

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY PUBLIC FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM DECEMBER 2020 LAST UPDATED: 03/02/2021

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ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND OTHER DRUGS	
<p>What is the current status of the funding and implementation of the Banned Drinkers Register, and what is the role of the Broome Liquor Accord?</p>	<p>SHIRE: The Shire and Broome Liquor Accord have been working closely with the State Government to identify funding opportunities to implement the Banned Drinkers Register throughout the Kimberley.</p> <p>The Shire is optimistic that this process will be successful and enable the trial to move forward. The Broome Liquor Accord has been instrumental in driving the need for a new way to manage alcohol related harm in the Kimberley.</p> <p>The Accord is a voluntary agreement and consists of licencees, police and the Shire, and work closely with a Community Advisory Group which consists of a range of service providers.</p> <p>UPDATE 21/01/2021: The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) warmly welcomed the announcement by Minister Papalia that the State will fund the Banned Drinkers Register, in conjunction with the KRG and member Shires. WA Racing and Gaming Minister Paul Papalia has confirmed the State's intention to assist the Shires of Broome, Derby/West Kimberley, Halls Creek and Wyndham/East Kimberley with rolling out the BDR and Takeaway Alcohol Management System (TAMS).</p> <p>The KRG, comprising of the four Shires in the region, has been working towards mitigating the effects of alcohol related harm in the region for a number of years. The BDR has been rolled out by the State Government across the Pilbara, with a similar initiative anticipated in the Kimberley.</p> <p>The TAMS will allow for monitoring of daily alcohol purchases under the current Section 31 restrictions imposed by the State Government at the request of the Kimberley Regional Group.</p> <p>Following consultation with licencees, the units would be installed across all liquor outlets in Broome to prevent people from exceeding pre-determined limits or purchasing excess alcohol by visiting multiple stores.</p>
<p>What is being done to address sly grogging in the community?</p>	<p>WA POLICE: Working with Minister of Racing Gaming and Liquor about changing legislation around the amount of liquor people can carry in their car. Police need more power and legislation to discuss why people have lots of grog in the car.</p>
<p>Meth question follow up regarding supply and distribution and what is being done about it? Would like to acknowledge KAMS health workers and the Hospital. Great problem evident in the community.</p>	<p>WA POLICE: It is illegal to have drugs, but the town is awash with them. If they have information to know where drugs are, they take every opportunity to remove them from the community. Residents need to tell police if they know of dealers.</p>
<p>How is it possible that everyone in this town knows the drug dealers, have reported their names and addresses repeatedly, but still these people continue selling drugs, making money and are getting richer?</p>	<p>WA POLICE: This matter was discussed at the forum. Broome residents rarely advise Police who is selling drugs which inhibits progress. Broome police are actively conducting investigations into drug possession and will always act when the information is forthcoming.</p> <p>There have been several high-profile prosecutions of late and they will continue, however if someone does know where drugs are, they should contact police in every instance for action.</p>

<p>Why does the liquor accord continue to include representatives of the alcohol retailers, whose reason for being is to make money from the sale of alcohol?</p>	<p>SHIRE: Liquor Accords are voluntary groups and consist of representatives from WA Police, local retail licensees and the Local Government. The Why does the liquor accord continue to include representatives of the alcohol retailers, whose reason for being is to make money from the sale of alcohol? Broome Accord is supported by a Community Advisory Group of community services providers.</p>
<p>Why has it taken so long to bring in Banned Drinkers Register and why is it at the expense of Shire and State when it's the liquor retailers who have made massive profits for many years while ignoring their responsibility for the disaster of alcohol abuse?</p>	<p>SHIRE: The West Australian Government has confirmed a banned drinkers register planned for the Kimberley will roll out across the region mid-year. Scanning technology will be installed at every bottle shop in the region to identify people who have been banned by police or the courts from buying alcohol, as a part of separate two-year trials in the Pilbara and the Kimberley.</p> <p>There were initially plans to roll out the banned drinkers register in the Pilbara and the Kimberley simultaneously, but equipment delays and funding uncertainty saw plans for the Kimberley delayed and the Pilbara kick off its trial on December 1.</p> <p>Racing and Gaming Minister Paul Papalia said issues with the Kimberley's system had since been ironed out, and it would roll out across the region on May 1.</p>

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN PUBLIC PLACES	
<p>What is being done to address excessive drinking and anti-social behaviour in public places?</p>	<p>SHIRE: In close working partnership with the Police, joint patrols with the Shire rangers have been targeting excessive drinking and anti-social behaviour in public places.</p> <p>The Shire has also increased the town's CCTV network in recent years with the installation of additional cameras - which are monitored by the Police and allow additional surveillance of public spaces.</p> <p>Together with a significant amount of new and upgraded lighting in recent years; and major amenity upgrades, this is an example of the Shire's investment in infrastructure to address these issues.</p>
<p>Security around the boulevard. It is dark around there. Could we get more lighting and locked gates to the oval?</p>	<p>SHIRE: Comments noted. We will add the request to have the gate locked added to our next review of the current security services contract.</p> <p>The Shire currently has an application in with Horizon Power for upgrades. The unmetered supply application (UMS) to Horizon Power consists of upgrading the lighting along the western section of Frederick Street, the intent is to upgrade the current MV/HPS luminaires to LEDs and install double out reaches on to the existing poles to improve the spill lighting on the adjacent footpath. Approximately 28 luminaires will be upgraded with an additional 8 new outreaches installed (formal quote dependent).</p>
<p>As a long time Broome local I would like to know what steps are being set in place to try to stem the antisocial behaviour around Broome. What are we doing to stem the antisocial behaviour in town ??</p>	<p>SHIRE: WA Police and the Shire of Broome have pledged to collaborate more closely to stamp out anti-social behaviour in Broome's town centre. Leading representatives from Broome Police and the Shire recently came to an overarching consensus - the current situation at Male Oval, and in areas of our town centre, is not acceptable.</p> <p>WA Police and the Shire will be visible in areas where anti-social behaviour is occurring, taking advantage of the complementary powers of each agency.</p> <p>The Shire also has these community safety orientated projects starting over the next 12 to 18 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cemetery perimeter fence - Broome lighting upgrades - Town Beach carpark

