



## SAFER VINCENT ADVISORY GROUP

Wednesday, 15 May 2019 at 6.00pm

Venue: Committee Room  
City of Vincent  
Administration and Civic Centre  
244 Vincent Street, Leederville

### Attendees:

#### City of Vincent Councillors

Cr Joanne Fotakis (Chairperson) (JF)  
Cr Susan Gontaszewski (SG)

#### Community Representatives

Chris Parry (CP)  
Sharan Kraemer (SK)

#### Representatives

##### WA Police:

- Inspector Omar Chahal – Perth Police (OC)
- Snr Sgt Shane Crook – Perth Police (SC)
- Snr Sgt Peter Gilmour – Wembley Police (PG)

##### Nyoongar Outreach Services:

- Maria McAtackney (MM)

#### City of Vincent Officers

Michael Quirk – A/Executive Director Community and Business Services (MQ)  
Karen Balm – Senior Community Partner (KB)  
Cara Finch – Community Partner (CF)  
Jean Lowther – Coordinator Ranger and Parking Services (JL)  
Chris Dixon – Projects and Strategy Officer Community Safety (CD)

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### 1. Welcome / Declaration of Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:00pm and delivered Acknowledgement of Country on behalf of the Group.

### 2. Apologies

#### Community Representatives

Natashya Cox (NC)  
Irina Lobeto (IL)

#### Representatives

John Waghorn – Bayswater Police (JW)

#### City of Vincent Officers

Sandra Watson – Manager Community Partnerships (SW)  
Paul Morrice – A/Manager Community Safety (PM)

CF advised that a representative from Bayswater Police is likely to only attend future meetings when there are matters specific to Mount Lawley, as it is the only City of Vincent suburb within the Bayswater policing sub-district.

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 20 February 2019

The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 20 February 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

### 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

#### Weld Square Maintenance Schedule

CF advised that the Parks & Urban Green team visit Weld Square on a daily basis to pick up litter, empty bins and dispose of sharps if required. Any further issues identified are referred to the relevant team or agency (ie. Rangers, Police).

Ranger Services and Nyoongar Outreach Services (NOS) also attend Weld Square during the daily Manna Inc. food service and patrol the area as required outside of these times.

#### Weld Square Sharps Disposal Options

CF advised that there was a sharps disposal unit in the toilet located at Weld Square and that she was currently working with the Coordinator Environmental Health and Coordinator Waste and Recycling Strategy to promote the location of existing units, other disposal options within the City and investigating additional disposal options.

#### Provision of contact and reporting information to local residents

CF confirmed that appropriate contact and reporting information had been provided to a community member who attended the last Safer Vincent Advisory Group (SVAG) meeting to discuss his concerns about Weld Square.

#### Homelessness in the Inner City brochures

CF confirmed that an electronic copy of the City of Perth publication was distributed with the minutes from the previous Safer Vincent Advisory Group meeting and is also available on the City of Vincent website.

JL provided hardcopies to attendees and advised that Ranger Services also carried copies to distribute and reference as required.

OC advised that a pocket-size reference was also available and used by WA Police officers.

**ACTION:** CF to liaise with Sgt Warren Ameduri and City of Perth to source pocket cards for Ranger Services staff.

#### Draft CCTV Strategy/Policy – Objectives and Purpose

MQ advised that the Community Safety team would circulate draft objectives with the minutes of the meeting so that SVAG members could provide feedback as appropriate.

**ACTION:** CD to arrange for distribution of the information to SVAG and Council for review and comment.

### 5. General Business

#### 5.1 Leederville Oval Master Plan

CF advised the following and confirmed that information regarding this project had been emailed to SVAG members on 17 April 2019 and hardcopies provided at this meeting:

- The City, in partnership with East Perth and Subiaco Football Clubs and the WA Football Commission has commenced a master planning project for Leederville Oval.
- The current facilities and surrounding area is aging and does not meet current community expectations.
- The Plan will take into consideration future sport, recreation and environmental needs and trends.

- The City is interested to receive feedback from SVAG members regarding any safety concerns at the site and ways that these could be addressed.
- Feedback to be provided to Philippa Baker, Community Projects Officer – Leisure Planner via email [Philippa.baker@vincent.wa.gov.au](mailto:Philippa.baker@vincent.wa.gov.au) by 28 May 2019.

MQ advised that passive surveillance was a challenge at the site; with built form on three sides and that the project consultant was exploring options for activation. There will be a further opportunity to provide feedback when conceptual plans are completed.

## 5.2 Draft Safer Vincent Plan 2019-2022

MQ confirmed that the draft Plan, taking into account feedback received by Council and further research, will be presented at the Council Briefing on 21 May and Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 May, seeking support to release the document for public comment/community consultation.

It is hoped that the final Plan will be submitted to Council for endorsement and adoption at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 July 2019.

**ACTION:** CF to provide OC (new Officer in Charge, Perth Police) with a draft copy of the Plan.

## 5.3 Weld Square

MQ advised that the City was involved in the City Homelessness Framework Committee chaired by the Member for Perth (John Carey) and was working to develop an accreditation process for service providers.

MQ reported a recent spike in unregistered service providers operating from Weld Square and that the City was working with these organisations to promote a collaborative approach to service provision.

CP advised that the Department of Premier and Cabinet had undertaken a 'map and gap' exercise as part of the Roebourne review and that the recommendations and report may be of value in regard to the work being undertaken by the City Homelessness Framework Committee.

MQ and MM advised that the City and Nyoongar Outreach Services had lodged an objection to a new liquor premise on Stirling Street.

