

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

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Message from the Shire President

It is a pleasure to present the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan (CSCPP) 2020-2022.

The Actions contained within the Plan aim to identify and target problem areas and highlight how we can create stronger communities through support, provision of information and the development of safe environments.

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale is an area well known for its natural beauty and strong sense of community. These strengths will encourage us to continue to work together to provide future generations with the same feeling of safety and belonging.

Safe, welcoming environments are something that we all want for our families and communities. Whether it is volunteering at an event, getting to know our neighbours or coaching a sporting group, we can all do our bit to create social connectedness for ourselves and others around us.

On behalf of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale I look forward to the implementation of this Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan over the coming three years.

Cr Michelle Rich
Shire President



What is Community Safety and Crime Prevention?



Community Safety is defined as the ability for people to go about their daily life with little fear of harm or injury. Being safe and feeling safe enables people to participate in community life, to feel included and to have a sense of belonging.



Crime Prevention is defined as “the anticipation, the recognition and the appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of action to remove or reduce it.”

Why have a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan?

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan provides leadership and direction for all partners working to promote community safety and the reduction of crime levels. It encourages long term planning for safe, welcoming and inclusive communities within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

How did we develop the Plan?

Our Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan has been developed using:

- Research into WA Police crime statistics for the period 2015–2019
- Results of Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Safety Surveys 2015–2019
- Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Perceptions Survey 2018
- Consultation with key stakeholders including WA Police

How will we use the Plan?

The aim of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan is to guide crime prevention initiatives for Local Government, local community groups and key government agencies in collaboration with the local community to improve community safety. It is designed to be a flexible and versatile document to guide planning and to cater for the changing needs of the community over the next three years.

As a result of community consultation, the Plan will be a useful tool that can be used by various stakeholders to develop future project opportunities and seek funding for them.

Current Local Crime Prevention Strategies

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, in association with the WA Police and with input from Neighbourhood Watch and the wider community, have developed and implemented strategies and programs that aim to prevent crime before it occurs. These measures can reduce both short term and long term economic and social costs associated with crime and the criminal justice system.

- Police campaigns including Road Traffic Campaigns and Graffiti Prevention
- Neighbourhood Watch Program
- Community Engagement at local community events
- Eyes on the Street (Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale trained staff)
- Ewatch newsletter
- Community Safety Talks to local groups and clubs
- Annual Community Safety Surveys (yearly surveys conducted by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale in conjunction with the local Police)



What the WA Police Reported Crime Statistics tell us

WA Police crime statistics for the Shire overall, show a slight fall in reported crime over the past three years as illustrated in the table below.

Type of Offence	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Homicide	1	1	0	0
Sexual Offence	50	88	65	57
Assault (Family)	113	127	89	121
Assault (Non-Family)	74	63	80	85
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	16	17	15	17
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	17	28	27	19
Deprivation of Liberty	0	3	2	2
Robbery	3	0	7	6
Dwelling Burglary	210	183	165	144
Non-Dwelling Burglary	92	62	68	71
Motor Vehicle Theft	88	89	89	56
Stealing	522	500	450	462
Property Damage	287	251	174	152
Arson	23	11	6	10
Drug Offences	147	159	170	236
Graffiti	18	9	12	17
Fraud & Related Offences	198	90	131	177
Breach of Violence Restraining Order	72	86	100	89
Total Selected Offences	1931	1767	1650	1721

The following table provides a per capita measure for the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale for the 2015–2016, 2016–2017, 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 financial year and provides comparative benchmarking data relating to the whole of Perth for each of these financial years.

Offences	2015–2016	2016–2107	2017–2018	2018–2019
Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Selected Total Reported Offences (Refer Table on Page 8 for details of these reported offences)	1931	1767	1650	1721
Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Estimated Residential Population	27654	29337	31039	32711
Total Offences as a percentage of Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Population	7%	6%	5%	5%
Perth Estimate Residential Population	2019263	2037902	2058568	2085973
Perth Total Selected Reported Offences	195608	223689	204117	209415
Total Offences as percentage of Perth population	10%	11%	10%	10%



What the community told us

Identified Community Concerns

Question: *What do you consider the top community safety issues within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale?*

