

# MINUTES

## COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON 5 DECEMBER 2013

PRESENT	
Mark North	Scott Lockhart

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio – Coordinator Community Partnerships and Safety	Lila Dimoski – Community Development Worker
Melanie Duncan – Community Safety Officer	Nina Trad Azam – Social Work Student
Angela Perkovic – City Centre Ops Coordinator	Annie Edgar – Administration Support Officer (Minutes)

- 1 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery, Mary Paterson, Anna Bruseker, Margaret Purcell
- 2 WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Armando welcomed all to the meeting and gave an acknowledgement of country.
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.
- 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2013  
Accepted
- 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES  
Under Age Drinking Project – Wollongong is flagged as the next location for consideration following Kiama. Review of Kiama pilot project will occur in the next twelve months.  
As there were many apologies for this meeting it was decided to hold over the presentation on NAVITAS and other support services for refugees / new arrivals until the next meeting of the Reference Group.
- 6 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE  
Safer Spaces Project Warrawong – the design is under way. There is a proposal for a bubbler with further conversations to occur to confirm this. Council Safety Officer is currently liaising with Westfield regarding the display of graffiti education posters on the back of toilet doors.  
White Ribbon Day - against domestic violence towards women - was successful with a possibility of a walk next year as a community event.  
CDAT – Council has heard no more on transition to the new auspice agency.

Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) – All AFZs are due for review in 2014, Council will liaise with police closely and will attend neighbourhood forums to discuss re-establishment process. It was determined in conjunction with Wollongong Police that there was not enough evidence to support a new AFZ in the Northern Suburbs as was made in a recent request .

Crime Prevention Policy endorsed by Council at its meeting of 25 November 2013.

TAFE students – Council participated in a small Drink Drive TAFE event and sought feedback on where people park if going out in Wollongong at night.

Police Safety Multicultural Forum – it was successful event with 80 people attending. Feedback from event will help plan for future forums and be reported back to the attendees.

Equal playing fields tournament moved to 10 December – Lord Mayor will be speaking at the tournament and Council Officers will be asking social planning questions.

Youth Off the Streets – Outreach in Berkley have been invited to the first meeting next year.

Melanie introduced Nina Trad Azam our Social Work Student who is doing preliminary research to conduct a Perceptions of Safety survey in 2014. It is anticipated the survey will be delivered mid-year in 2014 and help to measure the communities perception of safety across the LGA.

## GRAFFITI REPORT

During July to November 2013 there were 1818 reports of graffiti of which 1282 were on Council assets and 519 on non-Council assets. There have been increasing reports of graffiti at the Guest Park skate park, Thirroul and Bellambi Surf Club.

There was discussion on the need for a list of commissioned art in our LGA as some walls are commissioned by GPT and some by Council. Sue Bessell in Cultural Services may have such a list. If it looks like a mural Council do not remove until a check is carried out with the asset owner.

Keep this as an on-going action item to establish a mechanism to set up a spreadsheet of murals recording private, GPT and Council murals. An art trail of Graffiti Works such as Wonder Walls / Smug could be created.

Youth Centre's legal youth wall (from 3 meters up) to start shortly, an artist to workshop with the young people to develop a theme to place mural in this part of the wall.

Corrective Services community partnership rapid removal service has been expanded across the southern suburbs of Wollongong.

The Graffiti Management Policy has been adopted by Council on 25 November 2013.

Berkeley murals project is ongoing, each of the 5 groups has its own panel with their theme, and it has been a very positively received project by the Berkeley community.

## 7 POLICE REPORT

No Police representatives attended this meeting. Wollongong police forwarded a report via email following the meeting. The comments reported that crime has been static however police are still experiencing issues regarding steal from motor vehicle. There have also been a couple of large parties requiring police to assist with dispersing crowds and it is anticipated to be a busy weekend with the Santa Pub Crawl. Break and enters are mainly occurring via access to properties from rear doors or windows. Stealing of property is also occurring in rear yards or in unsecured garden sheds or garages. Mail theft was occurring around Smith Street Wollongong,

volunteers have done a letter box drop to highlight this issue with residents and give safety information.

## 8 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

### **City Centre**

There is a problem area in the Mall where people are congregating and on occasions being abusive to each other or people passing by. It is anticipated that some of the people congregating may be methadone users. This group is also ignoring no smoking requests and are being rude to security and some retailers. It was suggested to talk to the Wesley Church, the chemist and engage a group who provides outreach services to see if they can engage with this group of people to encourage them to enjoy the public space but not to undertake antisocial behaviours that negatively impact on other people using the space.

Three trees have been vandalised in the Mall.

### **Community Representative**

There was a general discussion on Council's workplace health and safety policy.

### **SESIAH**

Discussion on LGBT Safe Places, light up the lighthouse on Aids Day and screening mobile tent. Feedback was given that the HARP monthly newsletter is well put together and has great information in it.

## 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Liaison will occur to confirm if the meeting times suit everyone for next year and when organised Council will send out agenda and meeting dates for next year.

*Merry Christmas & Thank You*

The meeting concluded at 10.30AM.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held on a date to be advised.

### ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
3/13	Under Age Drinking Project – Wollongong next on list, another year away.	M Duncan	Completed
4/13	Agenda item Navitas + Other Support Agencies – carried over to first meeting in 2014	M Duncan	Next meeting
5/13	Spreadsheet of Public Art Sites in the LGA	A Reviglio	Asap