



THE
KIMBERLEY
REGIONAL GROUP

Securing Our Communities

Kimberley Community Safety and Crime Prevention Investment Package

MAY 2025



WHY WE NEED TO ACT

This package is about changing the story for Kimberley communities—investing in safety, connection, and confidence. It takes a layered, evidence-informed approach, from early intervention and youth diversion to better lighting and CCTV. It draws on trauma-informed practice, justice reinvestment, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to create safer, more connected places where people feel protected and proud to live.

To unlock the social and economic potential of the Kimberley we need communities where residents and visitors feel safe, connected and can enjoy a good quality life. We need communities where businesses can attract and retain staff and have the confidence to invest, creating new jobs and driving economic growth. We need communities where trust is strong, creating strong social bonds and a sense of belonging.

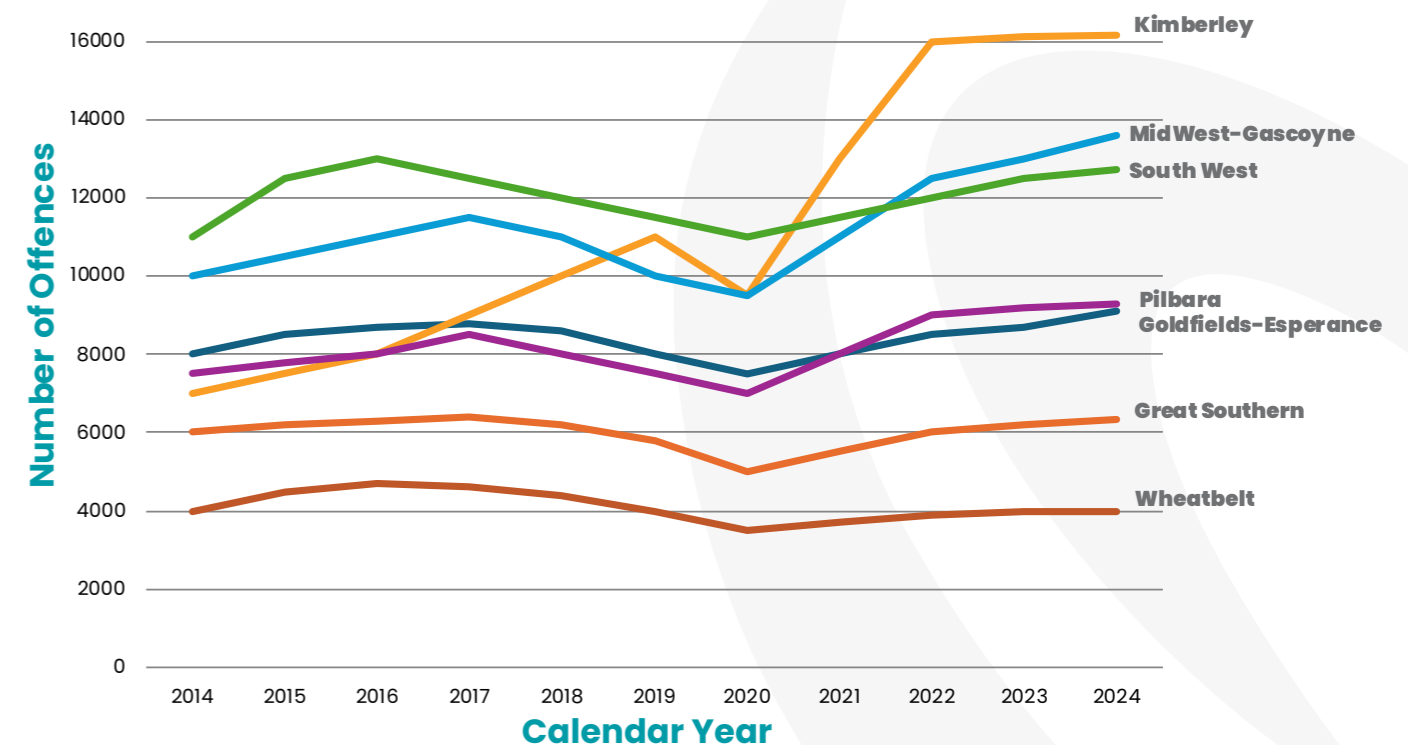
Due to high rates of crime across the Kimberley, many residents and visitors do not feel safe at home, or at work or when travelling out and about in the community. Businesses are closing and residents are leaving. This is having a negative impact across the region, not only on the victims of crime but on the broader social and economic fabric of the community.

There is an opportunity cost to the community, not only through reduced access to services facilities, but by funding for critical services and facilities being diverted in response to crime. Local government expenditure due to crime is increasing.

Kimberley local governments spend considerable time and resources addressing community safety and crime prevention issues.

