

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON 12 APRIL 2018

PRESENT	
Cr Gordon Bradbery, Lord Mayor	Jane Keating
Sharon White	Lee Paterson
Mark North	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio	Lila Dimoski
Radda Jordan	Melanie Duncan
Claire Knight	Bridget Jarvis

- 1 WELCOME
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None
- 4 APOLOGIES – Maxyne Graham and Ben Walsh
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2017 – CONFIRMED WITH AMENDMENT TO ABANDONED CAR ON MOUNT OUSLEY RD REPORT
- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CCTV

Radda advised the CCTV Policy is being amended to include provision for *Temporary, Rapidly Deployed CCTV*. The updated Policy is expected to be complete in May/June. Radda continues to receive costs for different CCTV models and await responses from both Federal and State Governments in regards to CCTV funding; expected by June or July 2018.

Abandoned Cars

Mark North advises that the abandoned car on Mount Ousley Road is still there. As one has already been removed, it appears that there were two abandoned cars in the vicinity. Claire will ensure there is a request for removal for the second car entered into Councils Customer Service system.

7 PORT KEMBLA REVITALISATION PLAN

Bridget Jarvis reported on the study for forward planning conducted with the community including the local Chamber and businesses. The draft Plan has just come off exhibition and covers the whole suburb of Port Kembla (minus the SEPP lands). The Vision is set for the whole suburb and Strategies are developed for the town centre, the coastal areas, recreation spaces and Coomaditchi. The Plan is supported by an Implementation Plan which sets out actions to deliver change.

A key aspiration for the town centre is to deliver activation along the street, fill vacant tenancies and support a night life. We are presented with a challenge of how to manage to unlock the revitalisation's potential bit by bit and manage issues around safety. Ideas for activation include creating a culturally-rich, fun street with outdoor dining, interesting shopfront facades, art and entertainment. Existing businesses such as the Vault, the Servo and Red Point Artists Association all bring an evening economy. We need to look at how we can support these new businesses as they move toward the change.

The intent is to move from larger to smaller alcohol venues, repurposing excess retail spaces into restaurants, cafés and wine bars. Lord Mayor enquired on crime rates and police advised it was in no way significantly higher than in other areas, thus the challenge was more surrounding stigma and perception. As Wentworth Street is such a long street, work will probably be carried out in pockets including Allen Street and wayfinding routes from town centre, beach and recreation spaces. The challenge with liquor licences was raised, noting that we will need support from the local area command to enable business to have a go.

The basketball court in King George V has been identified as an opportunity to renew. A lot of feedback from young people identified the need for a youth space. Council is looking to invest some money to deliver a visual change with re-marking lines and introducing seating/furniture to create a youth-focussed gathering space. Lord Mayor noted that youth recreation interests have changed over the years with the success of Helensburgh's mountain bike trails being an example. SCAT suggestions to engage youth in this space were to expand it into a contemporary, innovative, urban terrain attracting skateboarding and/or parkour.

A master plan for King George V Park has been identified as an important future project and is an action in the Implementation Plan.

Bridget advised that 120 surveys and 20 submissions were returned from the exhibition of the draft Plan, which will inform the development of the final Plan and Implementation Plan priorities. The Plan will be reported to Council in May for adoption.

8 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Women's Safety Project (WSP)

Commercials are currently running on WIN Network, gratis for a month. The WSP received 300 survey submissions. This is the highest number of responses ever received on a topic on Have Your Say, largely assisted by media coverage provided by i98 and Illawarra Mercury.

The next roll-out of commercials educates the public on the '*I belong in the Gong*' shopfront decal stickers and what to do/where to go for help (eg police/security). Promoting the slogan *Wollongong Triple A* (ie *Assess Approach Assist*) is designed to quickly remind the public how to assist victims, without convening or endangering self. Specifically how to seek help if witnessing harassment (ie feeling comfortable approaching police and security guards) and about approaching the victim afterwards to see if they need support. The aim is to change any culture of nonchalance towards harassment in the CBD.

