

# MINUTES

## COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY, 9 JUNE 2016

PRESENT	
Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbery	Mark North
Maxyne Graham	Jane Keating
Elisa Barnes	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Radda Jordan – Community Safety Officer	Claire Knight – Administrative Support Officer

- 1 WELCOME – Chair.
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Chair.
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.
- 4 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Anna Bruseker Community Representative, Sharon White of NSW Police, Armando Reviglio and Lila Dimoski.
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2016 – Confirmed.
- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The parking surrounding Stuart Park and Novotel North Beach is currently restricted at night. A resolution was to take the issue to the Traffic Committee and the Lord Mayor confirmed it was a motion supported by Council.

Disabled parking spots in Helensburgh are being occupied by non-permit holders. Radda has since contacted Kevin Savage, Ranger Services Coordinator in this regard.

### 7 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Draft Community Safety (DCS) Plan 2016 – 2020 and Snapshot are on Exhibition for June and due for adoption in August when it goes before Council. It is then sent to NSW Justice to be endorsed as a Community Compact which will provide Council with the opportunity to seek funding annually over the life of the Plan.

Wollongong Liquor Accord and Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) have the Hassle Free Night with TAFE attempting to address late night transport issues by disseminating information about transport options. Liquor and Gaming NSW replaces OLGR. They can provide Snapshots and videos of ideas on their website of what others throughout NSW are doing to reduce alcohol related violence from 1 July 2016.

Berkeley Safer Spaces Project NSW Justice funded. There is new bench seating near the old prawn and boats, a mural and garden bed in Winnima Way Plaza. There is now a stone seat to be painted and seats in place near Community Centre. Mid July ping pong table arrives. Community Gardens are happening in mid-July. There will be a Celebration of Berkeley

happening, including a ping-pong tournament 1 – 5 August 2016 which will be promoted with posters and flyers, circulated to Police, Community Centres and Youth Workers. Chalk board “As I Age” will be set up. New Youth Worker Owen Taylor is working 25 hrs a week.

Bellambi – Rubbish has been removed. There have also been two Safety Group meetings. The Community Fund Submission result is still outstanding (since April).

## 8 GRAFFITI REPORT

April to June 2016 (Cases)

- April non-Council - 304 Council - 174
- May non-Council - 234 Council - 383
- June non-Council - 269 Council - 279

## 9 POLICE REPORT

Lake Illawarra Area Command.

Welcome to Jane Keating as Lake Illawarra Crime Prevention Officer.

### Crime statistics for May to June 2016

- Warrawong is worst hit for Malicious Damage of Property and Vandalism (not necessarily graffiti, just destruction of property) and Retail Theft, with liquor still being the main item stolen.
- Berkeley is the worst hit for Theft from a Motor Vehicle offences; however 79% of those cars were unlocked. Despite extensive media awareness campaigns via letter box drops and Facebook, the community are still leaving valuables in their cars and/or their cars unlocked. Parking cars in driveways, carports or garages does not mean they are secure. Insurance companies still pay when the vehicle is unlocked.
- Credit Card Fraud also continues to be a problem in these areas as a flow-on effect from wallets and purses being stolen from cars. To assist the identification of offenders Crime Prevention packages have been sent out to all service stations with tips including suggestions that the public don't use PayPass between midnight and 6am, as this is the main time the incidents of fraud occur and the easiest and most common method used with stolen cards.
- Warrawong, Berkeley and Dapto still have the highest incidents of Residential Break and Enter, however the figures dropped during May.
- Friday is the worst day for Malicious Damage of Property offences, followed by Saturday and Sunday. Wednesday is the peak day for Steal from Motor Vehicle offences.
- Safer By Design course is completed – CPO.

### Community Engagements

- Coffee with a Cop was highly successful in Dapto and Dapto Mall were very happy with Police for holding it there.
- Police attended Sorry Day at Dapto which was a great day and Police presence was appreciated.
- Horsley Community Day was attended by Police and VIPs in the Crime Prevention Van.
- Horsley Youth Centre visits – Youth Liaison Officer (YLO).
- Police page has hit over 13,000 Likes on Facebook.
- Jane applying for sponsorship for their Crime Prevention Van to be revitalised.
- Warrawong Coffee with a Cop proposed for 30 June and Maxyne and Jane will liaise to fine tune details.

