

AGENDA

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Community Safety Committee will be held on

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2020

DUE TO COVID-19 THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ONLINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS – A LOG IN PROCESS WILL BE FORWARDED TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Please log in at 7.45am for meeting comments at 8am for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

Committee Members

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor – Chairperson
Cr Candy Bingham	Deputy Mayor
Cr Sue Heins	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Stuart Sprott	
Zali Steggall OAM MP	Federal Member for Warringah
James Griffin MP	State Member for Manly
Supt Patrick Sharkey	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Michelle Comito	Catholic Care
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Luisa de Bont	Community Representative
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Roberta Conroy	Community Representative
Stephen Pirovic	Community Representative
Michelle Erofeyeff	Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
Christina Franze	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Trish Bramble	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Melissa Palermo	NASLHD Health Promotion
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)
Kara Hillier	State Transit Authority Northern Region

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
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Community Development

Visitors

Name	Attended as an observer
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Quorum

A majority of members plus the Mayor or another Councillor.

**Agenda for a meeting of the Community Safety Committee
to be held on Thursday 14 May 2020
in the Manly Town Hall Chambers
Commencing at**

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1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past and present.

2.0 APOLOGIES

All members are expected to attend the Community Safety Committee meetings or tender their apologies to the Chair or Committee liaison person. If members are unable to attend they may delegate their position to another member of their organisation, with the approval of the Chair.

3.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Members are advised of the following definitions of a "pecuniary" or "conflict" of interest for their assistance:

Section 442 of the Local Government Act, 1993 states that a "pecuniary" interest is as follows:

"(1) [Pecuniary interest] A Pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

(2) [Remoteness] A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to the matter."

Members should reference the Local Government Act, 1993 for detailed provisions relating to pecuniary interests.

Council's Code of Conduct states that a "conflict of interest" exists when you could be influenced, or a reasonable person would perceive that you could be influenced by a personal interest when carrying out your public duty.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 19 FEBRUARY 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 19 February 2020, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 5.1	POLICE REPORT
REPORTING OFFICER	COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY
TRIM FILE REF	2020/130064
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

This is a standing item on the agenda for the Northern Beaches Police Commander to brief the Committee on relevant crime and safety issues.

Please welcome the new Northern Beaches Police Area Commander, Superintendent Patrick Sharkey to his first Community Safety Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The information be received and noted.

ITEM 5.2	COMPLIANCE REPORT
REPORTING OFFICER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE
TRIM FILE REF	2020/130105
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

This is a standing agenda item to brief the Committee on compliance related issues by the Executive Manager Environmental Compliance.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5.3	HOMELESS STREET COUNT
REPORTING OFFICER	COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY
TRIM FILE REF	2020/147427
ATTACHMENTS	1 Homeless Street Count Presentation 2020

ISSUE

To report on the first Northern Beaches Homeless Street Count, conducted on 17 February 2020.

BACKGROUND

The first Northern Beaches Housing & Homelessness Forum was organised and hosted by Council, on Monday 6 August 2019, with representatives from local and State homelessness agencies. A Discussion Paper was produced following the meeting, with several recommendations, which included:

- A. Conduct a regular Homelessness Street Count to build a more accurate baseline of data.
- B. Establish a Northern Beaches Housing and Homelessness Interagency.

DISCUSSION

A. Homeless Street Count

A homeless street count was conducted across the Northern Beaches on Monday 17 February 2020, from 9.30pm to 2.00am.

A range of other Local Government Areas across NSW also conducted counts in the same week. This was linked to the NSW Premier's Priorities to reduce street sleeping by 50% by 2025 - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/reducing-homelessness>

The Street Count was conducted in partnership with key local service providers, including Bridge Housing, Mission Australia, Community Northern Beaches and NSW Department of Communities and Justice (Northern Sydney District office). Council played a lead role in managing the operation due to the large scale of the area, and knowledge of rough sleeper locations. Prior meetings and communications were held to identify hot spot locations, as it was not feasible to visit every street and reserve in the LGA. Key areas visited included Manly CBD and surrounds, all beach carparks and some other public carparks, amenities and reserves, which are known sleeper locations.

