



# Community Safety Session

Nicholson Ward

The City of Canning is located in Perth's south-eastern suburbs, about 10 kilometres from the Perth CBD. The City of Canning is bounded by the Town of Victoria Park and the City of Belmont in the north, the City of Kalamunda and the City of Gosnells in the east, the City of Cockburn in the south, and the City of Melville, the Canning River, and the City of South Perth in the west.

### Traditional Owners

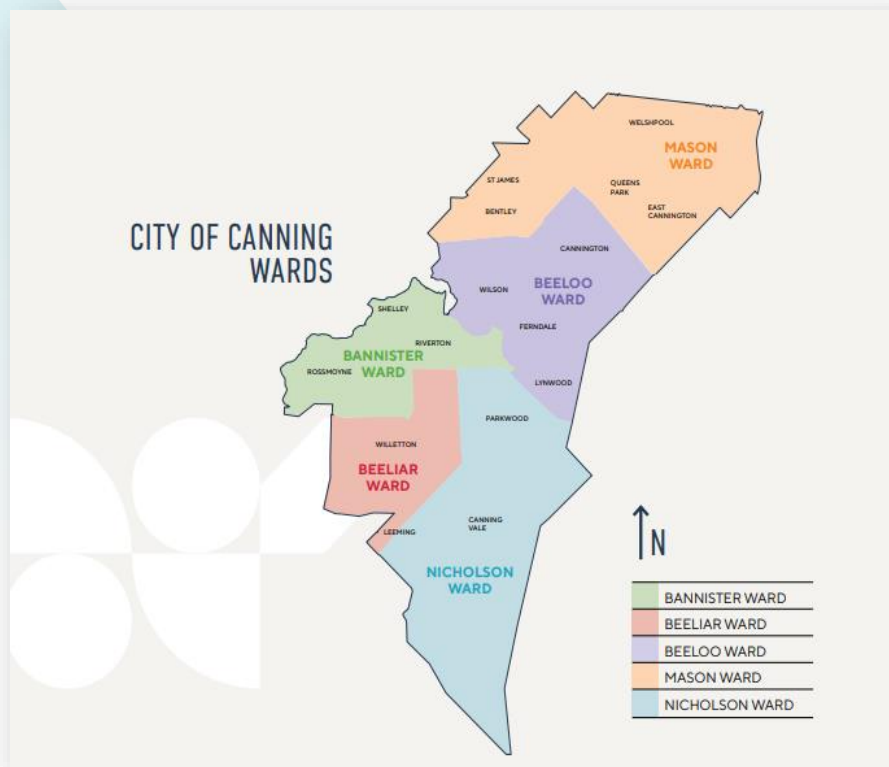
The original inhabitants of the Canning area were the Whadjuk Noongar people.

### Name Origin

The City of Canning is named after the Canning River, which was named after George Canning, former Prime Minister of Great Britain.

- The 2021 Estimated Resident Population for the City of Canning is 99,351, with a population density of 1,530 persons per square km (*Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census in 2021*).

Nicholson Ward was named after William Nicholson who had a farm in the early 1900s along what is now Nicholson Road. His farm was called “Canning Vale” and was demolished in the late 1990s.



### Our Vision

Canning, a welcoming and thriving City.

