

Darebin Community Safety Strategy 2012 -2016

First Year Action Plan 2012 / 2013

Priority Area One

People: To improve social inclusion and community participation to create safe and respectful neighbourhoods.

Action	Priority Community	Responsibility	Measures and Timeframe
1.1 Build strong and safe communities through inclusion and participation			
Plan and develop Implement a new activity as part of Community Safety Month (October) to promote safety and community participation.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Police Metropolitan Fire Brigade State Emergency Services Red Cross Ageing Communities	Events held annually in October Ongoing
As part of Safety Month (October) implement the annual Safe Stroll community walking events.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Police Metropolitan Fire Brigade State Emergency Services Red Cross Ageing Communities	Events held annually in October Increased participation of residents at events and insure that the event is accessible to all. Ongoing
Develop programs at the Intercultural Centre in Preston that promote interaction across all ages such as skills exchange program.	Young People Older People	Intercultural Centre Ageing Communities Community Wellbeing	Implement new programs at the Intercultural Centre by June 2013
Work with Council to add new criteria to Council's Community Grants Program that encourages Community groups to engage older and young people together. For example multi-use of recreational/sporting spaces.	Young People Older People	Community Wellbeing Ageing Communities	New criteria considered for 2013 /14 Council Community Grants program

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Councillors and Council Staff to participate at meetings of the Darebin Neighbourhood Watch and Darebin Eye Watch initiative to connect community and reduce crime.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Victoria Police Darebin Community Darebin Councillors	Council staff and Councillors present at meetings where possible
Continue to implement the Darebin Residential Street Parties program and promote the program to isolated residents.	Older People CALD Young People Low SES	Community Wellbeing Ageing Communities Youth Services Sustainable Transport	A minimum of 15 Street Parties held each year
Remodel the annual Darebin Good Neighbour Awards to recognise community contribution to improving safety.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing	Hold a annual Good Neighbour Awards program and awards ceremony

1.2 Implement programs to address anti-social behaviour and promote respect

Expansion of the YUte Crew Mobile Outreach program and advocate for its capacity as a youth participation and crime prevention initiative.	Young People	Youth Services Community Wellbeing	Include Y-Ute Crew achievements presentation as an annual agenda item at Darebin Local Safety Committee Promotion of program as developmental and social approach to crime prevention and support appropriate funding applications Ongoing
Investigate opportunities to partner with Northland Youth Centre to implement youth focused community safety programs i.e. Street Art Project in the Northland Car Park stairwell.	Young People	Community Wellbeing Youth Services Victoria Police	Establishment of programs at least one per year by June 2014 Council officers to participate in Northland Safety Committee
Hold the 2012 Youth Summit Event with students from Darebin Secondary Schools with the theme of Safety, including bullying and cyber bullying.	Young People	Youth services Community Wellbeing Darebin High Schools	Youth Summit held and top 3 recommendations incorporated into Community safety Strategy Action plan.

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Use the Darebin Local Safety Committee as a forum to raise issues of racism, monitor racist incidents and share best practice for the sector.	CALD Aboriginal	Darebin Local Safety Committee Equity and Diversity	Minimum 6 meetings per year Minutes reflect issues Ongoing
Invite Emergency Services to participate in Council led initiatives around Community Engagement to enhance relationship building with the community.	CALD Aboriginal Low SES	Community Wellbeing Arts and Culture Emergency Services	Emergency Services invited and supported to participate in all major annual Council events
Use the Darebin Local Safety Committee as a forum to raise issues of safety affecting Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (GLBTIQ) residents, monitor homophobic incidents and share best practice for the sector.	Same-sex attracted and sex and gender diverse	Darebin Local Safety Committee Equity and Inclusion	Minimum 6 meetings per year Minutes reflect issues Ongoing
Enhance the development of partnerships with local schools and young people to address antisocial behaviour such as graffiti and vandalism.	Young People	Community Wellbeing Youth Services Local Schools Corrections Victoria	Graffiti education program implemented by June 2014 Continue to implement YUte Crew Program Hold Youth Summit on Safety Theme by December 2012
Support the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline and educate residents about how to report hoon driving in the City of Darebin.	Whole of community	Transport management and Planning Victoria Police	Increased reporting of hoon drivers to Victoria Police and decreased reporting from residents
Continue to implement the Drive With our Heart Program to promote respectful driving behaviour.	Whole of community	Transport management and Planning Victoria Police	Increased reporting of hoon drivers to Victoria Police and decreased reporting from residents

Priority Area Two

Place: To design and maintain our city to reduce crime, and enhance public safety and perceptions of safety