Mall Security has delivered a new security training package incorporating WSP awareness and procedure and Radda is in the process of assisting to refine it.

Safety Audits

4 DA's and 19 DE's plus 2 Safety Audits have been carried out, including a huge audit of the walks between Wiseman Park, the tramway, Beaton Park and West Wollongong Public School.

Customer Service advise there have been escalated reports of harassment on Burelli street, such as the public being yelling at, asked for money or generally abused in the vicinity around Woolworths Liquor outlet/Burelli Street bus stop. Suggestions given were increased security patrols in that area and looking into whether the liquor shop was selling to intoxicated people.

Warrawong Collective Impact

Bundaleer Safety Audit is planned for next week. Strategy and Actions to be reported following on from the audit. Illawong Gardens and Todd Street audits were completed in February.

Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs)

Melanie will request an updated list of licensed venues in AFZs from both Local Area Commands. All will be notified about the proposed AFZ re-establishments. Community feedback about AFZs will be sought in May via the online 'Have Your Say' survey and public notification in The Advertiser. To date additional signs have only been requested for Exetor Avenue, North Wollongong. Osborne Park is recommended to become alcohol prohibited following on from a community safety audit undertaken with Police. A public notification about this proposal will be advertised in May. Melanie will also send the Port Kembla Revitalisation Plan to Lake Illawarra Licensing Police.

9 GRAFFITI REPORT

Statistics since February 2018

317 cases of graffiti have been reported or removed.

Anthony Jones of Ayjay has completed his giant mural work on the carpark/Smart Swim School wall in Dapto. Council worksite caravans will be painted with murals from a variety of 10 different artists, starting 20 April up until June 2018.

Essential Personnel, Dapto Rotary, Corrective Services and Unanderra Gaol all continue to remove graffiti from non-Council assets. Lila is looking into whether Unanderra Gaol inmates can receive qualifications to safely conduct the high-pressure chemical paint removal required for graffiti on bare brick. If successful, many long-standing damage could be removed particularly on leased facilities at sporting ovals such as Thomas Gibson Park, Corrimal Memorial Soccer Oval and Lakelands Oval to name a few.

RMS continues to explore graffiti prevention murals and green-walls to combat the expense of constant graffiti removal on both sides of Memorial Drive, Woonona including the western walkway. RMS can request User Charges police to patrol mural sites.

10 POLICE REPORT

Lake Illawarra LAC

Community Engagement

- Breakfast with the Girls & Boys in Blue at Koonawarra Public School on 10 April and Berkeley Public School on 9 August.

- Berkeley Kids event School Holiday Sports on 17 April.
- Community Pop-up Meeting will be at Bundaleer Estate on 19 April with Police, Housing NSW and Spotless Services.
- A Security Audit was conducted at Berkeley Coles on 24 April, following up concerns regarding continued theft (some unreported) and antisocial behaviour.
- Bunnings Safety Workshop will be held 9 May from 10am - 12.30pm as advertised on Police Facebook.
- Dapto Steal from a Motor Vehicle (SFMV) Strikeforce has finished with great success. SFMV rates are much lower now.
- Koori Kids & Cops Fishing Day on 27 April at Lake Illawarra including kids from Wollongong LGA.
- Business Safety Workshop on 9 May 10am – 12.30pm.
- Sorry Day at Ribbonwood Centre is on 23 May and Dapto 2 May.
- User Pays police discussion last meeting in Kanahooka.

