



TOWN OF
MOSMAN PARK

Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan

2019 – 2022

Introduction

In 2004, the State Government initiated a State Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy which outlined how communities would be supported to 'plan, implement and evaluate sustainable action to improve safety and well-being'. This was the foundation for the Town's first Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2006 - 2009, which provided a framework for the delivery of community safety initiatives. The Town has continued to develop community safety and crime prevention plans regularly. This plan replaces the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2015–2018.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2019–2022 builds on the success of the previous plan and will guide the Town of Mosman Park's efforts in contributing to and promoting safety and crime prevention.

This plan aligns with the Town of Mosman Parks Strategic Community Plan 2016-2023, in particular:

6. Engage effectively to encourage community members to participate in the Town's future
7. Provide an environment that enables people to connect and build partnerships
9. Provide citizen focused services to the community including best practice customer service and communication

Town of Mosman Park – an overview

Mosman Park is located along Stirling Highway approximately 14 kilometres from Perth and 3 kilometres from Fremantle. It is bordered by the suburbs of Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and North Fremantle and is unique in having the Indian Ocean on its western boundary and the beautiful shores of the Swan River as its eastern boundary.

Mosman Park is a predominately residential area and illustrates a relatively minor influence of other land use activities. Small industrial and commercial activity complements a diverse mix of residential development including some of the most exclusive property development in Western Australia.

Mosman Park's largest industry could be said to be its education establishments. Within the councils boundaries are six schools of which two have boarding facilities.

A variety of sporting activities are catered for, including lawn bowls, football, soccer, tennis, golf, cricket and netball.

Mosman Park council comprises of seven elected members who are the ratepayer representatives for the Town of Mosman Park. Six of the elected members are Councillors and the other being the Mayor.

What is meant by Community Safety and Crime Prevention?

The long term visions for Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy is to make communities throughout Western Australia safer through a range of targeted, coordinated and consultative initiatives designed to reduce and prevent crime.

The State's Strategy has five principal goals:

1. To support families, children and young people
2. To empower communities and regenerating neighbourhoods
3. To identify and tackle priority offences in Western Australia
4. To reduce repeat offending; and
5. To design out crime using technology

Effective community safety and crime prevention actions must be undertaken to achieve these goals.

A safe community is one where people are able to pursue, and obtain, the fullest life possible without fear or hindrance from crime and disorder. The State Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy refer to people's feelings of safety as well as the actual level of safety as indicated by objective measures of crime and victimisation.

There are three key groupings:

- Primary crime prevention attempts to change environment conditions that provide opportunities for criminal acts
- Secondary crime prevention identifies offenders early. This then allows steps to be taken to prevent criminal behaviour from developing; and
- Tertiary crime prevention deals with actual offenders and involves interventions aimed at preventing further offending.

Crime prevention refers to any measure taken to address problems at their source – to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour before it occurs. The aims are almost always long-term.

The complex nature of crime demands that all levels of government, voluntary groups, private industry and the community work together to address its causes and reduce offending. Crime Prevention is everyone's responsibility. However, the State Government and Local Government's have been in partnership to establish and develop Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plans throughout the State. Up to 90% of the state has, or is in the process of developing a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan. The Office of Crime Prevention seeks to develop alternative partnerships with other organisations in the future.

What is Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)?

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a set of design principles used to discourage crime. The fundamental idea of CPTED (*pronounced sep-ted*) is that it is possible to use knowledge and creativity to design those built environments in ways that lessen or prevent the incidence of crime. CPTED principles are based on anticipating the thought processes of a potential offender and creating an environment that discourages follow-through. This can include items such as lighting, visibility from neighbouring properties, and public use of a space.

How was this plan developed?

