

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2014

PRESENT	
Cr Gordon Bradbery	Mark North
Anna Bruseker	Scott Lockhart
Mick Marshall	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio – Coordinator Community Partnerships & Safety	Lila Dimoski – Graffiti Management Project Officer
Melanie Duncan – Community Safety Officer	Annie Edgar – Administration Support - Minutes

- 1 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Sue Savage and Mark Devine.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.
- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2014
Minutes confirmed.
- 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
Action 18 now closed with the Woolworths design changed and the completion of works the safety has been improved.
A new action request to investigate what new signs will be erected at Puckey's Estate.
- 5 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE
The ICADV White Ribbon Day walk was prominent, received support, and helped raise public awareness about violence against women. The money raised at the walk did not cover costs associated with that particular event however collectively all ICADV White Ribbon Day events including the Bunnings BBQ's at Shellharbour and Wollongong Bunnings raised a total of \$2,383.00.
Perception of Safety Survey is being collated and we are yet to analyse the raw data. We received approximately 800 surveys.
Comments were raised regarding a resident complaint about public drinking and people hanging out in Thirroul Library Car Park. An audit of current signage was undertaken and further correspondence with NSW Police required to help understand the behaviour in this area.
The Liquor Accord education program to high schools is on hold. If instigated this program will be a positive proactive approach delivered by the Accord.

6 GRAFFITI REPORT

Graffiti figures for October, November and December:

- Reports on Council assets – 597
- Reports on non-Council assets - 498

Last month there was quite a lot of graffiti in Guest Park mainly on fences. Fences are the responsibility of the property owner and are classed as a private asset and not a Council asset therefore Council's teams do not remove off them.

Keiraville/Gwynneville Scout Hall has had an increase of graffiti recently, we are looking at possible strategies.

Thirroul is still the same.

Graffiti Action Day was held on 26 October at Coomaditchie at Warrawong with the Scouts and Girl Guides helping out and great media coverage helped promote the day.

In the next few months Dapto Rotary will focus on the Dapto area.

We anticipate that our Community Partnership with NSW Corrective Services will begin again in late February 2015, they will be supporting graffiti removal and can provide up to 6 people to remove graffiti across the LGA. This will provide 30 hours of Graffiti removal per week, materials to be provided from Council, running from February to June 2015. Lila is pursuing Dulux or Bunnings to provide sponsorship of these materials. Dapto Rotary already has their paint sponsored by Dulux.

Berkeley School has shown interest in painting their bus shelter in the New Year.

Bus shelters at Bellambi – Youth of the Streets has done a great job to get young people interested in the murals. On 12 January 2015 a press release will be put out. Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre, Bellambi Surf Club, Bellambi Football Club and NSW Police are organising a holistic program for 6 days over two weeks and 5 bus shelters will be part of the project. An artist will be employed to help with the murals on the bus shelters.

The recommendations from the safety audit for Bellambi Surf Club have been implemented, with rapid removal a priority. In the last 9 weeks there were 2 weeks with no graffiti 20% success rate. We will review in 3 months and make a decision on the mural which takes 3 to 5 months to complete. The sensor light will be put in before Christmas and a brick ledge sheared off.

7 POLICE REPORT

Wollongong Local Area Command

Shopkeepers in the new GPT Shopping Centre in Wollongong have been introduced to the BIZSAFE program with Police and Volunteers in Policing visiting each store to meet with them to discuss the program. Pushbikes continue to be the hot item for thieves with around 450 being reported stolen so far in 2014. Wollongong Police will be conducting a pushbike safety and security operation during the January 2015 school holidays which will involve Police, RMS, Thirroul/Austinmer Lions Club and Spearman Cycles. Riders will be offered the opportunity to have their bikes engraved, photographed and the serial number recorded. A representative from Spearman Cycles will carry out a safety check on bikes and offer advice on locks. The RMS will provide drink bottles which will be offered as prizes for those riders identified as 'doing the right thing'. The Lions Club has offered to assist by conducting a BBQ.

