

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 2017

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| PRESENT | |
| Sharon White | Lee Paterson |
| Maxyne Graham | |

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| IN ATTENDANCE | |
| Tracey Kirk-Downey – Community Partnerships and Safety Coordinator (Acting) | Radda Jordan – Community Safety Officer |
| Lila Dimoski – Graffiti Management Project Officer | Claire Knight – Administration (Minutes) |

- 1 WELCOME
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
- 3 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery, Mark North and Jane Keating.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil.
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 APRIL 2017 – Deferred to next meeting, 10 August 2017.
- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – Nil.

7 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Orana House Detoxification Centre, formerly located in Port Kembla before its closure, is reopening as The Orana Centre on Rawson Street, Wollongong at the end of June. Maxyne said she would like to go to the opening and Radda will send Sharon White and Lee Paterson the Illawarra Forum newsletter for more information.

The Methadone Clinic on Denison Street, Wollongong will be relocating to a location yet to be revealed. A discussion followed on the impact this may have on the new location's area and on the pros and cons of methadone patients effectively accessing their products via their local chemists instead of having to access treatment at specific clinic. The pros are that the need to travel and congregate in one place would be eliminated. The cons are that their use and progress would not be assessed by a doctor if prescriptions could be filled at a chemist. Another drawback could be concern from general public customers may see them avoid some chemists in areas with high levels of methadone customers. We await further news on the new clinics location and opening date.

Radda has done Safety Audits of:

- Hill 60, Port Kembla
- Allen Street Precinct, Port Kembla (Play Preschool)
- Unanderra Skate Park, Central Road, Unanderra
- Dapto Square
- Playground at Lakeside Drive, Kanahooka

Radda and Tracey advised that there have been continuing reports from nearby residents of the new playground at Lakeside Drive, Kanahooka of incidents of graffiti, vandalism, arson, drug paraphernalia and antisocial behaviour transpiring at night, consequently negatively impacting on the park's condition and safety for children and families during the day. Residents say they have been reporting the behaviour as it is happening, so Lee said he will check for those reports and arrange for the police car taskforce to start patrolling the area at night.

The Perception of Safety Survey will be conducted from 17 July to 20 August 2017. Council is sending the survey via email to participants. Radda enquired whether Police could post it on their Facebook page. Police said the best course to take would be to post it on Council's Facebook and then Police could then Share it on their Facebook pages which keeps the survey under Council's brand which Radda agreed to do.

Sharon requested Radda send the Free Nights video link to be sent to her.

Tracey Kirk-Downey congratulated Radda on the survey and thanked her for all her work towards it.

8 GRAFFITI REPORT

Lila reported that Corrective Services have left the Graffiti Prevention Community Partnership due to a shortage of staff. Essential Personnel and Dapto Rotary continue to remove graffiti from numerous sites around, however Council's graffiti trailer needs maintenance which she is attending to.

Traffic Control Box Murals project comes to an end 30 June 2017.

Anti-graffiti murals are being planning for structures in Thomas Gibson Park and also for the commercial buildings and laneways sites on Thirroul's and Fairy Meadow's highways which are most affected by repeated attacks of graffiti.

There were 555 cases of graffiti from beginning of April to date. 521 reports of graffiti were on Council assets, and 29 reports were on privately owned assets. 5 private cases were given graffiti removal kits.

9 LAKE ILLAWARRA POLICE (LAC) REPORT

Crime Review

Steal from motor vehicle offences continue to be a major crime concern with the majority of incidents occurring in Dapto and involving vehicles that are unlocked at the time.

Registration plate theft continues and police held a Tamper Resistant Screw Fitting stall at Bunnings Wollongong to assist in the prevention of plates being so easily removed for the purposes of committing further crimes.

Recent Events

Coffee with a Cop will be held on:

- 4 July (10am – 11am) at Foundry Café, 132 Wentworth Street, Port Kembla.
- 1 August (10am – 11am) at Berkeley Cakes & Pies, 36 Winnima Way, Berkeley.
- Alexander's Café, 102 Princes Highway, Dapto. (10am – 11am). Date yet to be set.