Action	Priority Community	Responsibility	Measures and Timeframe
2.1 Maintain and manage the amenity of our community			
Enhance the capacity of local residents to effectively report street lighting that requires repair or replacement, or tree trimming.	Whole of community	Customer Service	Provide information, including web based to residents regarding street lighting improvements by June 2013
Enhance the capacity of local residents to effectively report safety hazards that require repair or replacement through Customer Service.	Whole of community	Customer Service	Provide information, including web based to residents regarding reporting repairs and hazards Track and monitor requests through Customer Service system
Coordinate the development and implementation of the new Darebin Graffiti Management Action Plan 2012 -2016 to reduce the appearance of graffiti in the municipality.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing	Evaluate and develop a new Graffiti Management Action Plan by June 2013
Implement the Graffiti removal subsidy program to support graffiti removal from private property.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing	Advertise program in the local paper bi-annually Distribute at least 150 subsidies to residents each year Ongoing
Implement Reservoir Corrections Centre Graffiti Removal Program for graffiti removal from Council assets.	Offenders	Corrections Victoria Community Wellbeing	Assist the Graffiti Removal Program to complete a minimum of one day of work per week in the City of Darebin Ongoing

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Coordinate the Darebin Graffiti Management working group.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing	Minimum 3 meetings per year Actions from minutes achieved Ongoing
Promote the Community Initiated Safety Audit Program as a community based response to safety issues.	Low SES Housing Estates	Community Wellbeing	Support a minimum of 2 safety audits per year Ongoing
Support the implementation of the Darebin Council Litter Plan 2011 – 204.	Whole of community	Compliance and Amenity	Actions achieved by 2014

2.2 Design and provide safe public places

Ensure that all relevant Council projects and policies incorporate the Safer Design Guidelines and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Principles.	Whole of community	Planning Public Realm	Guidelines considered in planning decisions Ongoing
Investigate partnerships for Police to inform Open Space design and implementation to prevent crime and enhance safety.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Planning Public Realm Victoria Police	Public Realm to join Local Safety Committee in 2012 / 13 financial year
Investigate partnerships for Police to inform design of major Darebin Council Projects, in particular applications for High Density living.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Planning Public Realm Victoria Police	Police invited to provide feedback on relevant planning and open space Projects in Darebin Ongoing
Seek funding for CCTV in high priority locations in the City of Darebin as identified by Victoria Police.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Police	Funding applications submitted for CCTV infrastructure grants by June 2013

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Provide safe places that recognise Indigenous heritage and have cultural relevance.	Aboriginal	Public Realm Community Wellbeing	Liaise with the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee regarding training on indigenous heritage and cultural relevance for open space planning by June 2013 Incorporate Indigenous heritage into events held into Community Safety Month events held in Darebin's parks.
2.3 Enhance safety around public transport hubs and promote safe, sustainable			
Support Public Safety Officers to address safety concerns and increase perceptions of safety at train stations in Darebin by inviting PSO's to Local Community Safety Meetings.	Whole of community Women Older People Young People CALD	Community Wellbeing Victoria Police Ageing Communities Metro Trains	PSO's to attend Local Community Safety Committee Meetings by June 2013
Investigate opportunities to implement the "Adopt a Space" model at Darebin Train stations to improve safety.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Metro Trains Melbourne	Development of project brief and selection of trial location for Adopt a Space model by June 2014
Continue to work with schools on developing School Travel Plan and promote "non-car" use.	Children	Transport Management and Planning Darebin Primary Schools	Council consulted on the development of the School Travel Plan and increase the number of formal school travel plans Ongoing
Continue to implement the Darebin Safe Travel Strategy to provide safe travel infrastructure and protect vulnerable road users.	Whole of community	Transport Management and Planning	Actions implemented according to the Action Plan Updates provided at bi-monthly Local Safety Committee meetings
Advocate for Safer major transport infrastructure. For example Reservoir Junction.	Whole of community	Transport Management and Planning	Council continued relationship building with key stakeholders

Priority Area Three

Partnerships: To work in partnership to increase community education and reduce the opportunity for crime, injury and violence.

