

CITY OF ARMADALE

AGENDA

OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2008 AT 7:00 PM

A meal will be served at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

OBSERVERS:

IN ATTENDANCE:

DISCLAIMER

The Disclaimer for protecting Councillors and staff from liability of information and advice given at Committee meetings to be read.

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

QUESTION TIME

DEPUTATION

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2008 be confirmed.

Moved

MOTION CARRIED ()

ITEMS REFERRED FROM INFORMATION BULLETIN – ISSUE NO. 13/2008

The following matters were included for information in the Community Services section:

- **Outstanding Matters**
Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee
- **Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports**
Library & Heritage Services General Monthly Report
Manager Ranger & Emergency Services Monthly Report
- **Minutes of Occasional/Advisory Committees**
Armada Highland Gathering Working Group – 20 May 2008
Disability Advisory Team – 3 June 2008
Public History Advisory Group – 3 April 2008
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If any of the items listed above require clarification or a report for a decision of Council, this item to be raised for discussion at this juncture.

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ARMADALE YOUTH PRECINCT STUDY

WARD Minnowarra
FILE REF: CD/Y/1
DATE 30 July 2008
REF YC
RESPONSIBLE Executive Director
MANAGER Community
Services

In Brief:

This item presents a concept design for a Youth Activity Area (YAA) in the Armadale CBD and summarises the results of an internal site analysis by officers.

It recommends the development of a YAA and other complementary strategies to address the social and recreational needs of young people accessing the CBD.

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

Building our Community
Communicating and Marketing
Developing our Organisation

Legislation Implications

Nil

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Nil

Budget/Financial Implications

The City has provisionally allocated \$300,000 (\$100,000 POS and \$200,000 municipal funds) towards a youth activity area in its 15 Year Plan for Year 3 (2010/11). Support funding will be sourced from the Department of Sport and Recreation (CSRFF) and other grants and contributions. Funding will also be sourced for complimentary projects and activities associated with the YAA to support existing allocations for Youth, Safety and Events.

Provision has also been made for annual operating maintenance (\$25,000) and asset renewal (\$30,000) within the 15 Year Plan as from 2011/12.

This report comments on physical changes to the CBD skater hotspots to reduce skater appeal and whilst this has not been fully investigated in regard to costs, an amount of \$25,000 to be allocated from the overall \$900,000 YAA project is considered an appropriate estimate.

Consultation

A comprehensive community consultation was undertaken as part of a Youth Precinct Study in 2007. Convic Design, a leading skate design company, were appointed to develop the YAA design concept and held workshops with young people, Councillors and City officers.

Once Council has agreed in principal to the YAA concept design and has determined its preferred location, it is recommended that further, site-specific, consultation with the local community directly affected by the YAA prior to a final decision to proceed. In addition to consulting with the general community, the development of the concept would require specific input from the following:

- Office of Crime Prevention and Armadale Police in regard to the management plan.
- Potential users of the facility (i.e. young people).
- Youth Service Providers such as Armadale Youth Resources in regard to the education campaign and other associated activities with the YAA.

BACKGROUND

Council initiated the Youth Precinct Study in 2005 in response to a proposal that Council support the design, building and maintenance of a skate park in the central business district (CBD) of Armadale. The Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA) and local MLA had suggested a site next to the Armadale Train Station for a skate park. Rather than commissioning an investigation into the feasibility of creating a skate park in the (CBD), Council decided to research a broader study of a youth precinct or a “multi-functional youth space incorporating a skate park” (C102/10/05).

The Youth Precinct Study 2007 included considerable research and was undertaken by Murdoch University in consultation with young people and youth service providers. It included a youth needs assessment, strategic and feasibility assessment and draft models for a youth precinct for Council consideration. Its recommendations were that Council consider:

- A ‘street real’ skatepark at either the Armadale Train Station or on land bordered by Armadale Road and Church Avenue.
- Centre Based and Outreach Services/Events/Activities co-ordinated by the City and Armadale Youth Resources. (The intention was to use the ‘street real’ skatepark and the current Youth Drop In Centre at Armadale Shopping Centre in combination for effective interaction with young people).
- Physical changes to current CBD skater hotspots including the installation of signs along Jull Street and in the Shopping Centre/s.
- Education campaign to ensure that skaters are aware of local laws, skate friendly areas in CBD and to include them in the development of management plans/code of conduct etc.

Council considered the Youth Precinct Study and its recommendations and determined that there was a need for further investigation in relation to the skatepark location (C56/8/07). A report was to include the possible design and cost of building a “street real” skate park at the following sites:-

- Land between the public toilets and the current amphitheatre on Orchard Avenue, incorporating the latter in the design; and
- A flat unrestricted site.

Convic Design were contracted to develop the design for a ‘street real’ skate area. The brief that they were given was not for a traditional skatepark, but a for a community area that would compliment the current CBD community and recreational facilities and provide for a social and interactive space for young people. Convic conducted a series of workshops with Councillors and skaters to gain and source information for input into the draft design.

The draft concept design included in this report has been presented and discussed by officers and Councillors who were able to attend a briefing by Convic Design. Following that briefing further cost estimates and issues arising from the proposed location have since been investigated and are included in this report.

Description of the Design

The concept for the Youth Activity Area (YAA) has been designed for the area adjacent to the City’s Administration Building on Orchard Avenue which is currently being used as temporary parking and includes the space where the amphitheatre is located. According to the consultants, the YAA is designed to be used by BMX riders, inline skaters and skateboard riders in addition to accommodating general passive areas which includes viewing areas, seating and a plaza section. The facility is intended for daylight use and restricted hours use at night. Other amenity provided for includes stage area, 3 phase power, projection and digital media, integrated existing toilet facility, rubbish bins and drinking fountain.

The active areas are broken into two distinct areas being a street urban plaza section and a mini ramp section and have been designed to replicate elements located in traditional street setting. The space is open and provides a number of low level items for both novice and advanced use.

An innovative inclusion is a multipurpose sculptural steel wave combining skate elements and digital media projection screen. There are timber and steel terrace seating with direct view lines to the stage and media projection screen. These features will enable the area to be used as an entertainment space for a variety of either general community or youth specific events.

Issues associated with the Location

Some of the issues discussed by officers and which Council needs to be aware in regard to deciding if the specified location is appropriate and suitable include the following:

- **Office Administration Building**

Council is yet to determine its medium term office extensions but preliminary plans considered in establishing the 15 Year Plan show an extension of the administration complex closer to Orchard Avenue, which would in part, cover the location being considered for the YAA. It is possible that future civic administration will form a “main street” frontage along Orchard Avenue towards Jull Street. Whilst this could be accommodated by moving the YAA further north into Minnowarra Park, there would be additional logistical and cost issues in relation to access to the Parks storage area (bunker) and engineering requirements to build over the existing water course. The Parks storage area currently houses significant equipment vital to the management of Minnowarra Park

and its relocation would be costly. An alternative would be to vary the angle of any administration extension, however this would effectively ‘squeeze’ the space around the YAA.

- Westzone Shopping Centre

The owners and management of the Westzone Shopping Centre are yet to be formally consulted regarding the placement of the YAA in a location that they may have concerns with, given its immediate proximity to their entrance.

- Minnowarra Festival / Major Events

The proposed location is currently used for the placement of transportable toilets, during Council events, however these could be still be accommodated in the proposed car park bays along Orchard Avenue. The YAA in this location has the possibility of becoming part of the Festival and would lend itself to other events.

- Tree Removal

There would be a need to remove at least three trees for the construction of the YAA. Those trees are noted on the concept design and a number of replacement trees are planned.

Alternative CBD locations

Council was initially provided with two alternative locations within the CBD. One was the space nominated by the ARA near the Train Station which was the centre of the bus interchange and the other was the grassed area bounded by Armadale Road and Church Avenue north of Jull Street (in proximity to McDonalds). In discussing those options, Councillors identified a range of issues with the proposed locations including access, safety, health/injury, insurance, design, cost, usage, supervision, vandalism, and community amenity. In addition, the uncertainties with the Train Station site in relation to ongoing access and safety were also identified as a concern. Committee was of the view that the Armadale Road/Church Avenue site, based on the survey data from the Youth Precinct Study, did not have sufficient demonstrated support from the community and given its location, as an entry to the City, was not in favour of it being a preferred skate park location.

Council has also discussed the potential options of Lot 144 Abbey Road and the road reserve between Armadale Road and Neerigen Street (front of Woolworths) as possible sites. The road reserve site is approx. 20m in width, has high traffic flows, is adjacent to a residential area and the Youth Precinct Study identified the need to avoid locating a skate facility near residents because of noise. Council has previously agreed ‘in principle’ to leasing a portion of Lot 144 Abbey Road to Roberta Jull Community Care Association who are still pursuing their options for building on the site. The balance of that land has the potential for further residential development. Both sites have been considered by officers and are not recommended as preferred sites for a Youth Activity Area at this time because of uncertainty of development and proximity to residents.

Issues associated with the uncertainty of the Train Station site are still current, however Council may wish to reconsider the Armadale Road/Church Avenue site given the YAA concept design is vastly different from a conventional skatepark ‘bowl’ which are not always aesthetically appealing and Councillors having seen the concept designs from the Consultant may now consider, subject to more specific consultation, this as acceptable.

