

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2014

PRESENT	
Jason Harrison	Mark Devine
Anna Bruseker	

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

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery, Sue Savage, Scott Lockhart and Mark Scott.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Armando Reviglio

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2014

Accepted

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

See Action Summary

6 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Safer Spaces Warrawong Project (NSW Attorney Generals Department), installation should start end of April beginning of May and be completed by the end of June. Artists have been appointed for the mosaic project and school education session and discussions are underway.

Graffiti education carried out at Westfield and mail out to Warrawong and Port Kembla residents.

Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence White Ribbon Day Walk being organised for this year.

CDAT (Community Drug Action Team) meeting held 25 February, numbers of people attending have dwindled over the past couple of years and group is in a transition phase under the new lead agency, the Australian Drug Foundation.

Alcohol Free Zones audit and readopted by Council due 30 September 2014. Maps of the current zones were handed out. Our Community Safety Officer will also send a copy via email. Please advise if you think there is an

area where there might be problems and an audit will be carried out. Please supply statement of support for current zones or if there are new ones you would like to suggest.

The Perception of Safety Survey is ready for roll out in July 2014.

New issues of concern:

- Thirroul Neighbourhood Forum – crime update for 15 April
- MacCabe Park drinking becoming an issue
- The Southern Suburbs Taskforce has requested crime statistics for Todd Street social housing – Jason to assist.

7 GRAFFITI REPORT

In the first quarter we received 893 reports of graffiti on Council and non-Council assets. 60% of these reports relate to Council assets.

Our partnerships with Corrective Services have not been in operation for the last 2 to 3 months due to constraints that Corrective Services have and we are seeking a meeting with them in the very near future to see if this can be resolved so that the service can operate again. The trainee partnerships in the northern suburbs ceased in February and will continue subject to Council's financial sustainability outcomes. The Dapto Rotary partnership is still current. The Graffiti Prevention team are exploring other potential community partnerships for Graffiti removal.

A pilot project will be launched at Warrawong Primary School to have safety and graffiti as part of the curriculum. The Principal at this school is keen to take it back to a meeting with other principals in his area. It is hoped this type of project will eventually be in the NSW curriculum. In May and June informal discussions at the school will be held re design murals on panels. It was suggested our Graffiti Management Project Officer contact Scott Burgess, Police Youth Liaison Officer who could offer information/talk about what happens if you get caught by the Police.

We are in discussions with Youth Off the Streets to see their interest in running a program painting bus shelters at Bellambi and Berkeley. This program has been successful at stopping Graffiti in the past.

8 POLICE REPORT

Lake Illawarra Area Command

There was an A Current Affair program in regards to "issues" for residents at Todd St Warrawong – but so far it has not generated any reports to Police.

Community Safety Precinct Meeting was held recently and the success of the Bundaleer Project by Police was outlined and received good feedback from those present.

Harmony IMS – Police had late notice and therefore could not attend – it is a good event to support. They are looking at holding another event in the future.

Crime issues to be aware of are:

- Steal from dwellings in Port Kembla in PM hours
- Steal items from front yards (bikes etc).
- Steal from retail Warrawong
- Top 5 areas for crime in the last few weeks were – Warrawong, Warilla, Dapto, Unanderra and Port Kembla.

There is a Care South presence and a new worker at Berkeley. A large meeting was held on 20 March to find community leaders.

Mark Scott, Crime Prevention Officer is working on a new 12 month project.

Warrawong had the highest proactivity police approaches (search motor vehicle etc.), followed by Port Kembla, Berkeley, Warrawong Lake heights, Unanderra and Cringila.

What is happening with COSP? Coordinator Community Safety and Community Safety Officer meeting with Corrective Services shortly and will advise.

Wollongong Area Command

Spike in stealing from a motor vehicle – we are trying hard to get the message out “do not leave cars unlocked”.

- Information on Facebook
- Volunteers in Policing checking cars – sending out letters.

We are meeting with the University as there have been a few issues with parties involving uni students and other young people. These parties are off campus in privately rented properties, but the University is still being held responsible. Real estate agents are being contacted to come to the discussion with Police and the University.

- Police to attend induction
- Fact sheet – do’s and don’ts of renting
- Safe party link and student charter on their website.

Business Safe Program – data base list of after hour contacts. Helensburgh is really embracing this as their Police Station is not manned 24 hours.

MacCabe Park - a meeting is being organised with stakeholders.

9 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Watershed: Sobering Up Centre numbers have dropped off a bit since the Xmas period. It would be good if the boundaries for intake could be expanded as the current boundary is quite small.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was discussion on exploring the concept of a pop up community safety meeting. It was suggested it would be an effective way to best service the community and get into the field and talk about community safety, graffiti, DA’s, the Perception of Safety Survey etc. It could be announced a couple of weeks before the event via email, flyer and Facebook. The meeting was advised Council does have a community engagement team. Our Community Safety Officer will speak to Shellharbour Council who have had tried some pop up meetings.

The meeting concluded at 11.00am.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Thursday 12 June 2014.

2014 – Future Meeting Schedule		
Thursday 12 June	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11am
Thursday 14 August	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11am
Thursday 9 October	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11am
Thursday 11 December	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11am

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
8	Speak with Community Facilities Staff re: Condom Dispensers being placed in Council's Community Centres as requested by NSW Health. List of Centres with Condom Dispensers to Melanie Duncan	Armando Scott	Scott to supply list of centres that have dispensers.
9	Outreach in Berkeley and Bellambi – Youth Off the Streets – Invite to Next Meeting		Agenda next Meeting
12	Check with Ranger Services re: man in McCabe Park with Fire Sticks – notify NSW Police of outcome – organise a meeting as there are other issues.	Armando/ Melanie	Organise Meeting
13	Speak with Toby (Yth Services Coordinator) re: DENNY Foundation set-up on Thursday nights near the Youth Centre	Armando/ Melanie	As above – these two items connected.
14	Contact Scott Burgess, Police Youth Liaison Officer who could offer information/talk about what happens if you get caught by the Police.	Lila	Lila to contact Scott
15	What is happening with COSP?	Armando/ Melanie	Meeting shortly
16	Explore the concept of a pop up community safety meeting – speak to Megan at Shellharbour.	Melanie	Mel to contact Megan at Shellharbour.