AGENDA

Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG)

Thursday 19 November 2026

At 12:00 pm

Civic Centre, Committee Room

29 Crawford Street, Katherine NT 0850

WORKING GROUP	- Elected Member Mel Doyle - Elected Member Anjali Palmer - Resident Annie Hesse - Resident Antony King - Resident Christine Butler - Business Owner Denis Hannah - Senior Jennifer Duggan - Resident Samantha Phelan - Youth Natalie Ellis
OFFICERS	- Casey Anderson - Acting Chief Executive Officer - Brett Kimpton – Manager Environment and Municipal - Andrea Stari – Governance Officer – Secretary
OBSERVERS	- Mayor Joanna Holden

VISION:	MISSION:	VALUES:
Katherine is a place of opportunities. We celebrate diversity as we live, work, learn and grow together.	**Together, we will work effectively today to shape our exceptional future tomorrows.**	**1. Accepting of diversity** **2. Sense of community** **3. Respect for people, environment, and culture.**

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1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

1.2 APOLOGIES

2 MEETING NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 MEETING NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - 15 OCTOBER 2026

Report Type: Previous Meeting Notes

Attachments: 1. Drafted Meeting Notes - Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026 [**2.1.1** - 6 pages]

Recommendation

That Katherine Community Safety Action Group note the meeting notes of the Katherine Community Safety Action Group Meeting held on 15 October 2026 as a true and accurate record.

MEETING NOTES

Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG)

Held on Thursday 15 October 2026

At 12:00 pm

Civic Centre, Committee Room
29 Crawford Street, Katherine NT 0850

1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 PRESENT

ACTION GROUP MEMBERS

– Mayor Joanna Holden
– Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle
– Councilor Anjali Palmer
– Annie Hesse, Resident
– Antony King, Resident
– Christine Butler, Resident
– Denis Hannah, Business Owner
– Jennifer Duggan, Senior
– Natalie Ellis, Youth

OFFICERS

– Casey Andreson - Acting Chief Executive Officer
– Brett Kimpton - Manager for Environment and Municipal
– Shena Damayanti - Executive Assistant
– Andrea Stari - Governance Officer

1.2 APOLOGIES

– Mayor Joanna Holden
– Samantha Phelan, Resident

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2 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2.1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Each group member introduced themselves, outlined their reasons for joining the group, provided a brief overview of their current connection to Katherine, highlighted the experience and expertise they would bring, and discussed key community safety priorities.

Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle

Provided an update on the Bodhi Bus initiative and its potential introduction to Katherine supported by bilingual television message.
Messaging about community expectations and by-laws breaches and penalties.
Discussed the ongoing review of local by-laws.
Highlighted the use of television CBD messaging and community awareness campaigns to promote safety initiatives.

Action Required: Review and strengthen community messaging and signage to improve awareness and understanding of local by-laws, community expectations, and the penalties associated with non-

compliance. Identify and develop opportunities to engage and collaborate with service providers and key stakeholders to promote community expectations, public safety, and community well-being through coordinated communication and education initiatives.

Jennifer Duggan

Provided an overview of Neighbourhood Watch activities, including opportunities to strengthen local participation through initiatives such as the “Adopt-a-Park” program in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch groups.
Emphasised the importance of strengthening community connections and returning to basic community values to support safer neighbourhoods.

Action Required: Explore and identify opportunities that strengthen community connectedness through events, activities, and engagement initiatives. Facilitate and invite community safety organisations to participate in these opportunities to promote their services, increase community awareness, and provide information on programs and initiatives that support personal safety, home security, and neighbourhood watch principles. Encourage community participation and shared responsibility to help build safer neighbourhoods and a stronger, more connected community.

Denis Hannah

Raised concerns regarding litter control and the need to maintain community cleanliness.
Reported issues relating to residents taking or using other people rubbish bins.
suggest a community awareness campaign focused on litter prevention and responsible waste management.

Action Required: Deliver a targeted litter prevention and education campaign to increase awareness of community expectations, Council by-laws, and penalties for littering offences. Undertake a review of public waste infrastructure, including the location, design, and capacity of bins, to improve amenity and accessibility. Explore strategies to prevent vandalism and damage to waste receptacles while promoting community pride and responsible waste disposal behaviours.

