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MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

held in the Manly Town Hall Council Chambers on

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2019

Minutes of the Community Safety Committee
held on Thursday 17 October 2019
in the Manly Town Hall Council Chambers
Commencing at 8:00 - 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor – Chairperson
Cr Candy Bingham	Deputy Mayor
Cr Sue Heins	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Stuart Sprott	
Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Inspector Jill Walters	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Michelle Comito	Catholic Care
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Michelle Erofeyeff	Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
Trish Bramble	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)

Council Officer Contacts

Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Azmeena Kelly	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Will Wrathall	Team Leader, Community Development
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator
Emma Marshall	Community Development Officer

Visitors

Peta Garrett	Representing Zali Steggall MP Federal Member for Manly
Daniel Rubenach	Representing James Griffin MP State Member for Manly
Bruce McLean	Representing Northern Beaches Liquor Accord

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting gathered, and paid respect to Elders past and present.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Roberta Conroy	Community Representative
Paul Klarenaar	NASLHD Health Promotion
Steve McInnes	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches
Kara Hillier	State Transit Authority Northern Region
James Griffin MP	State Member for Manly
Zali Steggall OAM MP	Federal Member for Manly
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord

Not in attendance:

Harry Coates	Community Representative
Christina Franze	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce

Ryan Turner, the Community Representative from the Manly Ward has resigned for personal reasons.

The Committee agreed to advertise for another Community Representative from the wider Northern Beaches community and not limited to the Manly Ward.

Michelle Comito is the new Youth Representative from Catholic Care.

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 15 AUGUST 2019

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 15 August 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, subject to the following inclusion to Item 4.2, subheading - "NSW Parliamentary Inquiry – Northern Beaches Hospital":

Concern and disappointment was expressed about the decision by Council not to submit a joint submission. There was no joint submission put into the Northern Beaches Hospital Parliamentary Inquiry, as directed by the Chief Executive Officer, not Council.

5.0 AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 ACTIONS UPDATE

DISCUSSION

Northern Beaches Suicide Response:

The members of the Community Safety Committee were invited to the signing of the National Communications Charter.

Northern Beaches Hospital Parliamentary Inquiry:

A response from Brad Hazzard MP has been received by Council in response to a letter sent regarding the Northern Beaches Hospital. A copy of the letter is attached to the minutes as Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION OF COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY

That the information be received and noted

5.2 POLICE REPORT

DISCUSSION

Superintendent David Darcy, Northern Beaches Police Area Command, reported that he is currently seconded to a role working in North West Sydney and Inspector Walters is Acting Commander in his absence.

Superintendent Darcy has been in contact with Brad Hazzard MP and James Griffin MP regarding ongoing concerns with Northern Beaches Hospital. He encouraged others in the Community Safety Committee to continue highlighting shortcomings in the system.

An update of the operations strategy for summer was provided.

Superintendent Darcy reported on the Newport 'Portside' Space, to be discussed later in the meeting. It was noted that this is a place of expression for young people, however there have been some complaints by local residents. The Police's position is that they will continue to support the space, and have acknowledged some issues with the roof.

Inspector Walters reported that feedback from last year's October long weekend operations was that there weren't enough resources and that police attendance was required around East Esplanade, Manly. Resources will be increased for summer operations this year, with monitoring of the situation at East Esplanade by Police.

School holiday outbreaks of violence were discussed, with young people arriving by ferry into Manly identified as an issue. Rangers have been monitoring the area through winter and will continue their presence into summer.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

5.3 COMPLIANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION

The Executive Manager Environmental Compliance provided an update on the monitoring of East Esplanade. Ranger patrols at Shelley Beach have been occurring throughout the year and in summer are doubled to two rangers.

A compliance report was also presented to the Committee, a copy of which are attached to the minutes as Attachment 2.

The management strategy regarding dog attacks was discussed. It was reported that a successful prosecution occurred the previous day relating to a dog attack. Another suspected prosecution will likely commence later this year, relating to a different case. The Compliance team are looking for education opportunities with other agencies.

