



Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre  
180 Mort Street Lithgow

on

Tuesday 7 April 2025

at 4:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 4pm.

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

Lithgow City Council acknowledges Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside. The Council also extends our respects to our neighbouring nations.

## **2. Present**

Present: Mayor Coleman, Cllr Fredericks, Glenda Anthes, Dee Kinney, Steve Hopwood (guest presenter LCP), Shaun Elwood, Heather Chaffey. Cllr Ring also attended this meeting as a guest.

## **3. Apologies**

Apologies: Nathan Mas-Stevens, Jill Cusack, Sarah Arnold, Alison Kim (LCC), Arna Martin (NSW Police)

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes and matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

### **MOTION**

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Crime Prevention Committee Meeting held 3 November 2025 were presented and adopted by Council and are endorsed by the Crime Prevention Committee.

**MOVED:** Mayor Coleman

**SECONDED:** Glenda Anthes

### **CARRIED**

## **5. Declaration of Interest**

None raised.

## **6. Presentations**

Heather Chaffey spoke briefly to item 6.1, providing background and Local Government context for involvement in the International 16 Days Against Gender Based Violence campaign led by UN Women.

Dee Kinney and Steve Hopwood then provided a presentation on the work of Lithgow Cares, a local interagency led by Lithgow Community Projects (LCP) and its work on the 16 Days Campaign over the last few years.

Lithgow Cares offers a range of programming in line with the campaign annually which commences on November 25 each year. The presenters spoke about the challenge of raising funds each year to deliver this campaign which is not a funded activity. Each year the group 'scrape together' around \$25,000 to promote healthy relationships and deliver initiatives to support men and women.

Dee and Steve also spoke to the practice approach of LCP and other services within Lithgow Cares which is while addressing gendered violence directly does not alienate and blame men or

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oversimplify the complexities of family and domestic violence. Steve Hopwood spoke to his work in the 'Men and Boys Engagement Project' and other program supports available to men.

In discussing the 2026 16 Days Campaign in Lithgow, the group referred to the 'She is Not Your Rehab' program and examples from previous years. Last year the focus was on Young Men and Young Women.

Heather Chaffey shared images of campaign footpath decal stickers with the group from the Blue Mountains Council campaign.

Clr Ring suggested raising awareness of the campaign with local sporting groups who may wish to get involved.

Clr Fredericks spoke to a desire for messaging regarding being a bystander and what actions community members can appropriately take should they suspect a loved one, friend or neighbour is experiencing or perpetrating violence. Dee Kinney spoke to this suggestion.

**MOTION:** That the Crime Prevention Committee recommends Council support the 16 Days Campaign 2026 in Lithgow.

**Moved:** Mayor Coleman **Seconded:** Mark Mcauly **CARRIED**

## 7. Staff Reports

Manager Community and Culture, Heather Chaffey spoke to the report provided regarding the significant service gaps and Council's role in the service response to Homelessness in Lithgow.

Corrections to information in the report;

- Heather gave an apology for some minor grammatical and spelling errors in the report.
- Dee Kinney noted that the 'outreach services' Heather has written about in the report are correctly known as 'Assertive Outreach' services. LCP does outreach to its clients but is not funded to provide 'Assertive Outreach' which should be delivered locally by Homes NSW and is the service which conducts outreach to people sleeping rough who are not currently known to be receiving support services from a funded housing provider or homelessness service.

The Crime prevention Committee discussed the report and asked many questions of both Dee Kinney and Heather Chaffey.

Clr Ring noted that this may be an issue where Council can advocate for resourcing and support through negotiations with corporations and other stakeholders investing in the local area.

Mayor Coleman noted that Clr Fredericks may have an opportunity to advocate directly to Minister Roise Jackson at an event on 7 May 2026. Heather Chaffey will follow up with Clr Fredericks and provide support should she require further information or clarification.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Crime Prevention Committee note and discuss the report.

**MOVED:** Mayor Coleman

**SECONDED:** Glenda Anthes

**CARRIED**

## 8. General Business

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Nil

## **9. Meeting Close**

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5:01pm.