

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2017

PRESENT	
Mark North	Jane Keating
Diane Martin	Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery

IN ATTENDANCE	
Tracey Kirk-Downey – Community Partnerships and Safety Coordinator (Acting)	Radda Jordan – Community Safety Officer
Lila Dimoski – Graffiti Management Project Officer	Rebecca Simon – Aboriginal Community Development Worker (Acting)
Sam Elroy (University Student)	Kristeen Sandercock – Administration (Minutes)

1 WELCOME

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil

4 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Anna Bruseker, Sharon White and Maxyne Graham.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2017 – Confirmed

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

7 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

- Radda has assessed five Development Applications since last meeting.
- Two were for major events to be held in the second half of the year; the Harley Thunder Run to be held at Mount Kembla (as Bulli will be closed) and the Food and Wine Festival at Stuart Park.
- Safety Audits continue.
- Kanahooka Park has been highlighted for anti-social behaviour. Some suggestions to improve the area are landscaping, speed bumps, lights, roundabout repairs and gated toilets.
- Plan of Management for Port Kembla Copper land, Korrongulla Wetland at Primbee near the PCYC.

- Bellambi Collective Impact Program. The Community Safety Group meets once a month. Safety measures are required around Surf Club which is open to damage from cars in front and behind the club. The ISSIT (Illawarra Shoalhaven Social Implementation Team) working to help communities with safety.
- Four syringes were found at Pendlebury Rest Park, Woonona. A needle bin is not the best course to take. Police are tasking the area regularly and First Step Program inspect twice a week.
- Perception of Safety Survey will go live in July 2017.
- Mount Keira audit suggestions are being followed up.

8 GRAFFITI REPORT

Lila is in the process of correlating current graffiti statistics, however she reports that Corrective Services, Essential Personnel and Dapto Rotary continue to remove graffiti from numerous sites around the LGA despite rain.

The Traffic Signal Boxes murals project will finish at the end of June 2017.

Grffiti prevention murals are proposed for Council-owned assets in the hotspot areas of Thirroul and Corrimal.

Lake Avenue, Cringila has several graffiti-affected commercial properties which may benefit from an anti-graffiti mural. Lila plans to approach them to see if they are happy for our Community Partnership volunteers to paint over the damage, without exact colour matching as their building colours are not standard. We can also offer to provide them with information on local mural artists in the event they are interested in dealing directly with artists to commission privately funded murals.

9 LAKE ILLAWARRA POLICE (LAC) REPORT

Crime Review – March 2017

Steal from motor vehicle offences continue to be the major crime concern within the LAC. The main location of concern for in Wollongong LGA is Dapto. Again the majority of vehicles affected were unlocked at the time. Some vehicles have had their registration plate stolen in order to assist with committing further offences (ie fail to pay for petrol offences, etc). Tamper resistant screw fitting day has been organised to try and address this issue and raise awareness.

Strike Force Worra saw 70 arrests across the Illawarra for various drug offences.

Two deaths of juveniles occurred. Ryan Tearsdale was drowned after being swept into a stormwater drain pipe in Unanderra. There was also the suicide of a 14 year old boy from Kiama.

Recent Events

- Youth Week Expo was held at Albion Park High School.
- Time for Kids Shellharbour with PCYC
- Killalea Childs Play even with Shellharbour Council
- The Warilla ICE Forum held in conjunction with NSW Health and Watershed was a great success with 60 attendees and numerous support services in attendance also. More forums are to be held to raise awareness.
- Pop Up meetings with Shellharbour Council in regards to school were held at Barrack Heights and Oak Flats Primary Schools.
- A safety audit of Dapto Mall was conducted with Wollongong Council and Dapto Futures Group.

- There is a Major residential development planned for Dapto at 91A Byamee Street, Dapto. Lake Illawarra LAC is strongly opposed to this residential development and a detailed response with our concerns, such as parking, safety, traffic congestion and the lack of a social impact assessment, has been submitted to Wollongong City Council.

Upcoming Events

- 27 April 2017 (10am to 12pm) - Lake Illawarra Police Station offer Tamper Resistant Screw fittings.
- 28 April 2017 (1am to 1pm) - Housing NSW in conjunction with various services will hold a BBQ event at Winnima Way Complex.
- 2 May 2017 (10.30am to 11.30am) - Coffee with a Cop will be held at Sum Surf Café, Shop 3/10 George Street, Warilla.
- 4 May 2017 (2.30pm – 3.30pm) - A Pop Up Safety Meeting will be held at Tullimbar Primary School.
- 16 May 2017 - KidsFest with numerous activities across various locations around Albion Park.
- Crime Prevention Talk with Multicultural Dementia Support Group in Cringila.
- 24 May 2017 - Sorry Day will be held at Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto.
- 28 May 2017 - Multicultural Festival held at Reddall Reserve, Lake Illawarra.
- 6 June 2017 (10am) - Community Safety Precinct Meeting at Lake Illawarra Police Station.

Senior Constable Keating has been placed on ISSIT for the program to expand into Lake Illawarra LAC. Council has already been a part of this project in Bellambi which will now focus on Warrawong's Bundaleer Estate.

Lake Illawarra LAC's Commanders Active Citizens Program is getting underway again with students being selected from Schools within the LAC to be involved.

