



CITY OF VINCENT

SAFER VINCENT PLAN

2019/22



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The City of Vincent would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We recognise the unique and incomparable contribution the Whadjuk people have made and continue to make to our culture and in our community. We will continue to seek the input of the Traditional Owners.

The land on which we live, meet and thrive as a community always was and always will be Noongar land.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Our new Safer Vincent Plan 2019-2022 builds on years of collaborative work with our community, businesses, non-government organisations and the WA Police Force to make Vincent a safer place to live, work, trade and visit.

The three key themes of the Safer Vincent Plan are Safer Spaces, Community Connection and Crime Prevention.

The issue of safety goes beyond and before crime and enforcement. It touches on many of the projects and programs we deliver. This includes how we design our public spaces to be safe, how we work collaboratively with WA Police Force, City of Perth and community safety services, and how we help neighbours build stronger, more connected communities.

We know that a connected and inclusive community is a safer community. Community building can happen in many ways, through active town teams, neighbourhood groups, social networks, schools, events like neighbourhood street parties and activities like gardening on verges.

We are a growing inner city area, close to thriving town centres, public transport and Perth City. This brings many great benefits and a vibrant way of life, as well as some unique challenges. Fortunately, our active communities are one of our greatest strengths and this is reflected in good communication and support between neighbours.

This latest Plan has been developed in line with community feedback, stakeholder experiences, feedback from the City's Safer Vincent Advisory Group and statistics from the WA Police Force and the City's own data and records. It also closely aligns to the City's new Strategic Community Plan released in late 2018.

Vincent has a highly collaborative approach to working with all of our key partners in promoting community safety. Our staff and rangers have a strong working relationship with the WA Police Force and a variety of charitable and non-government organisations who deal with complex issues such as homelessness, drug and alcohol use and cultural isolation.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed or commented on this plan. Together with your help this plan aims to achieve stronger, more lasting outcomes to create a safer Vincent.

Emma Cole
Mayor



ABOUT THIS PLAN

The Safer Vincent Plan 2019 – 2022 builds upon the achievements of the City's previous Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plans which were adopted in 2007, 2010 and 2015 and provides a framework to address key local community safety and crime prevention priorities, actions and deliverables over the next four years.

The Plan aims to:

- Provide an overview of current community safety priorities within the City of Vincent;
- Encourage a collaborative, whole of community approach to community safety and crime prevention; and
- Promote strong community partnerships and connections that contribute to positive community safety outcomes within the City.

The City's Strategic Community Plan 2018 – 2028 identifies the community's vision and strategic priorities for Vincent, as identified through the Imagine Vincent engagement campaign which attracted more than 4,000 responses.

The Safer Vincent Plan 2019 – 2022 is informed by this overarching Plan and community consultation, as well as other key corporate plans and strategies including:

- Corporate Business Plan 2018 – 2019
- Public Open Space Strategy 2018
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2017 – 2022
- Reconciliation Action Plan | Innovate 2019 – 2021
- Arts Development Action Plan 2018 – 2020
- Waste Strategy 2018 – 2023
- Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019 – 2024
- Town Centre Place Plans



Whilst primary responsibility for law enforcement and crime prevention rests with State Government agencies such as WA Police Force, local government also plays a crucial role in leading and contributing to targeted crime prevention strategies, planning and responses, given the broad range of functions that local government undertakes and its close relationship with the local community.

Everyone has a role to play in making our community safe and working together to develop resilient, connected communities.

CRIME TRENDS AND PERCEPTIONS OF CRIME

[WA Police Force statistics](#) demonstrate that many offences across Western Australia including homicide, robbery, burglary and stealing of motor vehicles are lower on average, when compared to the previous five-year period, although there has been notable increases amongst other offences including family and non-family assaults, drug offences, stealing and fraud.

Given the location of major activity centres and entertainment precincts, higher density living and proximity to public transport in the City of Vincent there are certain offences more prevalent when compared to other suburban areas. Stealing from motor vehicles is a common issue, particularly in on-street parking areas where electronic devices are often left unattended. Anti-social behaviour and alcohol-related crime remains a challenge within town centres and the complex issue of homelessness is increasingly visible within public spaces, necessitating a collaborative response by a range of key stakeholders.

