Group members and community representatives.
  - Promotes a whole of community response to local community safety and crime prevention concerns and aims to forge partnerships with the local community, police, local and State Governments, non-government organisations and businesses, by developing preventative approaches to current priority safety issues,
  - is both a strategic and practical document that provides a frame work for CS & CP activities,
  - includes new initiatives determined at the December 2009 planning workshop, initiatives from the 2006-2009 CS & CP plan which were not implemented but are still relevant as well as some strategies that are established and listed as on-going.
  
- ❧ The time frame for each project varies according to the resources needed to successfully implement each one.

# Broader policy linkage



- ✧ Within the 2010-2013 CS & CP plan should also be aligned to the Town of Port Hedland's current Strategic Plan, to ensure that the strategies identified within the plan are consistent with the strategic direction of the Town and that the implementation of the plan and its strategies are reported on as part of the recognised key result areas to the community.
- ✧ This was not clear in the ongoing monitoring or evaluation of outcomes being achieved or measured.

# Working Group



- ❧ The working group is in place to provide leadership for the community when addressing issues of crime and safety in the Hedland region.

Its role is to;

- ❧  Work with the wider community to develop and implement strategies which will effectively improve the people's quality of life.
- ❧  Provide access to resources to assist with addressing priority safety issues
- ❧  Monitor and review the implementation of the Hedland Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.
- ❧  Report on the Committee's activities annually, for inclusion in the Town of Port Hedland's Annual Report.
- ❧  Advise Council on appropriate matters relating to community safety and crime prevention, as they relate to shire programmes.
- ❧  Consider matters relating to community safety and crime prevention, raised by Council, Committee Members or the community
- ❧ that may impact the Hedland community.
- ❧  Support, when applicable, programmes and activities related to community safety and crime prevention within the Hedland region.
- ❧  Promote and enhance awareness of community safety and crime prevention issues and new projects in the shire through media such as newspaper articles, internet and other appropriate means.

# Structural review



- ❧ The working group's membership and structure was reviewed in December 2009. This was done in order to address some of the ongoing issues arising from the previous structure of the working group - with so many members and varying levels of commitment - often due to limited resources, many of the core objectives of the 06-09 CS & CP plan were not met.

# Key themes



∞ Demographic info minimal

∞ Survey results

Alcohol Related Issues - Drug/Substance Abuse - Anti-social Behaviour - Boredom - Lack of Education

December 2009 Planning Workshop

Determined that the 4 high priority areas for actioning over the next 3 years of the Hedland CS & CP plan are;

- Domestic Violence
- Anti Social Behaviour (inc. vandalism)
- Volume Crime
- Reporting of Crime

# Areas of coverage for the plan

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5 key areas were recommended to be held in the 2010-2013 CS & CP plan. They are listed below in no order:

- ☞ - Youth engagement
- ☞ - Parenting skills
- ☞ - Education/Truancy
- ☞ - Town Pride
- ☞ - Designing out crime

# Findings



- ❧ Too crime focused.
- ❧ Not focused on community safety and quality of life issues,
- ❧ Too punitive in focus
- ❧ Focused on Deficits, not local strengths
- ❧ Perceived as anti-youth and anti-Aboriginal
- ❧ Inflated fear of crime
- ❧ Intensifies fear 'public space' and creates an exaggerated fear of being a victim at home.



- Too fixated on 'target hardening', rather than social change.
- top down, dominated by police and 'big' agencies,
- No evidence base.
- Too focussed on situational crime prevention and target hardening, social exclusion,
- systemic racism where Aboriginal youth defined as the problem, ditto 'trenchies'.
- No genuine engagement with Aboriginal people.

# Surveys



## ∞ Aboriginal community issues

Suicide and CSA

Sorry business

Lore/Culture – Oct/March – reluctance to talk about it

Skin group specific

Cultural business – reactive

Native title

Pilbara Aboriginal Regional Leaders

Hedland Strong Leaders

Language Centre

# Suggested Framework



People feel safe in their community

Personal Safety

Resilient  
communities

Safe Streets  
and  
Spaces

**POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS**

FOCUS AREA	OUTCOME	STRATEGIES
<b>PERSONAL SAFETY</b>	People experience and contribute to a caring, respectful and responsive community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safety in homes and neighbourhoods</li> <li>2. Safety for vulnerable groups</li> <li>3. Safety awareness</li> <li>4. Diversity and safety</li> </ol>
<b>RESILIENT COMMUNITIES</b>	A dynamic and connected community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Community participation</li> <li>6. Community capacity</li> <li>7. Support for 'at-risk' groups</li> <li>8. Preparedness</li> </ol>
<b>SAFE STREETS AND SPACES</b>	Liveable, accessible and safe streets and surroundings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Preventative planning</li> <li>10. Road safety</li> <li>11. Accessibility &amp; safety for all abilities</li> <li>12. Sharing spaces</li> <li>13. Bushfire readiness &amp; management</li> </ol>
<b>POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS</b>	Collaborative sustainable decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking</li> <li>• Coordinating</li> <li>• Cooperating</li> <li>• Collaborating</li> </ul>

# Comments / Questions