<p>Why the Yawuru Community took long in addressing this anti social behaviours</p>	<p>SHIRE: Elected panel members and Shire officers will form a response group and are to reconvene early this year to discuss the questions and suggestions raised on the night, including the submissions that have been received from community members following the forum. We will be extending invitations for Yawuru representatives to join the response group.</p>
<p>Can Broome Community feel safe by having a taskforce group put in place</p>	<p>SHIRE: We acknowledge the fact that not one group is solely responsible for addressing community safety concerns and crime prevention throughout the Shire. A collaborative response is needed with the community and key stakeholders including WA Police, service providers and community groups.</p>
<p>Parents input - responsibilities starts at home/after hours</p>	<p>DEPT. OF COMMUNITIES: Communities acknowledges the important role parents and families play in children's lives. Communities is committed to the ongoing support of parents. Communities remains involved with families and often this includes linking parents in with various specialised place-based services such as therapeutic and or counselling relevant to particular concerns. This includes increased availability of Early Intervention and Intensive Family Support Services. The intensive support services include the coordination and delivery of general life skills, education, safety and protective skills to parents and families. This provision of educational and skill development services will support children to remain safely in their home and also plays a fundamental role in supporting reunification in cases where children have been placed in other arrangements. There are also services for Family Support Networks, where at-risk families receive intensive case management responses and in-home practical supports.</p>

<p>ITINERANCY AND ROUGH CAMPING</p>	
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<p>What support and services are currently in place to address itinerancy and homelessness in Broome?</p>	<p>DEPT. OF COMMUNITIES: The Department of Communities (Communities) operates across the land, housing, property finance and human services sectors to facilitate affordable housing opportunities for people who would otherwise be unable to access housing through the private market, this includes access to social housing and housing in remote aboriginal communities. Communities funds a number of services who support individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Communities has encouraged a collaborative approach by establishing the Broome Vulnerable People's Working group. The group, which builds on previous forums such as the Housing and Homelessness action group, was established at the commencement of COVID to develop a collaborative approach to respond / support vulnerable people in Broome, in particular people who are homeless and sleeping rough.</p> <p>The group meets fortnightly with an agenda focussed on individual vulnerable people. Membership of the group includes: Kullarri Patrol (Mamabulanjin); Men's Outreach Service Aboriginal Corporation; Alive and Kicking Goals; Health services (BRAMS and WACHS); Sobering Up Shelter; Centacare Kimberley; Communities; WA Police; NIAA; Shire of Broome; Milliya Rumarra; NBY; Mercy Care; and, Broome Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation</p> <p>The Broome Vulnerable People's Working Group is currently assessing the possibility of engaging with the WA Alliance to End Homelessness, which utilises resources that are targeted and comprehensive in their approach to tackling homelessness (By Names List).</p>
<p>Rights to Land, rights to sleep on the land so they have somewhere to sleep and go and then they won't hurt the country.</p>	<p>SHIRE: Have tried to communicate with the communities where the people come from so they can speak about respecting each other communities. They haven't had any responses to date. Plans to attend the local communities and out stations from where these people come from and get stuck in Broome. Try to communicate with the communities about mutual respect for each other communities.</p>

<p>How many people are sleeping rough in the community, why don't we know how many people are sleeping rough in the town? How do we deliver the right services if we don't know how many?</p>	<p>DEPT OF COMMUNITIES: Communities does not have access to data on the number of people sleeping rough and how that compares to two years ago. The inherent challenge with maintaining up to date or current point in time data is that itinerant people come and go. Communities has taken an active approach to collaborate with other key agencies to support this vulnerable cohort via the Broome Vulnerable People's Working group and also via funding of services to directly engage with this cohort.</p> <p>An estimate via the Broome Vulnerable People's Working Group was approximately 65 people requiring support, some sleeping rough, others staying with family/ extended family which can result in overcrowding. Communities acknowledges that individuals may also choose to stay in public places or with family/kin even when they other options or safe places to go. Broome Vulnerable People's working group takes a case management approach, by providing wrap arounds approach to high risk individuals, working with them to understand their needs, including why they are in Broome, and if there are barriers to returning home or supports required.</p> <p>WA POLICE: People often come to Broome for legitimate reasons and stay. From a government perspective we can't arrest people for being homeless or refusing to go back to the places that they are from. Need to get them off the grog.</p>
<p>Over the years, there have been numerous discussions about people being drunk and disorderly on Male Oval. Some of these people have been violent or have used verbal abuse to each other, also to people walking by or at the Coles Express service station. Can the Shire of Broome please explain what role the SoB Rangers have with regards to this matter.</p>	<p>SHIRE: Shire rangers continue to work with Broome Police and their Community Liaison Officers to keep our public spaces accessible and open to all.</p>
<p>What does the SoB, Broome Police and Yawuru plan to do about this matter so that people feel more safe when walking around that area?</p>	<p>SHIRE: We're committed to public safety and ensuring everyone can enjoy our amazing town. The Shire has the <i>Community Safety Plan 2021 - 2025</i>. This Plan guides the Shire to provide the foundation for a safe and thriving community; and inform the action undertaken by the Shire in partnership with agencies and the community to reduce the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour and improve community perceptions of safety.</p> <p>This plan was developed based on consultation with the community and key stakeholders including WA Police, service providers and community groups.</p>

