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Community Safety in the Redlands

Redland City Council wants to ensure that residents and visitors enjoy a high quality of life, free from fear of crime. Council's Community Safety Program identifies and responds to issues of crime, safety and anti-social behaviour within the Redlands.

Local crime trends are identified through consultation with police and local residents. The Community Safety Officer undertakes project development to address crime-related issues.

Current projects and priorities undertaken include:

Graffiti and vandalism reduction through various projects such as:

Power art project in 2008/09 where 17 Traffic signal boxes were painted by local artists as a graffiti prevention initiative then coated with a protective layer. This has reduced the cost of graffiti cleanup from these councils assets as none of these have been targeted since painting.

Local mural art projects on areas identified as target areas for graffiti offenders. This project is expected to be completed by the artist by the end of May and is expected to aid in the visual presentation of the area while reducing the appearance of graffiti and fear of crime with in these areas.

Graffiti database - Council is working to improve the reporting of graffiti by developing a new recording online Graffiti database system in partnership with Microsoft and Next G network. It is envisaged that a member of the public will be able to lodge a photograph and a complaint online.

Community Graffiti Cleanup Days Council is trialling another graffiti initiative where local community members along with their local Councillor representative and/or council staff can spend a few hours cleaning graffiti affected areas. Council will provide all the equipment needed and the community provide the spirit to clean up their area. The project is expected to commence in May 2009.



Safer by Design

Council is committed to improving the safety of its public areas through the incorporation of the Safer by Design Planning Scheme Policy and a safety audit program. The **Safer by Design Planning Scheme Policy** aims to create safe and secure urban environments by incorporating Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles into planning, design, construction, management and maintenance of the urban environment.

Safety Audits The Community Safety Officer has worked with many different areas of Council and community conducting CPTED safety and security audits on public facilities to ensure the community's safety interests are met. Safety audits have been conducted on the Crystal Waters shopping centre, Alexandra Hills Community Hall, several easements throughout the City, Panorama Park, Russell Island swimming pool, the Donald Simpson Centre car park, Cleveland Skate Park and SES Building. Audits for graffiti were taken on all skate parks throughout the city and in the major community parks. These audits are then processed through Council departments for work to be carried out where necessary. Funding was obtained by various areas of Council to secure lighting along pathways, parks and near community facilities.

Safety Education has been achieved through fact sheets available to residents through the Redland City Council website, school talks and community networking and consultation. An alcohol education program has been developed for schools to complement their school studies.

The program called **"FATAL VISION"** uses fatal

vision goggles which simulates different levels of alcohol impairments. The goggles range from 0.06% blood alcohol content (BAC) equivalent through to 0.25% (BAC). The program is primarily targeted at school students, utilised at youth events, seniors events, fairs and fetes. The program has been extremely well received by schools and students and aims to teach responsible decision making and behaviour with alcohol.

Fear of crime reduction Council is committed to working with Qld Police and community to reduce the fear of crime within the Redlands. Council is working to ensure new developments are safe and secure by equipping employees with the latest crime prevention training and techniques and existing areas are being upgraded to minimise opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour. Safety and security advice is also provided to local residents via events, seminars and information sheets.





Redland City Council is keen to hear your feedback on our Community Safety Program. To provide feedback, email your comments to Bryon.Shreeve@redland.qld.gov.au or phone 3829 8574.

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