

# MINUTES

## COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP

9.30AM ON THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2013



PRESENT	
Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbery	Anna Bruseker
Jason Harrison	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio – Coordinator Community Partnerships & Safety	Renee Clegg – Graffiti Administration Officer
Melanie Duncan – Community Safety Officer	Lila Dimoski – Community Development Worker
Angela Perkovic – City Centre Ops Coordinator (Acting)	Annie Edgar – Administration Support Officer (Minutes)

- 1 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mary Patterson, Wollongong Area Command and Margaret Purcell, Denny Foundation.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.
- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 AUGUST 2013.
- 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES  
No actions arising.
- 5 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE
  - Safer Spaces Warrawong project awaiting landscape draft design.
  - Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) – feedback on forum held in August highlighted access for people is via community development, AVO presentation was helpful.
  - ICADV White Ribbon Day BBQ's – coordinating rosters for Bunning's Wollongong and Shellharbour on Friday 22 November.
  - Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) seminar held 3 & 4 September – presentation from Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing (OLGR) regarding their role in relation to the Independent Liquor Gaming Authority (ILGA) highlighted process for liquor licences.
  - CDAT will be transferred from Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) to the Australian Drug Foundation (ADF) from the beginning of October 2013. ADF have no offices in Wollongong, it may take until earlier 2014 to understand how CDAT will be facilitated into the future.
  - All Alcohol Free Zones are due for re-establishment in 2014. The re-establishment process will start early in 2014. Any new areas of concern should be passed on to Council or Police.

No new areas of concerns with street drinking have been reported, however following processes to install additional signs in North Wollongong.

- Cr Petty may be placing a request for a report to consider investigating creating an Alcohol Free Zone in the Northern Illawarra in response to concerns of 'impact of noise and antisocial behaviour and the detrimental effect on tourism of the Royal National Park and the Grand Pacific Drive'. Discussion took place about recent media articles that raised concerns about motorbike noise. Police provided advice on noise monitoring devices that may possibly be used by the Environment Protection Authority/RMS. Police and Council are not aware of issues that directly relate to people consuming alcohol in these areas.
- TAFE drink driving event 23 October – targeting certificate IV students and presenting a mapping exercise to ask where people park their cars when going out in Wollongong CBD at night.
- At the Police Safety Forum, to be held on 29 October for multicultural communities, Council will be delivering an exercise on perceptions of safety and mapping some areas where people feel safe and not so safe.

## 6 GRAFFITI REPORT

Averaging 250 reports of Graffiti per month, last financial year 3,520 reported in total, of this figure the following breakdown for type of assets the reports were:

58.8% (2070) Council

18.2% (640) Private Commercial

5.4% (191) Residential

17.6% Other stakeholders (ie. RailCorp, RMS, Department of Housing and Electricity suppliers).

Currently NSW Correctional Services has up to an average of 10 detainees working Friday to Sunday on Graffiti removal on private property/businesses from Windang to Wollongong and rapid removal in the areas of Berkeley, Warrawong and Dapto, with more audits being carried out.

Armando to get an update on the Special Accommodation Centre for Offenders for the next meeting he will speak to Mick Marshall Regional Manager Corrective Services NSW .

Graffiti Action Day to be held on 20 October, with 20 volunteers on site to remove 40 square metres on a fence in Unanderra – painting and cleaning.

The launch of the Thirroul Graffiti Prevention Mural work on the amenities block is on the 24 October - 7 artists and three community groups involved have created a mural and ceramics art work. Thirroul was chosen as it was in a top three graffiti hot spots.

The draft Graffiti Management Policy has been finalised – Councillor briefing is organised and then it is to be scheduled for a Council meeting when possible before December 2013.

The Berkeley Panel Mural Prevention Project is continuing – five community groups are working on their panels and they look great. The panels can be moved to the new building.

The RTArt project on traffic signal boxes will begin next month.

## 7 POLICE REPORT

Incidents report - Warrawong – 32, Berkeley – 22, Port Kembla – 18, Dapto – 18 and Unanderra 14 over a two week period. The main incidents were malicious damage, steal from a retail store and steal from a motor vehicle.

Lake Illawarra Area Command has been involved in the following:

- Koori football knock-out competition, very positive, non-alcohol event
- Kanahooka High School fete
- Bundaleer Community Connect – BBQ – 30 residents involved
- Xmas BBQ to be held in December
- Underage Drinking Project in Kiama – It's anticipated following the Kiama pilot that Wollongong may be selected as the second location for continuation of this project. The Community Partnership and Safety team will follow-up with Dr Sandra Jones preceding the trial.
- There was general discussion re Lake Illawarra Area Command linking with Multicultural Services to obtain an understanding of how the system works for new immigrants and the support base that follows their placement in our LGA. There are many cultural issues and perceptions of police due to their experiences in their homelands. A NSW Police and African nation soccer game to be organised in the near future.

It was suggested NAVITAS be invited to the next meeting to discuss their role and work in the area.

## 8 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

### **City Centre**

As from 1 November the Mall will be smoke free. An educational approach will be taken for the first month. The NSW Police can issue a pin under the Local Government Act. A fact sheet is also available. As from 6 July 2015 smoke free outdoor dining will be introduced.

The Evening Economy project has been through a public consultation and this information is currently being collated. A draft policy will be developed after assessing the information. This initiative has a lot of support and some exciting ideas have come forward. Also live music is another area where discussions are being held with the Live Music Taskforce and the City of Sydney. Discussion on the demographic of people moving into the City, the retail area and the design of buildings was held.

### **Watershed**

There was general discussion re the new Sobering-Up Centre which is now open Friday and Saturday nights. There have been admissions and it is working as planned. The aim is to keep people admitted safe and organise someone responsible to pick them up and take them home if possible or they can stay the night there until they leave in the morning. People are free to leave at any time. Counselling, education and day programs would be offered to repeat offenders.

## 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion re Alcohol Free Zones and the notice of motion that may be presented. There have been no new requests for AFZ's there are 7 major ones already.

The meeting concluded at 11.00am.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Thursday 5 December 2013.

**2013 – Future Meeting Schedule**

Thursday 5 December	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11.00am
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**ACTION SUMMARY**

Item	Action	Officer	Status
<del>3/13</del>	<del>Under Age Drinking Project – follow-up with Dr Sandra James</del>	Melanie Duncan & Armando Reviglio	
4/13	Invite a representative from NAVATAS to the next meeting.	Armando Reviglio	

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