<p>YOUTH CRIME AND DIVERSIONARY INITIATIVES</p>	
<p>Why has the Shire failed to engage with the remote communities of this Shire and work with them to deliver the facilities and activities within those communities that will engage the youth?</p>	<p>SHIRE: We are committed to working with all areas of our Shire. The Shire advocated for funding to support the Ardyaloon Incorporated's application recently. The State Government announced in December 2020 that Ardyaloon Incorporated will receive a \$754,193 grant to construct two new basketball courts with lighting in One Arm Point. The funding is provided under the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).</p>
<p>You mentioned police are 18 people down and looking to get extra powers, what extra powers will they be getting? What will you do about the kids that want to be locked up and want to go to Perth? They're bored and can't be touched. Kids in Broome with over 250 convictions. What extra powers are we going to get?</p>	<p>WA POLICE: We are not looking for anymore powers we have tools in the kit, and we are trying to use it correctly every time. Said numbers were not accurate police are not 18 people down. When there is an offence, we take the appropriate action that is dictated by legislation. Every person they deal with they try to engage with what they do depends on outcome depended on circumstances. Can't answer as too many what ifs.</p>
<p>What proportion of crime in Broome is committed by juveniles?</p>	<p>WA Police: Almost every burglary and theft, including the stealing of motor vehicles, are committed by juveniles.</p>

<p>Youth crime went down during Covid, unfortunately domestic violence went up. Can Juvenile Justice and Police use more 'curfews'? If the home is not safe, then what is actually being done and which stakeholder is responsible and accountable?</p>	<p>WA Police: Curfews are only aligned to criminal behaviour - if crime drops it can be assumed the curfews do as well and this is a positive outcome. CPFS are the lead agency on Family Violence issues involving the families, Police work closely with them but are focused on the criminal and immediate safety of victims.</p>
<p>What proportion of these offences were committed by juveniles already facing court for similar offences?</p>	<p>WA Police: Whilst this information might be nice to know, the information is not available from police.</p>
<p>What working groups are in place in relation to at risk and disengaged youth?</p>	<p>DEPT OF COMMUNITIES: Communities, in partnership with the Department of Health and WA Police co-chair Children At Risk meetings and Young People At Risk meetings. These meetings enable key government and non government agencies involved with children and young people to share information, develop case plans and to refer individuals to if they are concerned about the child's safety and wellbeing.</p> <p>Furthermore, Communities has been working in partnership with other key stakeholders [Department of Justice, WA Police and Department of Education] in relation to developing a Broome Young People Response Plan. The first interagency meeting with group members on the ground in Broome was held on Monday 30 November, with three meetings per week planned for a period of three months.</p> <p>Each of the four agencies noted above, have provided a dedicated resource to the Team, which co-locates three mornings a week to review case plans in real time and collaboratively engage young people to divert them from criminal activity, identify referral pathways to health and wellbeing services and support them towards educational pathways. The Response will build upon the collaboration between the agencies and will utilise and expand existing services that have connections with young people, such as Broome Youth and Families Hub which is funded by Communities, Youth Justice and the Commonwealth Government to deliver services to young people.</p> <p>This furthers the approach various agencies involved in the District Leadership Groups in Broome and the Kimberley Region to identify and support young people through Children and Young People At Risk Meetings, which regularly convene to provide oversight of issues affecting this cohort. Meetings include representatives from the Department of Communities, WA Police, Department of Justice, Department of Education and the Shire of Broome.</p>

<p>FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</p>	
<p>Compensation/ Reimbursement for victims: If there's nothing that can be done to current child protection laws - set up a compensation payment fund for the victims rather than funding more schemes, as we seem to have numerous overlapping schemes that don't appear to be required to produced high percentage positive outcome accountability.</p>	<p>COMMENT NOTED.</p>

<p>What happens for young people when there may be concerns regarding their safety or wellbeing?</p>	<p>DEPT OF COMMUNITIES: The safety and wellbeing of children is always Communities' top priority.</p> <p>Communities' local Child Safety Team receive referrals of concern for children and young people. When Communities receives information that raises a concern for a child's wellbeing, it has a responsibility to consider whether further action should be taken. The functions and powers of the CEO are set out in sections 21 and 31 of the <i>Children and Community Services Act 2004</i>. Communities can undertake initial inquiries and/or a Child Safety Investigation. The aim of this is to work out whether a child has experienced significant harm. Communities will investigate the circumstances that led to the abuse or harm, who was responsible for harming the child and what needs to happen to make sure the child is safe. Only children proven to be unsafe are taken in care.</p> <p>Communities will also look at the areas in which a family is doing well and the areas where a family may require more support. Intensive Family Support services are targeted towards families who are most at risk of children entering out of home care or where children are in care and require support to assist with reunification.</p> <p>Community Service organisations, in partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, provide culturally competent in-home practical support for the whole family to enhance safety and wellbeing. Centacare Kimberley, in partnership with the Australian Childhood Foundation (and Derby Aboriginal Health Service) provide this service for the West Kimberley in Broome and Derby.</p>
<p>The Kimberly juvenile justice strategy. In Derby and Kimberly, the number one thing was safe house if they are picked up in the late hours of night. The children don't want to go home where can we take them where they are safe?</p>	<p>DEPT OF COMMUNITIES: Communities is available via contact with / referral to Crisis Care 24 hours a day. If a child or young person interacts with WA Police due to criminal activity and charges are preferred, the Department of Justice provides a response.</p> <p>In these situations, Communities can assist WA Police and the Department of Justice to locate suitable care options and provide supports if required.</p> <p>Should WA Police, Government or non-government agency staff or members of the public have welfare or safety concerns for a child or young person, Communities is responsible for investigating all child protection matters and undertakes the appropriate safety and risk assessments. Communities undertakes safety planning and assessment and when requested assists WA Police and the Department of Justice with locating safe care arrangements for children.</p>
<p>Is crisis care a 1800 number or people on the ground? Where do the children go if they are picked up by aboriginal patrols?</p>	<p>DEPT OF COMMUNITIES: Crisis Care is 24 hour a day hotline available on 1800 199 008. Crisis Care staff are based in Perth and undertake initial inquiries and receive information which is forwarded to local staff. Communities has duty staff on the ground who are on call in Broome, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If necessary, these staff respond immediately, and provide assistance to other agencies and organisations as required.</p>