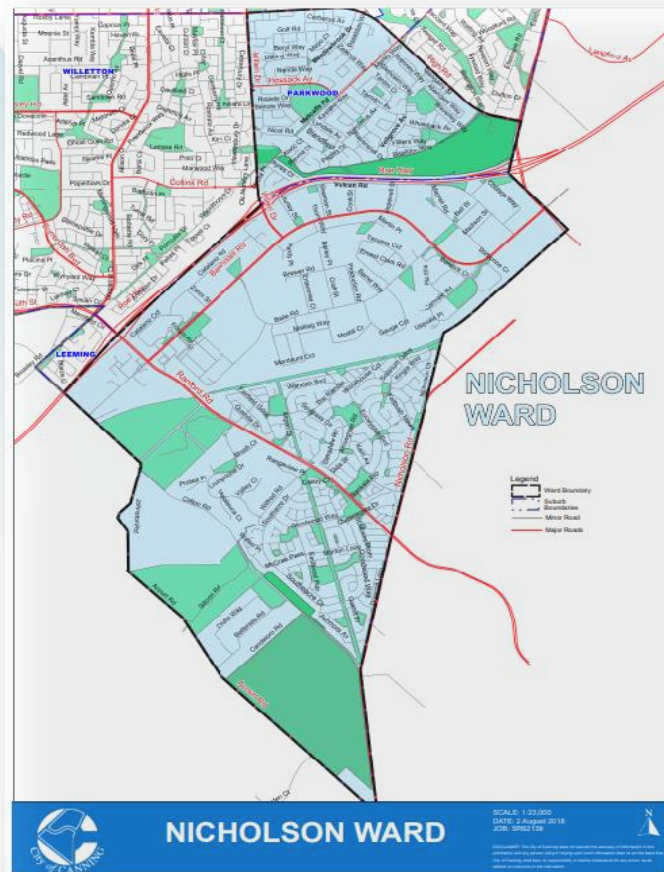
### Our Commitment to Community Safety

The City of Canning is committed to collaboratively working towards a connected and safe community for all.



Currently the City’s Council consists of the Mayor and ten Councillors who represent five wards -two Councillors per ward- to represent the interests of electors, ratepayers, and residents within the district. Councillors participate in the Local Government’s decision-making processes at Council and committee meetings.

Nicholson Ward is made up of the suburbs of Parkwood and Canning Vale, which is represented by Councillors’ Steve Parkinson and Craig Sweeney.



## What is Community Safety?

Community safety refers to the actual or perceived safety concerns that may affect our quality of life, wellbeing, and the ability to live 'free from fear.' Safe communities are those that are connected, liveable and secure.

## A Shared Responsibility

We all have a part to play in keeping our communities safe. Whilst the primary responsibility for law enforcement and crime prevention rests with State Government agencies, Local Government is well placed to lead and support localised community safety strategies.

## Our Focus

Factors that impact community safety are generally not confined to any one given cause or area. Rather, to a range of elements that together combine to influence safety outcomes, *both positive and negative.*

## Safe Canning Strategy

The strategy provides a framework that will enhance community safety by:

- Consulting with our community and key stakeholders to inform decisions about community safety priorities.
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- Implementing initiatives and programs to prevent or reduce crime.

For the purposes of reporting and management, the various elements of community safety have been grouped within three broad categories which form the Strategy's overarching focus areas:



**People**



**Place**



**Partnerships**

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## What can you do?

### Get to Know your Neighbours



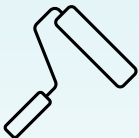
Your neighbours are your biggest security asset. They can keep an eye out for you and your property and report any suspicious behaviour.

*Why not try one of our **Safer Neighbourhoods Cards**? Simply print it off, write a message and your details and pop it in your Neighbours' letterbox! Hard copies are available at all Community Safety Hubs or print one off at [canning.wa.gov.au/saferhomes](http://canning.wa.gov.au/saferhomes).*



### Get Reporting

If you witness a crime or see something suspicious, take the time to report it.



### Get Busy

The look and feel of an area can impact our perceptions of safety. Report public maintenance issues such as graffiti and faulty lighting. Keep your own property well maintained.



### Get Informed

The City has a number of resources to help you improve safety and security within the home, business, and community.

## Staying Connected

- **Have your say!**

Did you know, the City has developed a dedicated community safety portal? Visit [yoursaycanning.com.au](https://yoursaycanning.com.au) to have your say.

- **Canning In-Focus**

Learn about upcoming community events and activities, as well as services and programs by subscribing to the City's monthly e-Newsletters. Visit [canning.wa.gov.au/subscribe](https://canning.wa.gov.au/subscribe).



