

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The role of the Crime Prevention Working Group also includes educating the community on strategies that reduce the opportunity for crime to occur. Residents can for example do a lot to reduce the likelihood of break and enter offences by these 3 simple steps:

1. Access control
2. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
3. Natural surveillance (e.g. vigilance, Neighbourhood Watch)
4. Property marketing( engraving of goods)

**Access control** refers to interventions that improve the perimeter security of locations and restrict access. (Self-closing doors, fencing, and security measures)

**CPTED** works on the understanding that criminals have three (3) key SAT questions in determining whether to commit break and enter offences, with all impacting upon each other.

1. **Surveillance** - Will I be seen?
2. **Access** – Can I get in and out?
3. **Territoriality** – Does anyone care what happens here?

**Natural surveillance** studies indicate that most burglaries do not occur through the front door because of increased likelihood of natural surveillance (i.e. neighbours, passerbys). Whereas open access side or rear entry points where there is no natural surveillance, makes it easier to gain entry to properties unnoticed.

**Property marking** renders the stolen goods harder to sell or move on the streets and increases the risk of detection. The strategy has been proven successful worldwide.

## TO REPORT CRIME

1. Gunnedah Police - **6742 9099**
2. Police Assistance Line - **131 444**
3. Crime Stoppers – **1800 333 000**
4. Graffiti Hotline – **1800 707 125**  
Free call 9am to 5pm (Council and private property related offences)

**000 – Life threatening emergencies**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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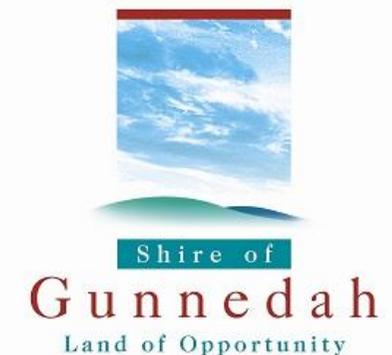
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Gunnedah Shire Council

## Gunnedah Crime Prevention Working Group

Enhancing community  
safety through  
collaboration,  
participation and planning



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

Gunnedah Crime Prevention Working Group (CPWG) would like to acknowledge the Kamilaroi Aboriginal Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work, and in doing so, the Working Group pays its respect to all Elders past and present as well as to the young leaders of tomorrow.

## GUNNEDAH CRIME PREVENTION WORKING GROUP

The Gunnedah Crime Prevention Working Group was formed in 2000 and is an advisory group of Council, which meets bi-monthly.

The Working Group has a broad membership base that works together to improve the safety amenity of the Gunnedah Local Government Area and demonstrates a whole of community approach to the reduction and prevention of crime.

In 2014, the Working Group undertook to use the formulation of a new three (3) year Crime Prevention Plan as a fresh opportunity to consider the successes and outcomes to date, and to do so in the context of current community perceptions regarding community safety and the emerging issues and trends in crime through the Gunnedah Shire.

The Gunnedah Crime Prevention Plan 2014 - 2017 (CPP) was endorsed by Council in 2014 and in 2017 was endorsed by the NSW Attorney General as a Safer Community Compact under S39 Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Working Group is to:

- a) To identify community safety issues relevant to the Shire
- b) Provide input into the preparation and review of policies relating to medium and long term crime prevention and community safety planning;
- c) Provide input into the preparation and review of strategies to encourage all sections of the community to understand and recognise the contribution that they can make in relation to community expectations of crime prevention and community safety;
- d) Assist Council and staff to identify and analyse the crime profile of the Gunnedah Shire;
- e) Provide input into the preparation and review of policies and strategies for urban design, open space and recreational services development and management that are relevant to crime prevention and community safety issues; and
- f) Assist Council and staff to promote positive interaction between diverse sectors of the community and offer opportunities for consultation and collaboration regarding causes of crime, crime prevention and community safety issues.

**The Crime Prevention Plan 2014-2017 is currently under review. A copy of the existing Plan can be viewed on [www.gunnedah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gunnedah.nsw.gov.au)**

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Working Group consists of the following:

- Councillors
- Council Staff
- Aboriginal representatives
- Youth representatives
- Community representatives
- Police (Oxley Local Area Command)
- Gunnedah Police Citizens Youth Club
- Gunnedah & District Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.

## WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

The Working Group has been associated with a number of initiatives including the following:

- ✓ Implementation of key strategies under the Gunnedah CPP 2014-2017;
- ✓ Lobbying to state and federal members of Parliament for enhancements to policy;
- ✓ Involvement in the planning and delivery of a number of drug and domestic violence community awareness events;
- ✓ Training of Council staff in “Safer by Design” CPTED principles;
- ✓ A range of community consultations including safety surveys and workshops;
- ✓ Implementation of CCTV Program and successful sourcing of grant funding for CCTV expansion projects in the Gunnedah CBD;
- ✓ Input into the ongoing implementation of Alcohol Free Zones;
- ✓ Input to a range of new capital works projects including Livvi’s Place Inclusive Playground; and
- ✓ Gunny Get You Home Safe and Gunny Get Your Home Secure initiatives