Mildura Rural City Council

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Policy

Policy – CP036

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1.   The purpose of this policy is

To ensure the application of design principles and guidelines for safety and crime prevention as specified under the principles of "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED) are applied to new development, redevelopment, maintenance and management of public spaces and facilities within the Mildura Rural City Council municipality.

2.   Policy Statement

Council recognises that both crime and fear of crime have a serious impact upon the quality of life of residents, employees and visitors to the municipality. To strengthen community safety and to attract people to the municipality to live, work and spend leisure time, Council needs to create an environment in which people feel safe and opportunities for crime are reduced. The design principles and guidelines for safety and crime prevention, as specified in CPTED methodology, are the most advantageous way to enhance a safety and secure community. To achieve this, these principles and guidelines must be incorporated into:

o   Master planning
o   Planning, design, development and maintenance of public spaces
o   Development and management of Council owned properties

in an effort provide a safer, more crime resistant and more resilient community.

The Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria provide advice about creating functional and enjoyable public places for people in our cities and towns and it is recognised that the implementation of CPTED elements must be balanced against other design objectives. This policy focuses on principles that can be readily implemented as part of development design, operational works, or routine maintenance and upkeep.

3. Principles

On the basis of the CPTED principles, Council recognises that appropriate design and effective use of the built environment leads to a reduction in crime incidents and an increase in the community's perception of safety. This in turn leads to improvement in the quality of life for residents, employees and visitors to the municipality.

Common approaches of addressing crime concerns by implementing visually displeasing security measures and facility hardening such as locks, barriers, gates, CCTV and security patrols can lead to perceptions of insecurity. In contrast CPTED principles promote high quality and visually pleasing solutions as a proactive prevention of crime through enhancing legitimate uses of spaces.

The principles of CPTED are multi-faceted and designed to create synergies between the five basic principles of the methodology:

- o Natural Surveillance
- o Natural Access Control
- o Territorial Reinforcement
- o Target Hardening
- o Management & Maintenance

4. Who is responsible for implementing this policy?

Responsibility	Item
Asset Services Works and Engineering Services Parks and Waste Services Community Futures Leisure & Cultural Services	Responsible for designing and developing infrastructure projects in a manner consistent with the Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria and CPTED guidelines.
Asset Services	Responsible for managing and maintaining Council properties and facilities in a manner consistent with the CPTED guidelines.
Leisure & Cultural Services	Responsible for ensuring that council's recreational facilities are managed, developed, and maintained in a manner consistent with the CPTED guidelines.

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Community Futures	Responsible for ensuring that council natural areas are managed and developed in a manner consistent with the CPTED guidelines.
Corporate Administration	Responsible for ensuring that council's leased properties are managed and maintained in a manner consistent with the CPTED guidelines and providing advice and oversight on the principles, guidelines, and application of the policy.

5.   Definitions

New Development   The building, erection, or installation of any new structure, landscaped space, or area on Council controlled, managed, or owned property.

Redevelopment   The restoration or renewing of any structure, landscaped space, or area on council controlled, managed, or owned property.

Public Spaces   Primarily properties owned or managed by Council that are open generally to the public.

Definition   A defined physical area where a specific activity(s) and or desired behavior has been identified.

Design   A specified set of treatments generally build in to the landscape to improve safety and reduce the opportunity for crime.,

Facility Hardening   Physical measures intended to fortify a facility.

Management & Maintenance   This is achieved through creating a ''pride of place' and maintaining spaces in a tidy state and in good repair.

Natural Surveillance   Passive monitoring that casually occurs from users, passers by, and neighbors in area or at a facility.

Natural Access Control   Passive encouragement or discouragement of use of or access to area though the use of physical features or physiological cues.

Target Hardening   Target Hardening is the physical security of a building and places against access from criminals.

Territorial Reinforcement   Is the passive and active physical and physiologic features used to identify ownership, uniqueness, and to strengthen community ownership and connection with area or facility.

6. Legislation and other references

6.1 Legislation

None Applicable

6.2 Council and Operational Policies

- Risk Management Policy – CP024
- Occupational Heath & Safety Policy –OP142

6.3 Documents

This Policy is implemented in conjunction with the following documents:

- Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria
  www.planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/urban-design/urban-design-guidelines
- MRCC Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Operation Guidelines

6.4 Risk Assessment Reference

Risk Category	✓	Risk Category	✓
Asset Management	✓	Financial Sustainability	
Committees		Human Resource Management	
Compliance – Legal & Regulatory	✓	Leadership & Organisational Culture	✓
Contract Management		Occupational Health & Safety	✓
Contract Tendering & Procurement		Organisational Risk Management	✓
Corporate Governance		Project Management	✓
Environmental Sustainability		Public Image and Reputation	✓