

# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

## Budget Estimates Hearings

**The Hon. Anthony Carbines MP**  
Minister for Crime Prevention

Wednesday 7 June 2023



# Preventing crime in Victoria

Continued investment to tackle the underlying causes of offending

The 2023-24 Victorian Budget is investing a further **\$13.64 million** over 3 years in youth crime prevention.

- Our investment is supporting the delivery of priorities under our **Crime Prevention Strategy**, by:
  - Preventing youth offending through early intervention.
  - Investing in communities to deliver effective local solutions to crime.
  - Partnering with key organisations to create safer Victorian communities.
- This is part of a broader investment of **more than \$100 million since 2015-16** in 948 crime prevention projects across the state.



# 98

**crime prevention initiatives  
currently being delivered**

**71%**

in metro  
Melbourne

**27%**

in regional  
Victoria

**2%**

statewide

# Preventing youth offending through early intervention

A further \$13.64 million invested to keep our young people on the right track and out of the justice system.

Since 2016-17, our **Youth Crime Prevention Program** has provided **4,800 young people** aged 10-24 with either intensive support, or engagement with pro-social activities to build protective factors against offending.

Since 2016-17, we've invested over **\$40 million** in the Program, delivered in locations throughout Victoria with higher rates of youth offending.

A comprehensive program evaluation found a:



**29%**

reduction in offending

**24%**

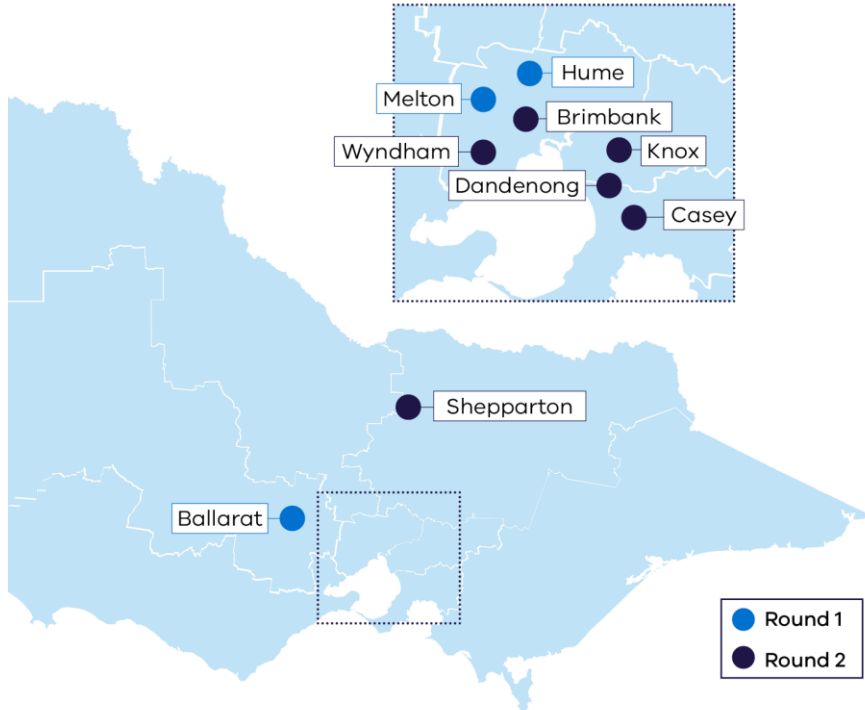
reduction in seriousness of offending

For example, the **OutTeach program** delivered by 54 Reasons in Shepparton, has supported 60 young people to engage with employment and education, and address risk factors for offending.



# Investing in community-led action

## Empowering Communities Partnerships



# \$6.45 million

invested to establish and support nine Empowering Communities Partnerships across the state

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## Empowering Communities Partnerships



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### Local Action Groups

supported to identify community priorities and concerns, and how to address them



**\$3.12 million**

allocated to locally specific innovations to address crime and safety concerns



44

### initiatives selected for funding

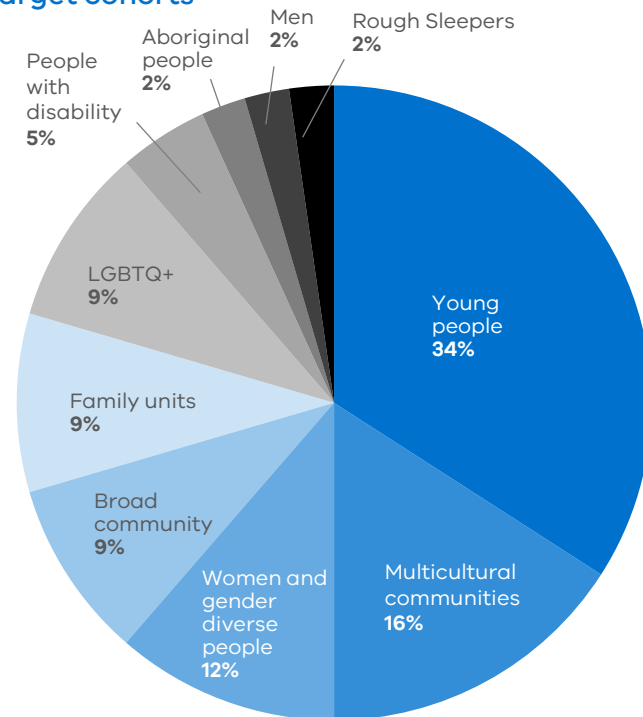
by Local Action Groups, focusing on a variety of target cohorts to respond to local priorities and concerns



**\$1.23 million**

remaining to be allocated by Local Action Groups (in Hume, Shepparton, Wyndham, Knox and Dandenong)

### Target cohorts



# Working with our trusted partners



## Crime Stoppers Victoria

### Funding:

**\$3.10 million** allocated in 2021-22 Victorian Budget over four years to 30 June 2025.

Crime Stoppers partners with the community, media and Victoria Police to prevent crime and to confidentially receive reports about unsolved crime.

In 2022-23, Crime Stoppers received more than 100,000 calls or contacts, and **supported over 950 arrests** and approximately **\$35 million in drugs recovery**.

Each year, Crime Stoppers partners with Victoria Police to design and deliver four crime prevention campaigns

In 2023-24, these campaigns will cover aggravated burglary, road policing, knife crime and cyber crime.



## Neighbourhood Watch Victoria

### Funding:

**\$1.68 million** allocated in 2021-22 Victorian Budget over four years to 30 June 2025.

Neighbourhood Watch improves quality of life within a neighbourhood by minimising preventable crime and promoting closer community ties.

In 2022-23, Neighbourhood Watch supported more than **4000 active members across 190 local groups**, engaged over 2,500 residents across 9 new housing estates, and reached around 3000 multicultural community members through the translation of *How Safe is My Place* resource into multiple languages.

Thousands of community members will continue to be engaged in 2023-24.

# Delivering on Crime Prevention



**4,800**

Young people supported through the **Youth Crime Prevention Program** since 2016-17, including intensive support for **1,800** young people and **3,000** young people engaged in pro-social activities to build protective factors against offending.



**4,000**

Active Neighbourhood Watch Victoria members across 190 groups.

**100,000**

Contacts to Crime Stoppers Victoria, supporting more than **950 arrests** and approximately **\$35 million** in drugs recovery.



**1,255**

Community members participated in **crime prevention capability building activities in 2022-23** including forums, workshops and information sessions, to increase the impact of community safety projects.



**Thank you.**

