

# MINUTES

## COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY 14 AUGUST 2014

PRESENT	
Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery	Sharon White
Anna Bruseker	Mark North
Scott Lockhart	Mick Marshall

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

- 1 WELCOME
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.
- 4 APOLOGIES – No apologies were received.
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2014 – Confirmed.
- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- 7 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Warrawong Safer Spaces has had a positive impact.

Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), are organising a walk before work for White Ribbon Day on 25 November, start 7.15am and finish at 9.00am. This is the first walk the committee has organised and aim to raise awareness and gain a high profile. The Lord Mayor and the Police Commissioner will be attending with a breakfast BBQ by volunteer police from both area commands – gold coin donation.

Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) is currently in limbo.

The proposal to re-establish the Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) are going to Council on 8 September, a copy of Council's policy on the establishment of AFZs is also going to Council and was handed out at the meeting. There will be two new AFZs in car park areas at Stanwell Park proposed to seek Council support for undertaking community engagement.

The Perceptions of Safety Survey has been online since the beginning of August. Ideally we would like to add a link on the Police Facebook page and are setting up engagement booths,

survey boxes in libraries, and sending to online networks. We have received 220 online and 50 hard copies so far.

A meeting was held with Police and management from Woolworths to discuss safety and in this area. A formal safety audit with Police has been proposed to provide supporting evidence for the Woolworths manager to take to the information the next level of management. The Diamond Plaza stakeholder meeting will be re-established to discuss ongoing concerns relating to this area.

There has been a stakeholder meeting between NSW Police, PCYC, Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre, the schools and Housing NSW to discuss options and a collaborative project to help create structured activity and address some concerns in Bellambi.

## 8 GRAFFITI REPORT

In the quarter April to June 2014 there were a total of 792 reports of graffiti of which 470 reports were on Council assets and 322 on non-Council assets. In July 2014 Council received 340 reports of graffiti of which 223 were on a council asset and 117 were on non-council assets.

Council has been in discussions with Youth Off the Streets to look at a possible partnership project they could undertake to complete graffiti prevention murals on bus shelters involving young people from Bellambi in the design and painting of the murals.

The Bellambi Surf Club graffiti prevention mural art work is currently being scoped, with a possible artist being considered who is keen to do mosaic work for the building.

The annual Graffiti Action Day to be held on Sunday 26 October, Dapto Rotary will manage the day.

There was discussion on the possibility of partnerships with business and work for the dole (Centrelink) for removal on non-council assets.

## 9 POLICE REPORT

### ***Wollongong Area Command***

Police Biz-Safe held at Thirroul on 31 July received a lot of input with 30 plus surveys "Tell Us What You Think" filled out. We will have a stall at Spring into Corrimal plus a few vintage cars.

- Car park audits are being carried out.
- Steal from dwelling – bikes – Wollongong 12noon – 9.00pm
- Break and enters – bike shops Thirroul and Market Street, Wollongong
- Stealing from students – University of Wollongong
- Stolen vehicles – Bellambi
- Break and enter – Wollongong and Woonona
- Stealing from motor vehicles.

## 10 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

### SES&IAH

- Display in the Wollongong Central Library
- Mahjong tournament – Hepatitis C Week
- Caddy Shack Tour
- World Aid's Day
- HIV testing week – launch Tuesday morning at the clinic in Diamond Plaza

### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

Mark advised there seems to have been an increase in Graffiti lately and mentioned Beaton Park Guide Hall and around Corrimal and the free bus shelters.

### 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Mick Marshall Corrective Services NSW gave an overview of the work carried out by his officers.

There are 7 officers throughout the area which includes Wollongong to the South Coast with the Wollongong area being the busiest in NSW. They look after clients on parole, probation, community protection orders; good behaviour bonds etc. and liaise with Police constantly as they have a mutual client base.

Corrective Services are currently trying to get graffiti gangs up and running but there are funding issues to be worked around. The velodrome at Unanderra is a success story.

### 12 CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 10.40am.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Thursday 9 October 2014.

#### 2014 – Future Meeting Schedule

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
9	Outreach in Berkeley and Bellambi – Youth Off the Streets – Invite to Next Meeting		Invite to speak at the next meeting
18	Organise formal safety audit with Police around Woolworths/Diamond Plaza area.	Armando	To be actioned
<b>CLOSED ACTIONS</b>			
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.  14/8 - Explain what you are trying to achieve in a formal letter.	Armando  Scott	Completed/closed
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	Completed /closed
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.  14/8 - Education program – no starting date as yet will contact Scott when we have a date.	Lila	Closed
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. Meeting held.	Armando/ Melanie	Completed /Closed