

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2015

PRESENT	
Lord Mayor, Cr Gordon Bradbery	Mark North
Mark Devine	Scott Lockhart

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio	Melanie Duncan
Lila Dimoski	Tania Martin, Admin Support (Minutes)

- 1 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Linda O'Donnell, Anna Bruseker and Jason Harrison
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared
- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2015 - CONFIRMED
- 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
Amendment to the budget of \$48,500 for safer spaces project – should be corrected to \$46,300
- 5 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE
 - Mel presented data on the Wollongong BOCSAR 2014 Crime statistics and graphs depicting information from the Perception of Safety Survey – Presentation of the crime statistics attached, data from the Perceptions of Safety Survey to be provided to the Reference group following Councillor notification. Some of the most challenging suburbs reside in Lake Illawarra Area Command. The two-year trend shows an increase in Steal from dwelling. There has been a significant increase in bicycle theft in Wollongong with approximately 400 stolen in 2014. Residents are reminded to lock garages, take photos of bicycles and record serial numbers.
 - New AFZ signs were placed in Burelli Street Bus stop, Warrawong and near Berkeley Hotel. Discussions with police are underway with regards to a small area in Stanwell Park proposed for an AFZ.
 - A safety audit was conducted in Guest Park with Wollongong Police and internal Council meeting organised to address Council matters in this area. Wollongong Police have also assisted with reviewing a light near Towradgi Park.
 - Awaiting written confirmation regarding NSW Crime Prevention Funding from the NSW Department of Justice.
 - ICADV – Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence, dates to remember: 14 July Speed Networking Event at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 29 September Reclaim the Night event in Wollongong, 25 November White Ribbon Day Walk in Stuart Park.

- Wollongong City Council assisted in supporting the CDAT Talking Tactics program parent night at Mt Kembla School on 11 June and parent information seminar on 15 June both targeting drugs and alcohol.
- Wollongong City Council presented the opportunity to the Liquor Accord 2 June to consider education for young people as a proposal to use the remaining Hassle Free Nights OLGR funds.
- LGCSCP – Local Government Community Safety Crime Prevention Network are considering organising a Safety Conference in March 2016. Wollongong is one location that will be considered
- Bike Safety Week is held in September each year. Council will be in contact with NSW Police to negotiate if an activity can assist with mitigating bike theft and raising awareness.
- In response to request at the previous meeting stray trolleys should be reported to 1800 641 497 www.trolleytracker.com.au

6 GRAFFITI REPORT

- Corrective Services have sent MOU Document to Legal for approval.
- Essential Personnel on track to come on board to help soon.
- Offering the public graffiti wipes and general information of advice to remove graffiti from property.
- Awaiting feedback from Corrective Services for community partnership one day a week.
- Discussed bus shelter project re murals. A meeting was held to ascertain when this could start up again.. Allocation of money to pay for artist – positive feedback to reduce the amount of graffiti.
- Guest Park – using same philosophy as Bellambi Surf Club.

7 POLICE REPORT

Wollongong Area Command

- The response to the BOCSAR statistics is that Retail theft and Fraud are on the rise. Some of this can be attributed to the retail and banking industry not improving their measures or confronting people.
- Some issues regarding the bottle shop on Flinders – no security staff on site.
- Pay Wave Card – can be used at least 10 times before being cancelled.
- Stealing from dwellings a 10 year high – targeting northern suburbs.
- Bail checks on young people – parents are not always helpful – no proof kids stay home – launching operation into this.
- Ice epidemic – Police aware of this.
- Steal from dwelling and break and enter - Police are undertaking education talks, writing personally to residents and providing pamphlets with contact numbers. Targeting areas like Figtree, Police are providing the same information to businesses.
- Bike campaign – introductory session occurred and registered a few hundred in one week – 450 bikes stolen.
- Police contacted about drug dealers in park – passed onto plain clothes officers to investigate.
- Northcliffe Drive, Berkeley – Lord Mayor asked for extra patrols to be allocated due to complaints from residents about noise of drag car racing and trail bikes.

8 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Community Representative

- Relocation of bin at new bus stop near Office Works – graffiti already.
- Stop sign at the intersection at entrance of Fraternity Club (side street) is covered by trees and the line on the road is near non-existent - Armando advised he will speak to Ted in Engineering to investigate.
- Mark advised he is involved in Stake Holder Committee for Wollongong Harbour – trying to improve image. Survey done on hard stand area for boats – contamination left from old lead base. A report will be formulated in November this year – will advise further.
- Swimmers apparently swimming through entrance of Harbour – maybe signage needs to be erected and/or mark up around the edging.
- No indication they are looking at restaurants or coffee shops to be added to Belmore Basin – in process of developing a Master Plan.
- Scott asked for condom dispensers to be provided in Council facilities such as Community Centres. Thirroul Neighbourhood have lodged an application for one – have had no response yet. Mel offered to follow up with Jan Noble and cc Scott in too.

9 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 13 August 2015.

2015 – Future Meeting Schedule

Thursday 14 August	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11am
Thursday 9 October	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11am
Thursday 11 December	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	9.30am – 11am

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
1	Perceptions of Safety Power point presentation	Melanie	Completed
2	Rubbish bins near Office Works bus stop removed	Armando	Completed
3	Look into Stop sign and White line at side road near Fraternity Club	Armando	
4	Scott requested Condom Dispensers to be installed at Council Facilities	Melanie	Will follow up with Email to Jan Noble