The Armadale Road/Church Avenue Site

The Armadale Road/Church Avenue site has been discussed by officers and the following is a summary of issues that Council should consider:

- Space

The location has more space than the proposed Orchard Avenue site and does not have the physical restrictions that the Amphitheatre site has in relation to adjacent buildings (shopping centre / library), proximity to roads, the unknown future of administration accommodation, and the existing administration building. It would not have that 'squeezed in' feeling. However, negotiations will need to be held with Main Roads as the site borders Armadale Road and this may impact upon the eventual design and layout.

- Minnowarra Festival / Major Events

The site would not impact on the current layout for the Minnowarra Festival / Major Events, but has the possibility of extending the general precinct used. It could be youth specific and allow for a larger spectator area.

- Tree Removal

Whilst the location would need to be properly surveyed and a design specific to the area encompassing the elements of the current concept completed, it is the opinion of Technical Officers that there may be sufficient space to avoid possible removal of trees. The trees at this location are a significant feature and any design should encapsulate, not compromise, the trees.

- Proximity to Public Toilets

Whilst there are no immediate public toilets at the location there is close proximity to the public facilities at both the District Hall and Museum as well as those provided within McDonalds.

- Gateway to the City

Council previously had reservations that the area is a visual gateway to the CBD and that a traditional skatepark might not be a desirable entry statement, however, the *street real* skatepark is vastly different in its design and has components such as the skateable sculptural wave which Council may consider as a unique landmark for the CBD precinct.

- Access

There has been some concerns previously raised that the location is not central CBD and that young people would not utilise it as a location. Whilst this may have validity, the general consensus by officers is that it will be utilised by young people by the fact that it would be 'youth friendly' space that would provide both passive and active areas in a location that was not too far from fast food outlets and the general shopping precinct.

Summary of CBD Locations

On the assumption that the Armadale Station site is no longer an option, Council has two primary locations to consider for the YAA, now that the concept has been designed and both have advantages and disadvantages. From a financial perspective the Orchard Avenue Amphitheatre site will attract additional costs for refurbishment of the toilet block and adjacent pathways and park improvements. Both will have similar passive surveillance opportunities but may be at different times of the day and this would need to be considered as

part of the management plan. Both are accessible, have public toilet access, and are highly visible gateways to the Armadale CBD, however, the YAA, as designed, may or may not be considered an appropriate entry statement for either. The Amphitheatre site is more central, but given proximity of adjacent buildings may create a 'squeezed feeling'. Sound impacts were noted in the Youth Precinct Study and for this reason the Armadale Road/Church Avenue site would be a preferred option.

It is difficult to undertake a complete comparison of both sites, given the variances in issues associated with each, however it is the officer's recommendation that the Armadale Road/Church Avenue site is the preferred option and that an amended concept plan for this site be developed and appropriate consultation take place.

Other Previous Recommendations

Council should also consider in any provision of a YAA in the CBD the other recommendations that were made in the original report concerning the Youth Precinct Study.

The Youth Precinct Study only cited the YAA as one of four strategies that Council needed to consider in relation to young people and the CBD. The YAA was initially a focus mainly due to the increasing number of skaters using Jull Street and the Visitor Centre to skate and generally 'hang out'. It has been identified in a number of studies, including one recently done by Convic Design, that providing a skate park as a quick fix solution to problems associated with young people's use of public spaces is not always effective and often creates more problems when done in isolation of any management strategies. The YAA will provide a suitable youth friendly space, however there are other strategies that should be implemented if it is to be a successful, safe and accessible place for young people and the general community.

Other Strategies

1. Outreach Youth Services / Events / Activities

Youth Service Providers have identified that it is a combination of having Centre based services (ie Youth Centre, Councillors, Employment Service, Health Professionals) and outreach services (Street Doctor, Youth Workers, YMCA bus) that work best to meet the needs of young people. The YAA would provide a logical space for outreach services to access young people and vice versa. Armadale Youth Services (AYS) currently operate a Youth Drop Centre in the Armadale Shopping Centre and the proximity of the YAA makes a good base to work a co-ordinated approach.

The YAA would provide a focus for a variety of youth events and activities such as competitions, music events, performing arts, outdoor movies etc. The aim of the events and activities would be to create 'unstructured' recreational activities for young people which have been repeatedly identified in community consultations and surveys. They would also increase the sense of belonging and acceptance of young people in the CBD which was identified as an issue in the Youth Precinct Study consultations.

2. Management Plan and Education Campaign
A Management Plan and Education Campaign will be necessary to ensure skaters are aware of local laws, skate friendly access to the YAA, code of conduct and acceptable behaviour when utilising the YAA. It would be a long term and recurrent campaign that would be facilitated by the City's Community Development Department and would involve young people, parents, youth service providers, local schools, local police and the City's Rangers.
3. Physical changes to the CBD skater hot spots to reduce skate appeal.
Key areas would include the corner of Jull St and Orchard Avenue, pedestrian areas of Jull St, and the areas around the Visitors Centre. The physical changes would seek to deter skaters but increase and improve general amenity.

Regional Skate Facility.

The concept for the CBD is not to provide a facility that will meet the needs of serious advanced skaters, but rather it is to provide a space for young people to access for social and passive recreation whilst meeting a demand for a suitable and acceptable skate area / youth friendly space in the CBD.

The City currently has local skateparks in Cross Park Roleystone, Forrestdale, Frye Park Kelmscott, Gwynne Park Armadale and Reg Williams Reserve. A further skate facility was proposed for the Seville Grove area prior to the investigation of the CBD facility. It was noted in the Youth Precinct Study that the intention of Council had been to construct the five small 'beginner' skate parks in the suburbs, with the intention to investigate locations for the eventual construction of an 'advanced' regional skate facility. As part of Council discussions in regard to the CBD skate facility, a larger facility was also noted. Convic Design were requested to provide designs and costings for a regional skatepark on a flat unrestricted area. A standard design, as attached (**refer to Attachment "A-1" – Summary of Attachments - buff page**) and the cost is estimated to be up to \$1.5 million depending on final size and components.

It should be noted the difference in cost between the traditional skatepark 'bowl' and the YAA is significant and this is for a number of reasons. The YAA estimate includes the costs of the audio visual media equipment, lighting and electrical work. It is an innovative design and provision has been made for the sculptural wave, access ramp, varied pavement works and landscaping. All of which are not included in the costs associated with the examples provided by Convic for traditional skatepark 'bowls'.

The Youth Precinct Study identified a number of points that would need to be considered over the next 3 – 5 years including the repair and upgrade of the City's existing skate parks and the development of a large regional skate park. It referred to the need for a large skatepark given the City's growing population and a current trend of growing popularity of skating in various forms as well as BMX riding. The Study did advise however that a review of skateboarding in Armadale in 3 – 5 years would be advisable to determine if those trends were consistent and relevant to the City of Armadale. It is recommended that this occur prior to Council committing to a large regional skate facility and to bear in mind that a likely venue for such a facility may be the Wungong Regional Recreational Facility.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

A concept design with cost estimate has been developed for a YAA for the area adjacent to the City's Administration building which is currently being used as a temporary carpark and includes the space where the amphitheatre is located. However, it does conflict with alternative uses of Minnowarra Park and possible future civic administration needs. The proposed design is innovative and encompasses elements not normally associated with a traditional skatepark. More importantly, it has been designed to be a social and interactive community area that can complement existing CBD community and recreational facilities.

The concept, cost estimates and a review of the site has been undertaken internally with officers and this report proposes that the site be reconsidered. The alternative site is the originally proposed grassed area bounded by Armadale Road and Church Avenue.

In addition to the proposal of a YAA within the CBD, this report recommends that the provision of the facility is not done in isolation and must be considered as only one element that is required in relation to young people and the CBD as has previously been reported through the Youth Precinct Study.

The proposal for addressing the social and recreational needs of young people in the CBD is as follows:

1. Develop and construct a YAA comprising the innovative elements as detailed in the concept design (**refer to Attachment "A-2" – Summary of Attachments - buff page**) for the grassed area below Jull Street and bounded by Armadale Road and Church Avenue.
2. Co-ordinate a range of Youth Support Services, Events and Activities using the YAA and the Armadale Youth Drop In Centre as venues. The aim of which is to create unstructured and informal recreational and social opportunities whilst allowing for accessible support services for young people.
3. Develop and implement a Management Plan and Education Campaign to ensure skaters are aware of local laws, skate friendly access to the YAA, code of conduct and acceptable behaviour when utilising the YAA.
4. Make physical changes to the CBD skater hot spots to reduce skate appeal.
5. Review of existing Skate facilities in the City of Armadale in relation to potential upgrade and repair and to consider trends unique to the City of Armadale so as to determine the need and feasibility for a regional skate facility to possibly be located at the proposed Wungong Regional Recreational Facility.

COMMENT

Analysis

Skate parks have become one of the most popular strategies implemented by local governments in Australia to address the various needs of young people in the community. In part, this reflects the growth in young people's interest in skating. It is important to note however, that the construction of a youth activity area, as a single approach to youth recreational and social issues is not always effective. It is for this reason that a YAA for the Armadale CBD is only one component of a multi-faceted approach.

Two alternative location sites have been analyzed and could be considered by Council. The YAA should be supported by a combination of strategies in addressing the social and recreational needs of young people frequenting the Armadale CBD.

