

# MINUTES

## COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



11AM ON 21 JUNE 2018

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PRESENT	
Anna Bruseker	Jane Keating
Sharon White	Darren Brown
Mark North	Ben Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio	Lila Dimoski
Radda Jordan	Claire Knight

- 1 WELCOME
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None
- 4 APOLOGIES – Cr Gordon Bradbery, Lord Mayor
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2018 – CONFIRMED
- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Abandoned Cars

Mark North advises that an abandoned car on Mount Ousley Road is still there and he now has photos to send to Claire who will set up a case in Councils Customer Service system to have the car removed.

### Lighting at Berkeley

The lighting at Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre was recently observed by Community Safety Officers and deemed sufficient.

- 7 LOWER TRAMWAY WALK OF BLUE MILE - PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF CCTV

Walter Galvan informed the group of Council's proposal for the introduction of CCTV coverage along the tramway shared path including outside the Continental Pools.

CCTV coverage currently exists at the North Wollongong Bathers Pavilion and at Wollongong Harbour/City Beach. There is a gap in CCTV coverage over the tramway area including outside the Continental Pools where Council's Recreation Services reports significant antisocial behaviour at night such as break and enter, thefts of bags and phones, arson, motorbikes racing on tramway and stairs, graffiti and trespassing. A safety audit of the tramway and new sea wall

construction has been conducted to review the area in the context of installing CCTV finding that CCTV may help to deter potential offenders along with identifying people who commit crime, reduce risk and may also provide additional assistance toward crowd management.

The scope of CCTV introduction works proposes 6 CCTV cameras as follows:

- A camera on the southern wall of the Pool Building, covering the walkway to the south and another camera on the northern wall of the Pool Building, covering the walkway to the north.
- A camera on the western wall of the Pool Building, covering the Cliff Road Stairs.
- Two cameras at light pole 14, one covering the North Cutting, the other the Gentleman's Pool Stairs/Rock Pool.
- One dome camera near the main pool entry.
- Extension of conduits where required at Continental Pool to access existing network.

Due to his observing cars doing burn-outs at the Harbour's Central Pier, Mark North enquired as to the clarity of the cameras. Walter confirmed they were High Resolution, infrared and able to identify at range, however it was confirmed that changes to that particular area was under the control of NSW Department of Lands.

Police enquired as to whether the complying public signage about the CCTV cameras would be installed which was confirmed, noting that the Pavilion already has existing CCTV signage for north-facing cameras.

Radda requested of Sharon a letter of support from Police in regards to the installations from Wollongong Surf Club to City Beach and surrounds.

## 8 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Radda continues to look at liquor licenses for events and conduct safety audits.

Melanie and Radda are working on a Master Plan for the Ferry Creek Corridor; the natural bushland and creek running the length from Gilmore Street to Wiseman's Park, Gwynneville between residencies on Acacia Ave and Greenacre Road. It is a stretch backing onto houses and is to be developed into a shared, public bush pathway which is already utilised by bordering residents for playgrounds, vegie patches and chook runs.

### I belong in the Gong

Dept of Justice has approved designs and a new round of ads targeting the role of Retail and Security will be run throughout July. Decals will be placed visibly in participating retail outlets as well as posters for Security guards. Council Security is also being trained in late June with 6 out of 8 being trained in culturally appropriate ways to assist victims of harassment and identifying what harassing behaviours look like. Retail will collect statistics and advise Council on whether safety is improving or not. Radda is seeking a grant to extend the I belong in the Gong campaign which will next focus on lower Crown Street, small businesses and licensed premises and there would be more ads and promotion to bars to keep patrons safe, also targeting lighting at parking stations.

### CCTV

Attorney General has approved funding for 4 temporary, rapidly deploying CCTV cameras on mobile trailers at Luke's Place, Corrimal and other targeted parks at approximately \$8K each. Robust trailers are to be made to help combat potential vandalism and will be accompanied by the usual stipulated signage. The trailers will be active in both Wollongong and Lake Illawarra LACs.

### Other

- AFZs are on track.
- Domestic Violence forum was in Dapto in June and is planned again for November and needs to be promoted to CALD Communities.

### GRAFFITI REPORT

#### Statistics since April 2018

473 cases of graffiti have been reported or removed.

Essential Personnel, Dapto Rotary, Corrective Services and Unanderra Gaol all continue to remove graffiti from non-Council assets. Unanderra Gaol are now trained to safely conduct the high-pressure chemical paint removal required for graffiti on bare brick and have started removing graffiti from Tarrawanna and Fernhill and can now also focus on sporting ovals such as Thomas Gibson Park (Thirroul), Corrimal Memorial Soccer Oval and Fred Finch Park (Berkeley) to name a few.

RMS has engaged several artists who have commenced graffiti prevention murals and green-walls on both sides of Memorial Drive, Woonona including the western walkway.

### 9 POLICE REPORT

Safety Precinct Meeting reports a new squad which is a regional resource available to Wollongong, Lake Illawarra and South Coast. They include DV arrest teams comprising 5 DV operatives which will take over for current squads called to DV reports and contribute to intelligence. Ads due to run in September.

