



CITY OF VINCENT



## SAFER VINCENT CRIME PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP (SVCPP)

Thursday 6 April 2017 at 5.30pm

City of Vincent Administration and Civic Centre  
Committee Room

### UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

#### Attendees:

##### Council

Cr Susan Gontaszewski (Chairperson)

##### Representatives

Natalie Jackson – Perth Police Station  
Ian Anderson – Wembley Police Station  
Mitchell Cooper – Wembley Police Station  
Wembley Police Station

##### Community (Committee) Representatives

Chris Parry

##### City of Vincent Officers

Kate Allen – Acting Coordinator Safer Vincent (A/CSV)

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#### 1. **Welcome / Declaration of Opening**

The Chairperson welcomed members and opened the meeting at 5:25pm and acknowledged the Whadjuk people as the Traditional owners of the land.

#### 2. **Apologies**

Julie Foley	Michael Quirk	Steve Butler
Sharan Kraemer	Craig Davis	Maria McAtackney

#### 3. **Declaration of Interest**

Nil.

#### 4. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 6 April 2017**

The minutes were deferred for formal acceptance until the next meeting.

## **5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Discussed at 6.1

## **6. Order of Business**

### **6.1 Safer Vincent Update**

Kate advised the Leederville CCTV network had commenced installation and anticipated finish date is mid-July. We will invite Wembley station police to see camera views etc once it is operational. Discussed locations and hot spots. Cr Gontaszewski suggested looking into whether we can add camera locations to our internal GIS mapping. Pre and post installation surveys will be conducted by the City with local businesses as part of the evaluation.

**ACTION:** Kate to follow up with IT/ Intramaps to consider adding camera locations as a layer on our mapping

The portable 'trail' covert cameras have been purchased and Kate is looking at getting some training for setting these up, discussed that police can request we utilise them in certain locations. Also discussed that if police are interested in setting them up and using within Vincent that we can enter into a Partnership agreement to do so.

### **6.2 Leederville Rest Stop Update**

Kate advised that this project is to provide a safe 'chill out' space for patrons of the entertainment precinct between 10pm-2am on Friday nights, where outreach staff will provide water and free snacks, engage with the public, provide assistance to get home safely, referrals to other support services and encourage safe behaviours from patrons. This is a trial project only (3 months). Advised that this project will be running from Oct to Jan in partnership with Hope Community Services (HCS). A meeting with HCS, the City, Police and key businesses will be arranged in coming months. A pre-project survey will be sent out, most likely combined with the CCTV pre-installation survey, and a post project survey will also be conducted. The group queried if Police statistics specific to the area could also be obtained to assist with the evaluation – Wembley police advised that they would be keen to assist with this if it was possible.

**ACTION:** Kate to discuss with OIC Julie Foley whether we can obtain some statistics relevant to the entertainment precinct to assist with evaluating this project.

### **6.3 Laneway Lighting Update**

The project to install laneway lighting in the laneway behind the Flying Scotsman/ Fresh Provisions carpark between Raglan and Grosvenor Roads has been approved, currently awaiting shipping of materials. The contractor expects these to arrive in 2 weeks and will advise installation date after this time.

## **7. General Business**

Wembley Police – Mitchell has looked into the recent increase of burglaries in North Perth and has written a report which Wembley Police would like to submit to the SVCPP. Mitchell reviewed 88 burglaries for North Perth over the last 5 months. He found an apparent link between the increase in burglaries and new build apartment complexes where people had only recently moved in and where the security standards were very low. Criminals are targeting these buildings as they know that the security standard is low – entry is obtained through removing screen doors or cutting through screens on windows. Wembley Police would like the City to consider amending its Built Form Policy to include minimum security standards specifically

regarding external doors and windows for new builds. These findings and recommendations are further detailed in the report.

**ACTION:** 'Target Hardening; Setting Security Standards to Reduce Crime in North Perth to be added as an item on the next SVCPP Agenda.

**Document Submitted:** 'Target Hardening; Setting Security Standards to Reduce Crime in North Perth' Registered in the City's Record Management System – to be submitted to the Director Development Services.

The group also discussed how this approach could be combined with other educational measures for home/ business owners in existing properties, short term measures for new builds and potentially a subsidy scheme for the City to incentivise residents to increase security measures.

Perth Police – Natalie advised that it appears they are having some success reducing thefts from undercroft parking through the use of signage above entry points advising to watch for anyone trying to follow a car inside the secure parking area. They are continuing to monitor and will evaluate the success of this initiative. Natalie also made a suggestion re looking at making security advice available to residents in languages other than English. Kate will follow up with our marketing team to confirm this is being considered for our new website and will also take this under consideration for any future security advice being provided to residents.

Chris Parry – Chris advised he attended the Constable Care Child Safety Foundation Showcase event last month and noted the range of programs they are now offering particularly theatre programs regarding topical issues for high school children about areas such as drugs and alcohol, bullying etc.

Nyoongar Outreach Services (NOS) – Written update provided to Kate as follows:

April/ May for Operational / C.O.V shifts: There were 76 total contacts for the Operational Patrol and 272 for the City of Vincent for a total of 348. 130 clients were under the influence of alcohol whilst 58 were homeless, conducted 22 transports from parks to safe places – 7 of these were to medical/hospital.

Over the past two months the majority of clients have been presenting in Weld square. Robertson Park and Hyde Park have been the other hotspot locations though to a lesser extent. Outreach staff upon councils request, have been visiting Forest park daily for the past month to check any squatting/ camping issues in toilets however no issues of concern have been observed.

Maria was able to attend the City of Vincent endorsement ceremony at Weld Square on 12 April. This event was observed to go well and Maria commended the final outcome of the RAP plan.

As an extra analysis we are collating some figures for DAO to help quantify the issues of inhalants use in Perth (sniffing).

These figures are included below. Please be aware that we are quantifying across all the outreach areas NOS works (not just Vincent) so that is why we have not included people in overall statistics if they have been counted at other sites. Please see below breakdown of inhalant issues in Vincent from March to May 2017;

	March	April	May	Total
<b>City of Vincent/ Perth/ Northbridge</b>	6	2	12	20

10 to 20 people are known to frequent the COV precinct and are seen at Weld Square, Robertson Park, Russell Square and occasionally at Wellington Square. At Weld square this can be problematic as they have been seen there during Manna mealtimes. However, there is no pattern to their presence.

In March sniffers were in the COV precinct alone and in small numbers. The total sniffers observed for the month was 12. All sniffers were adults, mainly females. The ages of the people are estimated to be between 20 and 40 years.

In April there were only 5 sniffers and three had been sighted before. They were sighted over three days (11<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>).

In May 18 people were sighted and six of these had been sighted elsewhere before. The other 12 had not previously been sighted sniffing.

**8. Close / Next Meeting**

The meeting was officially closed at 6.28pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3 August 2017.