Options

Council has the following options:

1. Agree on a preferred site for the YAA in the CBD and endorse the progression of the final design and cost estimates, together with the development of other recommended strategies.
2. Agree on a preferred site for the YAA in the CBD and endorse the progression of the final design and cost estimates, but not support the development of other recommended strategies.
3. Not support either the YAA or the other recommended strategies.

Conclusion

There is significant evidence to suggest that the Armadale community is supportive of an increased focus on youth development within the region and the provision of a youth friendly space in the CBD would be a demonstration of Council's awareness and commitment to its young people. The realisation of the YAA would be dependent upon other sources of funding to complement the City's contribution.

RECOMMEND

That Council:

- 1. Develop a design including estimated costs for constructing a Youth Activity Area comprising the innovative elements as detailed in the concept design as attached to these Minutes at Attachment "A-2") for the grassed area bounded by Armadale Road and Church Avenue.**
- 2. Consult with the community once a design has been prepared for the proposed site.**
- 3. Investigate the co-ordination of a range of Youth Support Services, Events and Activities using the Youth Activity Area and the Armadale Youth Drop In Centre as venues. The aim of which is to create unstructured and informal recreational and social opportunities whilst allowing for accessible support services for young people.**
- 4. Develop a Management Plan and Education Campaign to ensure skaters are aware of local laws, skate friendly access to the Youth Activity Area, code of conduct and acceptable behaviour when utilising the Youth Activity Area.**
- 5. Further investigate physical changes to the CBD skater hot spots to reduce skate appeal.**

- 6. Further investigate support and complementary funding for the Youth Activity Area and its associated activities / management plans from the local State Member of Parliament and Armadale Redevelopment Authority.**
- 7. Prepare and lodge a Community Sport and Recreation Facility Fund (CSRFF) grant application for the Youth Activity Area with the Department of Sport & Recreation.**
- 8. Review the existing Skate facilities in the City for the purpose of determining upgrade /repair and the need for a regional Skate facility to possibly be located at the Wungong Regional Recreational Facility.**

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2005-2010 MID TERM REVIEW

WARD ALL
FILE REF: CD/S/2
DATE 14th July 2008
REF YC / SR
RESPONSIBLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MANAGER Community
Services

In Brief:

This item presents the Community Safety Plan (CSP) 2005-2010 Mid Term Review and makes recommendations for a future framework for the City to take in relation to community safety and crime prevention.

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

Building Our Community

Legislation Implications

Nil

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Nil

Budget/Financial Implications

Council has a budget for Safety Projects of \$16,200 which includes \$1,200 from the Office of Crime Prevention as a recurrent contribution towards the administration of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnership.

Consultation

Service Providers and Agencies listed in the Community Safety Plan
Armadale Police
Office of Crime Prevention (OCP)

BACKGROUND

In 2004, the City entered into a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnership with the State Government (Office of Crime Prevention) and was one of the first local governments to lodge its Community Safety Plan as part of that Partnership.

Council's Community Safety Plan is for the period 2005–2010 and this report provides the results of a mid-term review. It takes into account other factors that affect the safety in Armadale and makes a number of recommendations.

The Review will be used to meet the City's obligations as part of the Partnership with OCP in the evaluation and regular monitoring of the Community Safety Plan.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

The City's Community Safety Plan (CSP) 2005–2010 was developed in conjunction with Council's Community Safety Advisory Committee and includes a series of interventions by a number of community agencies, not just the City to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Mid Term Review details the results of an officer evaluation of the projects and activities within the CSP. **(Refer to Attachment "A-3" – Summary of Attachments – buff page.)** It considers other information relevant to community safety including other local government approaches and combines all the information to provide the following recommendations:

That Council:

1. Following the review of the Council's Advisory Committees scheduled for August 2008, co-ordinate and facilitate an 'Armada Community Safety Partnership so as to meet its obligation with the OCP. This partnership can then act on emerging safety issues and monitor the progress of the current Community Safety Plan.
2. Support the Community Safety Partnership to begin the planning process for the next Community Safety Plan. A three year plan should be considered to increase flexibility and resource allocation. It should consider the WHO Safe Communities Model as identified by the previous members of the disbanded Community Safety Advisory Committee.
3. Support positive engagement with the local and regional Police as a strategic partnership. Current initiatives to aid this process include work on graffiti, CCTV and a series of 'Be Informed' crime prevention seminars.
4. Continue to support Neighbourhood Watch and work to encourage interaction and a sense of responsibility for safety between neighbours and communities. The City of Armadale to consider how to ensure Neighbourhood Watch maintains its membership and information networks and to help build capacity.
5. Review and document all of its activities and operations that affect and address community safety and crime prevention. The purpose of which is to recognise the opportunities and implications for community safety and crime prevention as part of its core business and use the information to determine its future resources and capacity to meet anticipated increased expectations as the City of Armadale's population grows and diversifies.

COMMENT

Analysis

The development of the City's Community Safety Plan was undertaken in 2005 and there have been changes throughout the City since that time. The review takes into account the current status of the projects initially identified in the CSP and considers what direction the City should take towards community safety in the future.

Options

1. Receive the Community Safety Plan Mid Term Review and endorse its recommendations.
2. Receive the Community Safety Plan Mid Term Review but not endorse its recommendations.
3. Receive the Community Safety Plan Mid Term Review and alter some or all of the recommendations.
4. Not receive the Community Safety Plan Mid Term Review nor its recommendations.

Option 1 is recommended.

Conclusion

The Community Safety Mid Term Review provides updated information and documentation in relation to the status of projects initially identified in the Community Safety Plan for Council to make an informed decision about the future approach it should take with community safety and crime prevention. The recommendations are in keeping with that information and provide the framework for the next three years in regard to community safety and crime prevention in Armadale.

RECOMMEND

That Council:

- 1. Co-ordinate and facilitate an ‘Armadale Community Safety Partnership so as to meet its obligation with the OCP, act on emerging safety issues and monitor the progress of the current Community Safety Plan.**
- 2. Support the Community Safety Partnership to begin the planning process for the next Community Safety Plan including consideration of the WHO Safe Communities Model as identified by the previous members of the disbanded Community Safety Advisory Committee.**
- 3. Support positive engagement with the local and regional Police as a strategic partnership, noting that current initiatives to aid this process include work on graffiti, CCTV and a series of ‘Be Informed’ crime prevention seminars.**
- 4. Continue to support Neighbourhood Watch and work to encourage interaction and a sense of responsibility for safety between neighbours and communities.**
- 5. Review and document City activities and operations that affect and address community safety and crime prevention.**

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APPLICATION FOR MULTIPLE DOG REGISTRATION

WARD: Minnowarra
FILE REF: LE/AC/7
DATE: 25 July 2008
REF: BLW

RESPONSIBLE Executive Director
MANAGER Community
Services

In Brief:

- An application to keep five (5) dogs on the premises at 35B Lensham Place Armadale.
- Recommendation that the application be refused.

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Legislation Implications

Dog Act 1976 - Section 26: Limitations as to Numbers: -

Where by a local law under this Act a Local Government has placed a limit on the keeping of dogs in any specified area but the Local Government is satisfied in relation to any particular premises that the provisions of this Act relating to approved kennel establishments need not be applied in the circumstances, the Local Government may grant an exemption in respect of those premises but any such exemption –

- may be made subject to conditions, including a condition that it applies only to the dogs specified therein;*
- shall not operate to authorize the keeping of more than 6 dogs on those premises; and*
- may be revoked or varied at any time.*

Any person who is aggrieved –

- by the conditions imposed in relation to any exemption from the provisions of a Local Law placing a limitation on the number of dogs that may be kept on any premises; or*
- by the refusal of a Local Government to grant such an exemption, or by the revocation of an exemption; may appeal in writing to the State Administrative*

Tribunal who may, after such inquiry as it thinks fit, give directions to the Local Government concerned and effect shall be given to any such direction.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Policy 1.4.4 - Keeping of Dogs:

Exemptions - Section 26 Dog Act 1976

When considering applications under Section 26 of the Dog Act 1976, for exemptions to keep more than two but not more than six dogs Council: -

- 1 is of the opinion that all applications of a commercial nature shall not be approved and the applicant be advised that it is an activity more suitable to an approved kennel zone;*
- 2 as a general rule will require the property on which the dogs will be kept to be at least 4047 square metres in area, however where it considers that circumstances do not warrant such an area, Council may consider a lesser area, and in this respect, the criteria laid down in point 3 will be referred to;*
- 3 will, where considered appropriate use the following criteria in assessing each application:*
 - (a) the property must be fenced and be of a suitable size in which the dogs can be adequately retained;*
 - (b) the number, size, breed, age and sex of the dogs;*
 - (c) where the dogs are to be kept kennelled and the distance from all surrounding residences;*
 - (d) suitable kennels to be provided and constructed of materials approved by the health surveyor and building surveyor;*
 - (e) a survey is undertaken by the City of all owner/occupiers within a 300 metre radius of the applicants property and those persons affected by the application be invited to make written comment on the application. The Manager Ranger & Emergency Services be authorised to vary the survey radius for applications to keep more than two (2) dogs in residential areas to seventy five (75) metres if circumstances warrant;*
 - (f) Ranger Services to undertake an on site inspection and assessment of the property prior to Council considering the application.*

Local Law Relating to Dogs

Limitations on the Number of Dogs: -

The owner or occupier of premises within the district shall not, unless the premises are licensed as an approved kennel establishment, or has been granted an exemption in accordance with Section 26(3) of the Dog Act 1976 or the First Schedule of this Local law, keep or permit to be kept on those premises more than two (2) dogs over the age of three (3) months.