	2016		2017		2018		2019	
1	Traffic Issues (including hooning)	75%	Traffic Issues (including hooning)	67%	Traffic Issues (including hooning)	60.5%	Traffic Issues (including hooning)	65%
2	Burglary	62%	Burglary	50%	Burglary	53%	Burglary	44%
3	Drugs	52%	Off Road and Unlicensed Motorcycles	41%	Theft	42%	Bush Fire Risk	44%
4	Theft	48%	Theft	39%	Drugs	29%	Theft	40%
5	Graffiti/Vandalism	18%	Drugs	37%	Anti-Social Behaviour	29%	Off Road and Unlicensed Motorcycles	28%
6	Assault/Violence	15%	Anti-Social Behaviour	20%	Off Road and Unlicensed Motorcycles	29%	Drugs	23%

Hoons and speeding drivers continue to be the most common concern from residents and local businesses. This has been the case since the yearly Community Safety Surveys commenced in 2013. Many residents reported a real fear of being involved in an accident due to fellow road users demonstrating poor driver behaviour.

There was a significant increase in residents feeling unsafe regarding Bush Fire Risk. This being the third highest concern from respondents from the Community Safety Survey conducted in 2019.

Other significant concerns highlighted in the results of the 2019 survey include; burglary and theft. There continues to be concerns from the community about the use of off-road and unlicensed motorcycles and the use of drugs.

Priorities Areas that Need to be Addressed

Resulting from our consultation Six Key Priority Areas were identified to help us improve community safety within the Shire.



For each strategic objective, the following is provided:

- How the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale will achieve the strategic objective through its desired outcomes
- Actions to achieve each desired outcome; and
- Key partners identified to assist with each action

The Plan also provides details of how the Shire will measure success in achieving the objectives, and who else has influence over the Shire's ability to achieve these.

Objective 1 – Promote Safer Driving

How will we get there?

The following strategies are designed to support achievement of each outcome.

Outcome 1.1	Reduction in traffic offences and fear of hoons	Key Partners
1.1.1	Encourage local schools to embrace the Keys for Life Initiative Program for Road Safety practice	Schools/Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
1.1.2	Encourage local residents and businesses to display "Slow down Consider our Kids" bin stickers	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
1.1.3	Encourage local residents and businesses to report Hoons on-line via "Report a Hoon" website	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police
1.1.4	Continue to promote and support messages on safe and considerate road use	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police
Outcome 1.2	Social Media Campaigns	Key Partners
1.2.1	Promote Road Safety Campaigns through a variety of mediums including print and digital media	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police
1.2.2	Encourage the use of Variable Message Boards for key Road Safety campaigns throughout the year particularly Easter, Christmas and New Year's Eve.	WA Police

Objective 2 – Promote Safer Communities

How will we get there?

The following strategies are designed to support achievement of each outcome.

Outcome 2.1	Increased community awareness	Key Partners
2.1.1	Promote subscription to the ewatch newsletter	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police/Neighbourhood Watch
2.1.2	Support community education on rural security	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police/Neighbourhood Watch
2.1.3	Support community education on business security	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police/Neighbourhood Watch
2.1.4	Participate in local and regional community safety campaigns with partners including other Local Government Authorities	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police/Neighbourhood Watch
Outcome 2.2	Increased reporting of suspicious activities	Key Partners
2.2.1	Provide information on Crime stoppers and on-line reporting	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police/Neighbourhood Watch
2.2.2	Promote reporting of suspicious activities through social media and local newspapers	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police/Neighbourhood Watch

Objective 3 – Support Families, Children and Young People

How will we get there?

The following strategies are designed to support achievement of each outcome.

Outcome 3.1	Reduction in youth crime	Key Partners
3.1.1	Support organisations and clubs that provide activities and services for young people that promote positive community values, including the 'Choose Respect' code of behaviour	Schools/Sporting Clubs Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
Outcome 3.2	Increased accessibility and affordability of activities for families, children and youth that promote safe choices	Key Partners
3.2.1	Support children and youth activities and events	Schools/Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
3.2.2	Provide facilities and programs and events for families, children and young people	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
3.2.3	Promote the Department of Sport and Recreation KidsSport Program	Department of Sport and Recreation/Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/Sporting Clubs
Outcome 3.3	Early intervention initiatives	Key Partners
3.3.1	Collaborate with and support key Early Years groups to deliver evidence based social development programs	Armada Community Family Centre/ Department of Community Protection/Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
3.3.2	Facilitate opportunities for key Early Years group Representatives, local agencies and Shire staff to share information and plans	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/Armada Community Family Centre/Local Agencies
3.3.3	Promote key Early Years groups, programs and events Effectively with the assistance of the Shire	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
3.3.4	Develop strategies to work towards decreasing the incidence & impact of family violence within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police/ Department of Community Protection/Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police

Objective 4 – Address Alcohol and other Drug Issues Misuse

How will we get there?