<p>Why is the DCP policy of keeping aboriginal children with family, extended family, and “connected to culture” allowed to continue in instances when it can be clearly demonstrated that it is not in the child’s interests?</p>	<p>DEPT. OF COMMUNITIES: For an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child, their Country, family, culture and community is central to the development of a sense of identity. Connections to these elements impact significantly on the child’s social, emotional, physical, educational and psychological development and shape who they become as they transition through adolescence and into adulthood.</p> <p>Section 12 of the <i>Children and Community Services Act 2004</i> sets out the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principles, including the requirement that wherever possible, Aboriginal children in care are placed within their family or within their community. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out of home care have a fundamental right to remain connected to their Country, family, culture and community.</p> <p>Assessments for all placements and contact with family for children under the care of the CEO are followed in accordance with its responsibilities under the <i>Children and Community Services Act 2004</i>. Communities utilises the Signs of Safety Child Protection Assessment Framework in conducting these matters. A person who applies to become a foster or family carer must be assessed against the competencies identified in the Children and Community Services Regulations 2006 (the Regulations).</p> <p>Centacare Kimberley is funded to provide the Family Care Support Service (Children’s Spirit), a culturally responsive, trauma informed care and support program for family carers in Broome & Derby and the children and young people they care for. This service provides intensive support to maintain and stabilise family care arrangements.</p>
<p>Why is this policy deemed to be more important than DCP’s duty of care when it comes to the safety of Aboriginal children in comparison to other children?</p>	<p>DEPT. OF COMMUNITIES: A person who applies to become a foster or family carer must be assessed against the competencies identified in the Children and Community Services Regulations 2006 (the Regulations).</p>
<p>As responsible adults: action would normally be taken to make sure a child is protected from themselves if placing themselves in danger but our current schemes appear to allow them to continually keep placing them back into dangerous situations and along with it hurting a whole community.</p>	<p>Dept of Communities: Communities is extremely concerned about any children or young people putting themselves in a serious situation that causes damage to property and risks their own safety and that of others.</p> <p>Supporting children to make the right choices takes time, particularly when they may have complex and traumatic backgrounds. Communities works to explore how children’s behaviour can be best managed and identify long term trauma-informed strategies that assist them to reduce their risk-taking behaviours.</p> <p>Protocols are in place for circumstances where children in care are arrested and remanded in custody. Communities, WA Police and the Department of Justice work collaboratively to provide appropriate services and ongoing support to them. Communities continues to have responsibility for care planning when a child in the CEO’s care is incarcerated, on remand or in detention.</p>
<p>Compensation/ Reimbursement for victims: If there’s nothing that can be done to current child protection laws - set up a compensation payment fund for the victims rather than funding more schemes, as we seem to have numerous overlapping schemes that don’t appear to be required to produced high percentage positive outcome accountability.</p>	<p>COMMENT NOTED.</p> <p>https://www.victimsofcrime.wa.gov.au/</p>

<p>BURGLARY/THEFT/STEALING</p>	
<p>What is the implication if the children hit damage a vehicle if they are on the road with an unlicensed motor vehicle?</p>	<p>WA Police: It is no different from anyone else they will be charged.</p>