The count only included primary homelessness; people without conventional accommodation (e.g. sleeping rough outside, in cars or in improvised dwellings). It did not include other types of homelessness such as couch surfing, temporary shelters or inadequate and impermanent dwellings, such as caravans and boarding houses. It identified people sleeping in vehicles, who were not assessed as obvious travellers or backpackers.

The count operation consisted of twenty two (22) participants, who work for the aforementioned agencies, who were all briefed prior to departing on the count. Six teams, in groups of three people, were tasked to cover specific places across the LGA, based on hotspot knowledge of rough sleeping, and all beachfront/headland carparks.

The main objectives of the count were to:

- Establish a baseline of data and map hotspots in line with Premier's objective of reducing street sleeping by 50% by 2025

- Assist in determining where needs for services are required
- Work in partnership with the Department of Communities & Justice, Bridge Housing, Specialist Homeless Services and relevant NGOs

The expected benefits and/or outcomes of the Street Count are:

- To provide data that can assist with determining future needs and services for rough sleepers
- To develop the need for a case co-ordination approach to rough sleeping in the area
- Improved awareness and responses to rough sleeping with a view to ending homelessness

The final count revealed that seventy-one (71) people were counted as homeless on the night. A more detailed breakdown of the count will be presented to the Committee at the meeting, along with an update on rough sleeping issues during the Covid-19 outbreak.

B. Northern Beaches Housing and Homelessness Interagency

The first meeting of the Northern Beaches Homeless Interagency was held on 10 March 2020, including stakeholders from a broad range of homeless related services.

A key focus for the group concerned advocacy for increased housing options on the Northern Beaches. Along with support services, this would help to address the high rate of rough sleeping as well as other vulnerable homeless groups, such as women and youth, who are less likely to show up in a street count.

RECOMMENDATION OF COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY

That the information be received and noted



Rough Sleeping Street Count 2020

Community Safety Committee
14 May 2020



Street Count 2020

- Held overnight on 17 February 2020
- Aims:
 - Establish baseline data to inform Premier's Priority of reducing rough sleeping
 - Inform the local response to homelessness
- Organisations assisting Council: NSW Department of Communities and Justice, Bridge Housing, Mission Australia, Community Northern Beaches

Street Count 2020

- Methodology
 - ‘Hotspot’ approach based on local expertise
 - 22 participants across six teams
- Acknowledged limitations
 - Only measures primary homelessness
 - Large LGA means limited coverage and not all rough sleepers would be captured
 - Determining vehicle sleeping status

Street Count Results

Team/Location	Manly CBD	Manly Environs	Curl Curl	Narrabe en	Pittwater r	Frenchs Forest	Whole LGA
<i>Open Spaces</i>	1	2	0	0	0	1	4
<i>Public roofed spaces</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Makeshift dwelling</i>	4	1	2	0	0	0	7
<i>Form of transport</i>	5	0	14	14	1	0	34
<i>Tourist vans</i>	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
TOTAL	11	3	16	14	26	1	71
No people but evidence of homelessness	1	3	0	0	6	0	10

Rough Sleeper Reports 2020

Ward	Jan	Feb	March	April (Up to 27 th)
Manly	2	-	8	5
Curl Curl	4	-	2	1
Narrabeen	-	-	-	2
Pittwater	1	-	1	-
Frenchs Forest	1	-	3	-
Total	8	0	14	8

ITEM 5.4	COVID19 IMPACTS - INFORMATION SHARING
REPORTING OFFICER	COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY
TRIM FILE REF	2020/223726
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

Information sharing from Committee representatives regarding the impacts of COVID-19.

BACKGROUND

Since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting social distancing restrictions there has been a huge impact on nearly all aspects of community life.

DISCUSSION

An opportunity for Committee representatives to share a two-minute update on how their respective area or service:

- has been impacted,
- has adapted,
- any emerging issues of concern
- any additional support required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5.5	GENERAL BUSINESS
REPORTING OFFICER	COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY
TRIM FILE REF	2020/242244
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To confirm the next few meeting dates in light of COVID-19.

DISCUSSION

In response to COVID-19, the April meeting was postponed for a meeting in May online. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 25 June, which allows a six week break in between the next May and June meetings rather than four weeks. We will then return to the original bi-monthly calendar schedule for the 6 August meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the next Committee meeting is held on Thursday 25 June 2020.