



SAFE CANNING

ACTION PLAN 2026 - 2027

Working together for
a safe community



EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The City delivers a number of services and programs that aim to improve community safety.

The following initiatives are considered to be 'business as usual':

- 24/7 Community Safety Service to provide peace of mind to the community by conducting community patrols and discouraging anti-social behaviour
- 7 day a week Ranger Service for assistance with local law matters
- Holiday Watch Service
- Security Incentive Scheme
- Canning Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Program
- Provision of fixed and mobile Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)
- Safety around schools – including the School Parking Compliance Program and partnering with education services such as Constable Care Foundation
- Ranger Buddy Community Safety and School Education Program
- Promotion of Road Safety through traffic calming initiatives, along with the support and promotion of road safety campaigns and programs such as WALGA Road Wise, RAC and Bikelinc
- Community engagement at events
- Community Safety and Emergency Preparedness awareness programs
- Annual Community Safety Month Initiatives
- Canning Community Safety Expo
- Regular Community Safety Messaging via City of Canning In Focus, Community Safety Hubs located at all library facilities, social media platforms, LED and Variable Message Board (VMB) Signs
- Graffiti Removal from all City assets and facilities
- Support and Promotion of WA Police Campaigns, such as Eyes on the Street, Crime Stoppers and Goodbye Graffiti



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THESE PUBLIC TOILETS
ARE AUTOMATICALLY
LOCKED FROM
8:30PM TO 5AM DAILY

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The Safe Canning Strategy guides the implementation of initiatives and programs that enhance community safety, achieved through the delivery of this Plan.

OUR FOCUS



PEOPLE

Provide education and awareness that empowers people to actively contribute to a safer community.



PLACE

Create, design and maintain public places in order to enhance perceptions of safety and reduce opportunistic crime.



PARTNERSHIPS

Foster and maintain partnerships, both formal and informal, to work together to deliver community safety outcomes.

The consultation process and assessment of local crime statistics and demographic data have informed our priority actions.



REPORTING

As community safety is often subjective and based on individual perceptions, it is important that outcomes consider a number of different measures.

The Plan's outcomes and successes will be reported through a range of communication platforms and mediums, including;

- A yearly *Community Safety Report Card*, detailing the progress of key actions and achievements.
- A yearly evaluation report or summary Snapshot (for shorter 'touchpoint' surveys).
- A dedicated *Community Safety Engagement and Feedback* platform.



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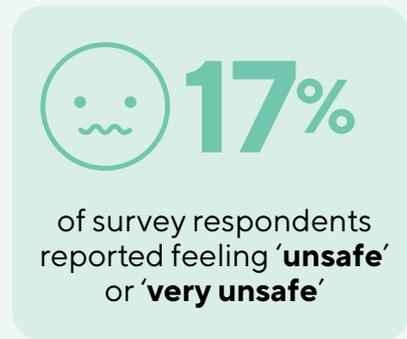
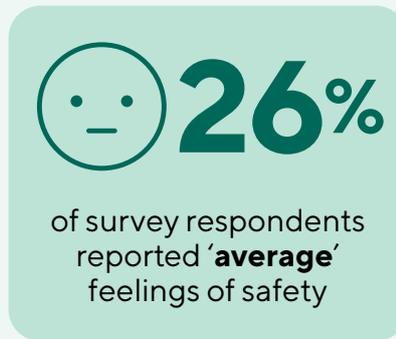
CONSULTATION

Ongoing consultation allows the City to regularly assess actions and priorities ensuring they remain relevant and on track.

The 2025 Community Safety Survey identified overall perceptions of safety and crime within the City of Canning.

A snapshot of the **SURVEY FEEDBACK** can be found at canning.wa.gov.au/safecanningstrategy

Consultation identified the following issues which have been summarised below.



↑ This is a 12 percentage-point increase from 2024 (45%)

↓ This is a 13 percentage-point decrease from 2024 (39%)

↑ This is a one percentage-point increase from 2024 (16%)

WA Police statistics - top 3 offences in the City of Canning 2025



Stealing

Trending down by **22%** compared to 2024 data.