<p>2 weeks ago I caught 7 - 10 youths stealing bikes at Roebuck Estate in broad daylight while hard working citizens are off at their day jobs. I called the Police who arrived and said they know the majority of the kids. That was the end of it, nothing else happened and I was never contacted to give a formal statement. This leads me to assume that the kids were just left to ride on home which only further reinforces in the kids minds that this behaviour is OK and they will never get in trouble. What are Police doing about these crimes, the security/safety of peoples property at their place of residence, the safety of people at their place of residence if thieves are so brazen and the comments from Broome Police Officers to members of the public that "there is nothing they can do about youth crime because their hands are tied"?</p>	<p>WA Police: This matter requires more information, matters such of this need to be raised by the author to the Officer in Charge of the Broome Police Station to assist police inquiries. On the surface it appears to be a disappointing response from police however the actual details are required, and it will be followed up.</p>
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CIVIC LEADERSHIP	
<p>How can the community get involved in addressing community safety?</p>	<p>WA POLICE: Deterrents are better than being caught. Putting effort into targeting the problem at the cause and target people leading crime. CCTV is a great tool for investigation. Youth are becoming forensic aware, police are getting in early and trying to apprehend as soon as possible. Will be able to soon register your own CCTV with police so we can know who it has so we can get information sooner if crime is committed in locations. Phone App for "eyes on the street". - WA POLICE - instantly sent to Police. Neighbourhood watch. know your neighbours and connected everyone together again Can make choices about our own behaviour and protecting our own property we might have to make changes individually. Community to support each other to ensure that they hide keys. Take away opportunities for crime to make it more difficult for the children to get what they want. Best for the community if they can catch youth committing crime can hopefully stop them from reoffending by apprehending them and putting them into diversionary programs. Moderate social media.</p>
<p>Kids need to grow up in socially healthy environment. What is being done about the ghetto effect that poor town planning has done?</p>	<p>SHIRE: The Shire will be advocating for the State Government to finalise the <i>Broome Urban Renewal Strategy</i> and to commit funding for the implementation. <i>Broome Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025</i>.</p>
<p>Where is the local aboriginal representation in this? Aboriginal people would like to be helped up not have services to delivered to them.</p>	<p>SHIRE: Elected panel members and Shire officers will form a response group and are to reconvene early this year to discuss the questions and suggestions raised on the night. We will be extending invitations for Yawuru representatives to join the response group.</p>
<p>When school finishes we need affordable sports for kids for them to use facilities, they have to pay for it themselves. What they do is always have children at their house and they do it for free. They need coaches and there are no service providers there. They need help in the community, and we can't make service providers accountable. Cheap or free courts over the holiday or free swimming pool so children have something to do over the holidays and then they can volunteer and do these programs for free</p>	<p>SHIRE: We encourage all interested members of the public to refer to the Shire of Broome's Sponsorship Programs. Viewable on our webpage: www.broome.wa.gov.au/Community/Community-Services/Community-Funding-Programs</p> <p>Funds are provided to assist local community based organisations and to establish a partnership for the promotion and development of social, cultural, economic, recreational, environmental and reconciliation projects and initiatives.</p> <p>Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Youth and Community Development Officer, to discuss their project prior to submitting an application on 08 9191 3456.</p> <p>We suggest groups contact Broome CIRCLE to discuss volunteer assistance. Broome CIRCLE is the volunteer hub within Broome.</p>
<p>Can Broome Community feel safe by having a taskforce group put in place</p>	<p>WA Police: This is too difficult to answer - it can only be assumed persons may feel safer.</p>

<p>I have read that in other regions of WA that there is financial support (from their local Shire) for residents if they purchase CCTV. If more CCTV assists Broome Police in apprehending offenders would the Shire of Broome consider applying for government funding that is then forwarded to residents wanting to purchase CCTV for their home or business?</p>	<p>SHIRE: Within the <i>Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025</i> the Shire will be advocating for external funding for a home security subsidy scheme.</p>
<p>In the last 12 months we have seen numerous break-ins at the Boulevard Shopping Centre. Each year there is funding available from....?..., which could go towards the cost of another CCTV (like Anne Street) that could be located near the Boulevard. Thus, assisting the Broome Police, which may in turn help lower Broome's crime rate. It may also help as a deterrent.</p>	<p>SHIRE: The Shire does not generally install CCTV cameras on private property.</p> <p>There are currently allocations within the budget for this financial year for the maintenance of existing cameras, extension of the Chinatown CCTV network, renewal in some current locations and Shire facilities.</p> <p>Recent expansions have been made possible through State Government funding under the WA State CCTV Strategy; and the Federal Safer Communities Funding Program. Officers are continuing to seek further funding opportunities for CCTV along these lines.</p>
<p>Is it possible for businesses to have CCTV funding support from Shire and government?</p>	<p>SHIRE: As part of the <i>Community Safety Plan 2021-2025</i> the Shire will be advocating for additional CCTV in recreational areas and external funding for CCTV and lighting programs.</p>
<p>How does the shire determine where ratepayers monies are spent i.e. highly public places VA improving liveability of neighbourhoods?</p>	<p>SHIRE: In determining the annual operating and capital expenditure requirement, the Shire of Broome ensures that services, events and infrastructure are delivered in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. The Shire of Broome endeavours to derive as much income from sources other than rates such as State and Federal grants, interest on investments, fees and charges, contributions from private parties and sale of assets. 2020/21 Rates of \$23.61 million will account for 58% (2019/20 - 57%) of operating revenue.</p> <p>As part of the 2020/21 budget preparations, the Shire has continued to ensure that its budget is as lean as possible despite the escalation of recurring costs such as staffing, utilities, fuel and insurance. The Shire also grapples with an ever-increasing demand for services from the community, which results in escalating costs of existing service delivery with limited alternative income sources available to offset these additional costs. Despite an anticipated smaller Budget this year, Council has carefully planned its priorities and looked at its cash reserves. Council has also worked harder to partner with various stakeholders and funding bodies to bring forward various transformative projects to stimulate the local economy, tourism and ensure that Broome remains a safe and pleasant place to live and work while ensuring Broome is well placed to take advantage of opportunities when the pandemic is over.</p> <p><i>(Shire of Broome Rates Brochure 2020/2021)</i></p>