- **Find services/facilities nearest to you in just a few simple steps.**

You will find your nearest parks, playgrounds, community areas, public toilets, public Wi-Fi, libraries, Canning services, dog exercise areas, sports grounds as well your specific property details including your waste collection days, your planning zones and R-codes details and your Councillors. Visit <https://www.canning.wa.gov.au/my-neighbourhood>

- **Request-It**

You can now lodge a community maintenance or safety request, or report an issue to the City online and receive real-time updates via [canning.wa.gov.au/request-it](https://canning.wa.gov.au/request-it)

- **Community Safety Hubs**

To access a range of community safety information, visit one of the City's Community Safety Hubs based at the City's libraries, Leisureplex facilities and Administration centre.

### Staying connected is easy:



Follow [@CanningtonPol](https://twitter.com/CanningtonPol), [@CanningValePol](https://twitter.com/CanningValePol), [@KensingtonPol](https://twitter.com/KensingtonPol) and [@BelmontPol](https://twitter.com/BelmontPol) on Twitter.



Like the Cannington District – WA Police Force Facebook page.

## Parkwood

The 2021 Estimated Resident Population for Parkwood is 6,198.

- Population density: 1718 persons per sq km
- Land area: 3.61 sq km
- Total dwellings: 2,542
- 17% of dwellings were Medium to High density compared to 22% in the City of Canning.
- In 2021, Parkwood had lower proportion of children (under 18) and a higher proportion of persons aged 60 or older than Western Australia.
- 32.2% of households were made up of couples with children in 2021, compared with 36.2% in City of Canning.

Parkwood is bounded by High Road in the north, Nicholson Road in the east, Roe Highway in the south, and Willeri Drive in the west.



## Canning Vale

The 2021 Estimated Resident Population for Canning Vale is 10,406.

- Population density: 673.1 persons per sq km
- Land area: 15.46 sq km
- Total dwellings: 3,392
- 1% of dwellings were Medium to High density compared to 22% in the City of Canning.

In 2021, Canning Vale had similar proportion of children (under 18) and a similar proportion of persons aged 60 or older than Western Australia.

48.5% of households were made up of couples with children in 2021, compared with 36.2% in City of Canning.

Canning Vale is bounded by the Roe Highway in the north and west, Nicholson Road, the railway line, the City of Gosnells and Nicholson Road in the east, and Acourt Road, Johnston Road and Clifton Road in the south.

This area encompasses the City of Canning part of the suburb of Canning Vale, with the remaining part of the suburb located in the City of Gosnells.





## Community Profile

Demographic data is made up of factors such as the characteristics of the overall population, levels of education, occupation, household composition and access to services.

Combining these with Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), local crime statistics and analysis of emerging trends can help identify factors that may influence or contribute to a community's overall feelings of safety and level of crime.

This data can provide a greater understanding of the characteristics and underlying issues within an area and help inform our priorities and approach to community safety strategies.

<b>ABS Census data 2021</b>	<b>Parkwood</b>	<b>Canning Vale</b>	<b>City of Canning</b>	<b>Greater Perth</b>	<b>Western Australia</b>
<b>Who are we?</b>					
<i>Median age</i>	42	41	36	37	38
<i>Couples with children</i>	32%	48%	36%	32%	30%
<i>Older couples without children</i>	12%	13%	10%	10%	10%
<i>Born Overseas</i>	47%	48%	51%	36%	32%
<i>Language spoken at home other than English</i>	33%	35%	43%	21%	18%
<b>How do we live?</b>					
<i>Median weekly household income</i>	\$1,625	\$2,311	\$1,850	\$1,866	\$1,834
<i>Average household population</i>	2.46	3.03	2.7	2.7	2.48
<i>Households renting</i>	19%	13%	30%	26%	30%
<i>SEIFA Index of Disadvantage disadvantage is reflected through attributes such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment, and jobs in relatively unskilled occupations.</i>	1025	1076	1023	1026	1015
<b>What do we do?</b>					
<i>Unemployment</i>	5.5%	5.2%	5.9%	5.3%	5.1%
<i>Completed Year 12 or equivalent</i>	61.5%	66.8%	67.7%	59.6%	56%
<i>Bachelor's degree or higher</i>	26%	31%	35%	24%	26%
<i>University attendance</i>	5%	7%	8%	5%	4%
<i>Disengaged Youth Refers to Youth aged 15 -24 not engaged with either full time education or work</i>	6.4%	4.7%	5.6%	7.8%	8.8%