The City of Vincent is fortunate to have an active community that is keen to engage and connect with others. Strong community connections can assist with communicating crime trends and messages from Police, as well as creating an environment where the community actively reports suspicious activity and keeps a look out for their neighbours.

The sharing of information, particularly via mass communication channels such as social media, can also lead to a perception that crime rates are higher than they actually are, through increased exposure to these incidents. Managing this perception remains important so that the community does not become overly fearful or distrustful of others.

A MESSAGE FROM WA POLICE FORCE

The WA Police Force provides trusted and valued policing services for all West Australians. Our vision is to be an exceptional Police Force for our community.

The WA Police Force is committed to enhancing the quality of life and wellbeing of all people throughout WA. We will:

- Uphold our duty to the community, building confidence and trust
- Promote teamwork and value the contribution of all
- Demonstrate integrity at all times across the organisation and in the community, and
- Act with care, recognising the impact we have on others.

We remain committed to providing robust defensible policing services underpinned by three policing pillars of:

- Enforcing the law
- Preventing Crime
- Manage and Coordinate Emergencies.

The City of Vincent falls predominantly within the Perth Policing District and is serviced by Perth, Wembley and Bayswater Police Stations. Crime prevention requires a community-wide approach and the WA Police Force encourage the ethos 'If you see something – say something'. Reporting crime is very important and the WA Police Force cannot respond if the community do not report. We constantly review our district priorities and shift our resources to provide a fluid and adaptable demand for service, and maintain an agile and flexible attitude to provide the best possible availability for the community.

Reporting to Police has become easier over the years and our contact numbers have remained unchanged.

- **000** – Life threatening situation for urgent police attendance
- **131 444** – Non-urgent police attendance
- **1800 333 000** – Crime Stoppers (to share information to police)

New technology has made reporting crime easier, with community minded reporting mechanisms widely available to help the public share information with police. The Crime Stoppers 'Eyes on the Street' industry reporting app allows community members to easily share information with Police, including images and video content.

You can connect to our social media accounts on Twitter or Facebook for up to date information on what is happening in your community. This is an effective and efficient method to keep in touch with your local police and provide feedback.

- Perth District Facebook **@wapolcmetro**
- Twitter **@PerthPol**
- Twitter **@WembleyPol**

If you have been involved in a criminal incident you can view the progress of the investigation by using the **CheckMyCrime** located online on the Western Australian Police Force site www.police.wa.gov.au

Superintendent Omar Chahal
Perth District Office
WA Police Force



THEMES

Three key themes underpin a broad range of actions and deliverables aimed at enhancing community safety and reducing criminal and anti-social behaviour through collaborations and partnerships.

These themes are:

- Safer Spaces
- Community Connection
- Crime Prevention

SAFER SPACES

Town centres, open spaces and streets are welcoming and safe for the whole community to use.

Vibrant, welcoming and safe places are integral to Vincent's identity, economy and appeal. Our town centres, local neighbourhoods and other gathering spaces must provide environments that reduce opportunities for criminal behaviour, positively impact perceptions of community safety, and support utilisation and activation. The City recognises that community safety and crime prevention principles must inform the planning, design and management of town centres, open spaces and streets. We will work with government agencies, businesses and community organisations to promote and support activities and programs that make our public spaces safer.



Actions	Deliverables	Timeline	Strategic Community Plan 2018–2028 Priorities
Establish Town Centre specific community safety priorities	Undertake night inspections of all Town Centres to identify priority areas for action	Dec 2019	Thriving Places Accessible City
	Identify streetscape, public realm, lighting and CCTV improvements in hotspot areas	Dec 2019	
	Ensure priority community safety projects are reflected in Town Centre Place Plans	Jun 2020	
	Implement a Citywide approach to projects that impact community safety ensuring alignment with planning, development and activation considerations	Jun 2022	
Improve and expand lighting infrastructure within the public realm	Gather and maintain information and statistics from WA Police Force and the community to determine priority lighting areas	Jun 2022	Thriving Places Accessible City
	Undertake GIS mapping of public lighting infrastructure	Jun 2020	
	Develop and implement a public area lighting plan	Jun 2021	
	Allocate funding within the City budget to the laneway lighting program	Jun 2020	
	Obtain external grant funding to implement lighting in priority areas	Jun 2022	