There is now a new dedicated team of Companion Animal Officers.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

That the information be received and noted.

5.4 LOCAL DRUG ACTION TEAM BRIEFING

DISCUSSION

The Community Safety Coordinator reported that the Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) was initiated last year in an effort to secure grant funding to address local drug and alcohol related suicides. Funding was received through Australian Drug Foundation (ADF). The team consists of Council, Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC) and Lifeline, with the Sydney North Health Network (SNHN) about to join the team. The first stage has been to establish baseline data through surveys conducted with young people.

SDECC acknowledged the positive collaboration with Council and presented a report of the results from the survey conducted with young people. It was prefaced that the reporting of statistics needs to be mindful that it is not a research study, with no ethics approval. The survey which was sent out to service providers was specifically trying to target a cohort that are at risk, which is a small snapshot.

665 young people and 47 service providers responded to the survey.

The statistics related to suicide and drug, alcohol and issues with service delivery were shared.

There is an increase in the trend of pharmaceutical misuse. The group discussed the methods of obtaining drugs.

It was reported that training has been undertaken in a local high school with 70 teachers and that SNHN are funding some capacity building in education.

The Chair expressed concerns regarding the rhetoric about Council getting involved in social issues, and that they should instead focus on core local government responsibilities. SDECC representative noted that Council's work as a neutral party, the mandates it can put in place and ability to build capacity is crucial for the community.

The Committee are invited to a dinner briefing on 23 October along with service providers to review

the statistics and report.

An update was provided on Catholic Care's Drug and Alcohol Youth Support Service (DAYSS) program. The service is complimentary to clinical and home visit service providers.

The Committee agreed that at the next meeting, service providers be asked to provide an update on their services.

It was noted that this initial work done by the Local Drug Action Team is to identify risk factors. The next stage is anticipated to include primary prevention programs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the agenda for the 28 November meeting includes - "Updates from Service Providers".

5.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

DISCUSSION

Consultant Patrick Shepherdson presented the current status of the Northern Beaches Community Safety Plan to the Committee. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes as Attachment 3.

The following emerging themes were highlighted in the presentation:

- Alcohol and other drugs
- Domestic and family violence
- Rough sleeping / homelessness
- Fraud/scams
- Elder abuse

Issues within the community that were raised by the Committee included; safety for young people socialising in less visible areas, worsening social issues in the northern end of the Northern Beaches and the loss of Youth Centres which have been repurposed for other community needs.

The Community Safety Survey is open until 3 November and requested that Committee members distribute throughout their networks.

The Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture noted that engagement will shortly begin for the Social Plan, which will identify priority social issues for the Northern Beaches.

RECOMMENDATION OF COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY

That the information is received and noted.

5.6 NEWPORT 'PORTSIDE' SPACE

DISCUSSION

Ray Brownlee, CEO reported that a structural assessment was undertaken at the Newport 'Portside' space. It has been confirmed that it is structurally sound and will have some beams installed for further stability. The space will be retained as a community led activity.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted by the Committee.

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- In response to a question by John Kelly, Council CEO Ray Brownlee noted that the DA notification period closed last week for the change of use to community purposes of 52 Raglan Street, Manly. The Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture reported that in May 2019 the Community Development and Services Policy was adopted. This policy identified the role of Council in supporting and providing facilities for community services hubs. The Council managed space at 52 Raglan Street, Manly was identified as the location of the first Community Services Hub, and Community Northern Beaches (CNB) identified as a core user of this space, along with other community service organisations. The large area includes office space, meeting rooms and counselling rooms. It is anticipated that CNB and associated services will be moving into the space early next year.
- The Committee discussed an issue regarding a new youth service emerging unexpectedly. The service generally have not engaged with other youth services or Council. Council's Youth team are currently trying to engage with the new service.
- Trip hazards caused by utility companies was raised as an issue, the damage needs to be reported so it can be fixed. Ray Brownlee explained that Council can not undertake this work, and that it has to be repaired by the utility provider.

