

CITY OF JOONDALUP COMMUNITY SECURITY PATROL SERVICE REFERENDUM

Should the Community Security Patrol Service continue and how should it be funded?

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

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

Do you want the City of Joondalup to continue providing a Community Security Patrol Service?

Would you prefer to pay for the Community Security Patrol Service through your General Rates or through a flat Service Charge?

Do you agree to part of the Community Security Patrol Service Charge being used to fund crime reduction programs other than the actual Community Security Patrols?

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 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 relating to persons and vehicles.

In the financial year 1999/2000, the City of Joondalup launched the broad-based Safer Community Program which integrates four initiatives: Community Security Patrols Partnerships Graffiti Control, and Urban Design.

Initially, the City's Rangers carried out the Community Security Service Patrols. 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 security agency.

The Community Security Patrols operate in 6 zones covering all the City's suburbs.

It should be noted that the Community Security Patrol Service is not intended to be a substitute for the Western Australian Police Service.

Cost of the Community Security Patrol Service

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.

The Community Security Patrol Service is currently funded from an annual charge on each rateable and non-rateable property.

How to Vote

Decide whether you wish to answer YES or NO to the questions and then mark your response 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.