

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

held in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2019

Minutes of the Community Safety Committee**held on Thursday 14 February 2019****in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why****Commencing at 8:00 - 10:00 AM****ATTENDANCE:****Committee Members**

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor
Cr Sue Heins	Deputy Mayor – Acting Chair
Cr Candy Bingham	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Stuart Sprott	
James Griffin MP	Member for Manly
Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Karrah McCann	Catholic Care
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Harry Coates	Community Representative
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Christina Franze	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Trish Bramble	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Steve McInnes	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)
Kara Hillier	Transport NSW Brookvale bus depot
Wayne Potter	Transport NSW Brookvale bus depot

Council Officer Contacts

Ray Brownlee	Chief Executive Officer
Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Paul Crossan	Ranger Manager
Will Wrathall	Team Leader, Community Development
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Community Development

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from

Ryan Turner	Community Representative
Michelle Erofeyeff	Family & Community Services (FACS)
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Paul Klarenaar	NASLHD Health Promotion (Melissa Palermo replacement)
Roberta Conroy	Community Representative
Neil Williamson	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance

Not in attendance	
Harry Coates	Community Representative

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 6 DECEMBER 2018

DECISION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 6 December 2018, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Cr Candy Bingham Seconded: Michelle Povah

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 POLICE REPORT

DISCUSSION

Superintendent Darcy presented emerging policing trends and highlighted best practice leadership in collaboration with Council.

- **Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice'** - stable trend on the Northern Beaches, different from NSW country towns. Cocaine detection is increasing.
- **Nitrous Oxide** (nangs) collection of used bulbs gives a snapshot of increased usage.
- **The Man in the Van** – working collaboratively with community organisations to provide assistance to this community member. Thank you and recognition of Daniel Peterson for his ongoing professionalism working directly with the homeless to find long term solutions. John Kelly, Community Northern Beaches (CNB) reported another case where corporate supporters have linked in with CNB to provide assistance.
- **Suicide Prevention Working Group** has lifted our capacity in the community. Meeting with National Mental Health Commissioner Lucy Brogden recently has raised her awareness of the Group, our operational actions and community frontline response.

Additionally, the Manly Daily has been approached in regard to appropriate reporting of incidents.

- **Inspector Jillian Walters** introduction - will represent Superintendent Darcy when unavailable.
- **State Transit Authority** and Police - acknowledged the great working relationship that has been built.
- **Manly East Esplanade** – An independent survey of visitors was undertaken with a brief presentation by Community Safety Coordinator, Leanne Martin.

Question on Notice from John Kelly: can Police present to the next meeting patrol figures for this reserve?
- **Alcohol and youth** – anecdotal observation of a shift down however, young people spoken to by Police are highly intoxicated or unconscious. Belinda Volkov SDECC reported observations of youth mixing alcohol with pharmaceuticals.

James Griffin MP thanked the Northern Beaches Local Area Command for their commitment and gratitude for the police work undertaken.

Mayor Michael Regan passed on Minister Rob Stokes MP expression of thanks to Local Area Command for the sensitive management of the recent youth suicide incident. Superintendent Darcy accepted the compliments on behalf of his Command.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

4.2 COMPLIANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION

Council staff reported that East Esplanade has had additional enforcement officers allocated to bolster ranger numbers. Four rangers are rostered from 6pm 7 days per week throughout summer. Their tasks include alcohol prohibited areas at East Esplanade and Shelly Beach. General compliance with tip out laws have been effective. The cooperation with Police has been working well.

Malvern Ave noise complaints are being addressed in a multi agency approach and in conjunction with police.

Narraweena dog attack – a complex and sensitive investigation with multiple offences being investigated. This matter will be reported to Council in the near future.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information is received and noted.

4.3 PRESENTATION BY SYDNEY BUSES TRANSPORT FOR NSW

DISCUSSION

Thanked Police for their ongoing cooperation.

Wayne Potter outlined STA statistics in regard to passenger falls – fundamentally seniors or those less mobile – 10% improvement on last year.

The current improvement operation is focusing on driver behaviour, “Smooth Operator campaign”, ie. smooth braking and take off and customer service soft skills including greeting passengers “take your time, hold on, stay in your seat”.

Additionally, an education campaign began with a group of seniors, monitoring and photographing their behaviour. To reach out to the passengers, the final brochure will be distributed to local medical centres/doctors as well as bowling/service clubs and will include do's and don'ts when getting on/off the bus. ‘Hold on for your Safety’ posters are already being displayed on buses.

B Line buses have modified stanchions to assist with impact from falls. Additional signage on red entry/exit to the bus is being considered.