Christine Butler

Encouraged community members to utilise the Snap, Send and Solve platform to improve reporting, response times, and resolution outcomes.
Raised concerns regarding service delivery and maintenance of footpaths.
Discussed low security workers camps and opportunities to support workers in developing skills and community engagement.
Highlighted ongoing issues with lack of bins around CBD litter along local roads.

Action Required: Develop and implement a community awareness campaign promoting the use of Snap Send Solve as an easy and effective tool for reporting vandalism, maintenance issues, and other local concerns. Educate residents on how the platform works, the types of issues that can be reported, and the benefits of timely reporting in helping Council respond efficiently and maintain safe, clean, and well-managed public spaces.

Anjali Palmer

Shared information regarding community gardens, including examples from New South Wales. Highlighted the value of community gardens and shared spaces in fostering social connections. Discussed strategies to increase community engagement and participation.

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Action Required: Explore and identify opportunities to strengthen community connectedness by fostering meaningful social connections and increasing community participation. Develop and implement strategies that encourage engagement across all sectors of the community, build social inclusion, and enhance residents' sense of belonging. This action will align with and support initiatives being led by Jenny Duggan, ensuring a coordinated and collaborative approach to achieving shared community outcomes.

Antony King

Raised concerns about community members feeling unsafe in public spaces e.g. lighting and transportation in Katherine particularly with the Bus Operators.
Highlighted challenges associated with the local workforce in health and the impact on community wellbeing.

Action Required: Explore initiatives to enhance public safety, including improved lighting, identify vulnerable groups during high-risk periods, and investigate opportunities to support the wellbeing and resilience of the local workforce.

2.2 GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION PACK

Governance and Information pack provided, and members are required to send back their signed forms to Council by Friday, 23 October 2026.

2.3 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT INITIATIVES

Councillor Palmer informed the group of the background work currently being undertaken by council. A full-time governance working group officer has been appointed to support the administration and operation of councils working groups.

In June 2026, Council resolved to seek support for a short-term youth engagement program aimed at addressing periods of heightened risk young people. Since then, Council has worked with Aboriginal organisations and youth sector partners to develop a proposal.
At the community Safety Roundtable, Council presented a discussion paper outlining six key priorities:

- Safer public spaces: Assess locations where improved lighting, clearer sightlines, vegetation management, or CCTV may enhance community safety, and develop a staged implementation plan informed by police intelligence and community feedback.
- Improved community reporting: Explore the feasibility of a reporting tool to assist residents and frontline workers in reporting suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities and identifying recurring problem areas.
- Short-term youth emergency response: Seek support for supervised activities, meals, transport, and engagement with trusted Aboriginal youth workers during periods when young people may be at heightened risk.
- Youth night space: Investigate the establishment of a safe, supervised facility that provides activities and connects young people with mentoring, wellbeing, education, and employment support services.
- Stronger family support: Explore more coordinated and intensive assistance for families with complex needs, including opportunities to improve access to support services.
- Reducing alcohol-related harm: Work collaboratively with Aboriginal organisations, health services, police, and government agencies to identify evidence-based strategies, alongside treatment, rehabilitation, and family support initiatives.

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The next Community Safety Roundtable meeting is scheduled for 23 October 2026. The Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) will continue to receive updates on the progress of these discussions and related developments.

Regarding the Youth Emergency Response initiative, Kalano has provided a briefing to the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and is awaiting an invitation to submit a formal funding application.

The Katherine Town Council By-laws Consultation Paper is currently being drafted by the Office of Parliamentary Counsel. Once available, it will be presented to the group for discussion on the proposed amendments and the public consultation process.

2.4 GROUP OBJECTIVES AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Action Required: Review and strengthen community messaging and signage to improve awareness and understanding of local by-laws, community expectations, and the penalties associated with non-compliance. Identify and develop opportunities to engage and collaborate with service providers and key stakeholders to promote community expectations, public safety, and community well-being through coordinated communication and education initiatives.

2. Action Required: Explore and identify opportunities that strengthen community connectedness through events, activities, and engagement initiatives. Facilitate and invite community safety organisations to participate in these opportunities to promote their services, increase community awareness, and provide information on programs and initiatives that support personal safety, home security, and neighbourhood watch principles. Encourage community participation and shared responsibility to help build safer neighbourhoods and a stronger, more connected community.

