

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2016

PRESENT	
Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbery	Mark North
Elisa Barnes	Jane Keating

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio – Coordinator Community Partnerships & Safety	Radda Jordan – Community Safety Officer
Jan Noble – Branch Libraries & Community Facilities Manager	Tania Martin – Admin Support Officer

- 1 WELCOME
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - Chair
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None Declared
- 4 APOLOGIES – Sharon White, NSW Police, Maxyne Graham – Warrawong Residents Forum and Lila Dimoski – Graffiti Management Project Officer
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2016 – Confirmed
- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - None
- 7 HELENSBURGH LIBRARY – Jan Noble

Jan reported that Council have a network of 7 libraries and that most of these have CCTV externally and internally. These libraries are Council assets and we provide services for patrons of the libraries whose safety needs to be considered along with staff's work, health and safety needs and protection of a Council asset - building.

Currently, Helensburgh library has no CCTV in place. Council has a CCTV policy which outlines procedures to be followed when considering installing a new CCTV. A part of those procedures is to bring the request for CCTV at this site to this Reference Group for discussion. A risk assessment on site has been completed in terms of implementing security measures for staff, patrons of the library, operating procedures i.e duress button, lighting and signage.

A NSW Police safety audit was completed on 14 July 2016 and it was recommended that CCTV be introduced to the Library to improve safety for everyone who uses or works in the facility. Normally there is only one staff member on at a time but now Helensburgh has a program of two staff at certain times. To have CCTV installed would give staff members confidence of safety in

the building during operating hours as well as exiting the library late at night heading to their car in the car park.

Members of the Reference Group supported the proposed installation of CCTV at the site based on the information provided and the Safety audit that was conducted.

8 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Berkeley Safer Spaces Project – The new table tennis table (made of steel) has been installed at Berkeley and is the first area in the LGA to have one. Of interest is that outdoor table tennis will be included in the 2020 Olympic Games and the sport was launched at the Rio 2016 Olympics using the same type of table we have installed. This is a great asset and an excellent way to activate all ages to join in. Unfortunately due to the heavy amount of rain last week the celebration event planned for 5 August was postponed to a later date.

The Community Safety Plan 2016-2020 was adopted by Council at its 25 July 2016 meeting. We are now seeking endorsement from the Attorney General's Department for it to be eligible for Compact Funding opportunities. We are seeking letters of support for the Community Safety Plan from our two local LAC Superintendents Mr Devlin and Mr Cassar.

Bellambi – Radda has met with the Community Safety group again regarding cleaning up the area to make it feel safer. A new mentoring program has been implemented by Wollongong Police where Community Champions complete a TAFE Cert II in mentoring to support them around work they do in Bellambi which can then in turn helps NSW Police. This program should go ahead in Term 4 in October 2016.

The Local Government Community Safety and Crime Prevention Conference will be held here in Wollongong next week on 15 and 16 August and the Lord Mayor will open the conference. There is a contingent of 14 people from the South Korean CPTED Association who will be attending. A part of the conference program is to take people on a Walking Tour of the City. It is mainly to showcase actions that have increased safety in the city including public art, the increase of small bars and structural/landscaping in the Mall.

To discourage fighting see #fistsdown – This is in response to bare knuckle fighting and is being endorsed by Commander Kyle Stewart from NSW Police.

Armando congratulated Radda on her great efforts for completing the Community Safety Plan 2016-2020 well within the time frame given to her.

9 GRAFFITI REPORT

Data in July/August 2016 - Council assets 258 cases reported - non council 509 cases reported.

Total of 760 cases reports -

Council will be participating in the state-wide Graffiti Action Day in October in partnership with Dapto Rotary and at this stage we are looking at holding it at Guest Park, Fairy Meadow. .

The Lord Mayor outlined that there is a lot of graffiti along Lake Avenue Cringila. Lila will drive out to assess and complete a report on it.

10 POLICE REPORT

Lake Illawarra LAC – Jane Keating

Stealing from motor vehicle is still the main issue as vehicles are frequently being left unlocked with valuables in view.

Community Engagements:

Northcliffe Drive, Port Kembla – is a major location for anti-social behaviour, neighbouring disputes and Department of Housing issues. Event had a good response and turn out. Incidents go on but Police don't get informed.

Winnima Way Berkeley is another hotspot with car burn outs and criminals congregating in this area. Jane mentioned that it is hard to change people's views because of a dislike in general for the Police. Large scale drug supply of a methamphetamine syndicate was apprehended two days ago – arrests were made. Also two escapees arrested and a big result of that came from Police Facebook page.

