

# COMMUNITY SAFETY STATEMENT

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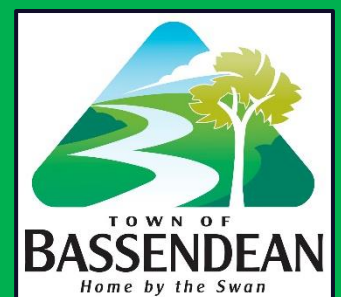
In July 2020, Council adopted a new Strategic Community Plan (SCP), which defines the Town's vision, aspirations and priorities for the next 10 years. It is the key guiding document that informs all other plans, strategies and policies and the Town's actions and decisions.

One of the seven priority areas is "*Strengthening and Connecting our Community*", which seeks to create an environment where people feel safe and welcomed, and the Town recognises that safety and security, both actual and perceived, are essential to fostering a sense of wellbeing and place.

Whilst the SCP is a high-level, strategic document, it clearly demonstrates the Town's desire for a safe environment and connected community, in which we all have a part to play. The below outlines our commitment to you to ensure a shared understanding of what the Town can and will do to assist residents, businesses and visitors.

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# Our Commitment

## **Facilitate Community Connections**

Community connection is crucial in reducing crime in our neighbourhoods. It's important that we get to know our neighbours and look out for each other to help reduce the impacts of unwanted antisocial behaviour. Therefore, the Town will continue to support the community in various ways to encourage strong bonds, networks and connections.

## **Maintain and improve our public spaces**

We will make and maintain inviting, thriving and well-lit spaces where people will want to gather and enjoy all our community has to offer whilst respecting their surroundings. We will work to reduce the level of graffiti in our public spaces and will promptly remove any graffiti or vandalism that does occur.

## **Partner with WA Police**

The Town will continue to work in partnership with WA Police, organisations and businesses to improve and promote community safety by providing information and assistance where we can to help prevent and solve crimes within our community. The Town will continue partnering with the Constable Care program through local schools to teach our young people about personal and community safety.

## **Support the growth of our community**

More people living and working within the Town means more opportunities for passive surveillance and activity on our streets. This is why we have developed the Town Centre Masterplan, to encourage more residential and business opportunities in the Bassendean town centre, leading to an increase in population over time.

This will lead to the creation of even more inviting, thriving and well-lit spaces where people will want to gather and enjoy all our community has to offer which will increase actual and perceived safety. This will contribute to our shared goal of a connected and engaged community as we work together to make our streets safer.

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# What you can do

## **If you see something, say something**

If you see something suspicious or a crime taking place, please report it to the Police. This reporting helps the Police to make informed decisions about how best to respond to criminal and antisocial behaviour occurring in our community.

## **Take responsibility**

Crooks are always motivated by easy targets. Find out how you can help frontline police make it tougher for crooks by being aware and making small changes to how you look after your valuables and secure your home. For more information, follow this link:

[Your Safety | Western Australia Police Force](#)