First Schedule

Premises having a Land Area of:	Maximum Number of Dogs Permitted
less than 4,000 square metres	2
4,000 square metres but less than 10,000 square metres	3
10,000 square metres or greater	4

Budget/Financial Implications

Nil

Consultation

OBJECTIONS	Correspondence was sent to owners/occupiers of properties within a seventy five (75) metre radius of the subject property, advising of the application and inviting comment. Twelve (12) objections were received in relation to this application, however only six (6) are related directly to the applicant and the dogs kept on the abovementioned property.
APPLICANTS REASONS FOR REQUIRING EXEMPTION	The applicant advises that the dogs are kept principally as pets, however they do breed from two (2) of the dogs, every year, in order to supplement their pension.
INSPECTION REPORT	An officer from Ranger Services inspected the premises on 5 May 2008 and reported that the dogs appear to be used for breeding. In addition to the dogs identified in this application, there were five (5) pups approximately seven (7) weeks old at the property. All dogs appeared to be healthy, and the fencing on the property is of a standard that would effectively confine the dogs.

Application Details

ADDRESS	35B Lensham Place Armadale		
PROPERTY SIZE/ZONING	812 Sqm/Residential		
PRIOR COMPLAINT/OFFENCE	Ranger Services do not have any recorded complaints or offences in relation to the applicant or the dogs at 35B Lensham Place, Armadale.		
SURVEY RESULTS	Seventy one (71) owner/occupiers, in the area, were surveyed. A total of twenty one (21) survey forms were returned, with 12 objections to the application.		
DETAILS OF DOGS	Breed	Sex	Age
	Bichon Friese	Male	1 Year
	Bichon Friese	Female	2 Years
	Bichon Friese	Female	2 Years
	Bichon Friese	Female	2 Years

COMMENT

All of the objections received in relation to this particular application express a concern about the number of dogs in the area generally, however six (6) of the objections relate specifically to the applicant and her apparent lack of control and responsibility over the dogs situated on the premises.

There is a strong opinion that the keeping of five (5) dogs, as proposed in the application, is unsuitable for a residential area. On the basis of the survey results received by Ranger Services in relation to these particular dogs and the size of the property not being considered appropriate for the housing of 5 dogs, Ranger Services is of the view not to support the application.

RECOMMEND

That Council: -

- a. **Not approve the application from the applicant to keep five (5) dogs on the premises at 35B Lensham Place, Armadale, for the reasons that Council is of the view that the dogs are likely to cause a nuisance by barking and otherwise, and the property size is not considered appropriate for the housing of five (5) dogs.**
- b. **Advise the applicant of her right of appeal pursuant to Section 26 (5) and (6) of the Dog Act 1976.**

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MOTION CARRIED/LOST ()

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INTEGRATED BOWL, TRANSITION AND STREET ELEMENTS PROVIDED MAY INCLUDE RAILS, LEDGES, STAIRS, BANKS, TRANSITION AND A POSSIBLE CLOSED BOWL.