Wollongong LAC Facebook is becoming an effective tool for Police to get safety messages etc out to the public. It has also assisted Police in identifying a number of offenders who have

committed shoplifting, stealing, assault and other offences of a minor nature. A recent post seeking the identification of an offender reached over 50,000 viewers in two hours.

Volunteers in Policing are still doing sweeps in car parks etc to encourage the public to lock cars. There was a suggestion to raise with Police a school education program on this.

8 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

NSW Corrective Services

Continuing to manage offenders and work with the different agencies. Mel and Lila will liaise with Corrective Services re safety audits. Currently Corrective Services meet with NSW Police on a weekly basis.

Community Representative

There was discussion on the recent dogs off leash in public areas policy. Everything has been kept the same with a review in three years.

CCTV cameras in the Mall have been upgraded with better cameras and better coverage, there are less cameras but they have more flexibility. The Police are happy with the coverage. The CCTV cameras are covered by a special rates levy paid by businesses.

SESIAHS

CaddyShack Tour is travelling around the area providing information for young people on sexual health, currently at North Beach then travelling to Shellharbour, Nowra and Ulladulla throughout the summer.

Building partnerships with Warrawong Intensive English Centre.

Lighthouses were lit up for World Aids Day in Wollongong and Kiama and MCCI agreed to put red flags on their buildings.

Watershed

Watershed have moved their day program to a more accessible area and are running groups four days per week over the festive season but not on public holidays. However residential rehab will operate over the festive period.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

If the Attorney General funding of \$50,000 comes to fruition it will be targeting the Berkeley area. The priorities being graffiti.

The meeting concluded at 10.25am.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
20	Query as to what signs will be erected in the Puckey's Estate area.	Armando	

CLOSED ACTIONS			
8	<p>Speak with Community Facilities Staff re: Condom Dispensers being placed in Council's Community Centres as requested by NSW Health.</p> <p>List of Centres with Condom Dispensers to Melanie Duncan.</p> <p>14/8 - Explain what you are trying to achieve in a formal letter.</p>	<p>Armando</p> <p>Scott</p>	Completed/closed
16	<p>Explore the concept of a pop up community safety meeting – speak to Megan at Shellharbour.</p> <p>Megan was on holidays, Mel will catch up – flag until after “The Perceptions of Safety Survey”.</p>	Melanie	Completed/closed
14	<p>Contact Scott Burgess, Police Youth Liaison Officer who could offer information/talk about what happens if you get caught by the Police at the School Program. Program starting in term three will contact Scott then.</p> <p>14/8 - Education program – no starting date as yet will contact Scott when we have a date.</p>	Lila	Closed
17	<p>Diamond Plaza - Woolworths area needs to be revisited. Design, facilities and how to deal with this space. Council needs to be more proactive in the planning process. Organise a discussion with the new Management at Woolworths. Meeting held.</p>	Armando/ Melanie	Completed/closed
9	<p>Outreach in Berkeley and Bellambi – Youth Off the Streets – Invite to Next Meeting.</p>		Completed/closed
18	<p>Organise formal safety audit with Police around Woolworths/Diamond Plaza area.</p> <p>Design has changed with the completion of works.</p>	Armando	Closed
19	<p>Litter in Puckey's Estate - contact the Curator of the Botanic Gardens.</p> <p>"Contacted Paul Tracey Botanic Garden manager regarding concerns raised at Puckey's Estate. Paul explained that he and his team is working with ACON regarding Puckey's Estate. The site has been cleaned up, longer tracks, more open clear sites etc. The focus is on education. The issue is bigger than bins and that is what is being focused on. There will be no bins put on site, if you have rubbish you take it away with you."</p> <p>Working with ACON.</p>	Melanie	Closed

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Thursday 12 February 2015.

2015 – Future Meeting Schedule

Thursday 12 February	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday 9 April	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday 11 June	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday 13 August	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday 8 October	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday 10 December	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11.00am