

AGENDA

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2020

DUE TO COVID-19 THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ONLINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS – A LOGIN PROCESS WILL BE FOWARDED TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO MEETING

Please log in at 7.45am for meeting commencement 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
Tony Hilliger	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
Rob van den Blink	Manager Youth and Community Development
Will Wrathall	Team Leader Community Development
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer Youth and Community Development

Visitors

Natasha Shultz	Executive Manager Waste Management and Cleansing
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Quorum

A majority of members plus the Mayor or another Councillor.

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to be held on Thursday 6 August 2020
online via TEAMS
Commencing at 8 - 10am**

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NEXT MEETING Thursday 8 October 2020

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 25 JUNE 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 25 June 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 ACTIONS UPDATE

ITEM 5.1	ACTIONS UPDATE LEANNE MARTIN - 15 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY
TRIM FILE REF	2020/405257
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To update the Committee on actions arising from previous meetings.

1. MEETING OF 25 JUNE 2020

ITEM NO.	ACTION	ACTION UPDATE
6.5	Community Impacts Of COVID-19 On Northern Beaches Area	Over 50 local service providers were contacted by Council staff in the week commencing 13 July. This has been a regular occurrence during COVID-19. Key findings will be reported to the Committee.
7.0	Manly Safety Audit	A late night Manly Safety Audit is to be arranged in partnership with Police, agencies and community members, towards the end of the year, COVID-19 restrictions permitting.

2. ISSUES ARISING

The following locations have been the subject of reports of community concern. These sites are being managed in collaboration with Police and other agencies to identify the issues and actions required to mitigate safety concerns.

2.1 Ivanhoe Park, Manly: Vandalism of the Botanic Garden. In response to the previously reported major vandalism in May, the Friends of Ivanhoe Park, Council staff and police met to discuss site security. Various measures were agreed upon to improve security and The Friends are keeping a register of antisocial behaviour at the Garden. An overall Management Plan for the garden is scheduled to commence in early 2021, and this will take into consideration further safety measures.

2.2 Dee Why Dunes Rough Sleepers. A number of long-term homeless people have caused considerable damage to this ecologically sensitive area over a period of time. Following extensive work by local housing and homelessness services, four people have now been assisted into alternate accommodation. The area is to be regenerated by Council's Parks and Recreation team as soon as possible to prevent re-habitation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	POLICE REPORT SUPERINTENDENT PATRICK SHARKEY - 15 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY
TRIM FILE REF	2020/394137
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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6.2**COMPLIANCE REPORT
AZMEENA KELLY - 15 MINUTES****REPORTING OFFICER****EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE****TRIM FILE REF****2020/394152****ATTACHMENTS****NIL****ISSUE**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted

ITEM 6.3	YOUTH DRUG ISSUES UPDATE BELINDA VOLKOV - 20 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY
TRIM FILE REF	2020/394202
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To brief the Committee on current trends in drug use issues amongst young people on the Northern Beaches.

BACKGROUND

The impact of COVID-19 on the community has been felt in many different ways. One issue of concern raised by local police and drug and alcohol workers is the apparent increase in the use of illicit drugs. Previous meetings have discussed the issue of 'Nangs' (nitrous oxide) and the ease of access for young people. Representations were subsequently made to the State Government requesting that the issue be considered for legislative change.

DISCUSSION

Belinda Volkov from Sydney Drug Education and Counselling Centre (SDECC) will brief the Committee on the experiences of drug and alcohol use of young people and families during COVID-19, including emerging issues. She will also discuss the increase in vaping amongst young people.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive the information and consider relevant actions.

ITEM 6.4	COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2020 - 2025 LEANNE MARTIN - 30 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY
TRIM FILE REF	2020/401253
ATTACHMENTS	1 Community Safety Plan - Presentation

ISSUE

To seek feedback on the draft objectives and identify potential partners for the Community Safety Plan, prior to public exhibition.

BACKGROUND

The Community Safety Committee have previously indicated support for a strengths based approach that builds on the strong sense of safety on the Northern Beaches and how that can be sustained. The Community Safety Plan integrates key criteria required to apply for potential State or Federal government crime prevention funding, or other grant opportunities as they arise.

Previous briefings to the Committee on the development of the Plan addressed safety analysis, emerging themes and the results of community surveys and consultation.

This briefing will be on the key findings arising from the research and consultations for the Draft Plan, with an opportunity for discussion and feedback on the draft objectives. It will also consult the Committee on the identification of service provider partners to manage the key issues and actions that will arise in the Plan.