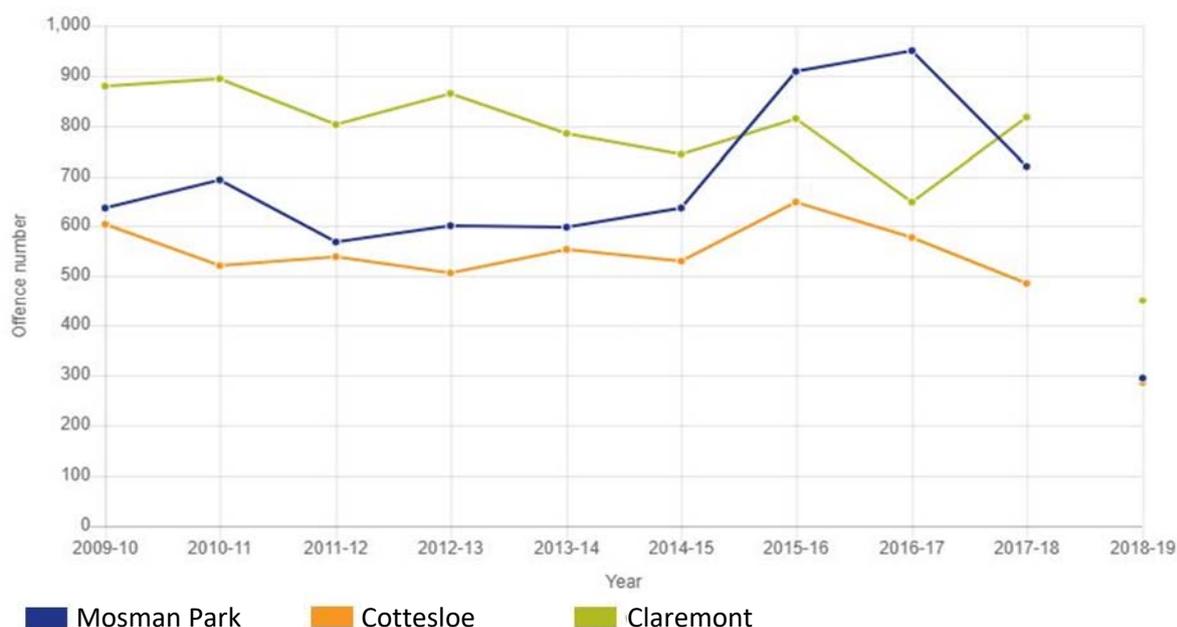
The review commenced with the identification of all projects and initiatives completed as part of the 2015-2018 CS&CP Plan. Successful projects and initiatives were flagged to be continued and improved in the future. The Town engaged a consultant to undertake a Community Perception Survey in April 2018 which helped identify the perception of safety in the community. A more detailed Community Safety Survey was conducted in October 2018 with 85 surveys returned.

An analysis of crime statistics provided by WA Police and WALGA was used to determine the actual rate of crime in the Town of Mosman Park. Key stakeholders also provided comment including members of the Safety and Security Community Advisory Group.

The main findings from the Community Safety Survey were:

- Half of the respondents believed that crime had become more of a problem while half believed that it had stayed about the same. Only 2 respondents felt that it had become less of a problem.
- 35% of respondents had been a victim of crime in the area and 40% knew someone in the area who had been a victim of crime.
- 64% of respondents believed that living in Mosman Park was safe and an additional 12% rated it very safe.
- The three main priority offences local residents would like authorities to concentrate on were; residential burglary, antisocial behaviour and motor vehicle theft.
- The top three suggestions for improvement were; increased police presence and patrols, improvements to lighting, and CCTV
- Two thirds of respondents indicated that they would be willing to contribute financially to new crime reduction strategies.
- Two thirds of respondents indicated that they felt that the Town should prioritise crime reduction strategies even if this would result in a decrease in other services.

Comparison Offences per Year for Mosman Park, Cottesloe & Claremont



*Figures obtained from <https://www.police.wa.gov.au/crime/crimestatistics#/>

Strategy one – Increase community awareness and understanding of community safety and crime prevention initiative through marketing, education and community development initiatives

Description	Key Performance Indicators	Responsible Area	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
1.1 Develop and implement a community safety marketing plan						
Provide up to date information on community safety initiatives through the Town's website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from community members and the Safety & Security Community Advisory Group Perception of community safety improved 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
Disseminate information on community safety initiatives through the Town's social media platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with social media posts Perception of community safety improved 	Community Development Communications Officer	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maintain information displays at The Grove library, administration centre and other sites as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources distributed within the community 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prepare and distribute media releases, news articles and advertising on safety and crime prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of positive community safety crime prevention articles published in local media Perception of community safety improved 	Community Development Communications Officer	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.2 Develop and implement community education initiatives promoting safety and crime prevention						
Facilitate annual neighbourhood based events that activate local parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation at neighbourhood BBQ's 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hold community education forums as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation at education forums 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
Facilitate community education initiatives in partnership with internal and external stakeholders as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of community safety and crime prevention education initiatives implemented 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
Develop creative solutions to prevent or reduce the occurrence of graffiti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of graffiti removal Perception of graffiti vandalism reduced (Community Perceptions Survey) 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.3 Identify and support residents and community groups to develop and implement local community safety and crime prevention initiatives						
Create opportunities for residents to have a voice regarding safety and to identify local community safety issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation at Safety and Security Community Advisory Group meetings. Participation at neighbourhood BBQ's Enquiries from residents & ratepayers 	Community Development Ranger Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Provide support to individuals and community groups to develop initiatives that actively address local community safety issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of community safety and crime prevention initiatives implemented 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓

