

Safer Communities Program

Service Description

Glenorchy City Councils Community Safety Program aims to support the operation and development of community consultation processes to identify the priority crime and community Safety issues for the city of Glenorchy and to facilitate the development of a range of strategies and initiatives to respond to the issues.

The 'Vision' for the City is to ensure that Glenorchy is a city where people care for each other and act together to improve the lifestyle and environment by building a strong, safe and confident community.

This vision is reflected in council's community and social plans and is underpinned by council's Safer Communities Strategy titled 'Safe and Sound' building a strong and safe community.

The Glenorchy Safer Communities Strategy/program is based on a whole of government, whole of community approach towards crime prevention and community safety.

The Community Strategy is made up of two key areas. First being a 'broad brush' approach to the social development of the community and second, some actions targeted at specific issues. Social development is based on four goals and a set of guiding principles. The goals are:

Support and strengthen all members of the community

Reduce violence and crime

Building confidence in public space

Address offending in ways which are effective for both victims and offenders

A number of mechanisms have been established and are coordinated through the safer communities program to ensure community consultation and participation in the identification of crime and community safety issues impacting on the city.

The primary mechanism for consulting with the community is the Glenorchy Safer Community. The safer communities committee is a special committee of council that meets monthly with the aim of:

Involving members of the community in working groups to address crime prevention and community safety issues

Serving the community of Glenorchy by acting

upon/responding to the issues identified through community consultation

Encourage accurate, relevant and educative information to the wider community regarding crime prevention and community safety issues

Providing directional guidance for short term strategies through facilitation and leadership of small working groups

The safer communities committee has representation from council alderman, Tasmania Police, Neighbourhood Watch Glenorchy pensioners union, young people, community precincts, community members for whom English is a second language, schools, safety house association of Tasmania, access committee, Metro, DIER (road safety)

Safer Communities Committee hosts the annual Safety in Action Workshop program where the community is invited to identify & prioritise their crime and community safety issues.

Over 65 people attended the 2007 workshop where four priority issues were identified for action. The issues were:

Safety in public Places

Young people Alcohol & Drugs

Road Safety

Motor Vehicle Theft & Motor Vehicle Burglary

Action working groups have been established to develop strategies and implement initiatives as a response to these issues.

Operation Bounce Back motor vehicle theft reduction program is an initiative that has been developed and implemented by one of the working groups to address the issue of motor vehicle theft in Glenorchy and has been recognised by the Australian Branch of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators with the 2007 Award for 'Outstanding Contribution to the reduction/prevention of motor vehicle theft in Glenorchy.

The Glenorchy Operation Bounce Back initiative has also been recognised by the announcement that the program is the winner of the 2007 Local Government Association of Tasmania award for excellence in the category of 'Invigorating communities' award.

Safer Communities Program also has links and strong partnerships with the National award winning Chance on



Main Early Intervention Program for young offenders and young people at risk, Project U-turn young offender program, Pulse Youth Health Centre and networks such as the Glenorchy Community Road Safety Partnership Committee, Community Precincts, Youth Action Network Glenorchy (YANG), Glenorchy Action Interagency Network (GAIN), Glenorchy Interagency Support Team (GIST)

How to use this service

If you would like to know more about the Glenorchy Safer Communities Program, Safer Communities Strategy, Safer Communities Committee or have issues relating to crime and community safety in Glenorchy contact Coordinator Youth & Community Safety Program

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Related Links

Glenorchy Safer Community Strategy – ‘Safe and Sound’
Glenorchy City Council Youth Policy & Youth Plan 2006-2010

Have your say:

Annual Safety in Action Workshop 2008 (Date/time & venue to be confirmed)

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