Actions	Deliverables	Timeline	Strategic Community Plan 2018–2028 Priorities
Provide support to organisations working with people experiencing homelessness	Collaborate with the City Homelessness Framework Committee to deliver an accreditation system for organisations delivering emergency relief services within Vincent	Jun 2020	Thriving Places Connected Community
	Maintain an interagency approach as per the City Homelessness Framework Committee Actions to assisting people within Vincent experiencing homelessness by collaborating with outreach and other community organisations and provide information on available support and services to people experiencing homelessness	Jun 2022	
	Provide funding to Nyoongar Outreach Services to deliver support to Aboriginal people within our community	Jun 2022	
	Refine the Collaborative Grants program to better support the delivery of projects that assist people experiencing disadvantage, homelessness or who are at risk within the community	Dec 2019	
	Collaborate with service providers to ensure the provision of services, such as outreach workers, in the vicinity of Weld Square, Perth.	Dec 2022	
	Review, update and implement the City's CCTV Strategy	Jun 2020	
Maintain a Memorandum of Understanding with WA Police Force for access and sharing of CCTV footage under the State CCTV Strategy	Jun 2022		
Obtain external grant funding to implement CCTV in priority areas	Jun 2022		
Undertake GIS mapping of all CCTV cameras owned by the City	Jun 2021		
Investigate the feasibility of purchasing a mobile CCTV unit for use at events and in hotspot areas	Jun 2020	Thriving Places Innovative and Accountable	
Work with WA Police Force, residents and businesses to identify priority locations for CCTV within our Town Centres	Jun 2022		
Promote the State CCTV Register to the community	Promote the Register to businesses and residents and encourage registration of cameras in the public realm to assist police with investigations	Jun 2022	Thriving Places



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Review and prepare Local Emergency Management procedures and plans	Participate in the Western Central Local Emergency Management Committee	Jun 2022	Innovative and Accountable
	Maintain a current Local Emergency Recovery Plan	Jun 2022	
	Develop, review and implement Local Emergency Management Plans	Jun 2022	
	Facilitate and manage funding for Northshore State Emergency Services through the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Local Government Grant Scheme	Jun 2022	
Manage the risk of terrorist activity in crowded places	Participate in 'Crowded Places Forums' with WA Police Force to increase resilience and awareness of this type of risk	Jun 2022	Thriving Places
	Undertake security audits in high risk areas to mitigate risks and inform contingency planning	Jun 2022	
Undertake public health planning to reduce the risks of anti-social behaviour in entertainment precincts	Maintain the Vincent Liquor Accord for local businesses and WA Police Force	Jun 2022	Accessible City
	Work with WA Police Force to identify hotspots for anti-social behaviour associated with licenced premises and act to address identified issues	Jun 2022	
Manage anti-social behaviour in parks and public spaces	Collaborate with Nyoongar Outreach Services to identify and monitor hotspot areas and provide outreach services in public spaces across the City	Jun 2022	Thriving Places
	Work with high-risk service delivery organisations to ensure management plans include actions that minimise risks of anti-social behaviour in the surrounding area	Jun 2022	
	Conduct ranger patrols in parks and public spaces and report all suspicious and anti-social behaviour to WA Police Force	Jun 2022	
Utilise CPTED principles	Further embed the application of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles within public spaces through the City's Built Form Policy and the adoption of 'Creating Safer Space' guidelines	Jun 2021	Thriving Places Accessible City
	Ensure community safety priorities are addressed within public space master and development plans	Jun 2022	
Assess the effectiveness and feasibility of a security patrol service	Prepare a business case to assess the effectiveness, possible financial model and feasibility of a dedicated patrol service in the City and, if viable, determine community appetite for the service and the associated costs	Dec 2020	Innovative and Accountable

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

City of Vincent encourages and supports activities that connect residents, businesses and visitors, as well as projects that activate public spaces.

