

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT	
Cr Gordon Bradbery, Lord Mayor	Sharon White

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio	Radda Jordan
Lila Dimoski	Claire Knight

1 WELCOME

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2017.

Correction to be made to Lord Mayor surname: 'Bradbery', not *Bradbury*. – Completed
Correction to MP name in Action 8/17: 'Ryan Park MP', not *Paul Scully MP*. – Completed

5 APOLOGIES - None

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action 8/17 – After consultation with Bayside Council about their 20 CCTV units Radda had onsite consultations with their provider CCTV Hire Pty Ltd at Luke's Place in Corrimal along with a safety audit with Sharon White of Police. Radda has put forward a draft business proposal and notes that the policy must be amended to cover the mobility of these CCTVs including KPIs. Funding applications have been submitted to both Federal and State Governments for 4 mobile CCTV cameras at a cost of approximately \$50K. The sites for installation are Luke's Place Corrimal, Kanahooka Point Playground, Sandon Point and Mount Keira Summit. Lord Mayor requested fast completion of the project in line with public demand.

Lighting concerns around Luke's Place, Corrimal has seen Council trim trees that were obstructing streetlights and also lower one light so it is below, not above the sail shade which was diffusing it.

Radda and Dept of Industry - Lands & Forestry Division have agreed Council will attend to the restricted parking signage at Wollongong Harbour and then invoice the department for the work. Radda has commenced communication with Council's signage department in this regard and will follow up. Once in place Police can monitor and manage antisocial behaviour in this space.

7 SKATEBOARDERS IN THE MALL

In Angela Perkovic's absence Armando gave an overview of the main concerns. Despite signage prohibiting it, skateboarding in the Mall continues to occur. The Fountain edge artwork may be damaged if used as a skateboard rail, however skateboarders are also riding through pedestrian passages in the Mall. The Lord Mayor commented that he too witnessed a skateboarder going against the lights at great speed, causing the cars obeying the lights to break suddenly to prevent hitting him. Police reported GPT has User Charges with Police on a Thursday night and there are Taskings in the Mall a few times a week. Radda will follow up with Angela Perkovic and Sofia Gibson of GPT on recent issues and possibly statistics on peak times in order to find ways to mitigate behaviour.

8 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

The Community Safety Officer role and reporting will now be job-shared between Melanie Duncan and Radda Jordan. As a result, the day of future meetings may alternate from always Thursdays in order to benefit from both officers' presence.

Radda Jordan

Further to her work on mobile CCTV Radda gave an update on the Women's Safety Project, *I Belong in the Gong*. There is a co-design team of 5 women who will progress the project design, training, organisation and liaison with GPT and Council Security. The project will be launched in time for Harmony Day, on March 21, 2018.

The Perceptions of Safety Survey results are in the process of being analysed and Radda will have more to report on that in January 2018.

Melanie Duncan

Ability Links passed on concerns that lighting in the park near Berkeley Community Centre around the table tennis table is not lit well enough. By day there is a significantly large light pole near the table, however other lights appear to be obstructed by trees. Through previous night audit it was decided to keep the lights focussed on the walking path for safety however the area's needs may have changed. To determine the need for another night time audit could police take note of the adequacy of night time lighting when driving through the area? Maria from the Berkeley Community Centre had no feedback in that regard however commented that the lights at the back of the centre were not working. When consulted Council Facilities recalled there was a reason for this and it will be looked into.

All 7 Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) are due for renewal in September 2018. We aim to have Council reports ready for approval in late August. Melanie will set out the review program in January and the sign locations will need to be reviewed with Police. Points for police to consider in this regard would be are there any new hotspots or hotspots adjacent to existing AFZ which would benefit from being included?

9 GRAFFITI REPORT

Closest statistics to hand are 447 cases of graffiti on public property and 10 cases on private property since the last meeting. RMS's Memorial Drive and walkway walls at Woonona and Bulli continue to be very expensive for graffiti removal. Lila has liaised with Laurie from RMS who have commenced preventative measures including planting along walls and are planning murals along the walkway by various artists including Aboriginal artists. Laurie will advise Ryan Park MP to keep him abreast of preventative actions being taken.

The brick wall facing the large carpark on Bong Bong Road Dapto will have a mural by Anthony Jones of Urban Art commencing January or February 2018. As the size and scale of the mural hits a record, Council's Communications team will be approached to give the unveiling media coverage.

Essential Personnel continue to remove graffiti from affected property on a consistent but ad hoc basis and Corrective Services wish to come back on board in the new year. The new jail in Unanderra will commence removing graffiti once the MOU is finalised, the MOU is currently with our legal department for review.

