



# City of Gosnells Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2025 – 2030



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## Mayor's Message

Local Government has a key role to play in community safety by leading and supporting local community safety initiatives. While WA Police has primary responsibility for crime prevention, collaboration between the City of Gosnells and the Police is fundamental to a coordinated and effective response to community safety issues.

Building and maintaining partnerships with government agencies, local businesses and the community is also fundamental to achieving effective outcomes that create safer spaces and places for everyone.

Thank you to community members and key stakeholders who have provided feedback on community safety priorities through the formal survey process to inform this plan.

Preventing crime and creating safe communities requires everyone to work together. The City of Gosnells, WA Police and other crime and safety organisations rely on local residents and community members. People who live, work and spend time in the community are often best positioned to help prevent and reduce anti-social and criminal activity because they know their neighbourhoods, understand the issues and can spot unusual activities.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2025 – 2030 has been developed to respond to those things that you told us matter most to you. I encourage everyone in our community to play a part in helping to create a safe and secure community that contributes to our vision of 'Making the City of Gosnells a great place'.

*Teresa Lynes*

**Terresa Lynes**  
Mayor



# Why have a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan?

The City of Gosnells is committed to helping make the community a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

Safety is an important priority for the City of Gosnells, its residents and community members, ranking as the second Strategic Priority in the City's Strategic Community Plan 2023 – 2033.

Local government is well placed to lead and support local community safety initiatives and to facilitate partnerships with key stakeholders to help achieve a community where people feel safe and able to fully participate in community life.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2025 – 2030 has been developed to address key community safety concerns which have been identified through community consultation, stakeholder engagement and crime statistics from the WA Police Force.

The Plan identifies the actions of the City and key partners over the next three years to improve community safety within the City of Gosnells.



# Crime and Safety in the City of Gosnells

The City of Gosnells spans the Armadale and Cannington Police Districts, including Gosnells, Canning Vale, and Cannington Police Stations. Crime statistics, available on the WA Police Force website, show a slight overall decrease in crime across all suburbs despite population growth. This trend indicates that places and spaces are becoming safer across the City of Gosnells.

However, crime hotspots and spikes still occur due to targeted criminal activity or changing circumstances. The City is committed to working with the Police and key stakeholders to help resolve issues.

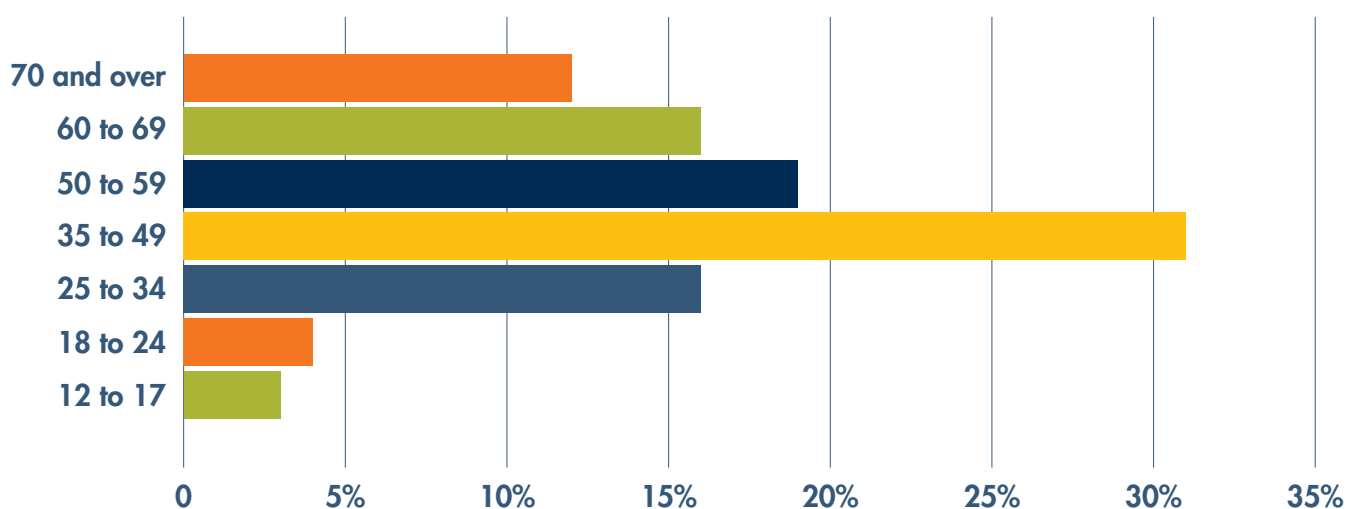
## Consultation Methods

The City undertook an extensive stakeholder and community consultation process to identify the priority areas for the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2025 – 2030. This included:

