

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT	
Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbery	Mark North
Sharon White	Jane Keating
Diane Martin	Katrina Kiely
Angus Dawson	Faith Slatcher
Mick Reid	B Ainsworth
L Westwood	Angus Dawson

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio Community & Cultural Development Manager (Acting)	Radda Jordan – Community Safety Officer
Lila Dimoski – Community Development Worker	Annie Edgar – Administration Support Officer (Minutes)

- 1 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Anna Bruesker and Maxyne Graham.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.
- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2016 – Minutes confirmed.
- 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
Graffiti in Cringila – Lila advised she is aware of the problem which is mainly on businesses; colour matching is a problem, negotiating with owners currently.
- 5 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE
 - Fleet Managers at Council have been made aware of the amount of stealing from motor vehicles as an issue across the LGA. The Community Safety Officer has requested they include an alert about locking cars and removing any goods, money etc from view in a Council car in the team briefing sheets.
 - The Local Government Crime Prevention Conference was successful with more than 50 delegates and speakers.
 - A new Perceptions of Safety survey will be developed and is to be implemented in 2017/18.
 - Bellambi Project continues to move ahead with a small but dedicated group of volunteers.
 - WCC missed out on the Community Safety Grant

- Safety audits and DA's for events – 38 applications in the last few months
- Events – working with Community Police Officers and Licencing Police
- Reclaim the Night will be held on 27 October 2016
- White Ribbon Day walk 25 November 2016 is being held in Shellharbour this year. The walk will take place from Reddall Reserve to Windang Bridge and back.

6 GRAFFITI REPORT

- July August September – 594 reports of graffiti on Council assets - 31 private assets
- Removal rates are improving due to our Community Partnerships program
- 30 October is Graffiti Removal Day – Coniston site – Dapto Rotary will be conducting the day on behalf of Council and will involve Scouts/Guides on the day. Bellambi site will be run by volunteers from the Bellambi Community Safety Group.
- New Council caravans are currently being painted – 2 now and 6 more early in 2017. This is a great investment as there has been no graffiti on these vans in 10 years.

7 POLICE REPORT

Lake Illawarra Area Command

- Steal from a motor vehicle (SFMV) – Warrawong the highest
- Steal from a retail store – Warrawong area highest
- Community engagement Police open day with station tours - 23 October
- Sponsorship – crime prevention van re wrapped with funky new branding
- Emergency services expo on Saturday
- Thanks to Wollongong City Council for SFMV support program
- Running social media campaign on SFMV plus handing out air fresheners with info
- Targeting car parks
- 14,000 followers on Facebook – lots of success through social media
- New School Liaison Officer – Scott Burgess going to all high schools.

Wollongong Area Command

Crime statistics for August and September 2016

Break and enters of non-dwellings (Schools and businesses) continues to be an issue in suburbs Wollongong, Fairy Meadow and Corrimal. The offences occurred predominately on weekends between 12.00pm and 9.00pm and the items stolen laptops, jewellery and tools.

Steal from retail stores predominantly in Wollongong the peak day Thursday 12.00pm to 3.00pm. Repeat locations were identified as being Coles, David Jones, Liquorland and Best and Less. Police have instigated and run three operations targeting shoplifting and made numerous charges.

Steal from motor vehicles are occurring predominately on Thursdays between the times of 8.00pm to 6.00am. The offences are evenly spread from Stanwell Park to Wollongong. Items stolen are tools, laptops and cash. Utility style vehicles are being targeted with tradies storing tools. Steal from motor vehicle packages are being sent to all reported victims of theft. This includes information on how to keep your vehicle safe. Face book posts asking owners to lock vehicles and remove all valuables.

Community Engagements

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Event at University of Wollongong 8/8
- Coffee with a Cop @ Navitas 12/8
- Wear it Purple Day and Coffee with a Cop at University of Wollongong and Friday Markets in the Mall 26/8
- Retired Police Officers Day 8/9
- Spring into Corrimal 11/9
- Kids in Care Cup 17/9
- Cops on Campus University of Wollongong 21/9
- International students beach soccer at Coogee 25/9
- Wollongong v Lake Illawarra Football Charity Event for Police Legacy 25/9

Police page has hit over 13,152 likes on Facebook.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cruise ship arrival 2400 passengers and 800 crew
- Passengers will be bused to Lang Park for a welcome and some organised events
- Traffic committee have been involved in the planning and are well organised for this event.

9 POWER POINT RESENTATION

Wollongong Correctional Centre – Recommissioning – Update 13 October 2016 – copy attached to minutes.

There was a group discussion with Mick Reid – General Manager South Coast/Berrima, Angus Dawson – Justice Infrastructure, Faith Slatcher – Manager and Katrina Kiely - Stakeholder Engagement Officer.

- The facility should be up and running by mid-February early March 2017
- All inmates will be electronically monitored
- Query re how many family and friends come and stay in the area. As a rule families don't usually relocate near inmates and mostly come via private transport on visiting days – Saturday and Sunday.
- Inmates have earned their place to be in this low risk Centre
- Lord Mayor keen to see activation of an existing facility
- Management very careful not to take paid work
- Eager to build community partnerships
- Graffiti removal plus other diversity
- Berrima has a very successful interaction with the Community
- Pop-up prisons – 25 year life – modern and work well
- Staff at the Centre includes 14 custodians, 4 overseers with a trade background, 2 service program officers, 1 psychologist, 1 classification officer, 2 in administration plus Justice Health staff and nurses.

The Manager - Faith Slatcher advised all welcome to come and have a look just give her a call on 0438 610 520 or email faith.slatcher@justice.nsw.gov.au

The meeting concluded at 11.00am.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Thursday 8 December 2016.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
11/16	Armando to follow up with Unanderra Jail Manager of Security - Faith Suchet.	Armando Reviglio	Completed
12/16	Assess graffiti along Lake Avenue Cringila to determine what actions can be taken. Lila's update - mainly on businesses, colour matching is a problem, negotiating aware of the problem.	Lila Dimoski	On going