<p>MISCELLENOUS</p>	
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<p>Strong family's model that is gone - is there any intention to bring back that kind of model and work with the families? We want kids at home with their families. Where are they going to go and where are initiatives that work on the home life? Are there any plans to allocate a space to people that are homeless people?</p>	<p>DEPT OF COMMUNITIES: Communities acknowledges that Strong Families was a well regarded program in the Kimberley Region. The Strong Families program was originally established in the year 2000 to address a lack of clarity and coordination between government departments working with Aboriginal families.</p> <p>Since the inception of the program, there have been significant improvements in the way that child protection practice is undertaken in Western Australia, with case coordination a far more widely used practice approach within the Department and other human services agencies.</p> <p>The Strong Families program was reviewed and phased out in line with the Building Safe and Strong Families: Earlier Intervention and Family Support Strategy launched in September 2016. This strategy encompasses the four key areas of: • delivering shared outcomes through collective effort; • a culturally competent service system; • diverting families from the child protection system; and • preventing children entering out of home care.</p> <p>Communities agrees that children should be with their families wherever possible and safe to do so. That is why Early Intervention and Family Support directly focuses on preventing children from entering out-of-home care and supporting families and communities to keep children safe and able to grow up strong in their culture and country. Working with families is also the intention of the Broome Young People Response Plan, which specifically aims to identify local ways in which we can partner with families and develop support plans for them and their children.</p> <p>Communities is committed to the ongoing support of parents. Communities remains involved with families and often this includes linking parents in with various specialised place-based services such as therapeutic and or counselling relevant to particular concerns. This includes ongoing increased availability of Early Intervention and Intensive Family Support Services.</p> <p>The intensive support services include the coordination and delivery of general life skills, education, safety and protective skills to parents and families. This provision of educational and skill development services will support children to remain safely in their home and also plays a fundamental role in supporting reunification in cases where children have been placed in other arrangements.</p>
<p>How many beds does Short Stay have, how many people stay and what is the cost to tax payers?</p>	<p>DEPT OF COMMUNITIES: There are two current short stay accommodation services in the Kimberley Region - Broome Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation (BASSA) and Derby Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation (DASSA). As of 1 October 2020, the State Government has allocated \$20 million in funding under the State Recovery Plan to build the East Kimberley Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation (EKASSA) project, scheduled for completion in the second half of 2023.</p> <p>BASSA accommodates up to 88 people in a 44-unit facility comprised of 12 family, 12 disability accessible and 20 single/couple units. Since opening in December 2018, BASSA has provided over 3500 people with over 33,600 bed nights of accommodation.</p> <p>DASSA accommodates up to 54 people in a 30-unit facility comprised of eight family and 22 single/couple units. Since September 2014, DASSA has provided more than 61,595 bed nights.</p> <p>EKASSA will offer approximately 70 beds under the current project plan.</p> <p>BASSA operates with an annual funding level of approximately \$2.1 million. DASSA operates with an annual funding level of approximately \$1.65 million.</p>

<p>We hear negative stuff on Facebook See collaboration between Shires but is there indigenous groups and youth peer on peer role modelling?</p>	<p>DEPT. OF COMMUNITIES: Empowered Young Leaders (EYL) is a group of young people in the Kimberley convened by a steering group, supported by Alive and Kicking Goals which is a program operated and auspiced by Men’s Outreach Service Aboriginal Corporation (MOSAC) as the host organisation. Key partners include Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services, WAPHA and a number of Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley Region.</p> <p>The EYL group formed following a series of workshops for young Aboriginal people in the Kimberley which commenced in 2017. The group was initially focussed on suicide prevention and has expanded its focus to advocate for formal opportunities to contribute to the development of Government policy and programs in the Kimberley region. The State Government has committed funds to enable the EYL to continue to be supported and progress.</p> <p>The Department of Communities is currently working with the EYL group towards an Empowered Youth Network (EYN). The EYN is proposed to build on the success and membership of the pre-existing EYL program, and is was developed as part of the Western Australian Government’s 2020 Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing, which responds to the findings of the 2016 Learnings from the Message Stick Inquiry and 2019 Coroner’s Inquest into the 13 Deaths of Children and Young Persons in the Kimberley Region.</p>
<p>Is there a working group that is in contact with all groups, stakeholders and govt agencies that keeps each other in the loop so they can work together?</p>	<p>SHIRE: There is a number of working groups within Broome. It is commonplace to share information and engage with each other as necessary. For example - Broome Liquor Accord and Broome Vulnerable People have representatives from State Government, Business, Not for Profit and stakeholders.</p>
<p>Has the Shire of Broome considered including primary school teachers, midwives, Dept of Housing in talks of community safety working groups?</p>	<p>SHIRE: For the development of the draft <i>Community Safety Forum 2021-2025</i> the Shire engaged a consultation process with broad and targeted approaches. This ensured a broad range of viewpoints and experiences for input and suggestions into the plan.</p>
<p>Children are at high risk of injury with no footpath on Kerr St leading to the residential college/high school entrance. Cars, buses, cyclists, pedestrians are all forced on to the road. Emailing the shire resulted in the comment “ There’s no money budgeted for this”. It won’t be too long before someone is seriously injured.</p>	<p>COMMENT NOTED. SHIRE: The five year footpath plan has Kerr street as one of the upcoming streets scheduled to have footpath upgrades completed.</p>
<p>In the event when residents have petitioned the Shire for solutions and offered to pay for it and supply labour, can you confirm on what grounds the shire could justify not fulfilling on the request to improve safety in residential areas?</p>	<p>SHIRE: The Shire considers such requests on a per project basis and individually. Where an initiative does not proceed we endeavour to provide the reasoning behind the decision.</p>