Lee Paterson has now replaced Jason Harrison as Community Safety Officer and Jane Keating returns from leave on 19 June.

10 WOLLONGONG POLICE (LAC) REPORT

Crime Review – May 2017

Steal from Retail Stores

- There were 46 incidents in May. Hardest hit were Wollongong and Fairy Meadow Coles. Most offences happened between 9am and 3pm Tuesday and Friday with liquor, clothing and jewellery being the main items stolen. 10 charges have been laid.
- Police are still working with GPT shopkeepers and a number of offenders have been stealing from Myers and Best & Less, stashing the stolen goods in McCabe Park, then returning to the stores to steal more.

Steal from a Motor Vehicle

- There were 33 incidents in May, primarily in Wollongong and Woonona. The majority of incidents happen between 3pm and 6am on Saturday and Sunday.
- There is a trend towards keys stolen from cars then being used to break, enter and steal from the victims' houses or keys stolen from house thefts then being used to steal the victims' cars as well.

Recent Events

- Jane advised that the Park Smart Competition launched in schools was won by Oak Flats Public School. The winning video can be viewed on the website or Police's Facebook page.
- The BBQ with Housing NSW in conjunction with various services including FACS and Police was held at Winnima Way Complex.
- Tamper Resistant Screw Fitting pop-up stalls were held at Horsley and Dapto between 27 April and 25 May 2017.
- Jane met with Multicultural Dementia Support Group in Cringila to discuss crime prevention and personal safety.
- The Commanders Active Citizen Project sees schools nominate students to attend Mount Kosciuszko Summit Camp Challenge.
- Police attended the Thirroul Seaside and Arts Festival in April.
- Rima Elhage of Wollongong LAC participated in Dance for Cancer, raising funds and awareness for Cancer Council NSW to continue to provide the Illawarra with local cancer support services. Congratulations to Rima who alone raised \$ 21,736.44 and together the event raised \$146,231.01 to directly help those living with cancer in our Community.
- Police held a Tamper Resistant Screw Fitting stall at Bunnings Wollongong on 28 May to assist in the prevention of plates being so easily removed for the purposes of committing further crimes.
- Police participated in Cops on Campus with International students at UOW.
- RECON Walk is an in-house treatment and reconditioning service provided to officers recovering from injury.

11 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Maxyne Graham - Warrawong Residents Forum

Maxyne reported older kids have been breaking into the Warrawong Community Centre. Against advice a resident has been chasing them off.

Maxyne queried the correct protocol for approaching and assisting mentally unstable individuals and those at immediate risk to themselves or others. She reports she has been told by ARAFMI and other mental health teams that the correct procedure was to call the Ambulance Service for safe physical negotiation and transportation of individuals who will then be taken to hospital. It was confirmed that at present that was the correct procedure.

Maxyne participates in providing community lunches three days a week, funded solely by grants which finish on 15 December 2017. She will continue this service as long as possible after that date and notes that Oz Harvest is already a contributing resource assisting the continuation of the service.

The funding the Neighbourhood Centre receives from FACS is now referred to as Targeted Early Intervention Program (TEIP) and will now have a focus on 0-3 years of age and can include children up to age 14. In order for the service to continue to receive this funding they will be required to offer services that include a focus on 0-3 years. This new funding arrangement will be effective from 2018.

12 NEXT MEETING

9.30am on Thursday, 10 August 2017 in Level 10, Committee Room 1.

The meeting concluded at 10.35am.

Minutes for 13 April and 8 June to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Wednesday.

Future Meeting Dates

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| 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 |
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| 1/17 | Little Free Pantry – free food Illawarra – Pantry boxes – Radda to feedback potential problems to Food Fairness | Radda Jordan | |
| 2/17 | Radda to send Maxyne, Sharon White and Lee Paterson the Illawarra Forum | Radda Jordan | Complete |
| 3/17 | Radda to post Perceptions of Safety Survey on Council's webpage and Facebook, tagging both Lake Illawarra and Wollongong Police LAC's Facebook pages so the police can in turn share the survey on their social media pages under Council's brand. | Radda Jordan | |
| 4/17 | Sharon requested Radda to send the Free Nights video link to Sharon White of Police | Radda Jordan | |
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