Staffing Update – Jane advised that Ben Walsh is indefinitely on another strike force – Jason Harrison is in another position in Police and Scott Lockhart is now the Youth Liaison Officer. Laurie Handley is taking Scott's position as of now. Jane is on a course for a week in September followed by a few weeks annual leave will be back in October. Police have a busy month scheduled for October, Police Opening Day and Relay for Life in Kiama.

Another issue raised in the meeting was the traffic congestion in Northcliffe Drive – due to cars parking and shining their lights onto the Skate Park. Jane will pass that information onto Police tasking to monitor.

Wollongong LAC - Sharon White's Report was read out by Radda

Crime statistics for June to August 2016

Break and enters of non-dwellings were very high for this period, especially in schools. The offences were evenly spread throughout Wollongong LAC. The offences occurred predominately on Thursday and Saturdays between 3.00pm and 9.00pm. Items stolen are ipads, money and food related items.

- Steal from motor vehicles is well over Wollongong LAC target. The offences are occurring predominately on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays between the times of 3.00pm to 12.00am. Figtree, Woonona and Wollongong are the main suburbs being targeted. The offences are occurring both day and night. Entry is being gained via unlocked doors, by forcing locks and smashing windows.
- Steal from motor vehicle packages are being sent to all reported victims of theft. This includes information on how to keep your vehicle safe.
- Fraud continues to be a problem with the majority being "failed to pay" at service stations and McDonalds. Wollongong LAC has also had quite a few instances of counterfeit notes being used throughout retail outlets.

Community Engagements:

- Wollongong LAC launched the Getting Along in Wollongong DVD. There were two versions created.
- Getting Along in Wollongong - International Students
- University of Wollongong staff and the local emergency services are here to help you stay safe. Watch this important video to learn what to do in an emergency and how to stay safe on campus, at the beach and in the community.
- Getting Along in Wollongong - Community

- Wollongong Police welcome you to the local area and aim to keep you and your family safe. Watch this important video to learn what to do in an emergency, how to report crime and how to stay safe in your home, at the beach and in the community.

The video was created by the Wollongong Local Area Command as part of the NSW Police Force. This project was proudly supported by the IMB Bank Community Foundation.

- Law week presentation at UOW
- IFTAR Dinners at Samaras Woonona 26 and 27 June 2016
- Corrimal Uniting Church Garden Club Seniors presentation
- Elder Abuse at WCC
- 'O' Week at University of Wollongong
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Fun Day at the Discovery Centre at UOW
- Police page has hit over 12,000 likes on Facebook.

11 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Corrective Services Graffiti Cleaning Community Partnership – Elisa Barnes

Elisa mentioned that they have been focusing on Bennelong Street in Bulli and walkways and bike tracks more in the northern suburbs. Offenders see it as a positive experience because they are told it looks better from people in the community. Lila has made sure that there are before and after photos as part of the cleaning up process and it shows proof of the work being done. Elisa explained that the overall feedback response was that there is a sense of feeling proud.

Elisa mentioned that Unanderra Jail has a new manager who is keen get new partnerships working within the community up and running. Her name is Faith Satcher and Armando has said he will follow this up with her. Unanderra Jail holds up to 60/70 inmates. Also speaking to Mike Mckeon to take on additional tasks – and Council expand in what we do

Community Representative – Mark North

Mark gave a demonstration on how Graffiti Magic works which is a product from Hounds in Unanderra. He sprayed the solution onto two tiles which contained graffiti, one was a brass and the other a stainless steel. The solution worked very well, the graffiti started to come off very easily and there was no odour to the spray.

Mark also mentioned on his way in he parked close to where graffiti had recently occurred in Lang Park, Belmore Basin on Cliff Road. The graffiti was on a private fence which he said he would contact the owners of the property to see if he could remove it with his product. He would contact Council to advise us of the outcome.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

None mentioned.

The meeting concluded at 11.00am.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Thursday 13 October 2016

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
3/16	Bring – Identity/Security Theft - to the agenda at the LGCP conference.	Radda	Completed
5/16	Request in writing to NSW Police for the suicide report.	Armando and Lord Mayor	Completed
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	Completed
7/16	Link Wollongong Council's Community Safety Facebook page to Police Facebook pages.	Radda Jordan	Completed
8/16	Maxyne and Jane to collaborate on Coffee with a Cop, Warrawong. Sharon to email Maxyne.	Maxyne Graham and Jane Keating	Completed
9/16	Mark North will bring in some Graffiti Magic to demonstrate its effectiveness in removing graffiti.	Mark North	Completed
10/16	Radda to send Jane Keating information about LGCSCP conference info.	Radda Jordan	Completed
11/16	Armando to follow up with Unanderra Jail Manager of Security - Faith Suchet.	Armando Reviglio	
9/16	Assess graffiti along Lake Avenue Cringila to determine what actions can be taken.	Lila Dimoski	