#### Lake Illawarra LAC

Community Engagement:

- 17/4 - Berkeley Kids walk through event in the skate park.
- 24/4 - Full audit of Berkeley Coles
- 27/4 - Koori Kids & Cops Fishing Day.
- 02/5 - Tamper Resistant Screw Fitting (TRSF) Service at Dapto
- 29/5 - Coffee with a Cop (CWAC) at Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre
- 13/6 - Breakfast with the Boys and Girl in Blue (BWTBAGIB) at Berkeley Public School
- 19/6 - Interagency meeting with Housing and Council resulting in booked events, now to be held quarterly.
- 20/6 - Berkeley Neighbourhood Forum 7 (NF7) community concerns meeting. Big thanks to Armando for such effective convening.

Coming up:

- 02/7 - CWAC at Windang 10am-11am
- 05/7 - BWTBAGIB at Warrawong Public School.
- 10/7 - NAIDOC Week at Greene Street, Warrawong
- 12/7 - NAIDOC Week at Koonawarra
- 15/8 - CWAC at Port Kembla (location to be advertised)
- 27/10 – Police Open Day
- More funding has been applied for to further Breakfast with the Boys and Girls in Blue for 2018 and see it spread the engagement as far as Berkeley West and Primbee.
- Reduce Youth drug-related – video/commercial application
- Road Trauma Reduction Operation with Highway Patrol, RMS and the Crash Unit.

- Bullying/Resilience Program
- Business Safety Workshop. A big thank you to Council for being the only other invited agency to attend.
- July - Active Citizens Program
- Principal's Forum
- Facebook page Likes continue to rise.

### Wollongong LAC

#### Crime Statistics May – June 2018

- Steal from Retail have decreased for this period. Offences are primarily in the suburbs of Wollongong, Figtree and Fairy Meadow, occurring predominantly on weekdays between 12pm and 9pm. Items stolen are clothing, household and personal items. To combat this issue Wollongong Police have instigated and run operations targeting shoplifting and have made numerous charges. LPO's are having issues with people now bringing their own recycle bags into the store as plastic bags are now obsolete and items cannot be seen as it is not transparent. GPT have also organised User Charges police on Thursday nights from 5.30pm – 9.30pm.
- Fraud is also trending upwards especially Fail to Pays at petrol stations and the use of stolen credit cards, using *payWave* giving unauthorised access to funds via withdrawals and purchases of goods online. Scams are also increasing and people are being taken advantage of.

#### Community Engagement

- 02/5 – Meet and greet with the Chinese student body – a presentation with the Fire Brigade and then a meet and greet and engagement. Interaction on UOW Campus – Chinese students have been historically difficult to engage. Promotion of safety video and home safety magnets designed for the Asian Students.
- 08/5 – State-wide CWAC – 60 residents attended the morning at Seaside IRT, Police and the community enjoyed coffee and a chat in the lounge area.
- 14-18/5 – Work experience program organised with 6 young people from local high school.
- 23/5 – Wear it orange day supporting SES.
- 28/5 – Whole of command taskings engaged elderly residents by providing them with helpline number magnets and encouraged them to call as the elderly often feel a burden and are reluctant to call when they help the help they're entitled to. Safely home and next of kin program information in Myuna Way and Johansen Crescent.
- 01/6 – Reconciliation Walk Bellambi.
- 14/6 – Bellambi Check In Community Engagement.
- 20/6 – Refugee activities at the Town Hall and dinner held by SCARF.

## 10 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

### Watershed

Anna Bruseker reported that their Day Program has moved; formerly opposite Wollongong Train Station, they are now Level 3, 99 Kenny Street, Wollongong. As Wellways are also in the same centre, it's great for mutual clients.

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### Police

Sharon announced they have a progressive new Commander, Supt Chris Craner.

Darren Brown raised the issue of Myuna Way NSW Housing Estate which is experiencing high levels of crime and antisocial behaviour from residents and visitors. As there are also high numbers of children and elderly living there, Police enquired as to whether they could work together with Council to help improve the safety of the estate which is seeing very high numbers of calls daily to Police for help. Graffiti could be removed as volunteers would be standing on public land to remove it from the playground walls. Claire will send Lila some site photos. Armando mentioned that an interagency meeting much like the NF7 at Berkeley should be arranged to assist the housing estate community and police and the helpline/contact information collected from the Berkeley NF7 could also be shared with Myuna Way residents. Ideally, the initial meeting would be smaller with Police, Council and Housing NSW and residents, with a view to incorporating SYFS into future meetings as they are very closely located to that estate and have a vast range of services. Armando will attend to arranging another meeting for Myuna Way (NF5) as he did with Berkeley NF7.

## 12 NEXT MEETING

9.30am, Tuesday, 7 August 2018.

## 13 CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 10.50am.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Tuesday 7 August 2018.

**ACTION SUMMARY**

Item	Action	Officer	Status
<b>11/18</b>	Mark to send Claire photos of abandoned vehicle and an Endeavour Energy box so she can lodge a case in KANA for Regulation & Enforcement to action.	Claire Knight	Completed 29/06/18. KANA Case No. 101000148840. Mark North informed 3/7/18.
<b>14/18</b>	Sharon to send a letter of support for CCTV installation along the shared tramway path outside the Continental Pools.	Sharon White	
<b>15/18</b>	Domestic Violence forums to be promoted to CALD Communities	Radda Jordan	
<b>16/18</b>	Lila to look into Community Partnership Volunteer graffiti removal at Myuna Way Housing Estate.	Lila Dimoski	
<b>17/18</b>	Armando to arrange a NF5 Community Concerns Interagency meeting for residents of Mangerton/Myuna Way Housing Estate.	Armando Reviglio	