*These figures relate to the most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census in 2021.*

## Crime statistics

Measuring crime provides insight into the various factors that produce fluctuations and differences in the crime rate within and between areas.

WA Police Crime statistics are reported based on the location the offence occurred. Crime statistics may be influenced by a wide range of factors; including -but not limited to- population size, infrastructure (such as shopping centres and entertainment precincts), seasonal trends, and the extent to which crime is reported to/detected by police. Consideration should be given to factors influencing crime when interpreting statistics.

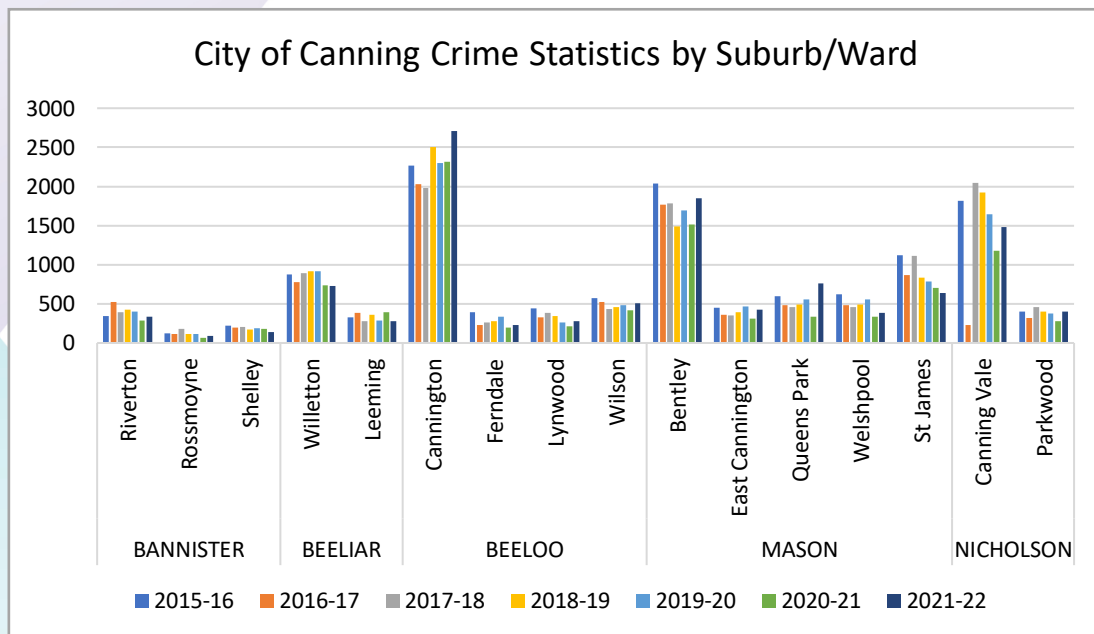
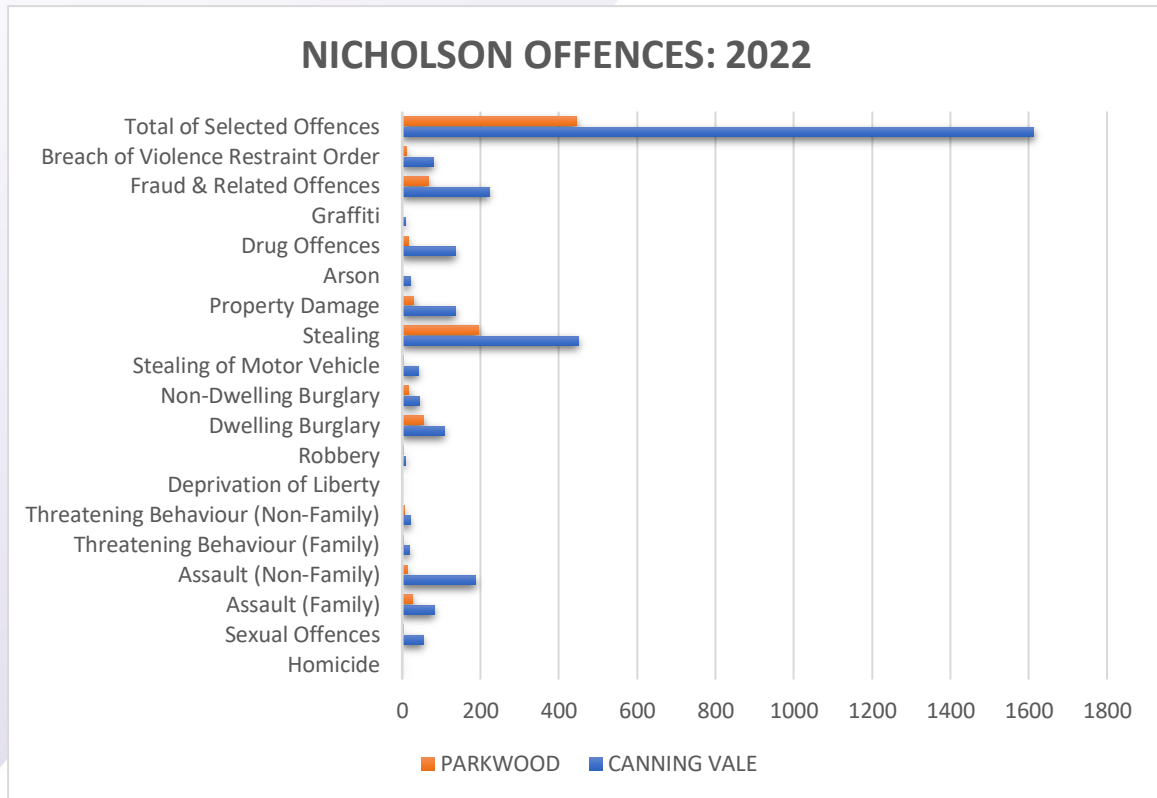