A Crime Prevention Design competition will commence on 24 April 2017 in all Primary and High Schools. Students will assist in creating new crime prevention strategies through submitting an artwork or short movie clip with a focus on the 'Park Smart' message.

Facebook

Lake Illawarra LAC Eyewatch/Facebook page continues to be a real success for us in terms of identifying offenders from still images and person/s wanted for outstanding warrants, etc. They currently have over 15.5K followers, which is growing daily. The page is monitored, edited and updated daily keeping the community informed on local crime and crime prevention related matters.

Lee Patterson is now the Sergeant for Community Safety.

10 WOLLONGONG POLICE (LAC) REPORT

Crime Review – March 2017

Steal from Retail Stores

- 52 incidents were reported in March 2017 representing an increase of 18% on the previous month.
- 44% of offences were recorded in Wollongong followed by the North Wollongong and Corrimal.
- 58% of incidents occurred between 12pm and 6pm with most recorded on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.
- Liquor was the most common property targeted.
- 16 people were charged for this offence.

- Police Retail Theft Operations & User Charges continue within the Mall. Patrols are done with security personnel to enforce smoking legislation, speak with retail stores, and assist with any issues within the shopping precinct and any training of staff that may be needed.

Steal from Motor Vehicles

- 70 incidents were reported in March 2017. Wollongong recorded the highest number, followed by Corrimal, East Corrimal and Figtree.
- 75% of incidents occurred between 3pm and 12am with 24% of incidents recorded on Tuesday.
- Cash, documents, personal items and vehicle plates were the most stolen items.
- There were no charges laid for this category during March.
- A number of information reports were submitted identifying Persons of Interest (POI) and Young Persons (YP) believed responsible for these offences. POIs/YPs are regularly circulated via daily and weekly briefings.
- A large number of targeted vehicles continue to be left unlocked/unsecured with no signs of forced entry.
- Steal from motor vehicle packages are being sent to all reported victims of theft, comprising information on how to keep your vehicle safe. Facebook posts continue to be posted asking owners to lock vehicles and remove all valuables.

Mount Keira Summit Park

Regular patrols continue to be conducted by police during the day and night hours with no issues reported to date.

Community Engagement

- 1 March 2017 – Expo's Wollongong Court House Information Day. Police had a display/information stand and presented information to attendees.
- 7 March 2017 (1pm to 3pm) - Lady Mayoress Afternoon Tea Dance, attended by 200 people at the Town Hall for Senior Citizens as part of Senior's Festival. Police were part of the dance attendants.
- 8 March 2017 – Clubs day at UOW included police presence and information stand.
- 14 March 2017 – Community Awareness Policing Program (CAPP) in LAC with students and teachers. CAPP in LAC was conducted with School Leaders and their respective Principals. Meeting at Wollongong PCYC they were able to experience a range of policing roles including Rescue, Highway, Forensics and GCs, Marine Command, Criminal Investigation, etc.
- 21 March 2017 – Navitas: International Media. Presentation and Engagement at Navitas with representatives from the International Media, organised by Dept. Foreign Affairs who are looking at the induction process for newly-arrived migrants in Wollongong as a best practice.
- 30 March 2017 – Involvement in SCARF road safety project (presenting of information and understanding of the Australian Road Rules).
- 6 April 2017 – TAFE Law Expo. Police had a display/information stand and presented information to attendees.

Facebook

Wollongong Police have over 15,253 Likes on Facebook up until 12 April 2017.

11 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Mark North – Community Representative

Mark reported graffiti damage on a traffic control boxes with a mural, specifically the orange and yellow one on the North Wollongong bridge just after the crossing on the left hand side heading North. The boxes were tagged with the word 'red'.

Mark also mentioned the base of a pillar on ground level at IPAC appears to be rusted away. Mark requested the IPAC receptionist inform management about this structural issue but Mark is unsure if anything has been done about it.

Mark raised the issue of whether Police reacted to alleged crimes being posted as pictures, posts and stories on various forms of social media. Police clarified that in order for them to be able to act upon these alleged crimes, the crime must be officially reported directly to Police, rather than being shared on their social media pages, so the incident can be logged in the system and investigated according to protocol and procedural rules and guidelines as unfortunately Police don't have the resources to survey and investigate innumerable social media pages to hunt down alleged crimes.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Mount Brown Reserve

The Lord Mayor mentioned to Jane Keating of Police that numerous reports have been made about dirt bikes, possibly unregistered, in Mount Brown Reserve. He wondered what could be done. The public can't and shouldn't pursue offenders themselves. Police Highway patrols could drive past to show their presence.

Semaphore Road, Berkeley

The Lord Mayor also mentioned that Semaphore Road, Berkeley may be closing, leaving Nolan Street as the main arterial road from Unanderra to Berkeley. Semaphore Road is narrow, winding and steep and not suitable for the high volumes of traffic it is seeing in recent years. The Jane is to look at figures for this area.

The meeting concluded at 11am.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on 8 June 2016.

Future Meeting Dates

9.30am	Thursday 8 June 2017	Level 10 Committee Room 1
9.30am	Thursday 10 August 2017	Level 10 Committee Room 1
9.30am	Thursday 12 October 2017	Level 10 Committee Room 1
9.30am	Thursday 14 December 2017	Level 10 Committee Room 1

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
1/17	Little Free Pantry – free food Illawarra – Pantry boxes – Radda to feedback potential problems to Food Fairness	Radda Jordan	