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# MINUTES

## COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

**THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2019**

**Minutes of the Community Safety Committee  
held on Thursday 11 April 2019  
in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why  
Commencing at 8:00 - 10:00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor – Chairperson
Cr Sue Heins	Deputy Mayor
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
Roberta Conroy	Community Representative
Ryan Turner	Community Representative
Christina Franze	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Trish Bramble	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Paul Klarenaar	NASLHD Health Promotion
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)
Kara Hillier	State Transit Authority Brookvale bus depot

**Council Officer Contacts**

Ray Brownlee	CEO
David Kerr	Director Community and Belonging
Neil Williamson	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Rob van den Blink	Community Development Manager
Will Wrathall	Team Leader, Community Development
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Community Development

**Visitors**

Patrick Shepherdson	Community Safety Plan consultant
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## 1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Michelle Erofeyeff	Family & Community Services (FACS)
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Steve McInnes	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches
Wayne Potter	State Transit Authority Brookvale bus depot
Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture

## 2.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

## 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 3.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14 FEBRUARY 2019

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 14 February 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Accepted

## 4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

### 4.1 ACTIONS UPDATE

#### DISCUSSION

Council staff provided an update on Agenda item 4.1 - actions 1 to 5.

In addition, action 6 below was reported.

#### 6. Manly Vale B-Line carpark CCTV

This is an Additional Update from a Question on Notice that was raised in the February meeting minutes:

How is the Manly Vale B-Line carpark CCTV being utilised?

The following is a response from the Manager Communications and Stakeholder Engagement, Northern Beaches B-Line program dated 8 April:

*In terms of the Manly Vale car park, we installed a number of CCTV surveillance signs recently and have had no further complaints regarding anti-social behaviours etc in the car park now that it is open and highly utilised. The complaints we get now are related to capacity and people saying they can't get a car space, so really can't win there. The boom gates are scheduled to be installed late April/operational mid to late May which will ensure the car park is only used by commuters as I suspect at the moment a lot of residents have found they can currently park there for free/unrestricted time.*

*We've had no recent complaints either from Warriewood car park.*

*In terms of CCTV footage, we only retrieve footage as a result of the formal iask Police request system when there has been a reported incident/alleged crime that has taken place in or around the car park or bus stops. We do not have live monitoring/24 hour staff watching the CCTV feed at any of our car parks and this will not be something that can be done in the future, as you know it is a huge cost to set up a monitoring system/room to manage live CCTV footage.*

The State Member from Manly's office also advised no additional recent representations from Manly Vale community members have been received.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

## 4.2 POLICE REPORT

### DISCUSSION

Superintendent Darcy welcomed any topic you would like raised at future meetings, to be identified at the end of the meeting within General Business.

He further re-iterated that this agenda highlights the role this Committee can play in lobbying, advocating for funding and potentially refocussing Council priorities. This is exemplified by the items just discussed. In particular:

2. *April 2018 follow up: Letter sent to Member for Warringah advocating for improved telecommunications/location data on North Head for the purpose of detecting and preventing*

Referencing Minister for Communications and the Arts, Mitch Fifield's letter, Superintendent Darcy agreed that mobile phone tracking is technically a much more accurate technology. A recent meeting coordinated by the Member for Mackellar Jason Falinski with the Senator and Superintendent Darcy emphasised the progress and importance of this issue.

4. *NSW Government Community Safety Grant application for CCTV and other improvements at East Esplanade Reserve*

Request for CCTV to be on future Committee Agendas.

Suggest implementation of mobile/portable CCTV systems for specific events for safety purposes. Also, to get as much out of existing fixed cameras, ensure they are cleaned to get clearer images.

Council staff are currently developing the CCTV policy and procedures, including cost benefit analysis. Already a couple of cameras have been identified as being redundant and investigations are being considered on their repositioning. Technical staff also investigating relocating monitoring locations and their mode of operation.

5. *Federal Government Safer Communities Fund – Vehicle Mitigation Grant*

In conjunction with Police and Council staff, the bollard locations have been coordinated along with what future works need to be done, with services already working together. Council proposing to match the \$400,000 grant funding to assist the program.

Additionally, the Suicide Response Steering Group intends to work closely with the Manly Daily to positively promote mental health with an ongoing series of articles and actively engage community participation in community health meetings.

Suggestion – That the Steering Group ensure, when appropriate, they include the role of drugs and alcohol in suicide prevention and people's mental health in their promotional strategies to the broader community.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted

### **4.3 COMPLIANCE REPORT**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Council staff provided a Compliance statistics presentation highlighting monthly reactive customer requests, ranger requests, building control request and general fines, including parking, school zones and abandoned vehicles.