Next week/month

- Elder Abuse Talk – Wollongong Council.
- Dapto Rotary Talk.
- Samara's Ramadan Dinners.
- Nan Tien Temple Talk.
- NAIDOC Week.

(Lord Mayor Bradbery apologised when he had to leave the meeting early. Radda thanked him for his continued support).

## 10 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Corrective Services – Elise Barnes

Elise reported that they would have a graffiti-removal crew of five to six people available for half a day on Fridays, which would provide between 7 – 25 hours of service. The members of the crews wouldn't vary however the best, most reliable performers would be given the leadership opportunity to train new workers. Claire confirmed there would be plenty of work for them.

Community Representative – Mark North

Mark mentioned that a product called 'Graffiti Magic', available from Hounds at Unanderra, worked wonders on old and new oil-based graffiti. He offered to bring some in and demonstrate his effectiveness, but mentioned water-based graffiti was harder to remove. He also noted that as it was very slippery, it was important to remember this when used over tiles.

Mark also notes that safety on trains is troublesome. He personally experienced an incident recently, however there was no security around to assist in placating the offenders.

Warrawong Residents Forum – Maxyne Graham

The problem of the kids aged 14 – 16 years who have been terrorising Warrawong residents including riding motorbikes up and down stairwells is ongoing. Their uncle who is living with the children has been spoken to and while he was willing to provide whatever guidance he could, he denies he has much influence. A meeting with Police, FACS, DOCS and Housing was held however residential attendance was low because it is alleged that the children threatened residents with repercussion if they attended. Maxyne spoke to one of the kids who denied any involvement and dismissed her appeal to cease their disruptive behaviour. There is a North Coast DOCS program that Tina McGhee from Myimbarr could send them to. Maxyne has put a FACS flyer under doors. Their father is living there illegally and the tenants fear him and as a result, do not communicate effectively with authorities. This is an ongoing issue and all relevant agencies have attended meetings and put systems in place to change the situation, which is a long term one.

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Radda reported that Julie left CDAT and that there was not much happening on that front. Paper bags stencilled with a message it is illegal to sell alcohol to minors. People interested are to contact the bag manufacturers. These bags are for liquor stores and bottle shops. Maxyne will pay on invoices. Just do the paper bags and police will get VIPs to send them out.

Maxyne will ring Australia Drug Foundation and find out who the worker for this area is and when the next meeting will be called. She will also find out about invoicing and ordering these bags.

Radda has started a project with TAFE designing posters, coasters and decal stickers with a QR code linked to public transport (buses, cabs, ferries) for the Hassle Free night. Mobile phone charging stations in clubs to increase safety is another option being investigated by TAFE students.

There is a Local Government Community Safety and Crime Prevention Network (LGCSCP) conference at Sage Hotel on Monday and Tuesday 15 and 16 August. Registrations are open now and Council's website has a link to the registration page. Radda will send Jane the information.

## 12 NEXT MEETING

Minutes will be confirmed at the next meeting, held at 9.30am on Thursday 11 August 2016.

## 13 CLOSE

Meeting concluded at 11am.

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### ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
3/16	Bring – Identity/Security Theft - to the agenda at the LGCP conference.	Radda	In action
5/16	Request in writing to NSW Police for the suicide report.	Armando and Lord Mayor	
6/16	LM to contact CEO NSW Health re consultation as to the next premises of Drug and Alcohol Wollongong Offices.	Armando and Lord Mayor	
7/16	Link Wollongong Council's Community Safety Facebook page to Police Facebook pages.	Radda Jordan	
8/16	Maxyne and Jane to collaborate on Coffee with a Cop, Warrawong. Sharon to email Maxyne.	Maxyne Graham and Jane Keating	
9/16	Mark North will bring in some Graffiti Magic to demonstrate its effectiveness in removing graffiti.	Mark North	
10/16	Radda to send Jane Keating information about LGCSCP conference info.	Radda Jordan	