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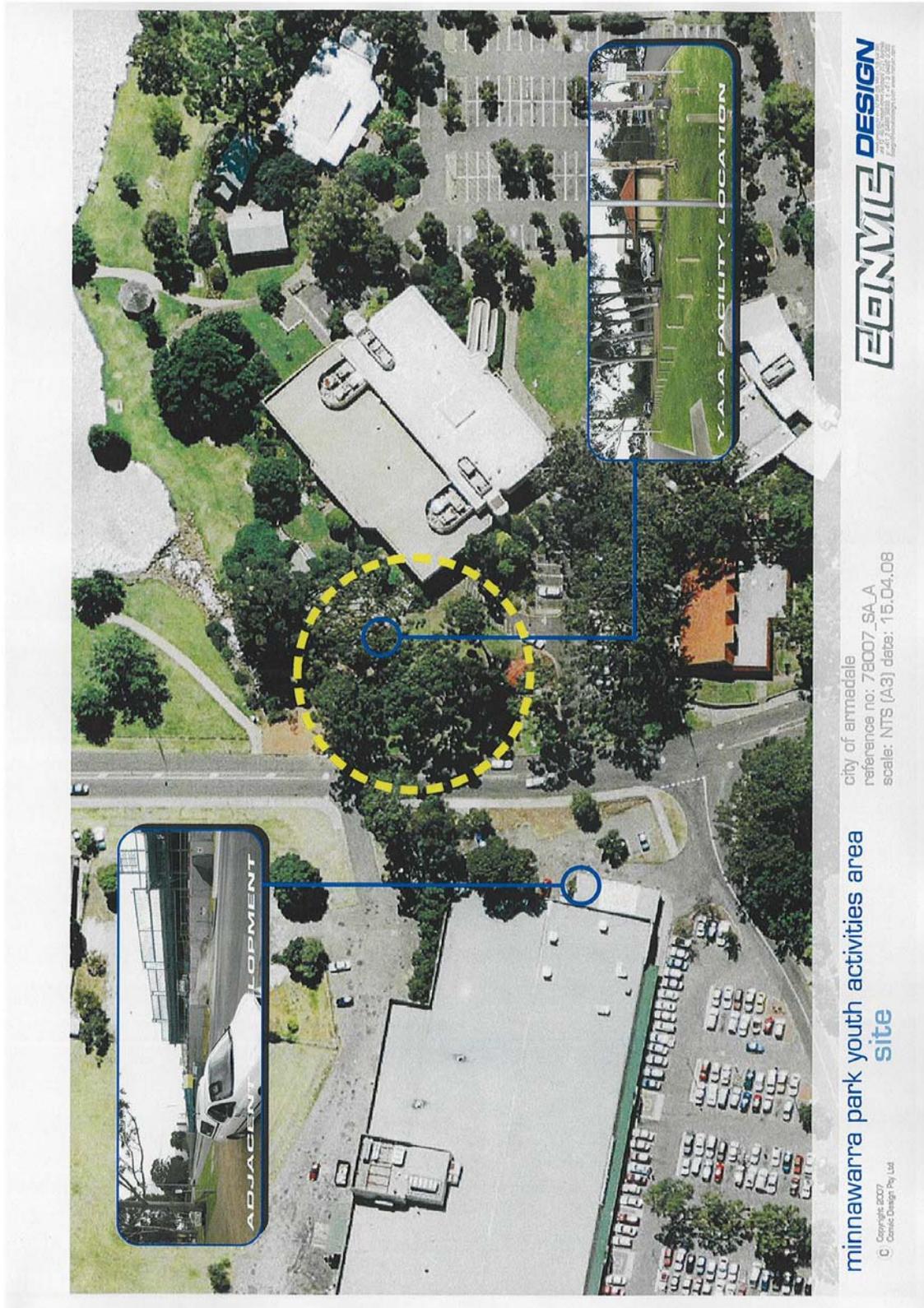
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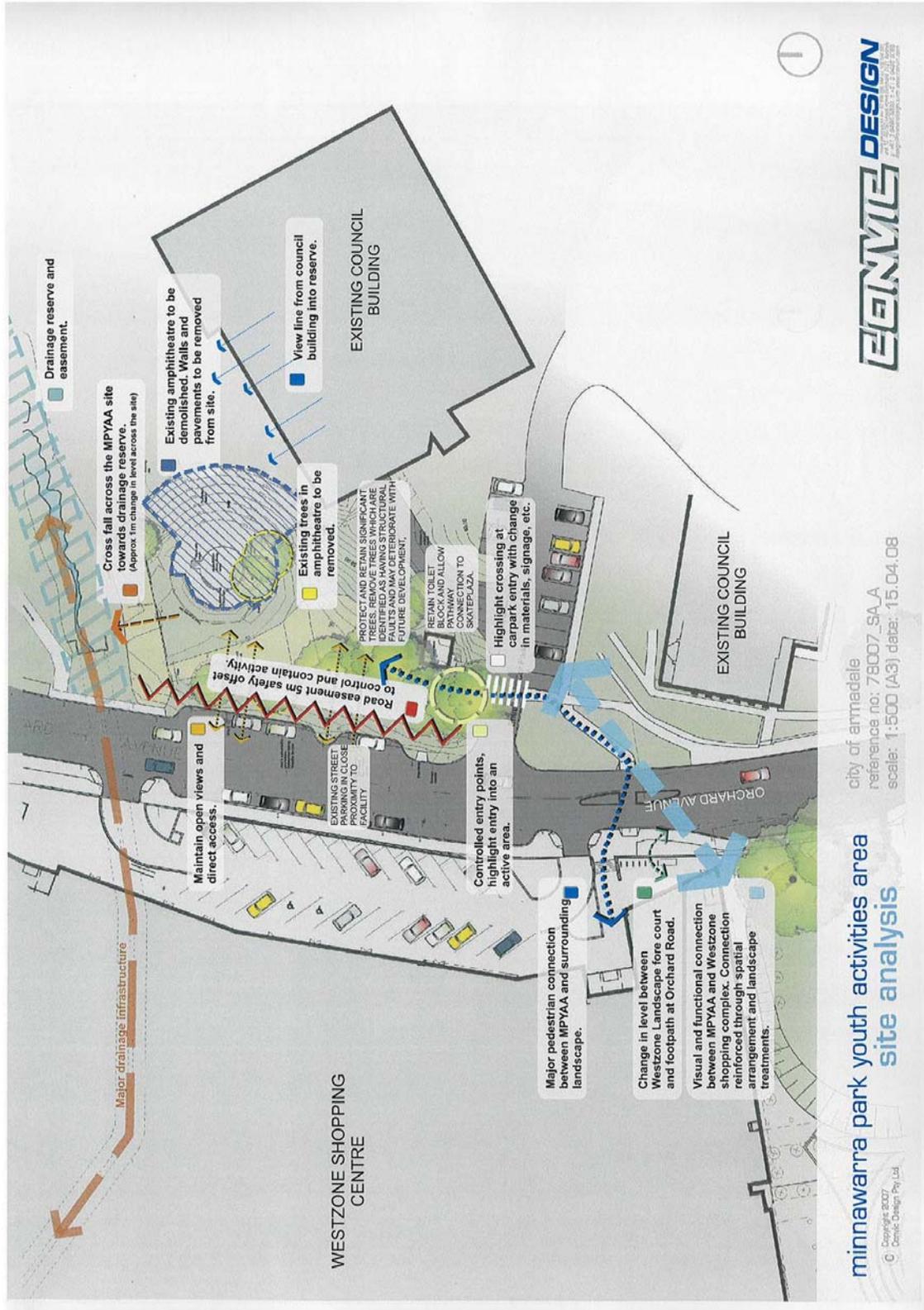
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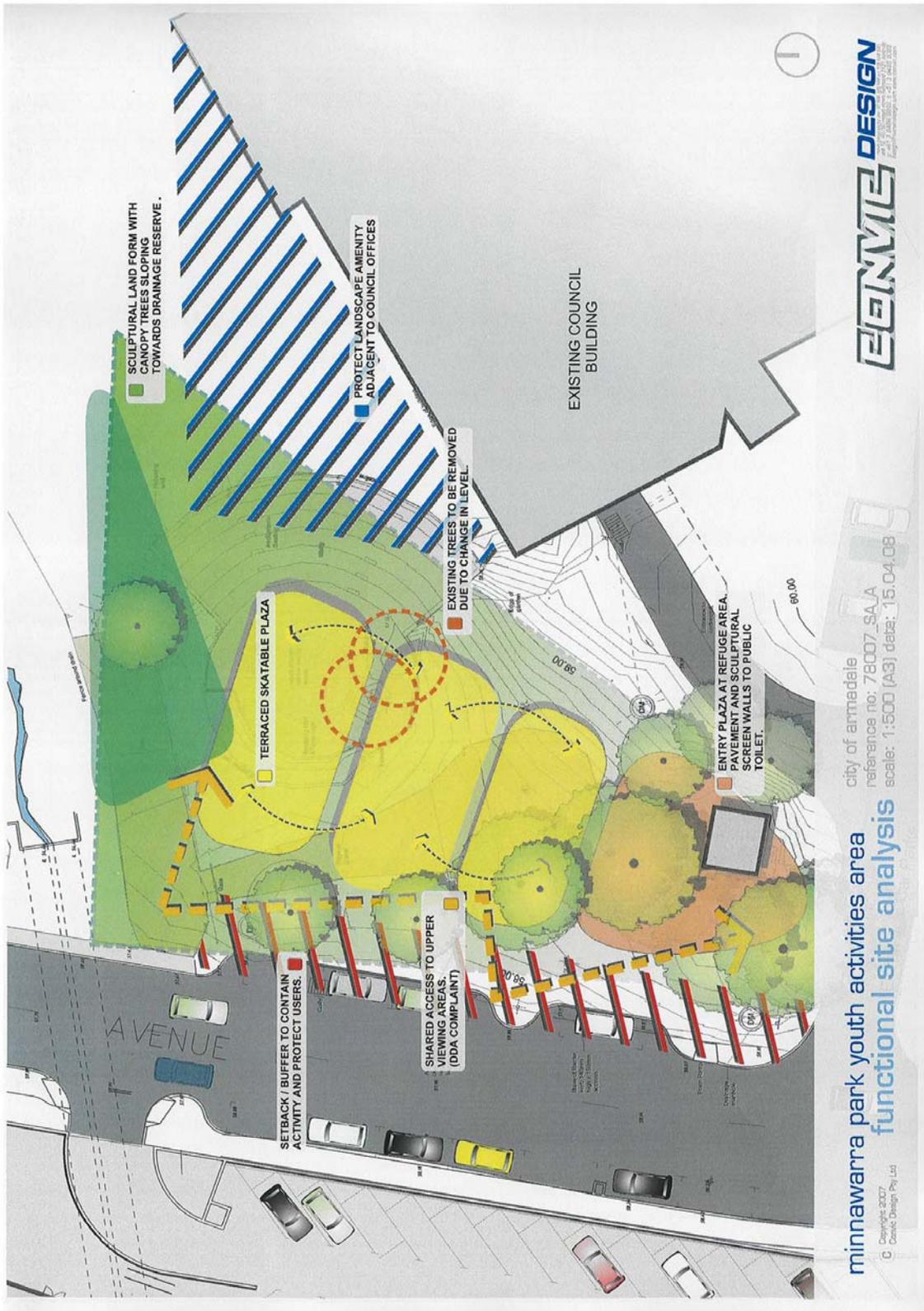
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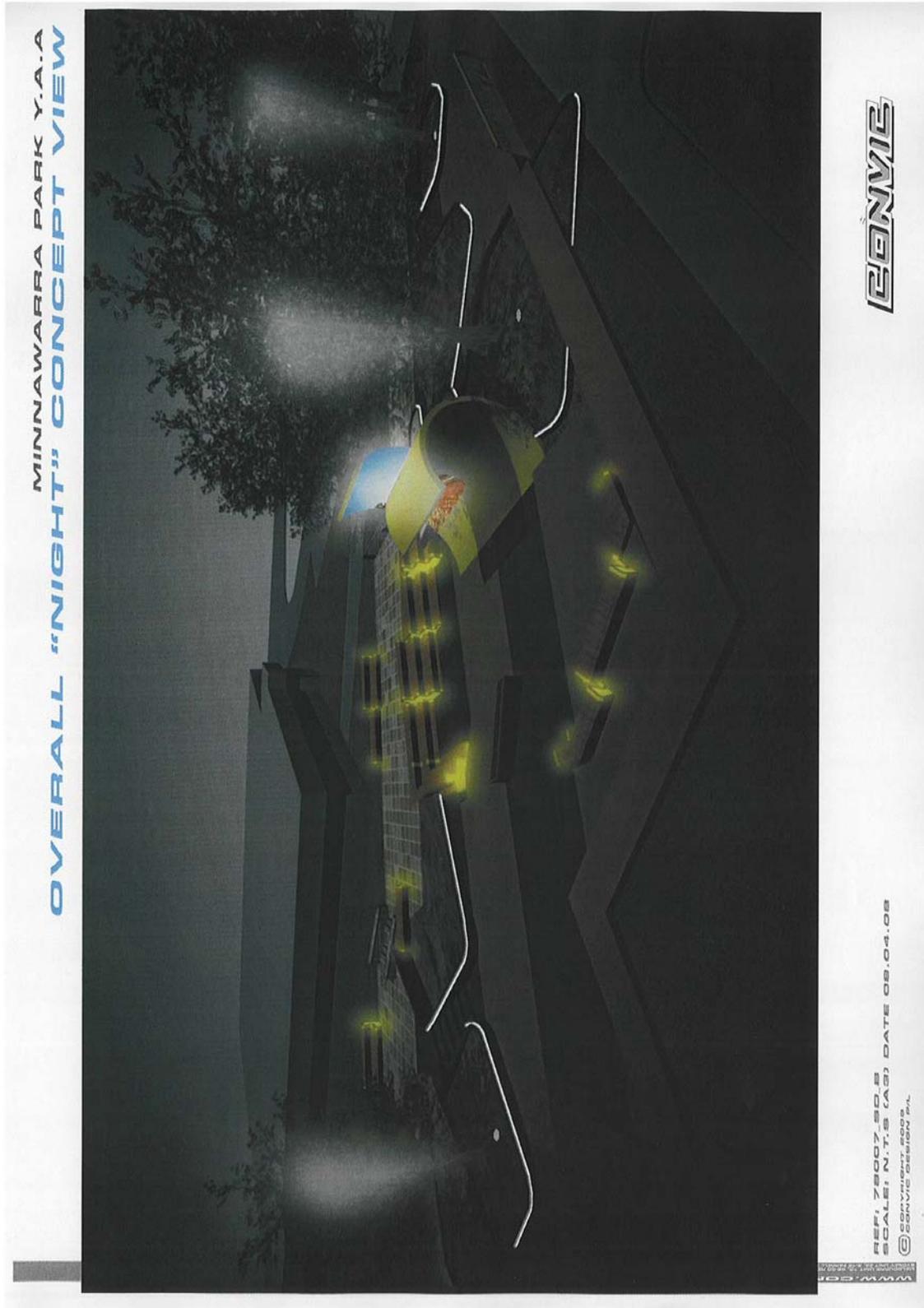
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Armadale Community Safety Plan