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Police statistics for most of Metropolitan Perth and the City of Canning recorded a decrease in crime during the pandemic (2020-21), rising again in 2021-22 to pre-Covid levels.

Crime rates within Nicholson Ward followed the same pattern, with Canning Vale and Parkwood each seeing a drop in crime during 2020-21, and a small rise again in 2021-22 to similar -if not lower- rates than the previous year.

Overall, the average level of crime reported in Nicholson is below the average seen across the City of Canning. Canning Vale reported slightly higher crime rates than the City of Canning's average. However, WA Police Crime statistics cannot be filtered by Local Government Area, and Canning Vale is shared by the City of Gosnells. Parkwood reported a level of crime that was significantly lower than the average felt across the rest of the City of Canning.



The most current available crime data (January and February 2023) suggests that crime rates have decreased by **3%** within Nicholson since the same time last year.

Crime rates vary significantly throughout the ward, with Canning Vale making up **78%** of all reported crimes in Nicholson in 2022, of which **28%** (449) were stealing offences. Parkwood reported crime rates **72% lower** than Canning Vale. However, these statistics are reflective of the entire Canning Vale area, which is shared by the City of Gosnells.

The top four most common crimes occurring in Nicholson in the last year were stealing (31%), assault (15%), fraud and related offences (14%), property damage (8%), respectively.

Of the 30 rebates given out to Nicholson residents in Round Four of the City of Canning’s Security Incentive Scheme;

- 15 were for households in Canning Vale, and
- 15 were for households in Parkwood.