Vincent has a diverse, welcoming and engaged community that wants to connect with those around us. Building and maintaining these strong community connections creates a sense of safety within local neighbourhoods, provides support networks where people look out for each other and strengthens passive surveillance. Activities that promote community involvement are particularly important for people in our community who are socially isolated and vulnerable as they are already at a higher risk of being a victim of crime. The City recognises that activated and thriving public places provide opportunities for residents to connect and build relationships.

Actions	Deliverables	Timeline	Strategic Community Plan 2018–2028 Priorities
Increase local community events that build connections	Promote the Open Streets Program to encourage street parties and other local events that build relationships between neighbours	Jun 2021	Thriving Places Connected Community
	Promote Neighbour Day to the community and investigate opportunities to support activities that encourage residents getting to know each other	Mar 2022	
	Develop and implement a Play Streets Kit and promote Play Streets to the community	Jun 2020	
Support organisations that create a safer and more connected community	Map organisations that deliver support or safety services within the community and identify any areas not currently being serviced, for potential collaboration	Dec 2020	Thriving Places Connected Community
	Build relationships with organisations providing services to seniors and people with disability and promote community events to their clients	Jun 2020	
	Provide funding to the Constable Care Child Safety Foundation to deliver educational programs including performances and mascot appearances in local schools and at community events	Jun 2022	
	Identify and collaborate with groups and organisations that influence community safety including outreach services, community groups, Town Teams and other local governments.	Jun 2022	
Utilise the Safer Vincent Advisory Group to workshop and provide advice on community safety matters	Safer Vincent Advisory Group to be a forum for residents, businesses and community groups to present key community safety issues and assist with appropriate actions and coordinated responses	Jun 2022	Connected Community Innovative and Accountable
Implement the 'Love Your Laneway Demonstration Project'	Develop and implement a demonstration project to enable residents to make better use of, and beautify their laneways, leading to increased activation and surveillance	Jun 2020	Connected Community Accessible City

CRIME PREVENTION

City of Vincent works collaboratively with key stakeholders and our community to help prevent crime.

Responsiveness to crime trends and the perception of crime, and the implementation of evidence-based crime prevention strategies requires a close working relationship between the City of Vincent and WA Police Force. Residents and businesses can also assist through the timely reporting of any criminal activities and helping to address any disparity between actual incidents of crime and community perceptions of crime. The City recognises that the provision of information, education, awareness and resources to both businesses and residents will reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.



Actions	Deliverables	Timeline	Strategic Community Plan 2018–2028 Priorities
Review the community safety resources program	Review the program to ensure effective and useful resources are being provided to residents and businesses	Jun 2020	Innovative and Accountable
	Provide a resources program targeted at vulnerable groups including seniors and young people	Mar 2022	
	Undertake a feasibility analysis for a security rebate program within the City	Dec 2020	
Share crime prevention messages with the public	Promote crime prevention messages by sharing relevant content created by WA Police Force, Crime Stoppers WA and Neighbourhood Watch on social media, variable message boards and at events and forums	Jun 2022	Connected Community Innovative and Accountable
	Provide crime prevention information to new residents through welcome packs	Jun 2022	
	Provide information to homeowners on home security design measures on receipt of building applications	Jun 2022	
	Monitor crime trends in collaboration with WA Police Force and provide updates to the public on hotspot locations and trends	Jun 2022	
	Develop specific content for social media, the website and other distribution channels to address crime and community safety trends and current issues affecting the City	Jun 2022	
	Encourage sharing of crime prevention content through local social media channels and neighbourhood groups	Jun 2022	
Host community safety forums as and when relevant for residents and businesses with WA Police Force and City representatives	Jun 2022		
Improve management of squatting in vacant properties	Establish a policy or guidelines outlining owner responsibilities for management of vacant properties within the City of Vincent and to prevent unauthorised use	Jun 2021	Innovative and Accountable