7.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

28 November 2019 – "Updates from Service Providers".

The meeting concluded at 9.52am

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 7 pages
numbered 1 to 7 of the Community Safety Committee meeting
held on Thursday 17 October 2019 and confirmed on Thursday 28 November 2019

ATTACHMENT 1

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The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Health and Medical Research

Mr Ray Brownlee PSM
Chief Executive Officer
Northern Beaches Council
PO Box 82
MANLY NSW 1655


Dear Mr Brownlee

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26 SEP 2019

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26 SEP 2019

MAIL ROOM

Your ref 2019/409778

Our ref M19/4487

Thank you for your letter regarding mental health services on the Northern Beaches.

I acknowledge the reasons that prompted you to write and thank you for your advocacy on behalf of the community. Comprehensive, accessible and consumer-friendly mental health services are a key priority area for the NSW Government.

Mr Andrew Newton, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Beaches Hospital, has advised that all mental health patients at Northern Beaches Hospital are assessed and managed the same way, whether they are public or private patients. Those who have private health insurance and decide to use it can choose their own doctor and may get priority for a single room, if one is available. Patients who present to the emergency department are assessed by a mental health clinical nurse consultant, who then discusses the case with the consultant psychiatrist. Staff formulate a plan that is put in place and communicated with the emergency department.

Privacy considerations prevent Northern Beaches Hospital from providing details of at risk mental health patients, without their consent. Please be assured that the NSW Government is committed to providing the best possible outcome for people with mental illness, their families and carers.

On 27 August 2019, the Hon. Bronnie Taylor MLC, Minister for Mental Health, attended the Northern Beaches Mental Health Summit organised by Mr James Griffin MP, Member for Manly. The summit discussed mental health and the important issue of youth suicide prevention with more than 70 people from government, non-profit and community organisations as well as stakeholders from across the Northern Beaches.

Youth suicide is a significant issue for individuals and communities. It is the leading cause of death for young people aged 15-24. The causes of suicide are complex and are influenced by a combination of individual, social, cultural, environmental and contextual factors.

The *Towards Zero Suicides* initiatives aim to improve the health system's and community's suicide prevention response. Local community resilience building, improved suicide data collection and distribution, and a community gatekeeper training initiative are some of the initiatives that can help build local community resilience against suicide. The NSW Government is also developing a youth aftercare pilot that will be implemented later this year.

On 17 October 2018, the NSW Government announced nearly \$90 million over three years to support the implementation of the Strategic Framework for Suicide Prevention in NSW. Eight new or expanded initiatives will begin to be rolled out in the 2019-20 financial year with full implementation by 2020-21. These initiatives will include, but are not limited to, programs to eliminate suicide attempts by people receiving care in the mental health system, improved suicide attempt aftercare services, programs to build community resilience and wellbeing, and new postvention services for people and communities bereaved by suicide.



I can advise that several NSW Health policies have been implemented to promote safe transition from hospital to the community for people at risk of suicide. The Northern Beaches Hospital and Northern Sydney Local Health District's Community Mental Health Service work closely with community groups so that patients at risk receive the care and support they need.

Thank you again for writing to me. If you would like more information, please contact Mr Newton on 9105 5760.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Hazzard'.

The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Health and Medical Research

19 SEP 2019

ATTACHMENT 2

Environmental Compliance Report

Community Safety Committee
17 October 2019



Rangers

Alcohol free zone patrols

- Manly night alcohol free zone patrols operate 7 days a week between 6pm and 11pm. Rangers continue to work closely with local Police enforcing the alcohol provisions both at Shelly Beach and East Esplanade.
 - 802 fines
 - 485 tip-outs and put-away's
 - 23 confiscations

Dog attacks

75 reported attacks, with 40 of these currently under investigation.

- 33 attacks on humans
- 33 attacks on other dogs
- 9 attacks on other animals (goats, chickens, birds)
- One dangerous dog declaration made

Rangers

Heavy Vehicle Operations

- Council Rangers conducted a successful Light Traffic operation at Powderworks Road, Ingleside. Numerous vehicles were inspected and fines issued to drivers for exceeding the local weight limit (3 Tonne). Further operations are planned, including a potential joint operation with the local Highway Patrol.