2005-2010

Mid Term Review

April 2008



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1. Executive Summary

Local Government has a strong role in facilitating and supporting activities that makes its communities safer. The Armadale Community Safety Plan 2005-2010 is a series of interventions by a number of agencies to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

This report summarises the results of a mid-term review of the Community Safety Plan and considers other factors affecting community safety in Armadale. A number of recommendations are made, including:

That Council:

- 1.1 Following the review of the Council’s Advisory Committees scheduled for August 2008, co-ordinate and facilitate an ‘Armadale Community Safety Partnership so as to meet its obligation with the OCP. This partnership can then act on emerging safety issues and monitor the progress of the current Community Safety Plan.
- 1.2 Support the Community Safety Partnership to begin the planning process for the next Community Safety Plan. A three year plan should be considered to increase flexibility and resource allocation. It should consider the WHO Safe Communities Model as identified by the previous members of the disbanded Community Safety Advisory Committee.
- 1.3 Support positive engagement with the local and regional Police as a strategic partnership. Current initiatives to aid this process include work on graffiti, CCTV and a series of ‘Be Informed’ crime prevention seminars.
- 1.4 Continue to support Neighbourhood Watch and work to encourage interaction and a sense of responsibility for safety between neighbours and communities. The City of Armadale to consider how to ensure Neighbourhood Watch maintains its membership and information networks and to help build capacity.
- 1.5 Review and document all of its activities and operations that affect and address community safety and crime prevention. The purpose of which is to recognise the opportunities and implications for community safety and crime prevention as part of its core business and use the information to determine its future resources and capacity to meet anticipated increased expectations as the City of Armadale’s population grows and diversifies.

2. Introduction

The City of Armadale has long recognised the collaborative role and importance of developing proactive measures in crime prevention and community safety. In 2004, a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnership was agreed upon between the government of Western Australia and the City of Armadale.

The City of Armadale’s role is:

- i. To support, coordinate and administer local *Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnership*.

- ii. To support and facilitate the development and implementation of a local *Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan*.
- iii. To ensure that the *Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan* is consistent with the overall State Crime Prevention Strategy.
- iv. To engage and involve the community, State Government agencies and non-government organisations in local *Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnerships*.
- v. To build the community’s capacity to participate in the *Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnership*.
- vi. To adopt evidence-based decision-making processes that target areas of greatest need.
- vii. To monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of community safety and crime prevention activities.
- viii. To build community capacity to participate in community safety and crime prevention by providing information and advice about “what works” and “what does not work” in crime prevention.

In 2005, the City of Armadale launched its Community Safety Plan (2005-2010). This Plan is both a strategic and practical document that has provided a framework for community safety in Armadale. From its inception to 2007, the Plan was monitored by the Community Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC). CSAC disbanded in March 2007 and it is anticipated that that an alternative ‘community safety and crime prevention partnership’ will be established.

The goal of the Plan is:

“To identify and provide an informed guide for the Community Safety Advisory Committee to support safety actions within the City of Armadale which will maintain Armadale as a safe place to live, work, play and learn.”

Given the Plan is a living document, evaluation and monitoring processes were put into place, including a formal officer review which was undertaken between July 2007 – March 2008.

3. Community Safety And Crime Prevention Partnership

3.1 Community Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC)

The Armadale Community Safety Advisory Committee helped develop and monitor the Community Safety Plan. Since disbandment of CSAC in March 2007, the City’s Community Development Officer (Safety) has undertaken the task of monitoring the Plan. Prior to disbandment, a report entitled ‘Community Safety Advisory Committee – Change of Format’ was discussed by CSAC. It was considered that the Community Safety Plan had reached a point whereby actions to progress the Plan had either already been implemented or were ongoing as part of the general core business of those partners involved. In addition, from August 2006, the attendance of Committee members was poor with very few items tabled for discussion. There was frustration expressed by some members that the formality and structure of the Advisory Committee was inhibiting the scope, flexibility, desire and time to develop and implement community safety projects. There was also a desire by some members to focus on pursuing a ‘Safe Communities Partnership’, which is the World Health Organisation (WHO) Safe

Communities approach to injury prevention and safety promotion based on community development principles. These factors prompted Committee members to consider and propose that a ‘Safe Communities Taskforce’ supported but not appointed by Council replace the CSAC.

The focus of the Taskforce would be to:

- Develop the ‘Safe Communities’ partnership;
- Pursue mental and physical health issues;
- Continue to monitor the progress of the Armadale Community Safety Plan as per the agreement between the Office of Crime Prevention and the City of Armadale to:
 - Support and facilitate the development and implementation of a local Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan and to prioritise community safety and crime prevention strategies for implementation.
 - Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of community safety and crime prevention activities.

3.2 Review of the Council’s Advisory Committees

A review of all Council’s Advisory Committees is currently underway and scheduled for completion in August 2008. The review is to consider the current structure, role and processes of the Committees to ascertain best practice and use of the Committees by Council as consultative tools for community participation in decision-making. Consultation regarding the review has occurred with previous members of the Community Safety Advisory Committee.

On completion of the review and consideration of any recommendations by Council, a ‘Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnership’ may be created. This partnership should be responsive and enable work to occur on emerging safety issues in Armadale. In addition, the taskforce should start the planning process for the next Community Safety Plan.

4. The Armadale Community Safety Plan Project Updates

From June - September 2007, the Community Development Officer (Safety) met with the majority of the project holders listed in the Armadale Community Safety Plan. Where appropriate, the project update sheet (Appendix 1) was completed. The information gained from this exercise is summarised in Appendix 2. In addition, the main comments from the project holders have been listed below:

The lack of police resourcing/ commitment for community projects is having an impact in the Armadale region.

A number of the ‘projects’ are actually core business as opposed to projects and as such should not form part of a community safety plan.

Would like to see linkages improved.

Would like the new committee/task force to be flexible and responsive to emerging issues

Would like to report back to committee on specific project outcomes either yearly or as and when necessary as opposed to every two months

Meeting with the project holders, recording the project updates and interviewing many committed and passionate individuals in the Armadale area was a very positive exercise. Based upon this feedback, it is recommended that learning outcomes for future ‘project driven’ community safety planning initiatives should include:

- a) Ensure that for each of the projects listed there is a named project supervisor who is responsible for overseeing the project.
- b) Ensure that the project supervisor is involved in the setting or is aware of the evidence-based indicators/outcomes and objectives for that project.
- c) Ensure there are simple shared strategic goals and responsibilities. Currently, the Plan contains six priorities e.g. burglary, 2-5 objectives per priority, and 2-3 evidence-based outcomes per priority. Moreover, for the 50 projects in the Plan, each one of the projects within a priority can have between 1-7 evidence-based indicators for each project.

5. Additional relevant information / other factors affecting community safety in Armadale

5.1 Community Policing

In 2007, the role of ‘Community Police Officer’ was removed from local stations in WA, in a bid to increase support for front line policing. The loss of such positions has had, and will continue to have an impact on community safety and crime prevention. For example, a number of projects in the Community Safety Plan have been discontinued due to lack of resources.

5.2 Burglar Beware

Burglar Beware is organised by the Office of Crime Prevention (OCP) and is characterised by two distinct functions, each of which utilise a range of strategies and tools:

- State-wide marketing and media ‘the burglar beware campaign’.
- Intensive local intervention ‘the burglar beware program’.

In 2006, the OCP developed an Armadale burglar beware management team. The meetings were held every two months with a number of key government agencies including representation from the Police, Department of Child Protection, and the City of Armadale. Unfortunately, in January 2008 the OCP disbanded the management team. The OCP intends to continue with the burglar beware program in Armadale however the format is yet to be decided.

5.3 Annual Contributions

The service delivery philosophy of the City of Armadale has been to provide strategic linkages, financial support (if appropriate) and facilitate community groups to address local community issues/needs as opposed to being a direct provider of social and human services. As such, in 2007/2008 the City of Armadale provided \$42,200 to community groups that provided direct crime prevention services namely Starrick House, Armadale Neighbourhood Watch, Armadale Youth Resources, Community Care Program and Drug Arm Inc. Due to an increase in demand for services for both Armadale Youth Resources and Drug Arm Inc., Council has supported an increase in these annual contributions.

Neighbourhood Watch and Community Care have been operating in Armadale for a number of years. Armadale Police provided the resource centre for both organisations however, the Police have recently required that space for their own purposes. Neighbourhood Watch has since found a new venue from which to operate, however they may incur additional operating costs as a result. The future of Community Care is still to be determined.

In addition, earlier this year the local Police withdrew their support from Neighbourhood Watch including promotional activities/meetings/ recruitment drives etc.

5.4 Crime Profiles

The last ‘Community Safety and Crime Prevention Profile’ provided by the Office of Crime Prevention was dated 2005 (<http://www.crimeprevention.wa.gov.au>). Further detailed profiles are expected in the near future. In 2005, the rates of recorded crime were lower than, or similar to those in the region and the state for residential burglary, non-residential burglary, drug offences, other theft and property damage; and were higher than those in the region and the State for offences against the person, vehicle theft and other offences.

The OCP has started to provide detailed crime statistics on a monthly basis. These statistics will prove increasingly useful when trends and patterns begin to emerge. Particularly, when used in conjunction with the community forecast and profile software packages.