Actions	Deliverables	Timeline	Strategic Community Plan 2018–2028 Priorities
Prevent and remove graffiti vandalism within the City	Continue to remove graffiti on City property and graffiti on private property that meets eligibility criteria, within 48 hours of reporting	Jun 2022	Enhanced Environment Thriving Places
	Upload all reported graffiti incidents to the WA Police Force Goodbye Graffiti database	Jun 2022	
	Identify priority public artworks for anti-graffiti coating	Jun 2022	
	Support and encourage public art projects in graffiti hotspots in line with the Arts Development Action Plan	Jun 2022	
Promote and support the Eyes on the Street program	Rangers to be 'eyes on the street' and act as a visual deterrent to criminal and anti-social behaviour	Jun 2022	Accessible City Thriving Places
	Review Ranger vehicles and branding to improve visibility and ensure effectiveness as a deterrent	Jun 2022	
	Undertake data collection to identify hotspots that inform Ranger patrol patterns	Jun 2020	
	Rangers and outside workforce to undertake relevant training with WA Police Force	Jun 2022	
Undertake re-location of Ranger Services to the proposed City of Vincent 'Community Hub'	Stronger 'eyes on the street' presence and improved access for residents/businesses through the re-location of Ranger Services to Leederville	Dec 2020	Thriving Places Innovative and Accountable



CITY OF VINCENT CRIME PROFILE

The crime statistics referred to in this document were obtained from the [WA Police Force website](#).

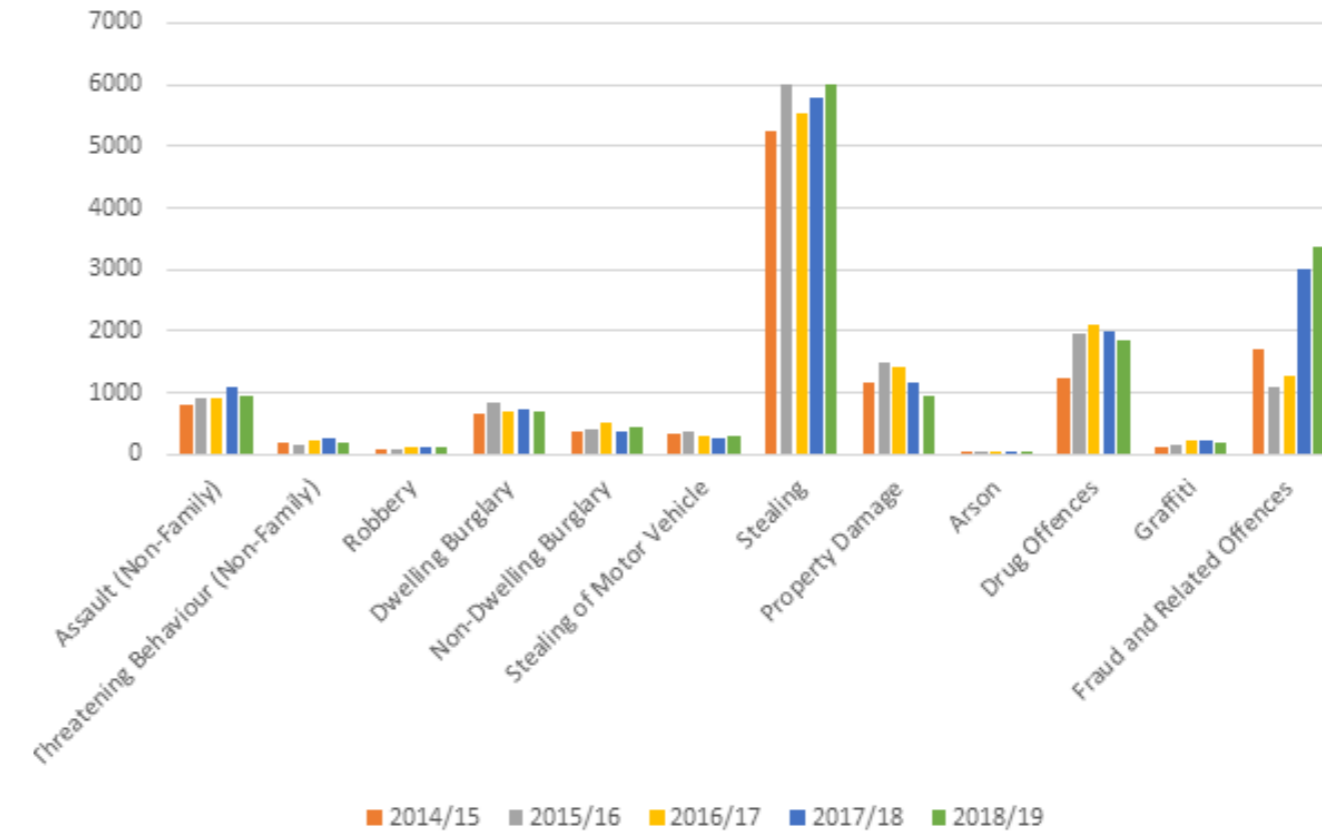
Crime statistics are only one measure of community safety, and may be influenced by a wide range of factors including, but not limited to:

