

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2014

PRESENT	
Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery	Mark Devine
Anna Bruseker	Mark Scott
Scott Lockhart	

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

- 1 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mark North, Jason Harrison and Sue Savage.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.
- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 APRIL 2014 – Confirmed.
- 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
Diamond Plaza - Woolworths area needs to be revisited see action 17.
- 5 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE
Warrawong Safer Spaces project funded through Attorney Generals Department installation has started.
White Ribbon Day will be held on 25 November with a walk along the Blue Mile to be organised by the Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), mounted police will be attending and NSW Police volunteers will be helping with a BBQ.
Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) is still in limbo as to its restart date.
Alcohol Free Zones - Council will be seeking feedback from the community regarding existing AFZs as they are due to expire on 30 September 2014 and or any new areas to be considered for an AFZ– Council report due in August 2014.
Thirroul Neighbourhood Forum meeting raised concerns regarding crime in the new McCauley Estate – steal from dwelling. Volunteer police responded with delivering information to each household.
All interested stakeholders attended a briefing meeting on the running of the Santa Pub Crawl to discuss and manage any potential issues.

Wollongong Liquor Accord – schools program re RSA laws, Council would like to support this project if possible and will seek approval from OLGR for unspent funds Council is holding.

Concerns raised via local member Ryan Park, requesting CCTV at Corrimal Memorial Park after the incident of vandalism that occurred at the playground. The Park is being utilised by a lot more people. A request has been put in to have bushes removed at the front of the park for clear vision from the Highway.

6 GRAFFITI REPORT

Partnerships – Corrective Service NSW has ceased its supervised graffiti removal program effectively since January 2014, – Council is in discussion with them to seek a restart to our partnership program with them.

Painting of the RMS traffic signal boxes is continuing with the funding they have provided for this project.

A mural is being organised for the wall at Bellambi Surf Club, the last mural work was completed three years ago and recently the Club has been the target for a lot of vandalism. We are currently in the process of looking to find artists and partner with local schools for this project with the Surf Club.

The Graffiti Education School program is targeted for term three; the pilot program will be run with Warrawong Primary school.

Dapto Rotary has helped quite a bit this year with graffiti removal and have expanded when required to remove graffiti from beyond the Dapto area.

Berkeley community centre mural will be finished shortly.

Council is continuing to seek a partnership with Youth Off the Streets to undertake a project to complete murals on bus shelters at Bellambi and involve local young people in the planning, design and implementation of the murals.

7 POLICE REPORT

Lake Illawarra Area Command

The top suburbs with crime related issues were – Warrawong, Berkeley, Port Kembla, Unanderra and Cringila. Police take a proactive approach to these areas in trying to reduce crime in these areas which can also result in increased crime being recorded.

There have been problems reported with the Pay Wave payment system. Police are working on initiatives in this area of fraud to try to reduce it.

CCTV has been updated at Warrawong Westfield.

Issues were found with the banning notices from Westfield, the area banned also includes across the road at McDonalds and Bunnings. Police have requested Westfield to attach a map to the banning notice which makes it much clearer as to the area covered by the ban.

Wollongong Area Command

Business Safe Program is being rolled out in the Corrimal and Balgownie areas and is being embraced really well.

Steal from a motor vehicle on the increase and we are working on informing the community to also lock your house. Tips have been provided on what to do when you go on holidays.

Police will be holding a community consultation in Corrimal on 25 June with the Superintendent in attendance.

8 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

WATERSHED

Sobering Up Centre 12 month trial has been cancelled. It commenced in September 2013 and will close on 30 June 2014. There were major drawbacks in not having Wollongong Hospital, Balgownie Hotel and Wave Nightclub in the trial area. The decision was made to close the Centre before the evaluation figures were released.

Central Sydney Sobering Up Centre will be re-trialled for two years.

Other Watershed programs are business as usual.

SES&IAH

HIV testing next week by NSW Health.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion on a trail program called the Commanders Active Citizen Program put forward by NSW Police for Aboriginal young people from year 10 onwards. The schools in the area nominate a suitable candidate for the program and they will spend 6 months (usually one day a week) being shown what Police do and why they do it. They will be visiting various community groups and shown the benefits of being an active member in the local community.

At the end of the program a camping trip to Kosciusko National Park will be organised.

Berkeley Unite Program will be targeting the Berkeley area for 12 months. Conducting a survey and finding out what residents want.

10 CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 10.45am.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Thursday 14 August 2014.

2014 – Future Meeting Schedule

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 – Add to email list.		Agenda next Meeting
14	Contact Scott Burgess, Police Youth Liaison Officer who could offer information/talk about what happens if you get caught by the Police at the School Program. Program starting in term three will contact Scott then.	Lila	Lila to contact Scott when Program has a start date.
16	Explore the concept of a pop up community safety meeting – speak to Megan at Shellharbour. Megan was on holidays, Mel will catch up – flag until after “The Perceptions of Safety Survey”.	Melanie	Mel to contact Megan at Shellharbour.
17	Diamond Plaza - Woolworths area needs to be revisited. Design, facilities and how to deal with this space. Council needs to be more proactive in the planning process. Organise a discussion with the new Management at Woolworths.	Armando/ Melanie	Discussion with Woolworths Management
CLOSED ACTIONS			
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. Meeting was organised with Police, security and the Denny Foundation - everyone brought together, a few good outcomes out of the meeting, understand roles and break down barriers – agreed to meet regularly. Highlighted path of travel from MacCabe Park to Woolworths as a secondary supply.	Armando/ Melanie	Closed
13	Speak with Toby (Yth Services Coordinator) re: DENNY Foundation set-up on Thursday nights near the Youth Centre	Armando/ Melanie	Closed
15	What is happening with COSP? Not operational – now closed, there will only be two in the state – not in our LGA.	Armando/ Melanie	Closed