Environmental Health

Food safety

5 prosecutions underway

- 10 Penalty Infringement Notices issued; 2 Penalty Infringement Notices court elected
- 1 Prohibition Order (shut down)

Cross Street Fire

- Clean – Up Notices for 6, 10 & 12 Cross Street are almost complete.
- 4 Cross Street has been demolished

Building Control

Combustible Cladding update

Currently investigating **54** registered properties within Northern Beaches LGA

- Notices and orders served to require audit of cladding material: 42
- Notices and orders served to replace cladding: 2

ATTACHMENT 3

Community Safety Plan Update

Community Safety Committee
presentation
Thursday 17th October 2019



Methodology

- Analysis of BOCSAR and Northern Beaches Police Area Command data, Council graffiti data, ABS
- Consultation with:
 - Council (Seniors, Youth, Emergency Management, Rangers, Community Engagement)
 - Police (Intel, CPO, Licensing)
 - DV interagency
 - Youth Service providers and YAG
 - AOD service providers, CDAT, LDAT
 - Homelessness & Housing forum
 - SRG
- Surveys – Safety Committee, online, telephone

Emerging Themes

1. Alcohol and other drugs

- Alcohol, cannabis, prescription, amphetamine, 'nangs'
- Increased access – new precincts, small bars, licensing saturation, liquor delivery, poor security at liquor outlets
- Culture of normalisation/secondary supply
- Young people unsafe around 'drunk guys'
- Barriers to young people seeking help

2. Domestic and family violence

- Chronic shortage of accommodation options
- Increase in young people as perpetrators (DV assault and Malicious Damage)

Emerging Themes

3. Rough Sleeping/Homelessness *

- Inter-related with mental illness, AOD, DV, lack of affordable housing
- Unknown number of homeless, couch surfers, living in cars

* Homelessness overall may be considered more appropriately in the Social plan

4. Young people and public safety

- Inter-related mental health, AOD, suicide and self-harm risk
- Lack of entertainment (especially north)
- 'Move-ons' in public space – risky behaviours away from supervision, young women at risk
- Young people feel unsafe on/around transport

Emerging Themes

5. Fraud/scams

- Online and telephone scams, credit card fraud, door-to-door/maintenance scams
- Older people especially vulnerable

6. Elder abuse

- Financial abuse, sometimes family but sometimes 'carers'
- Physical abuse by adult children with mental illness
- Exploitation of grandparents as 'free help'



Possible Safety Priorities

Safe futures

- Reducing young people's access to alcohol (secondary supply, liquor store security, liquor delivery services)
- Promote personal safety for young women
- Minimise harm and increase access to support for young people (to reduce risk of suicide, self-harm and violence)

Senior safety

- Educating seniors, carers and those who work with them about Elder Abuse and services that can support those at risk
- Education about scam prevention strategies (targeting older community members as well as the broader community)



Possible Safety Priorities

Safe spaces

- Increase access to safe, supervised recreation opportunities for young people
- Strategies to enhance actual and perceived safety on transport and at transport hubs
- Consider a homelessness audit (including people couch-surfing and living in cars) as a step towards understanding issues of homelessness and safety
- Work with DV interagency to increase access to safe accommodation for women and children escaping violence

Possible Safety Priorities

Safe choices/Safe design

(Night-time economy/ space activation)

- Consider a policy review to explore options to strengthen the development and regulation of all premises that provide access to alcohol
- Consider a CPTED strategy to improve the amenity of key locations perceived as unsafe
- Explore options to develop a diverse, inclusive and vibrant night-time economy that increases access to safe entertainment and recreation choices

Next Steps

- Online Survey open until 3 November
- Random Telephone survey
- Review survey findings and incorporate in Safety Analysis
- Refine strategies in consultation with relevant partners
- Finalise draft Northern Beaches Safety Plan 2020 – 2025
- Draft plan endorsement for public exhibition (Feb 2020)
- Council Meeting - adoption of final plan (May 2020)
- Consider submission to Department of Justice for endorsement to access NSW funding and explore other grant opportunities
- Plan implementation