For example, in 2022/23 the Shire of Broome spent over \$1.3M of its own source funding on community safety and crime prevention initiatives.

TOTAL - ALL OFFENCES (REGIONAL WA)



SOURCE: WA Police Crime Time Series Data, extracted 7 January 2025,
<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/western-australia-police-force/crime-statistics>

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES

The proposed Crime Prevention Investment Package has been shaped by deep community consultation, including police, businesses, service providers, and local residents. It contains a combination of on-off initiatives, which can be staged over several years and ongoing investment to support programs and/or public infrastructure costs.

THE PACKAGE BUILDS ON STRONG PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS THE KIMBERLEY AND BEYOND, INCLUDING:

- Local Government (Broome, Derby, Halls Creek, Wyndham-East Kimberley)
- WA Police and State Government agencies
- Aboriginal community-controlled organisations
- Local businesses and residents

IT INCLUDES PROVEN METHODS SUCH AS:

- Criminogenic needs-based design
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Local service delivery partnerships
- Justice reinvestment and youth diversion

Programs like the Broome Night Space, Halls Creek Youth Patrols, and Kununurra CCTV have already shown strong results. This package scales those efforts to all towns.



SOURCE: Foundations for Justice Reinvestment in Kununurra, Addressing Youth Crime in Kununurra, March 2024, Unpublished

PACKAGE IMPLEMENTATION OUTCOMES

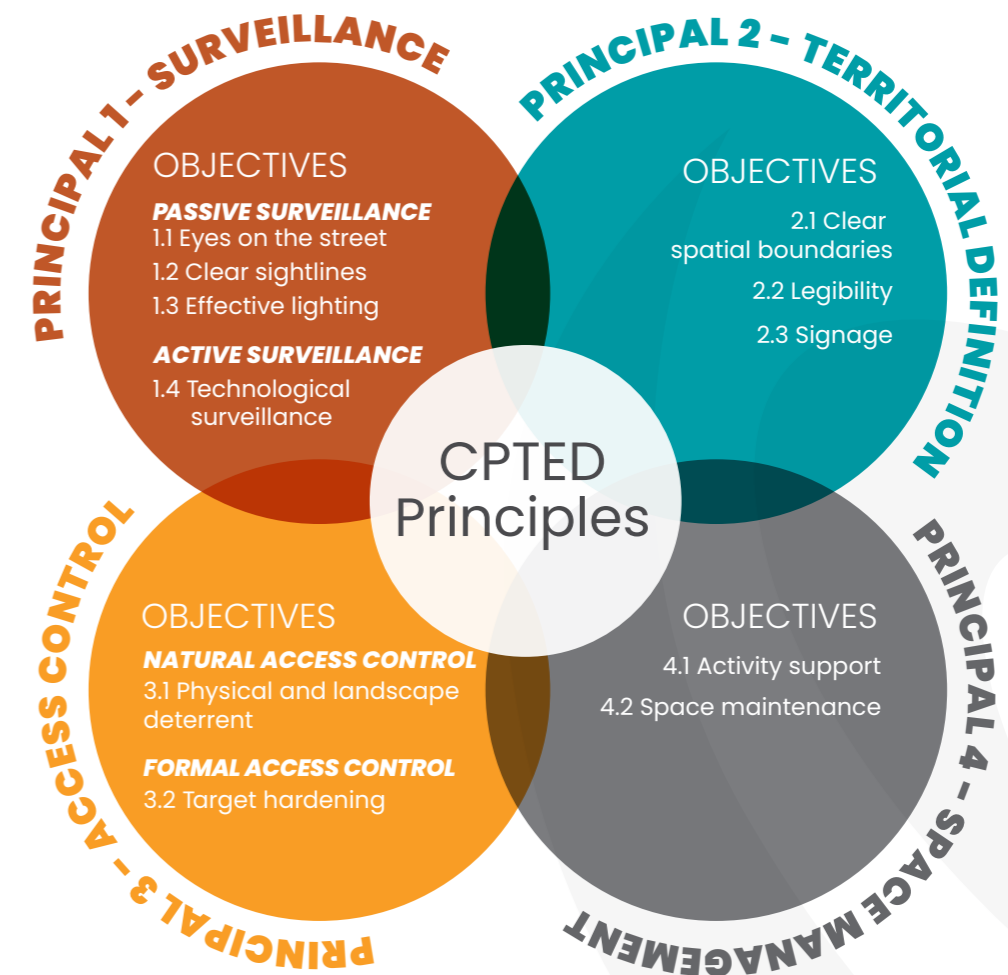


This investment package aims to:

- Reduce crime and reoffending in Kimberley towns
- Improve public safety and community confidence
- Support police through improved infrastructure
- Provide youth with positive pathways and alternatives
- Create safer environments through CPTED design

**KIMBERLEY
COMMUNITIES
WANT TO FEEL
SAFE AGAIN**

The package aligns with and supports the goals of many State and Federal strategies from the WA Juvenile Justice Strategy to the National Crime Prevention, Target 120, Justice Reinvestment, and Closing the Gap. It complements KRG's own Position Papers on Community Safety and Juvenile Justice.