3. Action Required: Deliver a targeted litter prevention and education campaign to increase awareness of community expectations, Council by-laws, and penalties for littering offences. Undertake a review of public waste infrastructure, including the location, design, and capacity of bins, to improve amenity and accessibility. Explore strategies to prevent vandalism and damage to waste receptacles while promoting community pride and responsible waste disposal behaviours.

4. Action Required: Explore and identify opportunities to strengthen community connectedness by fostering meaningful social connections and increasing community participation. Develop and implement strategies that encourage engagement across all sectors of the community, build social inclusion, and enhance residents' sense of belonging. This action will align with and support initiatives being led by Jenny Duggan, ensuring a coordinated and collaborative approach to achieving shared community outcomes.

5. Action Required: Explore initiatives to enhance public safety, including improved lighting, identify vulnerable groups during high-risk periods, and investigate opportunities to support the wellbeing and resilience of the local workforce.

6. Action Required: Exploring opportunities to engage with the Low Security Workers Camp to support initiatives that benefit the wider Katherine community. Promote Snap Send Solve to educate the public and enhance reporting through campaigns.

2.5 FUTURE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The working group agreed to meet monthly, during the second week of each month

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3 GROUP MEMBER BUSINESS

3.1 GROUP MEMBER BUSINESS

Correspondence regarding Woolworths Katherine opening hours was noted for discussion.

The media release on Woolworth Trading Hours by KTC on 25th May 2025 will be incorporated into the business papers.

4 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026 was declared closed at 12:55 pm.

The next Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) will be held on 12 November 2026.

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3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Report Type: For noting

Attachments:
1. Action Report - 9 November 2026 [**3.1.1** - 5 pages]
2. Media Statement - Change in Woolworths Katherine Trading Hours - 22 May 2025 [**3.1.2** - 1 page]

Officer Recommendation

That the Katherine Community Safety Action Gorup receive and note the Action update.

Meeting Date	Meeting	Item #	Report name and Action	Status
15-10-2026	Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026	2.2	Governance and Information pack provided, and members are required to send back their signed forms to Council by Friday, 23 October 2026**.**	In Progress
6/11/2026 Still waiting for some information packs to be returned				
15-10-2026	Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026	2.4	**1. Action Required:** Review and strengthen community messaging and signage to improve awareness and understanding of local by-laws, community expectations, and the penalties associated with non-compliance. Identify and develop opportunities to engage and collaborate with service providers and key stakeholders to promote community expectations, public safety, and community well-being through coordinated communication and education initiatives.	In Progress
06/11/2026 The Manager of Environment and Municipal Services is working with Bodhi Bus to develop culturally appropriate community messaging and identify effective engagement opportunities. KTC is in the process of developing a Katherine Community Education Campaign around Council by-laws, public safety, regulatory services and penalties for non-compliance. Council has commenced a Dog Animal Management Campaign focusing on: The importance of registering dogs and complying with Council by-laws.				

Penalties for unregistered dogs and dog attacks. Responsible pet ownership, including keeping dogs on a lead, securing properties, and meeting obligations for declared dangerous dogs. VMB will be used to promote the messaging that registering a dog is significantly cheaper than receiving a fine, and a dog audit is underway. Katherine Community Radio will be used to promote dog registration and responsible pet ownership. Kalano Community Association has been engaged to deliver culturally appropriate Kriol messaging within their communities and discuss dog registration and compliance requirements with dog owners at Kalano's AGM in November. The "Pick 'Em Pete" community message is also being displayed on the CBD projector to support campaign awareness				
15-10-2026	Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026	2.4	**2. Action Required:** Explore and identify opportunities that strengthen community connectedness through events, activities, and engagement initiatives. Facilitate and invite community safety organisations to participate in these opportunities to promote their services, increase community awareness, and provide information on programs and initiatives that support personal safety, home security, and neighbourhood watch principles. Encourage community participation and shared responsibility to help build safer neighbourhoods and a stronger, more connected community.	In Progress
06/11/2026 Council officers are liaising with Neighbourhood Watch to explore opportunities for community education and information sharing, including a safety awareness session for senior citizens at the Katherine Library.				