Property damage

Trending down by **15%** compared to 2024 data.



Drug Offences

Trending up by **6%** compared to 2024 data.

Stealing continues to be the most common offence in the City. Property damage has moved into second place, replacing fraud and related offences, while drug offences now rank third, taking the place previously held by property damage.

SNAPSHOT

Community awareness around reporting increased in 2025, with **67%** of respondents stating that they **do** know when to call WA Police versus the City's Ranger and Community Safety Service.

↑ This is an increase of 25 percentage points, from 42% in 2025 to 67% this year.

 **500+**

surveys completed during Community Safety Month (2025).

 **69%**

of respondents indicated that they had not been a victim of crime within the last 12 months, of the **31%** that had, only **8%** did not report it.

7,500+ 

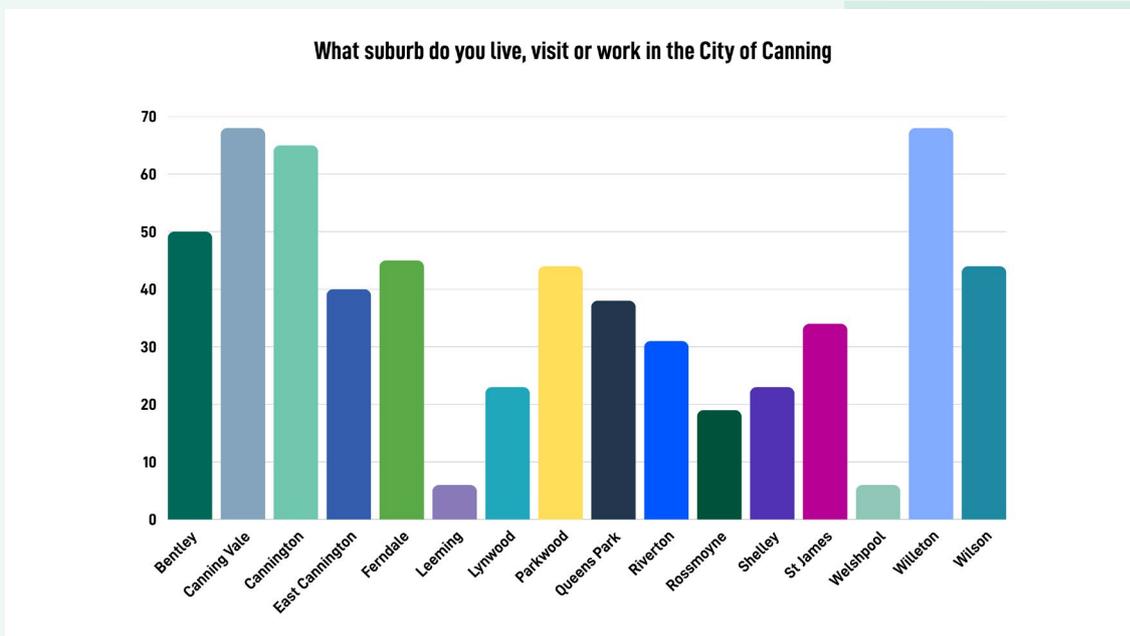
safety resources distributed during Community Safety Month, engaging with **2,000+** community members.

47% 

of respondents indicated that their preferred method of receiving community safety information and updates is via email newsletters, closely followed by social media (32%).

68% 

of respondents said a visible presence of Rangers/Community Safety Officers makes the biggest difference to their sense of security.



Survey data has been collated and analysed alongside local crime statistics and findings identified in previous Community Safety Surveys.

Over the past year, although incidents of stealing have decreased, it remains a high priority as it continues to be the most prevalent offence in the City. Property damage, including graffiti, is also identified as a key concern. Antisocial behaviour/ drug use, remains a significant issue for the community.

Survey results further indicate a desire for increased fixed CCTV coverage, a stronger physical presence from Police and RCSS, and the implementation of more targeted prevention and intervention programs.

