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Local solutions, national impact: crime prevention programs awarded

Programs changing lives and making communities safer have today been recognised through the Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards (ACVPA).

Thirteen community and police-led initiatives and programs from across the country will be honoured for their outstanding contribution to preventing crime and violence and improving community safety.

Presented at Parliament House in Canberra, the awards are a partnership between the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) and state and territory policing partners. They recognise programs delivering real results for communities by tackling the causes of crime, supporting vulnerable people and creating safer places to live.

AIC Director Heather Cook congratulated the award winners and nominees for their commitment to preventing crime and violence.

“These awards recognise the people and programs working every day to make Australian communities safer,” Ms Cook said.

“The winners and nominees have demonstrated innovation, leadership and dedication in addressing some of the complex challenges facing communities across the country.

“Every organisation recognised through these awards should be proud of its achievements and the positive impact it is having on the lives of Australians. I also thank the ACVPA Board for its ongoing support of this important initiative.”

This year’s winners and nominees represent an impressive range of crime prevention initiatives from across Australia. The 2026 Gold Award winners are:

- **The Power Within Program** from **Youth Off The Streets**
- **The Empower You Community Reach Project** by **NSW Police Force**

The awards assist governments to identify and develop projects which will reduce violence and other types of crime. For more information about the award winners, see: aic.gov.au/acvpa.

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