MM believed that the original public interest assessment had made no reference to the homelessness and anti-social behaviour issues in this area and that NOS had recommended that harm minimisation strategies such as a higher price point, and no sale of cask wine were considered.

JL advised that the Ranger team attended Weld Square on a daily basis to deter anti-social behaviour around the Manna Inc. meal service. Incidents were reported to WA Police as required.

JL advised that the Ranger team were currently monitoring a group who regularly had an unregistered dog off-lead, which was displaying territorial behaviour at Weld Square. The group were not responding to requests to resolve.

OC and MM suggested that NOS engage with the group first, to help them understand the possible consequences of the situation and avoid any potential volatility.

JF advised that some homeless shelters accepted pets to avoid the need for re-homing.

OC advised that the Member for Perth had a broad vision to centralise homelessness services within the inner City.

MM felt that issues at Weld Square had decreased over the past two months. NOS had called an ambulance to assist one unresponsive person at the park during this period.

KB advised that the City were in discussions with Uniting Care West regarding the provision of a weekend food service at Weld Square.

### **ACTIONS:**

- 1) JL to review dog signage at Weld Square to assist as a visual deterrent to off-lead activity
- 2) MM/NOS to liaise with Ranger team and engage with known group at Weld Square with unregistered dog

#### 5.4 State Graffiti Funding – “Targeting graffiti hotspots in Vincent”

CF advised that \$18,000 of funding had been received to assist local businesses in removing up to \$1,000 of graffiti from their premises, and that each participating business would also be visited by CF and WA Police to discuss further crime prevention advice and resources.

#### 5.5 Beaufort Street Network CCTV Upgrade – Progress Status Update

Attendees were provided with a copy of the federal grant agreement scope and map for this project.

MQ advised that the system would have similar specifications to the Leederville Entertainment Precinct CCTV project which enabled WA Police direct access to the system and aligned with the State CCTV Strategy.

There may be an opportunity to add extra cameras to the system with this funding.

MQ advised that the City was currently exploring whether the system could be linked to the City of Perth CCTV Surveillance Centre and monitored.

CD advised that the project is due to be completed in September 2019.

Maintenance agreements were currently being developed with businesses.

## 6. **Stakeholder Updates**

### 6.1 WA Police (WAPOL)

*Inspector Omar Chahal, Perth Police:*

Perth Police are currently undertaking “Operation Squares” to address anti-social behavior at Yagan, Wellington and Weld Squares.

Since June 2018, there have been 260 reports of noise disturbances and family violence at Weld Square and that there have not been any robbery, violence or stealing offences recorded at Weld Square, unlike Yagan and Wellington Squares.

Perth Police “Bikes and Beats” are undertaking a welfare-driven exercise to reduce anti-social behaviour associated with mental health issues, by working to determine if perpetrators are current with their treatment and medication and link them to relevant mental health services.

Police have identified that ‘return to country’ is a big issue, and are currently working with the Department of Health and particularly Royal Perth Hospital to ensure that Aboriginal people visiting Perth for medical treatment have somewhere to stay in the City and are able to return home through the PATS (Patient Assisted Transfer Scheme).

Police have identified that some Aboriginal women currently on the streets are reluctant to return to country while their partners are incarcerated in Perth. The Family Violence team were assisting with these particular situations.

*Senior Sergeant Peter Gilmour, Wembley Police:*

- Wembley Police reported displacement of crime along the train line.
- Crime in the Wembley sub-district was down 2.4% for the month.
- Mount Hawthorn has had a spike in stolen motor vehicles (7 for the month).
- Wembley Police are working with bottle shops to reduce crimes of opportunity.
- Theft from motor vehicles and associated credit card fraud has increased.
- Reports of begging had been received from the Good Grocer, Leederville.
- Police were working with the owners of a deceased estate in North Perth where squatters were an issue.
- An eviction at a property on Brady Street had seen a reduction of crime in this area.

## 6.2 Noongar Outreach Services (NOS)

Maria McAtackney:

- Media relating to the closure of the Derbal Yerrigan Autumn Centre was inaccurate and the service had actually been taken over by Country Health Service.
- NOS were working with people experiencing homelessness within the City to explore return to country options – including funding, PATS, travel arrangements, cabcharge vouchers to the airport and accommodation options in transit.
- NOS were working with a group from Newman who were sleeping rough around the City (most recently at Robertson Park), to return the group to their families in the communities.
- NOS had also engaged with people experiencing homelessness at Birdwood Square, 139 Lake Street and Forrest Park this month.
- Maria had identified an issue at Bridge House (alcohol/drug assessment and treatment) where patrons lose their spot if they leave, which is common as food is not provided.
- NOS are distributing toiletries to women in need from Essentials for Women.
- Maria reported that no children (under 18 years) had been engaged with for three months
- NOS had engaged with 69 females and 129 males (all intoxicated) this month. 49 of these persons were provided with transport.
- A recent BBQ with the City of Vincent Rangers was enjoyed and helped build rapport between the services.

## 7. Close / Next Meeting

Cr Fotakis closed the meeting at 7.17pm. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 17 July 2019.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Joanne Fotakis (Chairperson)

Date this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019

Summary of Actions	Date
CF to liaise with Sgt Warren Ameduri to source pocket cards for Ranger Services staff.	May 2019
CD to arrange for distribution of draft CCTV Strategy/Policy objectives to SVAG and Council for review and comment.	June 2019
CF to provide OC (new Officer in Charge, Perth Police) with a draft copy of the Plan.	June 2019
JL to review dog signage at Weld Square to assist as a visual deterrent to off-lead activity.	June 2019
MM (NOS) to liaise with Ranger team and engage with known group at Weld Square regarding unregistered, off-lead dog.	May 2019