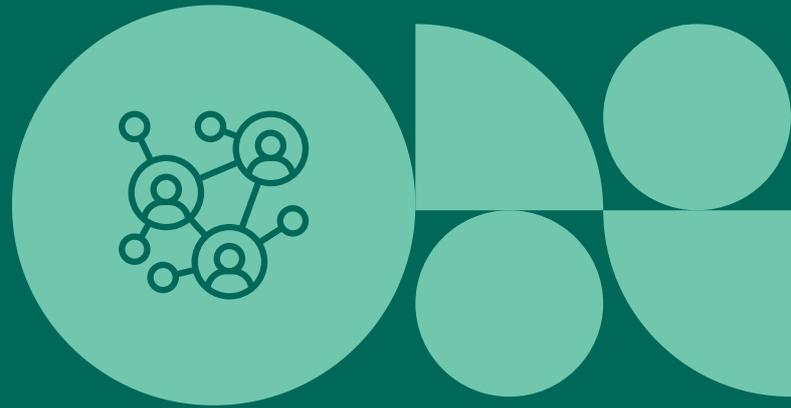
This year, due to an on going decrease in survey responses, the City trialled a shorter, check-in style safety survey - a quick 'touch point' to hear community feedback and ensure safety concerns are effectively captured and considered within the Action Plan review process.

This year, we are trialling a two-year planning cycle in an attempt to strike a balance between responsiveness and effectiveness. Previously, four-year plans became outdated and actions became stagnant and irrelevant by the end of the Plan, whilst one-year plans have proven too short to effectively deliver meaningful actions.

This means that this Action Plan will span 2026 to 2027 (inclusive).



PEOPLE



GOAL

Provide education and awareness that empowers people to actively contribute to a safer community.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

A community where people feel safe, where crime is reduced and where residents are supported to feel included and actively contribute to the community. Our Community is able to make informed decisions and take proactive measures regarding their personal safety, and the security of their homes and business.





Priority	Rationale	Actions	Success Indicators
Community Awareness and Education	Increasing community awareness and education empowers residents with knowledge and skills to prevent problems, make informed decisions, and actively participate in initiatives that improve community safety.	Increase awareness of the role of the City's Ranger and Community Safety Service through the expansion of the 'See it Report it' awareness campaign and social media series.	Improved awareness of the City's Ranger and Community Safety Service.
		Delivery of the City's Community Safety Expo to promote open discussions, and highlight community safety programs and services.	Positive feedback from attendees and partners. Drive attendance beyond 4,000 participants.
		Review and update the City's Community Safety Handbook to reflect emerging crime trends and updated safety information.	New Handbook developed in digital and hard copy format. 300+ copies distributed the community annually.
		Provide emergency preparedness education focused on home readiness and response during fires, storms, floods, and other emergencies.	Number of residents attending events, and participating in workshops. Distribution of preparedness materials to households.
		Deliver community pop-up events and place activations in locations identified by higher crime statistics or community-reported concerns such as illegal dumping, graffiti and anti-social behaviour.	Minimum of 5 events per annum. Attendance numbers at each activation. Positive community feedback from participants.





Priority	Rationale	Actions	Success Indicators
<p>Personal Safety and Security</p> 	<p>Improving personal safety and security within our community contributes to a reduced fear of crime and overall improved perceptions of safety.</p>	<p>Promote and deliver the Community Safety Survey to collect community feedback on safety perceptions, emerging issues and priorities, to inform the review of the Safe Canning Strategy.</p>	<p>400+ survey responses received.</p> <p>Broad demographic representation.</p> <p>Clear identification of top community safety concerns.</p>
		<p>Increase awareness of Canning Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) by expanding promotion across the City's social media platforms and supporting volunteers to plan and deliver their own community events.</p>	<p>Minimum of 5 community events held/supported annually.</p> <p>50% increase in NHW related social media posts.</p>
		<p>Deliver annual Community Safety Month events and promotions.</p>	<p>10+ Community Safety Month events and engagements delivered.</p> <p>Positive participant and stakeholder feedback.</p>
		<p>Continue the City's Constable Care Foundation Partnership to deliver targeted presentations and workshops in local schools to educate young people on protective safety issues.</p>	<p>Minimum of 30 school presentations and workshops delivered annually.</p> <p>Minimum of 2,000 students reached across participating schools.</p>
		<p>Support the delivery of the City's Age Friendly Plan and seniors Week events.</p>	<p>Engage more than 100 people for seniors events per year.</p>