SOURCE: Safer Places by Design, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Planning Guidelines, Dept of Planning Lands and Heritage and WA Planning Commission, 2023. | <https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2023-07/safer-places-by-design-cpted-guidelines.pdf>

CRIME PREVENTION INVESTMENT PACKAGE

Name of Initiative	One-off / Ongoing	Estimated Cost (\$ Millions)
Kimberley Community Action Fund - 3 years	Ongoing	\$5,500,000
STREET LIGHTING		
Bright Lights Program (entire Broome Townsite)	One off	\$2,278,000
Upgraded street lighting at crime hotspots, Kununurra	One off	\$1,200,000
Sub Total		\$3,478,000
PUBLIC CCTV		
Broome Public Infrastructure CCTV (five-year annual upgrade and maintenance cost totalling \$866,000, along with \$250,000 for the installation of CCTV infrastructure at Cable Beach)	One off	\$1,410,000
Derby Public Infrastructure CCTV - 14 new cameras and system upgrade	One off	\$1,100,000
Derby Public Infrastructure CCTV - five-year annual upgrade and maintenance costs	One off	\$1,000,000
Fitzroy Crossing Public Infrastructure CCTV - 7 new cameras	One off	\$400,000
Fitzroy Crossing Public Infrastructure CCTV - five-year annual upgrade and maintenance costs	One off	\$600,000
Public Infrastructure CCTV - 20 new cameras and system upgrade Halls Creek	One off	\$1,500,000
Public Infrastructure CCTV - five-year annual upgrade and maintenance costs Halls Creek	On-going	\$750,000
Public Infrastructure CCTV - expansion of network to include WAPOL priorities such as entrances to town, new locations for camera's etc. Kununurra	One off	\$3,000,000.00
Public Infrastructure CCTV - support of current system, operating costs and planned renewals on average per year. (3 years), Kununurra	Ongoing per annum	\$252,000.00
Public Infrastructure CCTV - expansion of network and include monitor access in police station, Wyndham	One off	\$1,500,000.00
Sub total		\$ 11,512,000
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS		
Additional 2 FTE Community Safety Officers (\$210,000 per year) Broome	Ongoing	\$630,000
Light vehicle running costs associated with Community Safety Officer Position (\$17,500 per year) Broome		\$52,500
Purchase of Dual Cab 4x4 Ute for Community Safety Officer Position Broome		\$60,000
Community Safety Officers x 4 (3 years) Halls Creek	Ongoing	\$800,000

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Purchase of 2 Troop Carriers for Community Safety Officer positions Halls Creek	Ongoing	\$240,000
Security Patrols to assist with prevention of anti-social behaviour in town centre - includes public drinking, littering, aggressive behaviour etc. Kununurra	Ongoing per annum	\$1,500,000.00
Subtotal		\$3,282,500
Review of remote Aboriginal community ByLaws and Corporation Constitutions to embed community safety and crime prevention	One-off	\$3,000,000
YOUTH DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES		
Sporting Chance (3 year funding request \$250,000 per year)	Ongoing	\$750,000
Immediate Response Youth Night Space and patrol Derby	Ongoing	\$6,000,000
Youth sport and recreation co-ordinator Fitzroy Crossing (3 years)	Ongoing	\$600,000
Halls Creek Immediate Response Youth Night Space and patrol (3 years)	Ongoing	\$6,000,000
Youth sport and recreation co-ordinator (3 years) and afternoon programs Halls Creek	Ongoing	\$600,000
Youth and Recreation Officers x 2 (3 years) Halls Creek	Ongoing	\$600,000
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Establishment of PCYC, staffing and oncosts Halls Creek	Ongoing	\$2,500,000
Immediate Response Youth Night Space and patrol (3 years) Kununurra	Ongoing	\$6,000,000
Youth recreation officer and afternoon programs Wyndham	Ongoing	\$135,000
Subtotal		\$23,425,000
Sharps collection and clean up Broome (\$200,000 per year)	Ongoing	\$600,000
Vandalism repairs Wyndham and Kununurra	Ongoing	\$350,000
SECURITY REBATE SCHEME		
Shire of Broome (\$50K per year x 3 years)		\$150,000
Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley (\$40K per year x 3 years)		\$120,000
Subtotal		\$270,000
TOTAL		\$51,417,500



INVESTMENT REQUIRED \$51,417,500M

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