Wollongong LAC

Crime Statistics March – April 2018

- Steal from Retail has increased for this period. Offences are primarily in the suburbs of Wollongong, Corrimal and Fairy Meadow, occurring predominantly on Thursday between 12pm and 6pm. Items stolen are clothing, alcohol and personal items. To combat this issue Wollongong Police have instigated and run operations targeting shoplifting and have made numerous charges. GPT have also organised User Charges police on Thursday nights from 5.30pm to 9.30pm.
- Steal from Motor Vehicles offences were predominantly in the suburbs of Wollongong, Woonona, Bulli and Thirroul. Incidents were fairly evenly spread over all days within the week with the peak time being 3pm 12am. Police conducted an operation in Bulli and Corrimal, checking if vehicles were locked and found 19 vehicles with property inside were left unlocked. Letters offering information about security of vehicles were left for the owner. A few days later another audit was conducted with 13 of the 19 vehicles still unlocked. Property stolen is cash, clothing, computers and communication equipment. Facebook posts promoting vehicle security continue.
- Fraud is also trending upwards especially Fail to Pay at petrol stations and the use of stolen credit cards, using *payWave* and giving unauthorised access to funds via withdrawals and purchases of goods online.

Community Engagement

- Coffee with a Cop at Helensburgh on 1 March.
- Coffee with a Cop at Max Solutions on 13 March.
- Women's Safety Project '*I belong in the Gong*' on 21 March.
- Thirroul Festival on 7 and 8 April.
- Paint the Gong REaD on 10 April.
- Lady Mayoress Afternoon Tea Dance on 10 April.
- Principals Forum on 13 April.
- Bunnings BBQ raising funds for PCYC on 20 April.
- Wollongong Eyewatch (Facebook page) received 18,813 people 'Likes' and has 18,983 Followers.

Lord Mayor wished police to pass on his gratitude to Sgt Bob (Robert) Minns for his work at Sandon Point, removing the Aboriginal tent embassy in a sensitive manner. Whilst there are still

some structures to go, Notices have been issued to remaining occupants and the rest will be cleared.

11 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Neighbourhood Forum 5 (NF5)

Mark North observed cars consistently doing burn-outs on the central pier at Wollongong Harbour. All reports should be directed to the Dept of Lands who has responsibility for that area.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Melanie enquired as to what Council can do to further assist Police in safety-related tasks. Police advised community engagement benefits greatly from united representation from Police, Council and other Government departments. It was suggested Council could attend Police Pop-Up Meetings where residents have an opportunity to talk to Police, communicate any concerns and find out what can, has and is being done about those issues (eg drugs and speeding cars). Council could also assist Police by doing a mail-out to those living in the general vicinity of an upcoming Pop-up Meeting, informing them of the meet and requested Council keep checking Police Facebook pages for upcoming Pop-Up Meeting announcements. Lord Mayor suggested announcing them on Community Notices in all LGA Wards.

Police mentioned their patrols of School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zones could also benefit from the presence of Council Regulation & Enforcement Rangers.

Lord Mayor mentioned that the Compliance and Enforcement policy is now on Exhibition informing where Council deploy our Ranger resources.

13 NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 14 June 2018.

14 CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 10.45am.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Thursday 14 June 2018.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
4/18	Sharon White to speak to Jane at Lake Illawarra LAC to ask their patrol units to take note of the lighting at the park around the Berkeley table tennis table.	Sharon White/Jane Keating	Ongoing - To review lighting in this area during patrols. (Leave as action item to be asked again at next meeting)

			before removing)
5/18	Melanie to follow up with Facilities about why lighting at the back of the Berkeley Community Centre has been switched off.	Melanie Duncan	Completed. Light fixed.
6/18	Police to review existing AFZ zones and provide advice on upgrades or expansions.	Ben Walsh/ Sharon White/ Jan e Keating	This is ongoing. To be completed June 2018
9/18	Angela to provide Radda with the User Pays Police rates	Angela Perkovic	Completed and forwarded to LM
10/18	Radda to ensure the Wollongong LAC received the Methadone Clinic DA pathway case – not Lake Illawarra LAC	Radda Jordan	Completed
11/18	Mark North reports that vehicle removed on Mt Ousley Rd was the wrong one. Claire to lodge abandoned vehicle cases in KANA for Regulation & Enforcement to action.	Claire Knight	Completed 13/4/18. KANA Case No. 101000135171. Mark North informed.
13/18	Lila to provide Angela with costs pertaining to anti-graffiti coating for existing murals and liaise with Cultural Services in this regard.	Lila Dimoski	Completed. Angela referred to Cultural Services.