- Population size
- Infrastructure (such as shopping centres and entertainment precincts)
- Seasonal trends
- The extent to which crime is reported to, and detected by police
- Changes to offence recording and reporting categories
- Other social, economic, proactive policing or inter-agency strategies

Consideration should be given to these factors when interpreting statistics.

Crime Category	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Assault (Non-Family)	791	912	927	1084	950
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	206	173	238	268	191
Robbery	102	99	105	110	117
Dwelling Burglary	666	842	690	753	692
Non-Dwelling Burglary	358	398	513	361	440
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	333	357	308	250	301
Stealing	5254	5993	5532	5780	6022
Property Damage	1187	1493	1426	1185	963
Arson	26	40	29	14	23
Drug Offences	1254	1962	2104	2005	1847
Graffiti	134	168	244	239	180
Fraud and Related Offences	1720	1110	1291	3012	3355
TOTAL	12031	13547	13407	15061	15081

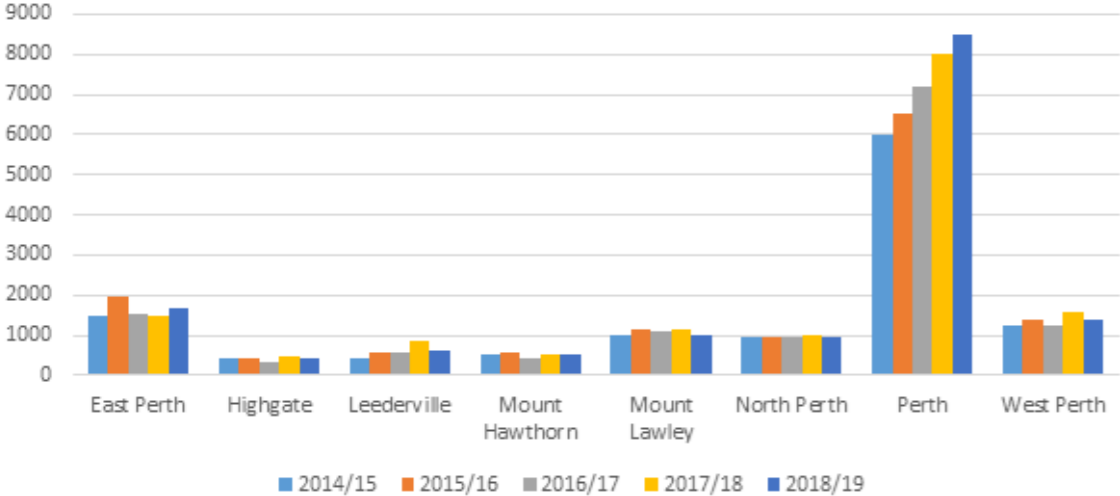
City of Vincent - Five year crime trends (by crime category)



OVERALL CRIME TRENDS BY SUBURB

- Within the City of Vincent, crime statistics vary greatly between suburbs.
- It is important to note that where a suburb is shared between two or more local governments, statistics for the suburb in its entirety have been provided. This is particularly relevant when considering the areas of East Perth, Mount Lawley, Perth and West Perth.

Five-year Overall Crime Trends by Suburb



* Perth is split between the City of Perth and the City of Vincent.



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