The City of Armadale has asked that the statistics be made comparative e.g. per 1,000 head of population, and additionally, the Metropolitan Community Safety Group has requested that a ‘Metro Average’ be made available.

This information should help stimulate further interest in community safety and help in the determination and allocation of resources. It should be noted that the information provided is only to be used for the purpose of undertaking Crime Prevention and Community Safety functions. The Local Government office receiving the information has an obligation to protect the confidentiality and integrity of such information.

5.5 Population and Household Forecasts

In 2001, the total population of the City was estimated at 52,274. This is expected to increase to 70,865 by 2016, at an average annual growth rate of 2.05%. It is based on an increase of more than 8,000 households during the period, with the average number of persons per household falling from 2.73 to 2.60. Rapid population change is associated with higher rates of crime.

5.6 Index of disadvantage

Of the 30 local government areas in the Perth statistical division, Armadale ranks the third most disadvantaged area (2006, SEIFA index of disadvantage) after Kwinana and Belmont. The index of disadvantage is derived from attributes such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment and dwellings without motor vehicles. High levels of poverty and inequality correlate consistently with levels of violence in communities. These characteristics are seen as ‘push’ factors for the residents of a community. However, other economic factors such as ownership of attractive possessions, including motor vehicles – generally positive indicators for a community – have been shown to provide opportunity or ‘pull’ factors that make crime attractive.

6. Local Authority Crime Prevention Models

6.1 UK - Mainstreaming Community Safety

Since the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act in 1998 in the UK, local authorities have been directed to consider crime and disorder reduction in the exercise of all their duties. This has become known as mainstreaming community safety. This approach can help ensure that initiatives to create safer communities have lasting effects, offer good value and are responsive to public concerns. Thus, they complement other local government reforms such as Best Practice, community consultation/accountability and the emphasis on ‘joined-up’ thinking.

In the concept of Mainstreaming Community Safety, there are two main areas where local authority functions and services can impact on crime and disorder namely, physical and social arrangements.

6.1.1 Physical arrangements

A local authority can have an impact on crime and disorder through the design and management of the physical, built environment. Such design and management affects crime and disorder in a number of ways. Offenders target vulnerable areas and persons only when the conditions for offending are right. Opportunity may be decreased, for example, when there is adequate CCTV coverage or street lighting, when vandalised or burgled property is quickly repaired, or when there are sufficient numbers of adequately trained staff in locations vulnerable to crime.

6.2 Social arrangements

A local authority can also affect levels of crime and disorder through changing the social conditions that are perceived to cause crime in residential areas. Approaches have focused on community organisation, mobilising resources providing constructive activities for those socially excluded, preserving order and protecting the vulnerable. Visible signs of social disorder and neighbourhood decline may also be related to crime in residential areas. Disorder undermines communities by sparking concern about safety and the causes of crime and contributes to a spiral of neighbourhood decline. Anxiety about crime and disorder undermines the housing market, reduces the level of resident satisfaction and encourages residents to move away from an area, resulting in the breakdown of informal social control, which in turn increases crime.

Examples

Local authorities can seek to reduce crime in many and varied ways. Changes to the layout of residential areas, the size of fences, the location of bus stops, improved staff identification or visiting procedures, encouraging the rapid repair of vandalism and removal of graffiti, and reducing the level of void properties can all reduce crime and disorder

Research into community safety mainstreaming has shown that local authorities have much to gain from this growing body of evidence which shows that situational crime prevention can bring sustained reductions in crime and disorder and bring improvements to the quality of life for residents. Thus mainstreaming community safety provides a challenge and a positive opportunity for local authorities.

6.3 WALGA Community Safety Models

Local authorities throughout Western Australia have adopted different community safety models and approaches. They range widely and include direct services such as Security Patrols, Noongar Patrols, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordination, CCTV, Free Home Audits, Free Kerb Numbering, Graffiti Removal Programs and Strategies, Community Workshops, Safety Brochures and Information, in addition to the usual Ranger and other related services. Other initiatives include support for activities such as Community Walking Groups, Social School Education Programmes, Youth Programmes and Social Support Services.

Resources allocated to community safety vary greatly, for example; City of Gosnells employs a Community Safety Co-ordinator, a Community Safety Officer, a Community Safety Administration Officer and a part-time Neighbourhood Watch Project Officer as part of their ‘Safe City’. Similarly, the City of Rockingham employs a Community Safety Manager, two City Safe Project Officers, a Graffiti Management Project Officer and two Security Support Officers as part of its ‘City Safe’. Both Local Authorities have large youth teams that support community safety.

The City of Armadale currently employs a part-time Community Development Officer (Safety), and provides services such as Ranger and Emergency Services, Graffiti Removal for its own assets, Community Workshops and Roadwise activities and is currently planning the installation of CCTV in the CBD. However, this is only a brief overview and it would be worthwhile reviewing and documenting all approaches the City takes to determine what future capacity and resources will be required to meet increasing expectations as the population grows.

7. Conclusions

The Community Safety Plan is for the period 2005 to 2010. A number of the projects within the Community Safety Plan are completed, or are regarded part of core business for some agencies. With changing crime trends, high index of disadvantage and a rapidly increasing population, the City of Armadale should be considering the shape and framework of its approach to community safety for the future. The demise of community policing, has and will have an impact on community safety, moreover, two groups overseeing community safety in Armadale namely Community Safety Advisory Committee and Burglar Beware have disbanded.

7.1 Recommendations

That Council:

- 7.1.1 Following the review of the Council’s Advisory Committees scheduled for August 2008, co-ordinate and facilitate an ‘Armadale Community Safety Partnership so as to meet its obligation with the OCP. This partnership can then act on emerging safety issues and monitor the progress of the current Community Safety Plan.
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Appendix 1 – Project Sheet Update

Project Update Sheet

Project update with _____ Date _____

Project Name _____ Priority area _____

Project Description

Lead Agency/Partners

Time line

Resources

Evidence Based Indicators

Evidence Based Outcomes

Project Objective?

Are all the above details correct?

Are you the most appropriate person to update the project?

Name _____ Tel _____
Address _____ Email _____

When did you last update the community development office?

How would you like to update us?

What has the project achieved since 2005? (Plan launch Nov 2005)

Objectives
Indicators

Are you carrying out any specific evaluation work?

What are your major obstacles (if any) to achieving the above outcomes?

Are you aware of linkages with any other projects?

What sort of extra funding opportunities (if any) could help?

Appendix 2 – Armadale Community Safety Plan 2005-2010 Project Updates

Domestic Violence

Project	Existing/ or New?	Project Description	Lead Agency/ Partners	Status	Comments
Women’s Business	New	Community education on DV issues.	AFSS	Discontinued	Reallocation of federal funding
Joint Police and DCD FDVU	Existing	Police to investigate all reports	WA Police, DCP Family and Dom. Violence Unit	Current	Core Business
ADVIP	Existing	Interagency group representing all DV agencies in Armadale	Interagency group along with core group of direct service providers	Current	6 monthly progress reports are available
Accountability Audit	New	A comprehensive audit of DV services	Dept for Child Protection (DCP)	Completed	Audit report July 2007. Five recommendations made.
Mungart Yirra Boorn	New	DV Com. ed.	Interagency group	Discontinued	1 off event has taken place, no further funding available
Awareness Sessions	New	Community education sessions on DV	WA Police	Discontinued	Community Policing no longer resourced
Group sessions	Existing	Group sessions with parents and students	Armadale Youth Resources	Current	Yearly progress reports available
SHAP	Existing	Support for tenants with financial crisis or with DV, alcohol drugs etc.	Dept of Housing and Works Centrecare	Current	Departmental reports available
Strong Families	Existing	Parent support program	Dept of Hous. and Works, Dept for Com. Dev. + others	Current	Departmental reports available
Counselling	Existing	DV Counselling service and referrals for women/ men	Starrick Services AFSS	Current	6 monthly progress reports available
Armadale Hospital FDV Screening Prog	Existing	AHS FDV screening program at maternity unit	Armadale Health Service and AHS FDV Committee	Discontinued	Change in management staff. However, it may be resurrected.
Family & DV General Practice Project	New	Working with general practice to reduce family violence	Canning Division of General Practice	Current	Funded until Oct 08 Progress report available.

