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# media release



## Shire adopts Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

The Shire has recently adopted a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan as a guide for future financial, land use and community planning decisions until 2012.

Community Development Officer Andrew Stuart was engaged on a consultancy basis for two days a week with the assistance of a grant of \$10,000 from Office of Crime Prevention. A Steering Committee, chaired by Cr Merri Harris, was established to develop the plan which identified community attitudes and perceptions of safety and crime prevention issues, and worked with the community to develop priority projects to address issues of greatest concern.

Cr Harris said key goals identified for the next three years include:

- Supporting families, children and young people,
- Strengthening communities and revitalising neighbourhoods,
- Targeting priority offences and reducing repeat offending,
- Designing out crime, and using, technology.

“The plan includes a number of community partnerships and related actions to make these goals a reality,” Cr Harris said.

“Activities range from recruiting a part-time Community Safety Officer this financial year; to acquiring equipment for the Jarrahdale Youth Group; staging Youth Band Jam Concerts at the Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Recreation Centre; to instrumenting change for at risk youth with music activities.”

“Outdoor movies at the Serpentine Camping Centre are planned, along with driver safety education for P-Plate drivers; more WYLD outdoor adventure activities for youth at the Serpentine Camping Centre; Seniors safety workshops; public forums on drug and alcohol awareness; and a mobile ‘quick response’ graffiti removal trailer.”

A copy of the plan is available on the Shire’s website [www.sjshire.wa.gov.au](http://www.sjshire.wa.gov.au)

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