<p>Are there plans to review the demographics of residential areas and improve the diversity of residential areas i.e. what are the reasons some area of Broome have much higher levels of social housing or public housing? (I'm not sure I have the terminology right but in short we experience on a daily basis the impact of having high density of this type of stock and specific behaviours such as break-ins, rocks being thrown at elderly property owners, pets being attacked, cars being damaged, etc)</p>	<p>SHIRE: The Shire will be advocating for the State Government to finalise the <i>Broome Urban Renewal Strategy</i> and to commit funding for the implementation. <i>Broome Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025</i>.</p> <p>DEPT. OF COMMUNITIES: Communities acknowledges it is a major landowner in the town of Broome. Residents of Broome would be aware that a large number of Communities' assets are located in three main precincts. This is due to largely historical decisions (i.e. 20 + years ago) and policy frameworks regarding the location and construction of public housing.</p> <p>Delivering urban renewal in Broome is complex due to a range of factors, including this high concentration, a low year on year growth of properties in Broome restricting the supply of new stock in line with Communities' current housing concentration policies and the requirement to relocate current public housing tenants while work is undertaken.</p> <p>However, on 8 June 2020, the State Government announced the Social Housing Economic Recovery Package (SHERP). In Broome, SHERP will deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eight new social homes, which will assist in refreshing the social housing stock in one of the concentrated areas; - Approximately 19 social housing refurbishments, with procurement for these works to occur in early 2021; - Further maintenance of approximately 60 homes, ranging from internal painting through to external repairs such as driveways and fencing. <p>All disruptive behaviour within your vicinity should be reported to the Disruptive Behaviour Hotline on 1300 597 076, at http://www.housing.wa.gov.au/contactus/disruptivebehaviour/reportingdisruptivebehaviour/Pages/default.aspx or in person to your local Department of Communities Housing office (in Broome located on the corner of Frederick and Weld Street).</p>
<p>The street lighting is extremely poor with the introduction of LED globes.</p>	<p>COMMENT NOTED. SHIRE: Horizon Power are responsible for the light globes used in the streetlights. A review process is carried out to ensure streets meet Australian Standards.</p>
<p>We ask if someone could be given keys to lock the gates on Haynes oval leading onto Frederick street at night (a lady asked this question and Mr Tracey said this couldn't happen because there were too many functions on the oval) there is night footy, but no need for these gates to be open at night. Also if the drain area west of the high school in front of Haynes oval could be raked and cleared of rocks (so the temptation is removed) and lastly that the lighting is proper white lights and dual lights (covering the road and foot path, which is used at night but is very dark giving deviets cover to attack people and throw rocks.</p>	<p>COMMENTS NOTED.</p> <p>SHIRE: We will add the request to have the gate locked added to our next review of the current security services contract.</p> <p>The Shire currently has an application in with Horizon Power for upgrades. The unmetered supply application (UMS) to Horizon Power consists of upgrading the lighting along the western section of Frederick Street, the intent is to upgrade the current MV/HPS luminaires to LEDs and install double out reaches on to the existing poles to improve the spill lighting on the adjacent footpath. Approximately 28 luminaires will be upgraded with an additional 8 new outreaches installed (formal quote dependent).</p>
<p>Secondly we need to campaign to have Banana Wells reopened where wayward youth were sent and taught a variety of skills, panel beating, cooking, sewing, gardening, etc. The Govt. closed this because of lack of funding. This had instructors who shared their skills and returned these youth back into the community as worthy people. Unfortunately this beautiful area is now a backpackers camp. And lastly we keep talking, meeting after meeting about it's the parents responsibility to discipline their children, can we suggest the dept of Communities deal direct with the parents of these offenders.</p>	<p>COMMENT NOTED.</p>