The cement retaining wall near the boat ramp at Kanahooka Point is being considered as a mural site.

A Berkeley Youth Worker has requested a fresh mural on the toilet block at Berkeley near the Community Centre once Council City Works have resurfaced the deteriorating mortar and brickwork exterior. Considering the amount of work involved in the restoration and mural and the availability of other public toilets in the vicinity (eg Berkeley Hotel and the Community Centre) the Lord Mayor asked for consideration to be given as to whether the toilet block was needed at all as there was no sporting facility it was servicing and the risk of antisocial behaviour in and around it is high. Armando mentioned he would speak to Tracey Venaglia who was reviewing the accessible toilet strategy.

10 POLICE REPORT – WOLLONGONG LAC

Crime Statistics Oct–Dec 2017

Break and Enter of residential homes has increased. Offences are predominantly in Wollongong and Bulli on Wednesdays and Fridays between 6am to 6pm. Items stolen are laptops, jewellery, home entertainment and wallets. Car keys are being stolen and then subsequently the cars also. The number of affected homes and cars that were unlocked at the time is significant.

Steal from Retail Stores offences were predominately in Wollongong on peak days of Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm to 9pm. Main items stolen were clothes and alcohol and repeat locations were Best & Less, BWS, Crown Central and Woolworths. To combat the issue Wollongong Police have instigated and run operations targeting shoplifting with numerous charges laid. GPT have also organised User Charges police on Thursday nights from 5pm to 9pm.

Fraud is increasing especially fail to pays at petrol stations and the use of stolen credit cards for *payWave*.

Community Engagement

- SCARF's Destination Safe Driving Project saw Wollongong police design and deliver a Road Safety presentation on 19 October 2017 as part of the Community Road Safety Mentor training for 17 community leaders (from Syria, Iraq, Myanmar, Iran, Afghanistan and Congo). Delivered by Wollongong LAC Highway Patrol and Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, the training is supported by a Community Road Safety Grant from Transport NSW.
- National Indigenous Rugby League Championships was on 21 and 22 October.
- CAPP in LAC for SCARF Safe Driving students was on 8 November.
- Domestic Violence Victim Pamper Day at TAFE Hair and Beauty was on 11 November. Hairdressers are being educated to be receptive to signs of DV in passing conversations at work.
- White Ribbon Day BBQ at Bunnings to raise awareness of DV was on 17 November.
- Kids Wish at WIN Entertainment Centre was on 17 November.

- White Ribbon Walk was on 24 November.
- Coffee with a Cop was at Helensburgh using White Ribbon coffee cups supplied by Wollongong LAC on 30 November.
- Wollongong LAC Facebook page has hit over 17,824 Likes.

Safety Audits with Council

- Luke's Place, Corrimal.
- Wollongong Harbour.
- The Snakepit Stadium, Beaton Park.
- Apartments on Stewart Street, Wollongong.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Homelessness

Armando mentioned that the homeless people inhabiting the foreshore in front of WIN Stadium should now receiving weekly visits from Mandy Booker of the Homeless Hub and fortnightly visits from FACS and NSW Housing with the intent to ascertain if services could be offered to assist them move on to an alternative situation. Armando is going to follow up today to ensure these plans for visits had commenced.

The meeting concluded at 10.15am.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30 on Thursday, 8 February 2018.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
8/17	Vandalism in Corrimal meeting with Ryan Park MP and commercial owners Radda to start a conversation with Executive and follow it up.	Radda Jordan	Meeting held with Mobile CCTV Company
1/18	Armando to talk to Tracey Kirk-Downey to confirm that the trees adversely affecting lighting in Corrimal had been trimmed.	Armando Reviglio	
2/18	Radda to follow up with WCC's signage department for W'gong Harbour restricted parking project.	Radda Jordan	
3/18	Radda to follow up with City Centre Management team regarding skateboarders in the Mall.	Radda Jordan	
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	
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	
6/18	Sharon and Jane to assess if there are any new hotspots or hotspots in close proximity to existing AFZ that should be included in the review?	Sharon White/Jane Keating	
7/18	Armando to discuss possible removal of toilet block at Winnima Way Berkeley with Tracey Venaglia taking into consideration accessible toilets strategy.	Armando Reviglio	
8/18	Armando to follow up with Mandy Booker, FACS and NSW Housing to see if the visits to the homeless people at the WIN Stadium foreshore have commenced.	Armando Reviglio	