

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY REFERENCE GROUP



9.30AM ON THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2016

PRESENT	
Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbery	Mark North
Jason Harrison	Sharon White
Anna Bruseker	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio – Coordinator Community Partnerships & Safety	Claire Knight – Community Safety Support Officer
Radda Jordan – Community Safety Officer	Annie Edgar – Administrative Support Officer

- 1 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Lila Dimoski and Angela Perkovic.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.
- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2015 – Confirmed.
- 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - Enquiry on women and children placed at Piccadilly Hotel. Response from Director Housing Disability & Home Care Services - *As of December we issued a local directive that the Piccadilly Hotel will not be used for children and vulnerable women – on the basis that the risks are too significant.*
 - Enquiry as to what goods are stolen – generally electrical and clothing to be sold on.
 - LM's speech was forwarded onto Jason as requested.

5 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

The Community Safety Plan 2016-2020 is almost complete, Radda has been gaining community feedback by attending Neighbourhood Forums, Multicultural Forum and other community meetings /forums

A briefing to Councillors is scheduled for March and we are on track for that, the feedback during the consultations has been great and the discussions are consistent with Community Safety themes for Wollongong.

2518 Project submission (Bellambi) has been written including a lot of information and a letter of support, we expect to hear if we get the funding by March/April 2016

Activities for the Bellambi Collective Action Plan include: Infrastructure, fencing, signage, graffiti prevention art work all ongoing. Slashing and weeding around the area, vegetation management

ongoing. There has been the suggested formation of a community safety group of residents; Sharon White from Wollongong Police and Radda will be resourcing the establishment of this group. . Graffiti is still a major issue as is rubbish dumping. We are working within Council and Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) -Housing NSW to sort out the confusion over house numbers in this area.

Berkeley Safer Spaces project is progressing well despite there being a few hitches but we have adapted the project strategies to accommodate this. .

Local Government Crime Prevention Conference postponed to August, ICE Forum being held on 3 March going ahead.

6 GRAFFITI REPORT

December - January to date

December	non-Council - 113	Council - 173	285 reports
January up a little	non-Council - 173	Council - 192	362 reports
February (as at 11 Feb)	non-Council - 249	Council - 88	337 reports

- Community partnerships are up and running with Essential Personnel working hard chipping away at Guest Park, with 3 to 5 personnel working for 5 hours once a week. Dapto Rotary is helping out as well.
- A recent audit of Bellambi – found 32 graffiti sites on Department of Housing assets and this has been reported to Department of Housing.
- RMS signal boxes in partnership with Wesley Mission will be working on them.
- Urban Art – a street artist with teams has offered to investigate doing some anti-graffiti murals on locations most frequently affected by graffiti. 20 prominent sites were identified and he is liaising with owners.
- KANA data base now holds data on all the non-Council sites affected by graffiti that were detected during Claire's audits (this explains the jump in Non-Council statistics in February). KANA sends jobs to a mobile phone app called Sphere, received by Council crews and contractors and now Community Partnership volunteers are also on board with this new system, receiving, entering and closing cases automatically on site.
- Report IT on Council website – sends coordinates and photo of graffiti to Council – we anticipate a jump in reports.
- A BIG thanks Claire for the many months of work to make all the Kana systems to happen.
- Graffiti prevention mural at the Bellambi Surf Club is coming together - the whole Surf Club will be covered with different art works – working with schools, community and local artists.
- Berkeley Community Centre –one more to be done by a community group – will happen shortly.

7 POLICE REPORT

Wollongong Area Command

- There has been a spike in break and enters – Thirroul, Austinmer, Fairy Meadow and Wollongong CBD. There have been a few operations targeting those areas.

- Problems with youths breaking into schools during business hours, and also between 3.00pm & 6.00pm when the cleaners are in, need to talk to school security.
- Stealing from motor vehicles in Thirroul and Fairy Meadow, doors unlocked, opportunistic hits and a spate of robberies from elderly ladies.
- Pay Wave audit
- Mail theft on the increase
- Sharon & Radda to sit down re DA's
- New Crime Prevention Officer - Jane Keating starting in March

Lake Illawarra Area Command

Crime stats for 26 January to 8 February 2016

- Property theft - Unanderra & Albion Park
- Spike in steal from motor vehicle – Haywards Bay
- 50% of theft from cars are because people don't lock their cars, we need to remind people to lock their cars and not too leave valuables in their car that people can see
- Steady increase in stolen vehicles - break into house and steal keys.
- Retail theft: Warrawong 33 – Unanderra - 22 Oak Flats - 19

Proactive Policing

- 68 Port Kembla – drug possession (cannabis for personal use and crystal myth)
- 34 Warrawong
- 29 Unanderra
- 19 Berkeley
- 17 Dapto

People for Peace Thursday 18 February - Amenity College – 6.00pm

Illawarra Camping Show – volunteers will be there

Community Ice Forum 2 March 2016

There was discussion around concerns of drinking in the Dapto Mall – young people with children.

- Police have been tasked to go there – Police need to know when to be there and assistance from the community to identify who is/are the people causing concerns
- Uncle Gerald Brown has been working with Police to increase connections with the Aboriginal Community to reduce crime

The space needs to be activated - talk of a Council power point– should be locked – could be being used to charge mobile phones.

7 REPORTS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Watershed

- Synergy Conference & Ice Forum

Community Representative

- Graffiti artwork – think about using endangered sea birds (looks great at Currarong) as it can also convey an environmental theme for the community as well
- Free bus stops have been attacked again
- Concern about identity fraud, credit card and renewing your licence via post

Radda commented everyone is talking about security theft. We need to do something at a higher level – Attorney General and State Government.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

LM requested information from the Wollongong Police on what happened in the Commonwealth Building next door in regarding to an incident involving with the “brawl” over a child.

LM asked for the provision of statistics for instances of suicide in 2015 and a break down in demographics, to see if there is a spike happening currently. What is the health of our community? What are the dynamics?

LM said he would write to the AG regarding sending unregistered mail of identification cards in an effort to reduce mail theft and ultimately, identity theft and fraud

The meeting concluded at 11.00am.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 9.30am on Thursday 14 April 2016.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
7/15	Invite David Reid to next meeting re Methadone Clinic.	Armando	
8/15	Police Report – LM would like to know what kind of items are being stolen – is it food and clothing?	Radda	
1/16	Radda to organise meeting with Sharon White to check DA’s.	Radda	
2/16	Information on the incident of a brawl over a child next door in the Commonwealth Building	Wollongong Police	
3/16	Bring – Identity/Security Theft - to the agenda at the LGCP conference	Radda	
4/16	Take the concern of Security Theft to a higher level – Attorney General and NSW Government	Armando and Lord Mayor	