- ▶ Reviewing the feedback received from the community about community safety during the 2023 Strategic Community Plan consultation.
- ▶ Online surveys and quick polls on the City's engagement platform Your Say Gosnells.
- ▶ Promotion of the survey and quick polls through various City communication channels including:
  - ▶ Website
  - ▶ Social Media
  - ▶ eNewsletters
  - ▶ Posters at various community facilities.
- ▶ Drop-in sessions and on-site surveys at various City facilities.
- ▶ Regular meetings with the Officers in Charge of the Gosnells, Canning Vale and Cannington Police Stations.

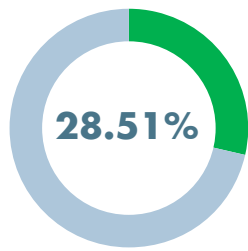
## Consultation Results

The City received a total of 214 responses to the Your Say online survey. The majority of respondents were female (72.51%). The following table shows the age range of survey participants.

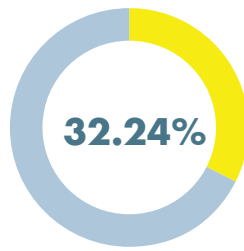


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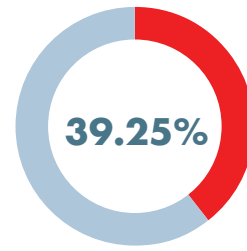
The community was asked **how safe they felt overall** in the City of Gosnells:



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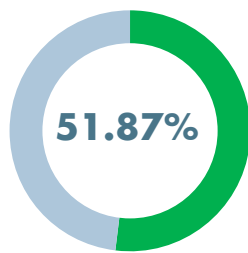
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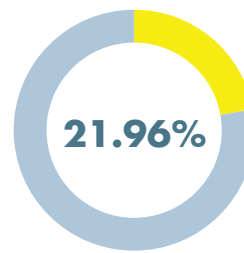
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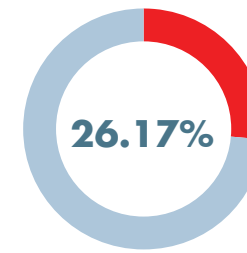
The community was asked **how safe they felt in their street**:



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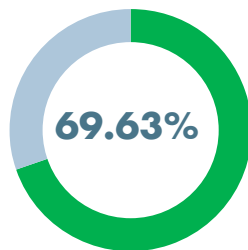
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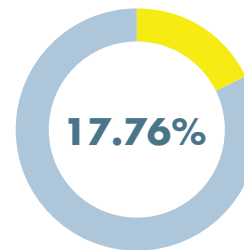
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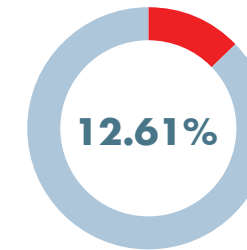
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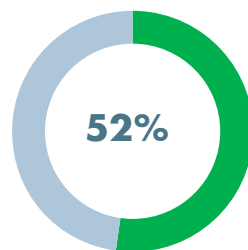
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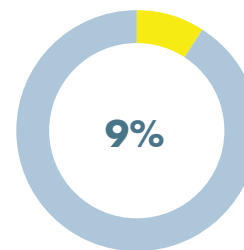
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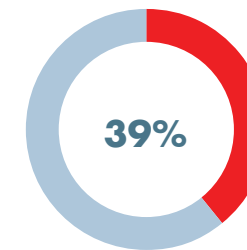
The community was asked **how safe they felt in town centres in the City of Gosnells**:



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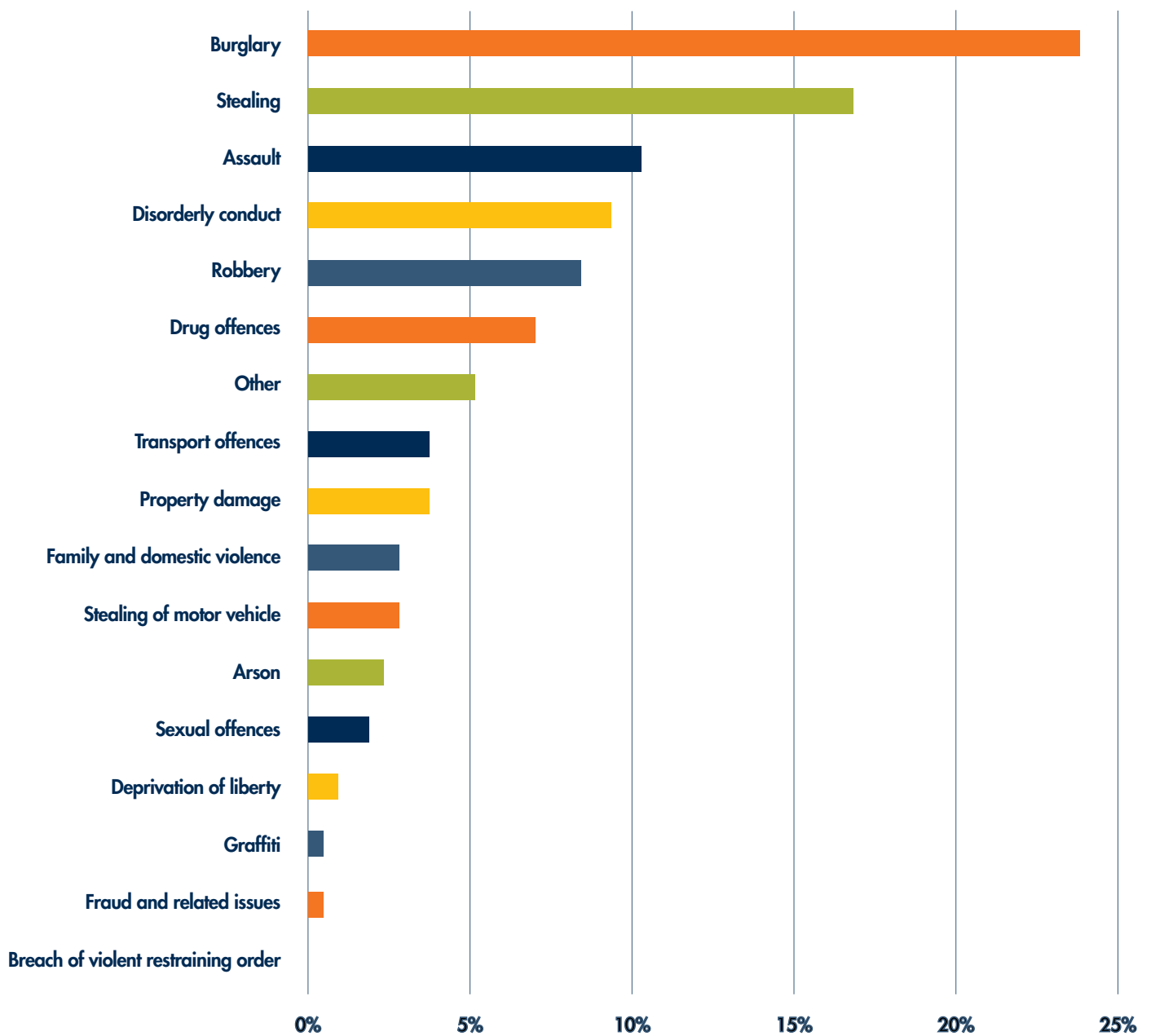
# Key Community Safety Concerns

The community was asked to provide feedback on which crime and safety issues should be addressed as a priority.

The top perceived community safety issues were:

- ▶ Burglary – 23.83%
- ▶ Stealing – 16.82%
- ▶ Assault – 10.28%
- ▶ Disorderly conduct – 9.35%

Which crime or safety issue is your top priority? ( select 1 only):



# Community Priority Areas

Four priority areas emerged from the feedback received from the community consultation:

- ▶ **1. Safe Homes:** protecting residents' homes and property.
- ▶ **2. Safe Spaces:** addressing areas where residents feel unsafe.
- ▶ **3. Early Intervention:** implementing programs for early engagement with youth and addressing emerging crime problems.
- ▶ **4. Strong Partnerships:** Collaborating with various agencies and stakeholders to address crime and improve safety.

