

CITY OF JOONDALUP - REFERENDUM
COMMUNITY SECURITY PATROL SERVICE

Should the Community Security Patrol Service continue?

The City of Joondalup is seeking community opinion on the question of whether or not to continue providing the Community Security Patrol Service.

The Community Security Patrol Service is marketed as City Watch.

The Community Security Patrol Service is currently funded from an annual charge. The City of Joondalup also wants to know whether or not the community is willing to continue paying for the Security Patrol Service - either by an annual charge or through the general rates.

The postal voting package includes a referendum ballot paper requesting your responses to the following questions: -

1. ***Do you want the City of Joondalup to continue providing a community security patrol service?***
2. ***Would you prefer to pay for the community security patrol service through an:***

annual charge

OR

general rate

Community Security Patrol Service - background and aims

In December 1997, the City of Joondalup commenced the Community Security Patrol Service with the objectives of deterring crime and improving safety and security for residents and businesses.

The Community Security Patrol Service operates in 6 zones covering all the City's suburbs.

The Community Security Patrols aim to:

- provide a 365-day, 24-hour clearly visible security presence within our community
- report incidents to the Police and other relevant organisations
- target trouble spots within the City
- increase protection and surveillance of the City's assets
- report instances of graffiti
- deter antisocial behaviour such as public drinking, loitering and vandalism
- investigate suspicious activity involving motor vehicles.

In the financial year 1999/2000, the City of Joondalup launched the broad-based Safer Community Program which integrates four initiatives: -

- CityWatch
- Partnerships
- Graffiti Control, and
- Urban Design.

Initially, the City's Rangers carried out the Community Security Patrol Service. Each patrol member was trained for the dual role of ranger and security officer.

The Community Security Patrol Service has expanded continually in response to increasing community demand.

To meet demand, the City of Joondalup recently contracted part of the Community Security Patrol Service to an outside agency.

Please note - the Community Security Patrol Service is not intended to be a substitute for the Western Australian Police Service.

Paying for the Community Security Patrols – the options

It will cost the City of Joondalup approximately 1.3 million dollars to provide the Community Security Patrol Service for the 2000/01 financial year.

If the community wants the Community Security Patrol Service to continue, there are two ways to fund the service:

1. continue with the annual service charge for each rateable and non-rateable property;
2. through the general rates. The cost per property would vary according to the valuation of each property.

How to Vote

Decide your answers to the two questions and then mark your responses on the referendum ballot paper. The referendum ballot paper contains further instructions.

The City hopes that you will take the time to consider and have your say on the future of the Community Security Patrol Service.

It is not compulsory to vote in this referendum.

REFERENDUM BALLOT PAPER

CITY OF JOONDALUP

Referendum Date: 5 May 2001

How to vote

Place a tick in the YES box or NO Box, for both questions.
Do not make any other marks on the ballot paper.

QUESTIONS

1. Do you want the City of Joondalup to continue providing a community security patrol service?

YES

NO

2. Would you prefer to pay for the community security patrol service through an:

ANNUAL CHARGE OR GENERAL RATE