Council events officers will work with Neighbourhood Watch to support and participate in community events and initiatives that promote personal safety, home security, crime prevention, and neighbourhood watch principles.				
15-10-2026	Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026	2.4	**3. Action Required:** Deliver a targeted litter prevention and education campaign to increase awareness of community expectations, Council by-laws, and penalties for littering offences. Undertake a review of public waste infrastructure, including the location, design, and capacity of bins, to improve amenity and accessibility. Explore strategies to prevent vandalism and damage to waste receptacles while promoting community pride and responsible waste disposal behaviours.	In Progress
06/11/2026 A "Pick It Up Pete" anti-litter campaign is being developed and will be distributed through local schools to promote community awareness and responsible waste disposal practices. Council will strengthen litter enforcement through increased patrols and targeted emu bobbing activities specifically during high-traffic periods and following major community events. The provision and placement of public litter bins, along with broader waste and recycling infrastructure improvements, will be considered through the Waste Management Strategy Working Group as part of future waste management planning.				
15-10-2026	Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026	2.4	**4. Action Required**: Explore and identify opportunities to strengthen community connectedness by fostering meaningful social connections and increasing community participation. Develop and implement strategies that encourage engagement across all sectors of the	In Progress

			community, build social inclusion, and enhance residents' sense of belonging. This action will align with and support initiatives being led by Jenny Duggan, ensuring a coordinated and collaborative approach to achieving shared community outcomes.	
KTC is progressing the development of a Katherine Community Education initiative focused on Council by-laws, public safety, regulatory services and penalties for non-compliance. KTC is also building partnerships with organisations that can support the delivery of community safety and community engagement initiatives. A meeting has been scheduled with Top End Two Ways Services to discuss its RISE program and explore opportunities for collaboration and alignment with KCSAG objectives and priorities. In 2027, the Manager Environment and Municipal Services and the Acting CEO will work with the Events Team to identify and support community events that align with the Working Group's objectives, promote social inclusion and encourage greater community participation.				
15-10-2026	Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026		**5. Action Required:** Explore initiatives to enhance public safety, including improved lighting, identify vulnerable groups during high-risk periods, and investigate opportunities to support the wellbeing and resilience of the local workforce.	In Progress
09/11/2026 Lighting to be installed at the Visitor Information Car Park carpark (Stuart highway side) and entrance just waiting on the contractor to complete the works The group will discuss the attached Chief Minister Media Release, which addresses the current crime situation in Katherine.				
15-10-2026	Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026		**6. Action Required:** Exploring opportunities to engage with the Low Security Workers Camp to support initiatives that benefit the wider Katherine community. Promote Snap Send Solve to educate the public	In Progress

			and enhance reporting through campaigns.	
09/11/2026 The Manager of Environment and Municipal Services allocates daily work tasks to the Katherine Work Camp crews. These tasks include verge mowing, park mowing, removal of fallen branches, and roadside litter collection. KTC will continue to promote snap send and solve through a public education campaign in 2027.				
15-10-2026	Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026	2.5	Future Meeting Arrangements and Communications	In Progress
30/10/2026 Meeting invitations for the next meeting have been sent.				
15-10-2026	Katherine Community Safety Action Group (KCSAG) - 15 October 2026	3.1	Correspondence regarding Woolworths Katherine opening hours was noted for discussion. The media release on Woolworth Trading Hours by KTC on 25th May 2025 will be incorporated into the business papers.	In Progress
09/11/2026 The Katherine Town Council media release published in the News section of the Council website on 22 May 2025 relating to Woolworths Katherine trading hours has been attached below for members' information.				



22 May 2025

MEDIA STATEMENT

Mayor of Katherine Responds to Woolworths Trading Hours Reduction

Katherine Town Council does not support Woolworths' recent decision to reduce its trading hours from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Many Katherine residents, visiting contractors, and tourists rely on Woolworths' extended evening hours to shop after work or upon arrival in Katherine. For those travelling long distances on the Stuart and Victoria Highways, reaching Katherine late in the day and being able to access a supermarket offering fresh and affordable groceries until 9:00 p.m. is both practical and important.

There is no nearby alternative. The next closest fresh food supermarket of comparable range and affordability is more than three hours away to the north, and nearly six hours to the west or south. Reducing access to groceries in a regional hub like Katherine impacts our residents, the wider region, and the travelling public who rely on our town's services.

This decision does nothing to address the root cause of the challenges Woolworths is seeking to manage - the security issues linked to antisocial behaviour from alcohol misuse. Limiting access to everyday goods is not a solution. Shifting the focus away from the underlying issues allows those problems to persist.