Action	Priority Community	Responsibility	Measures and Timeframe
3.1. Increase community education on how to report and prevent crime and injury			
Public better educated on reducing theft from and of Motor Vehicles through the Operation Bounceback Motor vehicle theft reduction initiative.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Victoria Police	Operation Bounceback funding sort and project implemented annually Reduced number of thefts of and from motor vehicles
Investigate the development of Community Safety Quick Reference resource for residents.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Local Safety Committee Communications	Needs analysis complete and appropriate resource developed by June 2013
Invite emergency service providers to Council events and festivals to promote safety education and crime prevention.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Emergency Services	Emergency Services present at all major Darebin events Ongoing
Review and update information on the Council website relating to community safety and crime prevention information.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Communications	Community safety website pages updated by June 2013
Continue to support local community safety working groups through Council Officers attendance at meetings.	Walker Street, Housing Estate East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal Preston East residents	Community Wellbeing Walker Street Community Partnership East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal and Preston East Community Group	Council officers present at all meetings actions implemented Ongoing

Action	Priority Community	Responsibility	Measures and Timeframe
Support the delivery of safety promotion projects and information to the East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal Community through community events and activities.	East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal community	Community Wellbeing East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal Victoria Police	Hold a community safety stall at the annual end of year Community Celebration Targeted promotion of community safety initiatives to the East Reservoir community Ongoing
Promote / Support Emergency Management campaigns such as SES Storm Safe and Red Cross Ready Plan.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing SES RedCross	Emergency Management Campaigns promoted on Council Website and information disseminated through Council networks annually
Continue to Coordinate Darebin Safe Travel Strategy reference group.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Transport Management and Planning Darebin Local Safety Committee	6 meetings held per year with continued growth of membership
Present Safety issues at Council's Advisory Committees.	CALD ATSI Older People People with Disabilities Same-sex attracted and sex and gender diverse	Community Wellbeing and Disability, Women, Aboriginal, Same-sex attracted and Gender diverse Advisory Committees and Darebin Ethnic Communities Council	Council Staff to participate and present community safety information at all advisory committees at least once a year Ongoing
Increase Council's capacity to address issues of hoarding.	Older people People with a mental illness	Community Wellbeing	Council Staff and relevant advisory committees participate in Professional Development attended by June 2013
Provide regular data on crime and perceptions of safety to Council.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing Victoria Police	Provide an annual report to Council and information to community on Council Website Ongoing

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3.2 Reduce the impact of violence and crime on our community, particularly against women and children			
Support the implementation and contribute to the development of the Darebin Prevention of Violence Against Women Annual Action Plan.	Women Children	Community Wellbeing Equity and diversity	Implement the Darebin Prevention of Violence Against Women Annual Action Plan 2012 -2013 by June 2013
Assist Women’s Health in the North (WHIN) with the development and distribution of a same-sex family violence card.	Same-sex attracted and sex and gender diverse Women Children	WHIN Community Wellbeing	Same-sex family violence card developed by June 2014
Coordinate the Darebin Domestic Violence Network to support the integration of the Northern Region Family Violence Service System.	Women Children	Community Wellbeing	12 meetings held each year and continued growth of network membership Ongoing
Assist Darebin Domestic Violence Network to celebrate Women’s and Children’s Self Care Day event and Week Without Violence.	Women Children	Darebin Domestic Violence Network Community Wellbeing	Event held annually n October Ongoing
Implement the Department of Justice Community Based Order program and investigate the development of new partnerships to reduce reoffending.	Offenders	Community Wellbeing Department of Justice	Continue to support the Department of Justice Community Based Order program in the City of Darebin Develop a new program in the City of Darebin by June 2014
If successful support the implementation of the Department of Justice Prevention of Violence Against Women project in the East Reservoir and West Heidelberg Neighbourhood Renewal Communities.	Women Children East Reservoir West Heidelberg	Community Wellbeing Banyule City Council Darebin Community Health Banyule community Health WHIN	Project implemented pending funding

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3.3 Minimise the impact of alcohol and other drugs			
Develop the Darebin Drug and Alcohol Action Plan 2013 -2017.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing	Darebin Drug and Alcohol Action Plan 2013 -2017 adopted by August 2013
Monitor and evaluate the impact of the Alcohol Restricted Zones project in reducing public drinking and increasing perceptions of safety.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing	Provide Council with an annual report on the impact of the Alcohol Restricted Zones
Coordinate the Darebin Alcohol Accord and host an annual forum to manage the impact of alcohol on the Darebin community	Traders and licensed venues	Community Wellbeing Victoria Police Darebin licensed premises	Minimum of one forum held each year Ongoing
Provide residents with education about the safe disposal of needles and syringes.	Whole of community	Environmental Health Community Wellbeing	Review and enhance on current information available to residents by June 2013
Monitor the density of licensed venues in the Darebin community and the impact of safety and crime.	Whole of community	Community Wellbeing	Evaluate density on a 12 monthly basis and provide an annual report to Council Ongoing
Provide social impact considerations on all packaged liquor license applications and other high risk liquor license applications.	Low SES Whole of community	Community Wellbeing	Social impact considerations assessment template developed by December 2012 Social impact considerations assessment completed for all relevant applications