## Action Plan

### 1. Safe Homes

Community Priority Area	Action	Programs
Safe Homes: Protecting residents' homes and property	Continue to implement the Safe City Community CCTV program to provide funding to the community to install effective CCTV systems to protect their properties.  Funding available for 250 properties per financial year.	Safe City Community CCTV
	Deliver targeted programs to identified hot spot areas to increase community alertness and help reduce criminal and antisocial activities.  Resources distributed to a minimum of 1 street every week.	Hotspot Cocooning
	Continue to implement the Street Meet and Greet program to assist residents to build local neighbourhood networks to build community safety and crime prevention capacity.  Funding for 35 Street Meet and Greets available each financial year.	Street Meet and Greet
	Continue to work in partnership with WA Police Force to promote and distribute key community safety and crime prevention messages related to home safety through local events, website, social media, community update emails and other communication channels.	Various  New program – combined Sunset Cinemas and Your Neighbourhood Program



# Action Plan

## 2. Safe Places

Community Priority Area	Action	Programs
<b>Safe Spaces: Addressing areas where residents feel unsafe.</b>	Implement place activations in the community, with a focus on areas with higher crime statistics or higher perceptions of criminal and antisocial activity.	Hotspot Interventions
	Facilitate communication between residents, key agencies like WA Police Force and other support networks, to address local issues.	Place Activations
	Continue to implement the Safe City Christmas Lights competition to help build neighbourhood connections and street networks to help reduce the number of burglaries.	Safe City Christmas Lights Competition
	Incorporate CPTED principles in the design and development of new places and spaces in the City to reduce the opportunity for crime to take place and increase perceptions of safety.	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles (CPTED)
	Maintain and upgrade City-owned streetlights and public lights to new LED technology to improve perceptions of safety in public spaces.	Improved street and public space lighting
	Conduct regular audits of street lighting with all non-functioning streetlights reported to Western Power.	Improve street lighting
	Continue to install CCTV systems on City facilities to increase formal surveillance in areas the City is responsible for.	Public open space and facility CCTV systems
	Deliver tailored personal safety workshops to community groups to enhance individual protective factors and reduce the likelihood of victimisation in the community.	Personal Safety Workshops



## Action Plan

### 3. Early Intervention

Community Priority Area	Action	Programs
<b>Early Intervention: Implementing programs for early engagement with youth and addressing emerging crime problems.</b>	Continue to fund the Constable Care Foundation to deliver targeted presentations and workshops in local schools to educate young people on protective safety issues.	Constable Care Foundation
	Continue to deliver the Community Grants Program Category 1 to provide funding support to community organisations to deliver programs and services that address local community identified needs including community safety and youth engagement.	Community Grants Program – Category 1
	Continue to deliver drop-in spaces and programs for young people in the community including young people at risk.	Youth Centres x 3 Skate Jams Late Night Basketball Program Youth engagement programs



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## 4. Strong Partnerships

Community Priority Area	Action	Programs
<b>Strong Partnerships: Collaborating with various agencies and stakeholders to address crime and improve safety.</b>	Support Gosnells District Neighbourhood Watch to operate their resource centre and programs to enable community-led action to address crime and safety issues.	Neighbourhood Watch
	Continue to work in partnership with WA Police Force by attending regular meetings with the Officers in Charge of Gosnells, Cannington and Canning Vale police stations to share information and identify local priorities.	Partnership with WA Police
	Foster partnerships with community groups and businesses to develop community capacity building responses to community safety and crime prevention.	Partnership Programs



# Reviewing the Plan

The City will conduct annual reviews of projects and programs in the Plan to ensure they remain relevant to community expectations and are achieving intended community safety outcomes.

The annual reviews will also consider opportunities for new and innovative strategies to achieve a safe cohesive community.



## Contact Us

The City welcomes feedback and enquiries from the community and key stakeholders on its Safe City programs. Please contact us on 9397 3000 or [info@gosnells.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@gosnells.wa.gov.au). The City also welcomes community collaboration to reduce crime and improve safety.

Call 131 444 if a crime has occurred or you want to report antisocial behaviour or suspicious activity. WA Police Force use all reports to allocate resources to places and areas. One of the most effective things the community can do to reduce crime and increase safety in their neighbourhood is to report all criminal, antisocial, and suspicious behaviour to WA Police Force on 131 444. You can also report online and anonymously via Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or the Crimestoppers website.







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