<p>Are there plans to support more young people into more affordable housing (not crisis accommodation, not short stay and not health related accommodation)?</p>	<p>DEPT. OF COMMUNITIES: The issue of rental affordability and the availability of suitable properties in the market is a matter for all sectors to address, not just government. Communities actively participates in discussions with other government agencies, local stakeholders and community housing providers in an effort to alleviate the issue and to determine the best use of available stock and existing local resources.</p> <p>Noting the previous response regarding public housing density in Broome, Communities continues to procure assets where possible and provide affordable public housing opportunities for those on the wait list for housing.</p> <p>Broome Youth and Families Hub are funded by Communities for a Youth Housing Support Worker to provide intensive case management support to young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to access and maintain long term stable housing. They can provide brokerage and are available Monday to Friday 8.30 - 4.30pm.</p> <p>Madalah Limited is currently funded by Communities to provide the Nyirra Murrurayi housing facility through the Employment and Education Housing program, which provides affordable, supported accommodation in Broome for predominantly Aboriginal people to take up employment, education or training opportunities in regional centres.</p> <p>Anglicare, Foundation Housing and Nirrimbuk [with Department of Communities input], are currently undertaking stakeholder engagement and a co-design processes regarding the feasibility of procurement of a 'Broome Foyer' project through the North West Aboriginal Housing Fund, which if progressed, will provide engagement and accommodation options for youth in Broome.</p> <p>On 1 December 2020, the State Government announced a \$9.7 million investment under the Jalbi Jiya program in home ownership and affordable rental opportunities for Aboriginal people in Broome. As part of this investment, the State Government will purchase 25 properties from Nyamba Buru Yawuru (NBY) with 17 properties providing home ownership opportunities and eight properties being used for long-term affordable rentals to ensure secure, stable and affordable housing is available to local Aboriginal families.</p> <p>Participation in the Jalbi Jiya program, under the NWAHF, will require at least one member of the household to be in paid employment and households to aspire to home ownership and other goals for employment, education and wellbeing.</p>
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<p>I have read the 2015-2019 Community Safety Plan on your website, all the issues recognised in that plan are still the same issues facing our town today but the violence, anti social behaviour etc has escalated. The community can no longer go about their daily lives without fear for their own safety or the safety of others. You have rocks thrown at your car driving along a main street in broad daylight, our children are attacked at sporting events/school/shopping centres etc, at night you have to barricade your house/cars to stop things from being stolen, the itinerants living on Male Oval making a disgusting mess are worse than ever and now you are starting to barricade our town such as the big fence around the visitor centre. What progress has been made with the Working Group and where can the annual reports be found? In Appendix 2 - Evaluation Framework - the progress seems not to have been monitored/updated. So my main question is - If the situation has worsened in that 5 year period, what is going to change/be done now to ensure a safer future?</p>	<p>SHIRE: In response to resident and business and visitor concerns, the <i>Community Safety Plan 2016 - 2019</i> was developed to stimulate action, however safety and security continue to remain a key concern for the community. Broome continues to be impacted by key issues including excessive drug and alcohol consumption and related harm; anti-social behaviour in public places; and rates of youth offending and recidivism. The <i>Community Safety Plan 2021 - 2025</i> continues the work of the first plan - ensuring issues impacting the community are addressed and the Shire contributes to a shared community safety solution.</p> <p>This plan was developed based on consultation with the community and key stakeholders including WA Police, service providers and community groups. Key stakeholders, including members from the previous Community Safety Working Group, were invited to attend the workshop as part of targeted community consultation.</p> <p>The main objectives of the stakeholder workshop included testing priorities and formulating key actions for inclusion in the draft plan. This Plan guides the Shire to provide the foundation for a safe and thriving community; and inform the action undertaken by the Shire in partnership with agencies and the community to reduce the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour and improve community perceptions of safety.</p>
<p>Broome has an untapped resource in terms of people power in the community. People who could contribute if they were given a chance. Young people and adults. All the research in terms of strong identity and positive health and wellbeing, indicates that people need a sense of purpose in their daily lives. There are a lot of people in the community who, as yet, do not have a purpose in terms of contributing to the community in more positive ways (through cultural advice/on-country work, volunteering or being part of something bigger than themselves/an organisation). How does the Shire propose to mobilise people to find a sense of purpose in contributing meaningfully to the community? How can the Shire collaborate with Nyamba Buru Yawuru and the Kimberley Land Council to co-lead this change?</p>	<p>SHIRE: The Shire continues to work with a wide range of community stakeholders to build the community, but we also recognise the significant contributions already made by community groups and organisations.</p> <p>We deliver/support annual programs and initiatives/events aimed at supporting and strengthening community. Financial and in-kind sponsorships value add to support the community and not for profit organisations who work with volunteers.</p> <p>Broome CIRCLE is the NorWest Volunteer Hub, they have a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator for those interested members of the community who wish to find out more information on volunteering opportunities in town.</p>
<p>If I go to the shire directory and look at the list of funded government and non-government organisations in Broome with a role to support community members; Agencies that have access to resources (vehicles, phones, emails meeting space, research reports, professional development, paid holidays etc) where is there coordinated effort to support these young people and their families? And if none of these agencies can assist families in Broome and policing is the only solution, so be it, implement a curfew for young people after 10pm.</p>	<p>DEPT. OF COMMUNITIES: Communities and other government and non-government agencies are committed to working collaboratively to progress a range of initiatives to reduce youth offending and antisocial behaviour in Broome and across the Kimberley Region.</p> <p>The Kimberley was the first region to establish District Leadership Groups (DLGs) in the East & West Kimberley, a forum that has representation from Commonwealth, State & Local Government, Aboriginal Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and non-government groups. The DLGs explore regional operational issues and initiatives and develop and lead on-the-ground responses to achieve local outcomes. The Kimberley DLGs represent the peak body for co-ordinating resources, promoting collaboration and delivering initiatives such as the Broome Youth Response Team, Empowered Young Leaders and implementing holistic service arrangements between members.</p> <p>The Department of Justice or WA Police would be required to comment on the implementation of a curfew.</p>
<p>To the TO's and representative bodies - Where are you in partnership with Shire, State and other authorities in working together to address the issues within the community?</p>	<p>SHIRE: The Shire works together with a range of common stakeholders addressing issues that effect the community. We acknowledge the fact not one group is solely responsible for addressing community safety concerns and crime prevention throughout the Shire.</p>

<p>State Government - Why have you ignored your own research from the Centre for Crime Prevention at UWA into Aboriginal Community Patrols as an adjunct to policing and as means of crime prevention? ref - https://clicktime.symantec.com/3YHEWJwVyEgnC2RaTR4Ce5h7Vc?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.researchgate.net%2Fpublication%2F282866234_Models_of_Best_Practice_Aboriginal_Community_Patrols_in_Western_Australia</p>	<p>DEPT OF COMMUNITIES: Communities currently contracts the Aboriginal Community Connectors Program - a successor to the Patrols Program - in Broome, Derby, Halls Creek, Kununurra and Wyndham, at a cost across the 5 locations of approximately \$2.2 million in 2019-2020.</p> <p>This initiative has evolved since the Patrols Program and the services currently provided under the program by service providers include safe transport, referrals to other social services, prevention and mediation, supporting community events and diversionary activities, youth engagement support and planned medical appointments.</p> <p>This also includes sobering up shelters at the Derby, Kununurra and Wyndham locations. Communities also currently contracts Broome Youth and Families Hub Incorporated for the provision of the Broome Night Patrol and Youth Service, which has operated since 2015.</p> <p>The Broome Night Patrol and Youth Service consists of two programs:- Helping Young People Engage Night Patrol, provides assertive outreach for at risk youth up to 18 years who are street present on Friday and Saturday nights. - Drop In Program for at risk young people aged 5 - 17 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 2.30pm - 7.30pm, provides an opportunity to engage in positive activities, rather than being street present.</p> <p>The Broome Night Patrol and Youth Service programs are a major referral source to and from Communities, where young people at risk can be identified early and be provided with appropriate support internally and through external referral pathways. Up to 120 young people participate in the Drop In program each day. On 20 March 2020, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs announced \$6.2 million in additional funding for the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy, which includes a further \$2.4 million for night patrols in Derby, Halls Creek and Wyndham, which provide early intervention and diversion strategies for street present young people.</p>
<p>The consequences for Victims: After a home invasions: you never sleep peacefully in your on own home again, your on edge at every noise. Your home is locked up, no longer able to open up to allow the breeze to flow through your home. Living with the expectation your property will be stolen or damaged to bear the expense yourself.</p>	<p>COMMENT NOTED.</p>