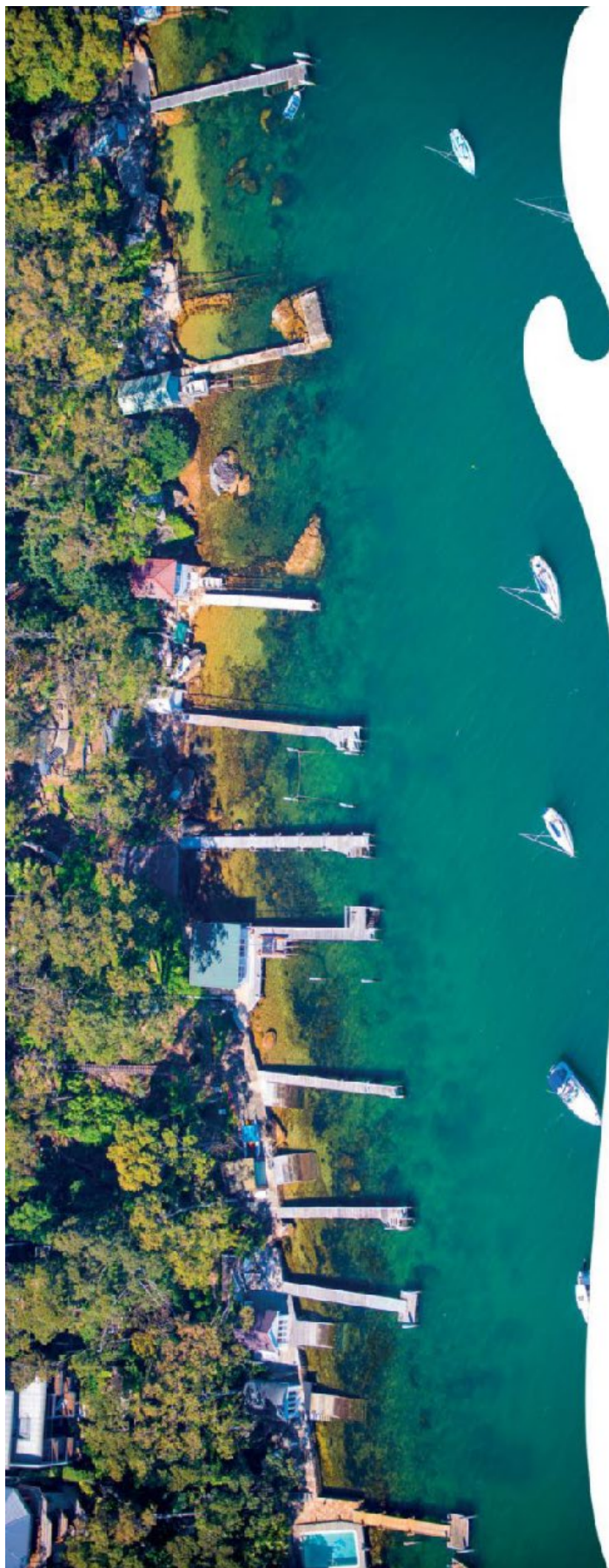
Following this meeting individual and round table meetings will be held with key service providers to further develop actions to meet the identified issues.

The next steps are:

1. October 2020 - Submit draft Plan to Council to approve for public exhibition
2. November 2020 - Review submissions from the public exhibition period, making variations where required
3. December 2020 - Submit final draft Plan for adoption by Council

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Safety Committee provide feedback around key objectives, and identify service provider partners that will contribute to actions within the Draft Community Safety Plan.



Community Safety Plan

Community Safety Committee

6 August 2020

Action Plan & Purpose

- Five-year Community Safety Plan 2020-2025 in support of Northern Beaches vision:

‘a safe, inclusive and connected community that lives in balance with our extraordinary coastal and bushland environment’ (Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028)

- Strategic vision and direction for safety related priority areas across the Northern Beaches
- Identified objectives and actions

Background

- Data analysis – Northern Beaches Police and BOCSAR data (NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research)
- Community and stakeholder engagement, including online survey and randomised phone surveys.

Key Results;

- Northern Beaches is a very safe place
- Community perceptions of safety are high
- Results correlate with consultation with key focus groups and services
- The Plan identifies emerging themes & includes draft objectives under 6 Priority Areas.

Emerging Themes & Priority Action Areas

Priority Areas

	Safe Futures	Safe Travels	Safe Families	Safe Seniors	Safe Spaces	Safe Nights Out
Alcohol & other drugs	✓		✓		✓	✓
Transport Safety		✓		✓	✓	✓
Domestic & Family Violence	✓		✓			
Young people, safety & wellbeing	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Homelessness	✓				✓	
Scams & other fraud				✓		
Elder abuse & exploitation				✓		

Emerging Themes

Priority Action Area	Description
1. Safe Futures	To increase safety for peoples' futures
2. Safe Travels	To improve safety on transport and at transport hubs
3. Safe Families	To increase safety of families
4. Safe Seniors	To increase safety of older people
5. Safe Spaces	To increase safety of public spaces
6. Safe Nights Out	To increase safety at night

Online Activity (30 min)

Review each of the six Priority Areas to:

1. Provide feedback on the objectives
2. Identify potential partners and stakeholders

1. Safe Futures

Objectives

1. Improve safety for young women
2. Increase access to safe recreation opportunities for young people
3. Reduce harms associated with young people consuming alcohol
4. Reduce barriers young people face accessing mental health supports
5. Increase access to housing for people experiencing homelessness

2. Safe Travels

Objectives

1. Improve design of transport hubs to enhance actual and perceived safety
2. Reduce violent and difficult behaviour and increase reporting of inappropriate behaviour on transport
3. Improve actual and perceived safety for women and other community members using public transport at night