Strategy two – Identify and work with key stakeholders to develop and implement sustainable community safety and crime prevention initiatives utilising shared knowledge and resources

Description	Key Performance Indicators	Responsible Area	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
2.1 Support and actively promote partnerships with WA Police						
Identification and implementation of joint educational initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of partnership opportunities identified and implemented 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monthly meetings with OIC Cottesloe Police station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings are held regularly 	Ranger Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quarterly meetings with OIC Fremantle District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings are held regularly 	CEO Community Development Ranger Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Continue to support the Eyes on the Street program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of staff trained in the program Number of incidents recorded 	Community Development All Staff	✓	✓	✓	✓
Continue to support the Goodbye Graffiti program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of incidents recorded 	Technical Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
WA Police representation at relevant events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police attendance at relevant events 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
2.2 Identify and support service providers to implement community safety and crime prevention initiatives						
Ensure that state and federal government community safety and crime prevention initiatives are delivered locally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of community safety and crime prevention education initiatives implemented 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
2.3 Attend and participate in relevant networking meetings and advisory groups						
Explore opportunities for information sharing and identification of best practice community safety and crime prevention initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of partnership opportunities identified and implemented 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
Attend relevant LGA Community Safety and Crime Prevention network meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of meetings attended Number of regional initiatives developed 	Community Development Ranger Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Facilitate and attend Safety Advisory Group Meetings with WA Police and Department of Communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of meetings attended Number of regional initiatives developed Perception of community safety improved Decrease in Disruptive Behaviours reports 	CEO Community Development Ranger Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Facilitate and attend Safety and Security Community Advisory Group meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of meetings attended Number of regional initiatives developed 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓

Strategy three – Contribute to and promote a safe physical environment

Description	Key Performance Indicators	Responsible Area	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
3.1 Promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles internally						
Conduct CPTED audits of public open space and facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of CPTED audits 	Technical Services		✓	✓	✓
Increase the understanding of CPTED principles amongst relevant Town staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of staff trained in CPTED 	Community Development Technical Services		✓	✓	✓
Ensure CPTED principles are incorporated into new building developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information supplied 	Planning Department	✓	✓	✓	✓
Explore potential areas where improvement to lighting would benefit security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locations Identified Funding secured for lighting improvements 	Community Development Ranger Services Technical Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Review, revise and implement the Town of Mosman Park Graffiti Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of graffiti removal Perception of graffiti vandalism reduced (Community Perceptions Survey) 	Technical Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Explore potential areas where CCTV would benefit security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Surveillance Devices Policy Locations Identified Funding secured to implement CCTV 	Community Development Ranger Services Corporate Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Provision of Look, Lock, Leave signs for the Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in theft from carparks 	Ranger Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ranger services are visible and responsive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perception of community safety improved (Community Perceptions Survey) 	Ranger Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
3.2 Promote Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles externally						
Promote CPTED principles amongst local residents and relevant business owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of resources distributed Number of queries responded to 	Community Development Planning Department		✓	✓	✓
Provision of Home Security Rebates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of rebates provided 	Community Development	✓	✓	✓	✓

3.3 Enhance transport safety and traffic management

Promote an anti speeding culture within the Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perception of speeding and hoon behaviour reduced (Community Perceptions Survey) 	Community Development Technical Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Address high risk locations through local area traffic management treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perception of speeding and hoon behaviour reduced (Community Perceptions Survey) 	Technical Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Work collaboratively with schools and other partners to improve rates of cycling and walking to school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perception of community safety improved (Community Perceptions Survey) 	Community Development Technical Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maintain assets such as footpaths and street lights in line with asset management plans and industry standards for safe travel through the Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perception of a safe transport network improves (Community Perceptions Survey) 	Technical Services	✓	✓	✓	✓