

CITY SAFETY — WELLINGTON

Inner City Wellington (ICW) has become increasingly concerned about City Safety, especially since the shock 2019 closure of Camera Base Wellington set up by ICW at the request of NZ Police.

Camera Base Wgtn had been successfully operating for seven years with a team of 40+ volunteers who were comprehensively trained, not only to monitor the cameras, but to interact with the police when required and provide them with a rich in-house intelligence resource.

Volunteers donated 403 hours of monitoring time per month (performing 3-hour shifts and cover during the day, night, and weekends consisting of two-person shifts going throughout the night until at least 4.30am in the morning (with volunteers often staying longer to assist the police). In total they delivered 4,433 hours per year at no cost to WCC or the NZ Police. This has been replaced with 2 council staff working out of the WCC CCTV room.

ICW contends that, not only was the closure of Camera Base Wgtn ill-considered, but it has coincided with a noticeable reduction in city safety and an increase in violence and crime.



Who are we

An Association that represents the Residents in the Te Aro and Wellington Central, while recognising 'our space' is also the space used by business, workers, and visitors. This area has become the largest residential suburb in Wellington in terms of population - on the smallest land area.

Our purpose

To be a progressive and influential voice for our members through engagement with the appropriate public authorities to enhance the wellbeing of those living in the inner-city.

Area of interest

To achieve a sustainable living environment in the inner-city through adherence to UN Sustainable Development Goals, and proactively working to enhance Democratic Resilience through co-design and civic engagement .

- **ICW is working towards a broader view of safety in the city and welcomes any comment.**
- **Or join our Project Team to assist in further work.**
- **Contact us by email: innercitywellington@gmail.com**

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When Camera Base started 8 years ago and, until a couple of years ago, there seemed to be a lot of “tools” in the “City safety tool-box”. A tool box that is now very depleted. (as shown below)

SERVICE	THEN	NOW
CAMERA BASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 volunteers • 403 hours per month • 2 person shifts in peak times • Coverage 7 days per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 full time paid WCC staff • 346 hours per month • Single person shifts • No day-time weekend coverage
LOCAL HOSTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 teams of 2 at night • 5 during the day, including weekends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None at night • 2 during the day, but not weekends
PACIFICA PATROLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 teams of 3 on Friday & Saturday nights through till 11pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 years ago this initiative seemed to fizzle out and now they're not seen on the streets at all
ETHNIC PATROLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 teams of 3 on Friday & Saturday nights through till 2am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only occasional now and usually only 2 people at a time
DRUG ARM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian non-profit group offering hot drinks, counselling and advice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not seen lately
TAKE 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on Taranaki/Courtenay corner providing water, sweets, mobile phone charging and counselling if required • Passive support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On and off as reliant on council funding but currently happening.
POLICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Mahi Ngatahi – was to be 20 officers walking the street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very little police presence on the street during the day. Need to call 111 for help. This initiative apparently finished at the end of January