Instead of reducing its hours, I call on Woolworths to join the Council in lobbying the Northern Territory and Australian governments for more meaningful action. This includes increased security support at bottle shops, responsible controls on alcohol availability, and expanded investment in alcohol addiction services for Katherine.

Council remains committed to working collaboratively with all levels of government, service providers, and the private sector to create a safer, more supported community. We ask Woolworths to be part of that solution.

For further information, please contact:

Mayor Lis Clark, elisabeth.clark@ktc.nt.gov.au or phone 0439 501 348

Ingrid Stonhill, CEO, Ingrid.stonhill@ktc.nt.gov.au or phone 8972 5500

4 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING

4.1.1 The external media release from the Northern Territory Government, published on 4 November 2026, has been included for members' information. The release outlines a range of initiatives being implemented in Katherine to address youth offending, strengthen community safety, and improve coordination between government agencies, police, and community organisations.

4.1.2 Katherine Town Council has been contacted by Top Ends Two Worlds regarding its interest in collaborating with the Community Safety Action Group. A meeting has been arranged between the Chairs of the Working Group, KTC staff, and representatives of the organisation to discuss potential opportunities for collaboration and explore how the organisation may contribute to the Group's objectives.

Attachments

1. External Media release - From Chief Minister - Katherine Youth Offenders - 4 November 2026 [**4.1.1** - 4 pages]
2. Email - TETW First meeting with KCASG arragements - 5 November 2026 [**4.1.2** - 3 pages]

Lia Finocchiaro
Chief Minister
Minister for Police

Jo Hersey
Minister for Education and Training
Member for Katherine

Media Release

Finocchiaro CLP Government backs NT Police crackdown on Katherine youth offenders

4 November 2026

- **Finocchiaro CLP Government backing Katherine community with additional police resources and targeted enforcement to crack down on youth offending.**
- **Chief Minister visited Katherine today to meet local police and community leaders and outline further action to target the small cohort of offenders causing the most harm.**
- **Police stepping up operations with a focus on building intelligence, identifying repeat and emerging offenders, and strengthening enforcement and early intervention.**

The Finocchiaro CLP Government is backing the Katherine community with additional police resources, targeted enforcement and stronger coordination across agencies to crack down on youth offending and restore community safety.

Chief Minister and Minister for Police Lia Finocchiaro visited Katherine today to meet local police and community leaders and outline further action to target the small cohort of offenders causing the most harm.

Police are stepping up operations with a focus on building intelligence, identifying repeat and emerging offenders, and strengthening enforcement and early intervention.

Additional measures include:

- Targeted police operations to identify repeat and emerging offenders through intelligence-led enforcement focused on those causing the most harm in the community.
- Additional police resources deployed from Darwin, including an intelligence officer and investigative support to strengthen Strike Force Cerberus, proactive patrols, bail compliance and stolen vehicle responses.
- Increased youth and family engagement will see Aboriginal Liaison Officers engaging daily with high-risk youth and their families, supported by additional youth activities and the redeployment of school-based officers during school holidays.
- A dedicated Youth Coordinator to be be trialled to strengthen coordination between agencies, improve referrals and follow-up, and support Operation Wenlock, which targets young people at significant risk of reoffending through improved supervision, support and accountability.
- Improved patrol coordination which will bring together police, private security, Public Safety Protection Officers (PPSOs), Council and community patrols through regular meetings to share intelligence, coordinate coverage and target crime hotspots.
- An expanded Circuit Breaker program which will see the Department of Children and Families expand patrol coverage, with operations extending through the night until 1am.

Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said Katherine residents deserved to feel safe in their homes, on their streets and in their businesses.

"My message is clear: enough is enough. We are backing police to target those causing the most harm and making sure government agencies and community organisations work together to intervene early and hold offenders and their families accountable.

“We are determined to restore safety and confidence in Katherine, and we will keep backing police and working with the community until we see lasting results," Mrs Finocchiaro said.

Member for Katherine Jo Hersey welcomed the additional measures.

"I have heard loud and clear from the Katherine community that more needs to be done to tackle youth crime and antisocial behaviour.

"I thank the Chief Minister for coming to Katherine, listening to the community and backing a coordinated plan to improve safety and hold offenders accountable," Minister Hersey said.

Meanwhile, a new prisoner graffiti removal taskforce has commenced in Katherine this week, expanding the program beyond Darwin and Palmerston.