3. Safe Families

Objectives

1. Reduce risks of families living in and leaving violence
2. Reduce adolescent family violence perpetrators
3. Improve service coordination to foster holistic support for families impacted by violence
4. Increase opportunities for pro-social connections between parents and young people
5. Address normalisation and access of alcohol and other drug use by parents
6. Improve child safety, particularly online safety

4. Safe Seniors

Objectives

1. Reduce susceptibility to identity theft and scams
2. Reduce vulnerability to victimisation

5. Safe Spaces

Objectives

1. Promote actual and perceived safety for the community through design and development in public spaces
2. Support effective management of alcohol provision across licensed premises and businesses
3. Improve response to identified locations of crime and safety concerns
4. Improve safety and wellbeing for homeless people and rough sleepers

6. Safe Nights Out

Objectives

1. Increase access of diverse and accessible entertainment
2. Increase safe night-time opportunities in key growth centres

Next Steps

1. October 2020 - Submit draft Plan to Council to approve for public exhibition
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3. December 2020 - Submit final draft Plan for adoption by Council

ITEM 6.5	COMMUNITY MEDICAL WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM TRIAL - NATASHA SCHULTZ - 15 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CLEANSING
TRIM FILE REF	2020/439735
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

Proposed Trial for a Community Medical Waste (sharps and dialysis tubing) Collection Program

BACKGROUND

Representations have been made for Council to support a medical waste collection program.

Two other programs currently operate in the Northern Beaches area. These are:

- Needle and Syringe Program (NSP)
- Fitpack

The proposed trial does not replicate either of these two programs.

Needle and Syringe Program

Four Service Providers participate in NSW Health's Needle and Syringe Program providing needle exchange and community sharp collections. These are:

- i. Mona Vale Urgent Care
- ii. Brookvale Community Health Centre
- iii. Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre
- iv. Northern Beaches Hospital.

Fitpack

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia runs the Fitpack Scheme, funded by the NSW Ministry of Health, which allows people who inject drugs to obtain a free Fitpack in exchange for a used Fitpack from a participating NSP pharmacy.

In NSW, 60% of Fitpacks obtained from community pharmacies are returned to be disposed of responsibly, using the safe disposal systems operating within community pharmacies. The used Fitpacks are placed in a sharps container to be collected and destroyed by a licensed contractor.

This program is free for pharmacies to join and they receive \$3.50 funding for every Fitpack they collect for safe disposal.

Currently there are 7 pharmacies in the Northern Beaches area that offer this program, located in:

- Manly
- Narrabeen
- Dee Why
- Harbord
- Elanora Heights
- Brookvale
- Avalon

NSW Health has recently identified areas in Sydney, where there is an increased need for sharps disposal, including the following six locations on the Northern Beaches:

- Belrose
- Terrey Hills
- Seaforth
- Narraweena
- Frenchs Forest
- Balgowlah

Pharmacies that provide community sharps collections are required to pay collection and disposal fees.

City of Ryde Program

City of Ryde Council provides a free service for residents who suffer from diabetes or kidney failure, enabling them to dispose of syringes and dialysis tubing in a safe manner. Residents can drop off their syringes and dialysis material at any of the participating pharmacies.

Council supplies the sharps containers free of charge to residents who are required to return the full containers to participating pharmacies.

City of Ryde has a rental agreement with a service provider who provide 100 sharps containers each year and collects the clinical waste bins from 14 participating chemists at an annual cost of \$7,500.

DISCUSSION

Providing safe and accessible disposal solutions for medical waste is a key consideration for local communities. Northern Beaches Council provides sharps collection bins in designated public toilets across the northern beaches. Some local pharmacies, hospitals and other agencies provide sharps disposal and Fitpack services.

Both the Pharmacy Guild and a local pharmacy have identified a demand for expanded services and are seeking Council's support. Medical waste disposal services generally assist residents who suffer from diabetes or kidney failure. For the latter, disposal options are few and clinical waste is often disposed of in garbage bins.

Council's domestic garbage (red lidded bin) is collected and transferred to an Alternative Waste Processing Facility located at Eastern Creek where it is sorted, and any recyclable materials and organics are recovered from the waste stream for further processing and beneficial reuse. Medical waste is considered a contaminant if present in this process and may present an operational and safety risk.

Providing residents with accessible disposal options, provides a safe, practical solution for the disposal of medical waste.

It is proposed to conduct a trial, offering a service similar to that provided by the City of Ryde Council, whereby Council would provide a free service for residents who suffer from diabetes or kidney failure, enabling them to dispose of syringes and dialysis tubing in a safe manner. Council would supply the sharps containers free of charge and residents would be required to drop off their syringes and dialysis material at any of the participating pharmacies.

Comments are sought from the Community Safety Committee with respect to a 12-month trial of a Community Medical Waste (sharps and dialysis tubing) Collection Program in the six locations identified by NSW Health as having a need for such services.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CLEANSING

THAT

1. The Briefing Note be received and noted.
2. The Community Safety Committee support a 12-month trial of a Community Medical Waste (sharps and dialysis tubing) Collection Program, in the six locations identified by NSW Health as having a need for such services.