The Committee recognised the benefit of an education campaign for school zones, addressing general road rules, parking and stopping and school specific zones. Council's Road Safety Officer is currently undertaking an audit of school zone traffic safety. Police are happy to assist and participate in a coordinated approach by Compliance Officers, Road Safety Officer and Community Safety Coordinator.

Community Safety Co-ordinator will follow up the status of this audit and report accordingly.

The recent Brookvale fire necessitated Compliance to reallocate staff resources to this emergency.

East Esplanade activities and responses working well.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the information is received and noted.

#### **4.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLANNING UPDATE**

##### **DISCUSSION**

Patrick Shepherdson, Community Safety and Crime Prevention planning consultant provided a career background and shared his broader vision of what 'safety' includes.

In conjunction with the Community Safety Coordinator, Patrick has undertaken early research, progressing to stakeholder interviews and community engagement in the near future. Projected presentation of a draft is expected within the next six months.

The focus will be to build on the strengths of a safer community, identify gaps and opportunities to reduce and prevent crime and improve perceptions of crime/safety.

##### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be received and noted.

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#### **4.5 PRESENTATION BY MANLY WARRINGAH WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE**

##### **DISCUSSION**

General Manager of the Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre (MWWRC), Trish Bramble, described the top challenges for all agencies:

- An increase in domestic violence
- Lack of direct service accommodation services
- Follow up affordable housing
- Impact domestic violence has on children.

The NSW State Government goal to remove rough sleeping in the City of Sydney will impact surrounding local government areas, including the Northern Beaches. Turn away of clients is unacceptable and MWWRC experienced higher rates during the summer period.

The vulnerability and safety of workers and clients, particularly during the planning for leaving and immediately afterward, is paramount. It is high risk and the pressure of this does impact the service.

Ideas to address the service concerns include:

- Finding staff and having funding to pay for them is critical to address women in crisis
- Shared services and collaborative service provision by varying agencies that don't have to compete for similar funding
- Provision of more affordable housing to assist clients to move on would go some way to address the turn away rates
- These housing options need to be in the local area so women and children are not moved from all their supports and everything familiar to them.
- Community housing providers redeveloping existing housing into multiple dwellings
  - Council already investigating avenues to support alternative housing models through Department of Housing and navigating legislation

It was agreed that this issue does need to be re energised and an update on how it may be supported or advocated further.

The Committee expressed its thanks to Trish and the MWWRC team for the work they do.

##### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be received and noted.



## 4.6 SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKING GROUP

### DISCUSSION

The extensive work already being undertaken in this area was highlighted. Council has reallocated staff resources to focus on this area. It is on track with community capacity building to respond to this issue.

Through the Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) a grant of \$10,000 has been received to further develop a program to address the link between drugs/alcohol and youth suicide. If approved we will then be eligible for further grant funding (up to \$30,000pa) to implement the action plan. Sydney Drug Education and Counselling Centre (SDECC) and Lifeline are partners in this project and will be working closely with Council on the Community Action Plan, providing;

- Capacity building for front line industry staff to support parents and youth to provide steady environments.
- Addressing follow up care by health services
- Identifying coordinated funding avenues to provide a shared vision between services.

Future Suicide Working Group actions:

- Regional Action Plan (PHN)
- Framework to ensure a coordinated approach
- Reference Group to guide coordination
- Community engagement and media strategy
- Critical incident response / communication protocol
- Community response plan
- Coordinated ongoing schedule of training
- Second Roundtable to review progress in June 2019.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

#### **4.7 SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DRUG 'ICE' - ISSUES PAPERS AND SUBMISSIONS**

##### **DISCUSSION**

Superintendent Darcy reported the Northern Beaches community seems to have stabilised in this area and somewhat improved than a couple of years ago.

SDECC report an increase on the Northern Beaches of:

- amphetamine type substances and a higher level of 'caps' use which often includes methamphetamines – sometime unknown to the user.
- Cocaine use – health services report a surge in heart attack and stroke incidents related to cocaine use.

##### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee support a small working group to co-ordinate an appropriate response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the drug 'ice' on behalf of the Committee.

## **5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Youth Crime in Pittwater Ward**

Cr Kylie Ferguson raised the increasing issue of vandalism, graffiti and assault where the Police were called with lots of wilful damage in Avalon recently.

## **6.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**Online supply of alcohol** - Paul Klarenaar (NASLHD Heath Promotion)

**Youth violence towards parents** – statistics from Police

*The meeting concluded at 9.15am*

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 10 pages  
numbered 1 to 10 of the Community Safety Committee meeting  
held on Thursday 11 April 2019 and confirmed on Thursday 13 June 2019