

AGENDA

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



TO BE HELD AT 9:30AM ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY IN
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LEVEL 10, COMMITTEE ROOM 1

The Community Safety Reference Group, in partnership with the NSW Police Service; Local, State and Federal Government agencies; non-government agencies and the community is to work towards the prevention of crime and safe communities in the Wollongong Local Government Area.

Item No	Subject	Attach	Timing	Who
1	WELCOME			Chair
2	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY			Chair
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST			Chair
4	APOLOGIES			Chair
5	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2013	✓		Chair
6	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			Chair
7	PERCEPTIONS OF SAFETY SURVEY			Melanie Duncan
8	CONDOM SUPPLY TO COUNCIL FACILITIES			HARP Team
9	OUTREACH IN BERKELEY AND BELLAMBI			Youth of the Streets
10	COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE			Melanie Duncan
11	GRAFFITI REPORT			Lila Dimoski
12	POLICE REPORT			
13	REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES			
14	NAVITAS + OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES			Vimala Colless

QUORUM - 14 MEMBERS

REFERENCE GROUP MEMBERS

Cr Gordon Bradbery	Lord Mayor	Jason Harrison, Sergeant	NSW Police
Anna Bruseker	Community Representative	Benjamin Walsh	NSW Police
Margaret Purcell	Community Representative	Maxyne Graham	Warrawong Residents Forum
Mark North	Community Representative	Scott Lockhart	South East Sydney and Illawarra Area Health
Mary Paterson	NSW Police		

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Sue Savage	Community Cultural and Development Manager	Armando Reviglio	Coordinator, Community Partnerships and Safety
Melanie Duncan	Community Safety Officer	Lila Dimoski	Community Development Worker
Angela Perkovic	City Centre Operations Coordinator		

15	GENERAL BUSINESS			All
16	NEXT MEETING			
17	CLOSE			

MINUTES COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON 5 DECEMBER 2013

PRESENT

Mark North

Scott Lockhart

IN ATTENDANCE

Armando Reviglio – Coordinator Community Partnerships and Safety

Lila Dimoski – Community Development Worker

Melanie Duncan – Community Safety Officer

Nina Trad Azam – Social Work Student

Angela Perkovic – City Centre Ops Coordinator

Annie Edgar – Administration Support Officer (Minutes)

- 1 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery, Mary Paterson, Anna Bruseker, Margaret Purcell
- 2 WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Armando welcomed all to the meeting and gave an acknowledgement of country.
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.
- 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2013
Accepted
- 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
Under Age Drinking Project – Wollongong is flagged as the next location for consideration following Kiama. Review of Kiama pilot project will occur in the next twelve months.
As there were many apologies for this meeting it was decided to hold over the presentation on NAVITAS and other support services for refugees / new arrivals until the next meeting of the Reference Group.
- 6 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE
Safer Spaces Project Warrawong – the design is under way. There is a proposal for a bubbler with further conversations to occur to confirm this. Council Safety Officer is currently liaising with Westfield regarding the display of graffiti education posters on the back of toilet doors.
White Ribbon Day - against domestic violence towards women - was successful with a possibility of a walk next year as a community event.
CDAT – Council has heard no more on transition to the new auspice agency.

Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) – All AFZs are due for review in 2014, Council will liaise with police closely and will attend neighbourhood forums to discuss re-establishment process. It was determined in conjunction with Wollongong Police that there was not enough evidence to support a new AFZ in the Northern Suburbs as was made in a recent request .

Crime Prevention Policy endorsed by Council at its meeting of 25 November 2013.

TAFE students – Council participated in a small Drink Drive TAFE event and sought feedback on where people park if going out in Wollongong at night.

Police Safety Multicultural Forum – it was successful event with 80 people attending. Feedback from event will help plan for future forums and be reported back to the attendees.

Equal playing fields tournament moved to 10 December – Lord Mayor will be speaking at the tournament and Council Officers will be asking social planning questions.

Youth Off the Streets – Outreach in Berkley have been invited to the first meeting next year.

Melanie introduced Nina Trad Azam our Social Work Student who is doing preliminary research to conduct a Perceptions of Safety survey in 2014. It is anticipated the survey will be delivered mid-year in 2014 and help to measure the communities perception of safety across the LGA.

GRAFFITI REPORT

During July to November 2013 there were 1818 reports of graffiti of which 1282 were on Council assets and 519 on non-Council assets. There have been increasing reports of graffiti at the Guest Park skate park, Thirroul and Bellambi Surf Club.

There was discussion on the need for a list of commissioned art in our LGA as some walls are commissioned by GPT and some by Council. Sue Bessell in Cultural Services may have such a list. If it looks like a mural Council do not remove until a check is carried out with the asset owner.

Keep this as an on-going action item to establish a mechanism to set up a spreadsheet of murals recording private, GPT and Council murals. An art trail of Graffiti Works such as Wonder Walls / Smug could be created.

Youth Centre's legal youth wall (from 3 meters up) to start shortly, an artist to workshop with the young people to develop a theme to place mural in this part of the wall.

Corrective Services community partnership rapid removal service has been expanded across the southern suburbs of Wollongong.

The Graffiti Management Policy has been adopted by Council on 25 November 2013.

Berkeley murals project is ongoing, each of the 5 groups has its own panel with their theme, and it has been a very positively received project by the Berkeley community.

7 POLICE REPORT

No Police representatives attended this meeting. Wollongong police forwarded a report via email following the meeting. The comments reported that crime has been static however police are still experiencing issues regarding steal from motor vehicle. There have also been a couple of large parties requiring police to assist with dispersing crowds and it is anticipated to be a busy weekend with the Santa Pub Crawl. Break and enters are mainly occurring via access to properties from rear doors or windows. Stealing of property is also occurring in rear yards or in unsecured garden sheds or garages. Mail theft was occurring around Smith Street Wollongong,

volunteers have done a letter box drop to highlight this issue with residents and give safety information.

8 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

City Centre

There is a problem area in the Mall where people are congregating and on occasions being abusive to each other or people passing by. It is anticipated that some of the people congregating may be methadone users. This group is also ignoring no smoking requests and are being rude to security and some retailers. It was suggested to talk to the Wesley Church, the chemist and engage a group who provides outreach services to see if they can engage with this group of people to encourage them to enjoy the public space but not to undertake antisocial behaviours that negatively impact on other people using the space.

Three trees have been vandalised in the Mall.

Community Representative

There was a general discussion on Council's workplace health and safety policy.

SESIAH

Discussion on LGBT Safe Places, light up the lighthouse on Aids Day and screening mobile tent. Feedback was given that the HARP monthly newsletter is well put together and has great information in it.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Liaison will occur to confirm if the meeting times suit everyone for next year and when organised Council will send out agenda and meeting dates for next year.

Merry Christmas & Thank You

The meeting concluded at 10.30AM.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held on a date to be advised.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
3/13	Under Age Drinking Project – Wollongong next on list, another year away.	M Duncan	Completed
4/13	Agenda item Navitas + Other Support Agencies – carried over to first meeting in 2014	M Duncan	Next meeting
5/13	Spreadsheet of Public Art Sites in the LGA	A Reviglio	Asap