



Neighbourhood Watch CPTED training and How Safe is My Place online CPTED Audit - image Designoutcrime.org 2019



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Neighbourhood Watch Victoria adopts CPTED

Neighbourhood Watch Echuca and Victoria Police participated in a 2-day certified Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) training delivered by the **Design Out Crime and CPTED Centre**. The CPTED training was Echuca on the Murray River in Victoria.

It was arranged by Neighbourhood Watch Victoria and Victoria Police to align with the release of their new online CPTED website 'How Safe is My Place'.

'How Safe Is My Place' (<https://www.howsafeismyplace.com.au>) is a visually well-designed and easy to use online CPTED audit aimed at reducing burglary risks for residents. I recommend it!

CPTED training

The CPTED training comprised a 2-day customised CPTED curricula for Neighbourhood Watch and Victoria Police. It provided both groups with the background CPTED knowledge and practice in using the How Safe is My Place website along with, interpersonal and other social and practical skills in working with community members using CPTED to reduce crime.

The program contained a large proportion of practical training both inside and outside in real world situations on the streets of Echuca.

Using new online tools such as the 'How Safe Is My Place' website, the training focused around best practices in CPTED.

The experience of this training showed the benefits of having almost equal numbers of members of police and community-based crime prevention workers. In addition to the CPTED training, there were substantial gains in knowledge transfer and networking opportunities by both groups relating to crime prevention.

This CPTED course was a customized variant of our 2-Day CPTED for Local Government Officers course aimed at providing a complete raft of CPTED skills to support Neighbourhood Watch in delivering their services in Victoria.

Thanks to the Organisers

Thanks to Bambi Gordon (CEO, Neighbourhood Watch Victoria) and Geoff Darlison (Inspector, Priority Communities Division, Victoria Police) for organising the CPTED training. And to all the members of the Victoria Police and Echuca Neighbourhood Watch for being such enthusiastic participants!

More information

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