Operating through the Katherine Prison Work Camp, the taskforce will clean graffiti from public infrastructure and high-traffic areas as part of Corrections' Community Support Work Program, ensuring prisoners give back to the community while serving their sentences.

Prisoner work parties have already demonstrated their value, filling 925 sandbags in preparation for Tropical Cyclone Narelle in Katherine and 1,700 sandbags in Alice Springs to help protect the hospital and nearby homes.

In March 2026, 20 prisoners were also deployed to assist with flood clean-up and recovery efforts in Katherine.

Media contact: Nathan Vass (Chief Minister) - 0405 799 790 | Zac Webster (Minister Hersey) - 0418 670 192







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Outlook

Re: TETWS – Katherine Community Safety Action Group and RISE Collaboration

From Kristine McConnell <training@tetws.org.au>
Date Thu 11/5/2026 3:17 PM
To Andrea Stari <andrea.stari@ktc.nt.gov.au>

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Dear Andrea,

Thank you for your response and for arranging this opportunity.

I would be delighted to meet with Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle, Councillor Anjalie Palmer and CEO Casey Anderson to discuss RISE – Strong Safe Ready and explore opportunities for collaboration with the Katherine Community Safety Action Group.

Friday, 20 November at 10:30 am suits me. However, as I will be based in Darwin, would it be possible for me to join the meeting via Microsoft Teams or Zoom?

I look forward to sharing more about RISE and learning about KCSAG's priorities, particularly where we can work together to strengthen community-led emergency preparedness and resilience across Katherine and Big Rivers.

Thank you again for the invitation.

Warm regards,

Kristine McConnell
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Building Strong, Healthy and Self-Determined Communities
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From: Andrea Stari <andrea.stari@ktc.nt.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2026 3:00 PM

To: Kristine McConnell <training@tetws.org.au>
Subject: RE: TETWS – Katherine Community Safety Action Group and RISE Collaboration

Dear Kristine,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing information about the RISE initiative.

We would like to invite you to an initial meeting on **Friday, 20 November at 10:30 am**, at Katherine Town Council, Civic Centre, 29 Crawford Street, Katherine.

The meeting will include the Katherine Community Safety Action Group Chairs, Deputy Mayor Mel Doyle and Councillor Anjalie Palmer, alongside our CEO, Casey Anderson.

It will be an opportunity to hear more about the RISE initiative and explore potential opportunities for collaboration and alignment with KCSAG's objectives and priorities. Could you please confirm whether this date and time suit you?

Kind regards,

KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL

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From: Kristine McConnell <training@tetws.org.au>
Sent: Friday, 30 October 2026 2:20 PM
To: Andrea Stari <andrea.stari@ktc.nt.gov.au>
Subject: TETWS – Katherine Community Safety Action Group and RISE Collaboration

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Dear Andrea,

I hope you are well.

Balaji Kancharla from Katherine Town Council kindly referred me to you regarding the Katherine Community Safety Action Group.

I am writing on behalf of Top End Two Ways Services Inc. (TETWS), an Aboriginal-controlled organisation delivering culturally responsive community education, workforce development and community safety initiatives across the Northern Territory.

We are currently progressing our **RISE (Respect, Inclusion, Safety in Emergencies)** initiative as part of our Strong Safe Ready program, with Katherine/Big Rivers identified as

one of our demonstration areas.

RISE focuses on strengthening community-led emergency preparedness, inclusive evacuation planning, and the safety and dignity of Aboriginal people, women, children, Elders and other community members who may face additional barriers during emergencies.

We would welcome the opportunity to learn more about the Katherine Community Safety Action Group, particularly:

- Upcoming meeting dates and opportunities for TETWS to participate.
- Current community safety priorities and initiatives.
- Opportunities to collaborate or share learnings through our RISE work.
- Relevant local organisations and community representatives we should engage with.

Our intention is to complement existing community-led work rather than duplicate activities, and to ensure local knowledge and priorities guide our approach.

I would appreciate any information you can share and would be happy to arrange a brief Teams meeting if helpful.

Kind regards,

Kristine McConnell
Principal Consultant
Top End Two Ways Services Inc.
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5 ACTION GROUP MEMBER BUSINESS

5.1 ACTION GROUP MEMBER BUSINESS

Attachments: Nil

Action Group to advise if Member Business Item is required.

6 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

6.1 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The next Katerine Community Safety Action Group will be decided in the meeting.