(Appendix 3 holds a list of acronyms)

Alcohol, other drugs and illegal substances

Project	Existing/ or New?	Project description	Lead Agency/ Partners	Status	Comments
Counselling on drug related issues	Existing with expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling • Referral • New shopfront 	Drug Arm	Current	Funded until June 08 Progress reports available
Counselling& Advocacy forTeens(CAT)	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminars • Youth education • Legal education 	Armadale Youth Resources	Current	Impact reduced without Police commitment Yearly progress reports available.
Detox Program	Existing	Free service to Drug & Alc. Counselling referral to detox	AFSS Mission Australia	Current	Yearly progress reports available
GURD project	Existing	Ed. of young people on Alc. & drug issues	Armadale Police	Discontinued	Community Policing no longer resourced
Gosnells Armadale Alcohol Project (GAAP)	Existing New*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop. & adopt alc. policy for LA’s • *Review of Alcohol policy 	City of Armadale City of Gosnells Cannington Police Armadale Community Health	Current	Gosnells/ Armadale Policy in place. Review to take place 2008
Mooditjabin (becoming stronger)	New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 intensive support to Aboriginal Youth • Targeting Aboriginal youth with Drug abuse & asb • Utilising Multi Systemic Therapy 	Drug Arm in close association with; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Housing and Works • DCD and Strong Families 	None starter	Project scope in place. No funding available.
SHAP	Existing	Support for tenants with financial crisis or with DV, alcohol drugs etc.	Dept of Housing and Works - Centrecare	Current	Departmental reports available
Counselling	Existing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free confidential counselling to indiv. & families, community members regarding substance abuse/misuse 	Mission Australia - South East Metropolitan Community Drug Service Team	Current	Yearly progress reports available

Safety in Public Spaces

Project	Existing/ or	Project Description	Lead Agency/ Partners	Status	Comments
Graffiti project	New	Rapid removal of graffiti/Com Ed/	City of Armadale T S D & CSD, WA Police, local traders/ residents/ Community groups	Current	Policy and Management Practice, March 2008. Business meeting July 2008. Constable Care graffiti workshops 08/09
Look, lock, leave	Existing	Signage aimed at improving awareness of security of vehicles	WA Police	Discontinued	May be resurrected. Car park car crime is not a current focus
CPTED and ‘Liveable Neighbour- hood’ policies	New	Applying CPTED and ‘Liveable Neighbourhoods’ policy to council works & planning applications	City of Armadale T S D, WA Planning Commission WA Dept of Planning and	Current	Continuously applied. Design out Crime Workshops for CoA staff and Police July 2008
Targeting Hotspots	Existing	Police targeting hotspots- car speeding, target areas	WA Police	Current	Core Business for Police
Youth work on the rail	New	Research into pilot study outreach with Young people on trains, surrounding areas and reducing offending behaviour	PATREC, CoA, OCP, Community Safety Advisory Committee, CSD Other local Governments	Completed	Train Outreach program took place with youth workers Armadale –Cannington – Evaluation available from Dec 07
Safety in Schools	New	Safety in Schools Week activities promoting the reduction of falls for children 5-12 years	Armadale Com.Health, DoH Injury Prevention Unit, Kidsafe and local primary schools	Discontinued	Lack of resources.
Seniors Stay on your Feet Program	New	Promoting reduction of falls amongst seniors	Armadale Community Health, CoA, CSD & key	Current	CoA running seminars 2008
Armadale Youth Activities Area	New	Investigation into feasibility of safe user space (YAA) and skate park in Armadale CBD	ARA, City of Armadale Youth Advisory Committee Armadale Youth resources	Current	Agenda item for YAA up to Committee in June 2008 for consideration of site, design and budget
Jull Street Precinct CCTV project	City of Armadale initiative 2007	To deter and detect crime. To reduce the fear of crime. To build on security infrastructure to city centre	City of Armadale, WA Police.	Current	System to be installed October 2008 (unmonitored). Police link monitors only. UWA carrying out full evaluation

Perceptions of Community Safety

Project	Existing/ or	Project description	Lead Agency/ Partners	Status	Comments
Step Up Program	Existing	Supporting ‘at risk’ primary school children in transition to secondary	Armada Youth Resources	Current	Yearly progress reports available.
Homework class	New	Homework class supported by parents & teachers for at risk Indigenous Students	DCD, Gwynne Park Primary, Parents of Gwynne Park Primary, CoA CSD	Current	Mondays and Wednesdays.
Bike Workshop Program	New	Free after school prog. restoring bikes & skill share. Intergenerational mentoring program ’	City of Armadale Community Services Directorate, PCYC, A.Y.R	Discontinued	Ran from August 05-August 07, no further funding
Community Safety Month Armadale	New	Promoting awareness of safety and injury by showcasing com. safety in various areas	Co CSD, OCP, CCWA, NGO, Gov, Community organizations CSAC	Current	Activities took place in 2006 & 2007. Senior focus 2008.
New Year’s Eve Seniors Social Evening and Safety Forum	Existing	Seniors attend a public event on NY Eve without fear of crime Intergenerational aspect	Armadale PCYC, ANHW, WA Police officers	Discontinued	Events in 2004 & 2005. Monies from proceeds of crime fund released just before the event-organisation too difficult
Neighbourhood Watch Program	Existing	Information on home safety	Armadale Neighbourhood Watch (ANHW)	Current	Without Police commitment the impact of NW activities has considerably reduced.
Media Communication strategy	New	Positive messages and images in the local media	CoA Chief Executives Office, CSD, Police, Armadale Youth Resources, AFSS	Current	Core Business for CoA Public Relations Officer
Community Safety Survey	New	• A Telephone survey of 400 residents	ICCWA, C of A, Community Services Directorate	Completed	Report available. Residential burglars, dangerous driving and ‘other’ given importance
Bullying in ‘at risk’ schools	CoA initiative 2008	Constable Care program in 6 at risk primary schools	CoA, Constable Care	Current	Program for 2008/2009. Constable care will evaluate

Road Safety

Project	Existing/ or New?	Project description	Lead Agency/ Partners		
Roadwise Committee	Existing	Promote and reward safe driver behaviour Id local issues & solutions to road users	City of Armadale Police Community members WALGA	Current	Reports available 3 monthly to WALGA and yearly to Council.
Civil Works Construction Maintenance	Existing	Continue upgrading and maintaining the CoA road network	City of Armadale Technical Services Directorate	Ongoing	Part of core business
Bike Safe	Existing	Promoting helmet use & safe riding practices among school children	Armadale Police Local Schools	Discontinued	Lack of resources
Directional and Tactile marking	Existing	Directional & Tactile marking for people with visual impairments	WA Main roads Armadale Community Care, CoA TSD	Ongoing	Part of core business
Ark Road Safety Centre	Existing	Road safety Ed primary and senior schools	Ark Road Safety Armadale Police	Discontinued	Lack of resources
YAC Road action group	Existing	Promotion of road safety to young people.	YAC Roadwise Committee CoA CSD	None starter	Project scope in place. No funding available.
RBT promotional Drive	Existing	Handout of ‘drive safely’ material to drivers who pass RBT.	CoA TSD, Roadwise Committee, Roadwise WA, Police	Current	Reports available 3 monthly to WALGA and yearly to Council.
Vehicle safety checks	Existing	Free vehicle safety checks.	Roadwise Committee RAC	Current	Reports available 3 monthly WALGA, yearly to Council.
Road Safety Planer	Existing	Accompanying Police RBT’s and rewarding safe drivers with incentive vouchers	Roadwise Committee, Police and other agencies	Current	Reports available 3 monthly to WALGA and yearly to Council.
Targeting Hotspots	Existing	Police targeting - car speeding, hot spot areas	Police	Current	Part of core business
‘Don’t turn your break into a wake’ campaign	Existing	Convoys to Victoria Park raising awareness of safe driving practices over Christmas	Ambulance, FESA, Police and Roadwise Committee	Current	Reports available yearly to Council.

Burglary

Project	Existing/ or New?	Project description	Lead Agency/ Partners		
Safety and Security Audits	Existing	Free home safety and security audits for people over 55, or a person with a disability or caring for a person with a disability	WA Police Armadale Police Community Care Programme FESA	Discontinued	Community Policing no longer resourced
Armadale Police Community Care Program	Existing	Advocacy for seniors- responding to concerns of seniors & perceptions of crime via conducting home visits and newsletters to seniors	Armadale Police Community Care	Discontinues in current form	Currently no base and Police no longer able to support Community Care
Eyes on the Street Program	New	Utilising existing field officers of CoA to report suspicious behaviour	Office of Crime Prevention City of Armadale- field staff across all directorates Armadale Police	Ongoing	Ranger services receive regular reports regarding unlawful activity in the Police district and report back as & when necessary

Appendix 3 – List of Acronyms

List of acronyms used in this document

ABS	Armadale Health Service
ADVIP	Armadale Domestic Violence Intervention project
AFSS	Aboriginal Family Support Service
AHS	Armadale Health Service
ANHW	Armadale Neighbourhood Watch
ARA	Armadale Redevelopment Authority
ASHS	Armadale Senior High School
AYR	Armadale Youth Resources
ATSIAC	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee
CAT	Counselling and Advocacy for Teens
CBD	Central Business District
CoA	City of Armadale
CP	Crime Prevention
CPTED	Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
Cr	Councillor
CS	Community Safety
CSAC	Community Safety Advisory Committee
CSN	Community Safety Network
CSD	Community Services Directorate
DAC	Disability Advisory Committee
DCP	Department for Child Protection
DV	Domestic Violence
ECU	Edith Cowan University
FDV	Family Domestic Violence
FDVU	Family Domestic Violence Unit
FESA	Fire and Emergency Services Authority of WA
GAAP	Gosnells Armadale Alcohol Project
GOV	Government
GURD	‘DRUG’ spelt backwards
ICCWA	Injury Control Council of WA
MANEX	Management and Executive (City of Armadale)
NGO	Non Government Organisation
OCP	Office of Crime Prevention
PATREC	Planning and Transport Research Centre
RAC	Royal Automobile Association
RBT	Random Breath Test
SHAP	Supported Housing Accommodation Program
SIAC	Seniors Interest’s Advisory Committee
TSD	Technical Services Directorate
UWA	University of Western Australia
WA	Western Australia
WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association

WHO World Health Organisation
YAA Youth Activities Area
YAC Youth Advisory Council