The following strategies are designed to support achievement of each outcome.

Outcome 4.1	Reduction in the incidence of crime and harm related to alcohol and other drugs	Key Partners
4.1.1	Support and participate in local and regional harm reduction campaigns as appropriate	WA Police/Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/ Injury Matters
4.1.2	Form partnerships that provide positive education to help address drug and alcohol misuse within the community	Headspace/Schools/Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police
4.1.3	Formulate and implement a local planning policy specific to helping guide the exercise of discretion in respect of amenity considerations associated with the location, siting and design of liquor stores within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

Objective 5 – Promote Safe Physical Environments

How will we get there?

The following strategies are designed to support achievement of each outcome.

Outcome 5.1	Promote Awareness and Consideration of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Principles	Key Partners
5.1.1	Facilitate initiatives that promote CPTED principles to local residents and business owners and developers	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police
5.1.2	Consider CPTED during the planning stages of all new developments	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police
5.1.3	Consider the need for CCTV in priority locations, particularly in the development and construction of new infrastructure projects by the private sector.	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police
5.1.4	Educate the community on how to make home CCTV security footage available to the local police and law enforcement Authorities.	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/WA Police

Objective 6 – Educate Families and local Stakeholders about Bush Fire Risk

How will we get there?

The following strategies are designed to support achievement of each outcome.

Outcome 6.1	Promote Awareness and Consideration of Fire Risks	Key Partners
6.1.1	Encourage local families to have a Bush Fire Action Plan	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/ Serpentine Jarrahdale Bushfire Ready Group
6.1.2	Educate local residents about Fire Ratings, Alerts and Warnings	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/ Local Fire Brigades/Serpentine Jarrahdale Bushfire Ready Group
6.1.3	Encourage local residents to improve bush fire mitigation of their property through improved prevention, planning and preparedness	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale/Bush Fire Ready Group

Measuring our success

The aim of this Plan is to align the community's visions and aspirations for the future to the Shire's objectives. These objectives will be measured by both quantifiable and non-quantifiable outcomes. The Shire will use the following key indicators to demonstrate how we are progressing towards achieving our objectives and outcomes.

Objectives		Outcomes	Key Indicators
Promote Road Safety	1.1	Reduction in Traffic Offences	Statistics and data reports
Promoting Safer Communities	2.1	Increased community awareness	Increase in community actions to promote safer communities
	2.2	Increased reporting of suspicious activities	Increase community reporting
Supporting Families, Children and Youth	3.1	Reduction in youth crime	Statistics and data reports
	3.2	Increased accessibility and affordability of activities and events for families, children and youth that promote safe choices	More children being positively engaged, understanding about safe choices and showing respect
Address Alcohol and Other Drugs	4.1	Reduction in the incidence of crime related to alcohol and other drugs	Statistics and data reports
Promote Safe Physical Environments	5.1	Increase in adoption of CPTED principles	Number of CPTED concepts implemented
Educate Families about Bush Fire Risk	6.1	Increased Community Awareness	More families engaged and understanding how they can help prevent and combat bush fires

References and Acknowledgements

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2019-2021 has been developed by engaging with community and stakeholders.

We thank the people of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale for their time and effort in being a part of our community engagement and for their invaluable input into our Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.

We have made reference to the following documents and websites during the preparation of the plan.

Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale website

www.sjshire.wa.gov.au

Australian Bureau of Statistics

www.abs.gov.au

WA Police Crime Statistics

www.police.wa.gov.au

**Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Profile (profile id)
Community Perceptions Survey 2018**

<https://profile.id.com.au/serpentine-jarrahdale>

www.sjshire.wa.gov.au





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