Council staff advised a safety audit has been carried out at the Manly Vale and Warriewood commuter carparks to address a number of teething issues. Council are working in cooperation with B-Line staff and Police to improve safety concerns in these locations.

Question on Notice from Committee member on behalf of a carpark neighbour: How is the Manly Vale carpark CCTV being utilised?

James Griffin MP indicated he was also aware of this matter with the anticipation that review of footage may indicate days and times to consider some kind of intervention.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information is received and noted.

4.4 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DRUG 'ICE'

DISCUSSION

Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice', staff summarised the report outlining Council's initial response to their invitation to comment on the Commission's Terms of Reference.

Council will further consider providing a formal submission once the Issues Paper has been released and is available for public submissions.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

4.5 NITROUS OXIDE AVAILABILITY

DISCUSSION

Committee members concurred that this issue was prevalent across the Northern Beaches and their usage amongst young people.

A model based on similar legislation to accessibility of spray paint aerosol cans was suggested as the most appropriate method of restricting access to nitrous oxide bulbs. The objective is to increase the onus of responsibility on to the seller of the product. This could include the bulbs being stored in a secure place where a shop attendant can check the purpose of purchase and identification of the consumer.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Safety Committee make representations to the State Government, Local MPs and the Attorney General, requesting that the laws around access to nitrous oxide be reviewed to reduce the possibility that they are used for illicit purposes, particularly amongst young people.

4.6 COMMITTEE PRIORITIES FOR 2019

DISCUSSION

As requested each Committee member submitted their priority concerns and issues. These are presented in summary under broad common themes:

Drugs and Alcohol

- Proliferation of liquor outlets in areas with known domestic/non domestic violence
- Alcohol misuse by parents (impacting children) and young people (partly due to adult role models)
- Alcohol and drugs with parents and kids
- Misuse of alcohol and drug abuse
- Drunkenness
- Excessive noise from licenced premises
- Drugs
- Increase of women self-medicating on alcohol and drugs
- Non discussion of alcohol related suicide
- Low grade drug dealing increase
- Anti-social behaviour by back packers

Youth

- Not enough for youth to do
- Youth boredom
- High use of fake IDs by 17 yr olds at licenced venues. Onus is all on licensee and none on the young person or their parents.
- Underage drinking

Domestic Violence

- Domestic violence
- Supervision of young tweens/teens by parents in evenings/weekends. Often connected to adult alcohol use and not setting appropriate boundaries for children.
- Increase in domestic violence
- Domestic violence – increase in prevalence of young people to parents

Housing/Homelessness

- Advocating for law abiding Public/State housing tenants, or those with family members in public housing, who are concerned for their safety and stereotyping due to illegal activity undertaken by neighbours.
- Rough sleepers / Homeless, often effected by ice and heroin
- Homelessness increase
- Social and affordable housing
- Affordable housing for emergency services personnel, including the former Manly Hospital site

Road Safety

- Decline in children/walking/cycling to school due to road safety concerns. Require better active transport infrastructure such as footpaths, separated cycleways, bike parking, closing selected streets to traffic etc
- Traffic management (Manly)
- McCarrs Creek Rd, Church Point traffic mitigations

Crime/Safer by Design/Place Issues

- Quality public open space designed to discourage anti-social behaviour through lighting, passive surveillance and implementation/enforcement of alcohol and smoke free zones.
- Safety and health aspects of toilets
- Lighting and feeling safe when out and about
- Increase in theft and break-ins
- Vandalism/graffiti/tagging
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) contribution to large development plans

Other Social Issues

- Advocating for LGBTIQ youth on the Northern Beaches who may have concerns about hostilities generated from living in a traditionally conservative local government area.
- Acute Mental health and lack of funding
 - Warekila adult mental health service now at Community Northern Beaches (CNB) on Monday and Thursday
 - Taldumande Youth Services operating 5 days per week at CNB
- Youth mental health
- Stigmatisation of parents – language matters
- Suicide
- Advocating for greater funding for local social services
- Mental Health and suicide
- Scamming of elderly coinciding with the increase in dementia
- Improved community promotion of the collaborative services provided

Miscellaneous

- Concern for over representation of American Staffordshire Bull Terriers and recent attacks in the community. Consider local level legislation and seek advice from State bodies to have 'Amstaff' dogs included in the dangerous dogs list.
- Incidence of small businesses dealing with sophisticated electronic scams.
- Compulsory lifejackets for persons fishing from coastal rock platforms – 6 month's grace before enforcement
- Services to be located within Frenchs Forest business precinct – greater funding needed

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the identified priorities be used to inform future Committee Agendas.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting concluded at 10am

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 8 pages
numbered 1 to 8 of the Community Safety Committee meeting
held on Thursday 14 February 2019 and confirmed on Thursday 11 April 2019