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Build Community Capacity 	Building community capacity to take proactive measures and make informed decisions improves community safety.	Continue to deliver drop-in spaces and programs for young people in the community including young people at risk.	200+ drop in sessions provided annually.
		Delivery of the Ranger Buddy Community Safety Program and 'Dog Safety Awareness Program'.	Minimum of 5 events attended annually.
		Coordinate 'Neighbour of the Year Award' to encourage community led action and social connection.	Positive community feedback – publish goodnews stories of community led action to improve safety.





PLACE

GOAL

Create, design and maintain public places in order to enhance perceptions of safety and reduce opportunistic crime.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

Well designed, maintained and welcoming places, which in turn increase public use and perceptions of safety. Residents and local businesses who understand the importance of the role they can play in improving community safety by actively reporting crime, suspicious activity and public maintenance issues.





Priority	Rationale	Actions	Success Indicators
Infrastructure and Environmental Design	Well-designed, well-maintained, and appropriately lit public spaces improve both actual and perceived levels of safety.	Continue to improve lighting on private property through the City's Security Incentive Scheme.	Increase the number of security lights installed annually through the Security Incentive Scheme by 20%.
		Improve public lighting in identified priority areas through underground power projects, LED streetlight upgrades, and Passive Park lighting improvements.	Minimum of 4 lighting projects completed in priority areas.
		Collaborate with partners to deliver improvement projects that enhance streetscape appeal, and improve community safety through passive surveillance.	Number of community engagement or activation events delivered to increase pedestrian activity.
Home and Business Security	Improving home and business security contributes to the safety of the wider community.	Conduct CPTED audits and provide consultation for City projects to enhance public spaces, including parks.	20+ audits completed in hot spot locations.
		Educate community members and business owners on crime prevention, available grants, and personal safety programs available.	Improve distribution of targeted resources, and increased awareness of programs by 10%.
		Distribute property marking resources to address targeted crime concerns e.g. home burglary and theft.	Number of property marking kits distributed.
		Enhance awareness of the City's Holiday Watch program.	400+ Holiday Watch requests completed annually.

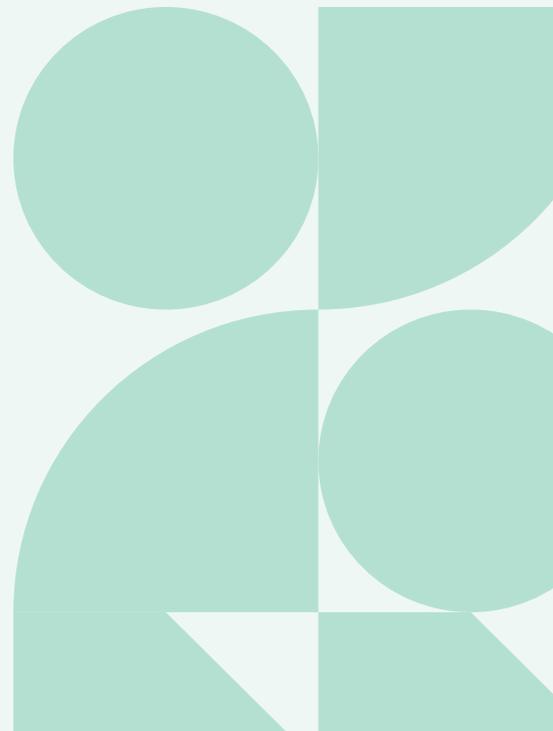


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Graffiti 	Graffiti contributes to a negative perception of safety within the community. When not addressed promptly, it can encourage additional vandalism and further anti-social behaviour.	Coordinate campaigns that increase awareness of proper reporting processes for graffiti and vandalism, while expanding education for residents and local businesses on graffiti prevention and removal.	Increased awareness of correct reporting protocols and 50% increase in graffiti prevention kits distributed.
		Continue to remove graffiti from City facilities and assets within prescribed timeframes.	300+ graffiti requests actioned per year.
		Delivery of Urban Art Mural Mentorship Program.	20+ young people involved in targeted programming to reduce offending.
		Successful delivery and evaluation of the Graffiti Incentive Removal Program (G.R.I.P.) .	2000m ² + square meters of graffiti removed during the Program.
		Explore funding opportunities for preventive measures including murals and anti-graffiti coatings.	Positive feedback from applicants, residents and local businesses.





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<p>Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)</p> 	<p>The use of CCTV is an effective and increasingly accessible community safety tool, acting as both a means of detection and deterrence of crime and antisocial behaviour.</p>	<p>Support and promote the installation of private CCTV systems through the City's Security Incentive Scheme.</p>	<p>500+ CCTV cameras installed through assistance of the City's Security Incentive Scheme annually.</p>
		<p>Deliver the City's CCTV Strategy within agreed time-frames.</p>	<p>Successful delivery of key actions within the CCTV Strategy.</p>
		<p>Encourage residents and local businesses to register their CCTV systems with Cam-Map WA.</p>	<p>10% increase in number of residents who register their CCTV system with Cam-Map WA annually.</p>
		<p>Ongoing investment in additional mobile CCTV units.</p>	<p>Increase number of units from 4 to 8, increasing deployment hours by 100%.</p>
		<p>Continue to expand and enhance the City's fixed CCTV network and coverage, prioritising areas based on identified needs.</p>	<p>Number of cameras installed.</p>

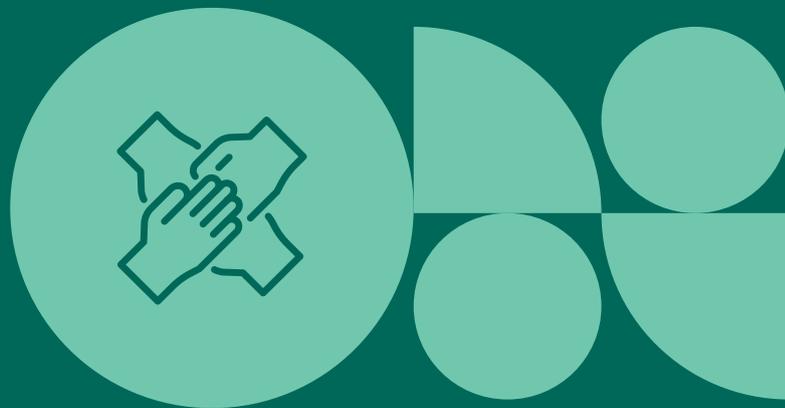




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Proactive Reporting	Timely reporting of public maintenance issues to the appropriate authority improves both public amenity and community safety.	Continue to expand the dedicated 'See it, Report it' awareness campaign - focusing on correct reporting processes.	Engagement metrics from awareness campaign.
		Utilise a range of communication platforms (website, social media, newsletters, flyers, and signage) to reach diverse audiences.	Higher awareness of correct reporting processes across diverse audiences (measured via surveys or engagement).
		Increase in cases proactively identified by the Ranger and Community Safety Service team.	3,000+ cases proactively identified per year.



PARTNERSHIPS



GOAL

Foster and maintain partnerships, both formal and informal, to work together to deliver community safety outcomes.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

The City recognises the importance of working together to achieve collective goals through key partnerships and networks.

The City is well placed to act as a conduit to bring together relevant stakeholders and partners to ensure a wide range of community safety outcomes are delivered.



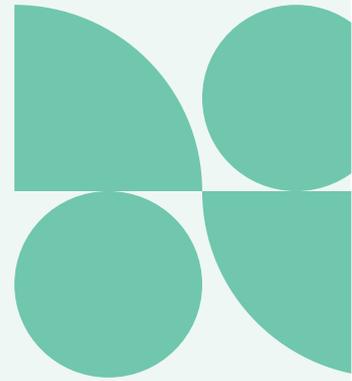
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Internal Partnerships	Improved collaboration and coordination across City departments to raise awareness of shared projects, address key priorities identified by the community and create opportunities to improve community safety outcomes.	Contribution to the City's internal working groups, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement Champion Network • Child Safeguarding Working Group • Neighbourhood development – place based engagement • Sustainability Subject Matter Expert Panel 	Improved collaboration with relevant internal stakeholders in developing and delivering community safety projects and programs. Positive feedback and impact stories. 50% increase in the number of events collaborated on with internal staff.



Priority	Rationale	Actions	Success Indicators
External Partnerships	Improved collaboration and coordination with community groups and key stakeholders to access additional resources and support.	Deliver the City's Homelessness Action Plan in partnership with other key stakeholders and organisations. Continue to strengthen existing relationships and identify new opportunities with external stakeholders.	Number of events collaborated on with external partners. Key actions within the Homelessness Action Plan delivered within agreed timeframes.
		Continue partnership with WA Police Force through regular meetings to address emerging crime trends, hotspot locations, and joint initiatives.	Regular meetings held with Cannington Police Officer in Charge to identify priorities and emerging issues. Timely sharing of crime trends and hotspot data.
		Contribution to the City's external working groups, including the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canning Cultural Ambassador Program • Canning Neighbourhood Watch Program • Healthy Relationships Strategy Group • South East Metropolitan District Community Safety Group 	Improved collaboration with relevant external stakeholders in developing and delivering community safety projects and programs.
		Pursue grant funding opportunities via State and Federal government agencies.	Number of Grant Applications Submitted. Number of successful applications.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

The community can bring about positive change and solutions to local community safety issues at a grassroots level by initiating small changes.



GET REPORTING

See it? Report it! If you witness a crime or see something suspicious, report it.

Visit [crimestoppers.com.au](https://www.crimestoppers.com.au)

GET INFORMED

The City has a number of resources to help you improve safety and security within the home, business and community, find out more at [canning.wa.gov.au/safecanning](https://www.canning.wa.gov.au/safecanning)

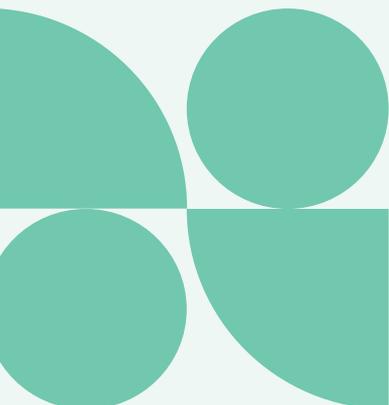
GET BUSY

The look and feel of an area can impact our perceptions of safety. Report public maintenance issues within the City of Canning such as footpaths and litter. Go online via www.canning.wa.gov.au/request-or-report/

By introducing simple security precautions, you can take an active role in reducing crime and help to keep your home and community safe. Rebates are available through the City's Security Incentive Scheme. Visit [canning.wa.gov.au/saferhomes](https://www.canning.wa.gov.au/saferhomes)

For more information, view the Strategy and Community Safety Survey Evaluation Report below:

- [Safe Canning Strategy](#)
- [2025 Community Safety Survey Snapshot](#)





ONGOING CONSULTATION

The Community Safety Portal was created as part of the City's commitment to capture ongoing community feedback.

You can raise an issue or provide a comment relating to community safety in Canning anytime time by visiting

yoursaycanning.com.au/safe-communities-canning

canning.wa.gov.au/report

Alternatively, you can contact the Safe Communities team on 1300 422 664.



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