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MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

held in the Northern Beaches PCYC, 40 The Kingsway, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2021

Minutes of the Community Safety Committee
held on Thursday 17 June 2021
in the Northern Beaches PCYC, 40 The Kingsway, Dee Why
Commencing at 8 - 10am

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor – Chairperson
Cr Candy Bingham	Deputy Mayor
Cr Sue Heins	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Jason Falinski MP	Federal Member for Mackellar represented by Matthew Kong
Zali Steggall OAM MP	Federal Member for Warringah represented by Peta Garrett
James Griffin MP	State Member for Manly represented by Kim Preston-Hiney
Rob Stokes MP	State Member for Pittwater represented by Andrew Johnston
Supt Patrick Sharkey	Northern Beaches Police Area Command represented by Detective Chief Inspector Michael Boutouridis
Michelle Comito	Catholic Care
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Roberta Conroy	Community Representative
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Trish Bramble	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)

Council Officer Contacts

Dave Kerr	Director Community & Belonging
Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Azmeena Kelly	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Rob van den Blink	Manager, Youth and Community Development
Kath Young	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Youth and Community Development
Jarod Colyer	Trainee, Youth and Community Development

Visitors

Lynelle Hales	CEO Sydney North Health Network
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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:

Jonathan O'Dea MP	State Member for Davidson
Kamal Krishan	State Transit Authority Northern Region
Michelle Erofeyeff	Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Melissa Palermo	NSLHD Health Promotion
Tony Hilliger	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches

The following members were not in attendance:

Brad Hazzard MP	State Member for Wakehurst
Cr Stuart Sprott	
Christina Franze	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Luisa de Bont	Community Representative
Stephen Pirovic	Community Representative

3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures 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 22 APRIL 2021

DECISION

The Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 22 April 2021, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, were accepted and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 ACTIONS UPDATE

5.1 ACTIONS UPDATE

DISCUSSION

1. MEETING OF 26 FEBRUARY 2021

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ACTION UPDATE
6.6.1	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord Chair, Doug Brooker, offered to meet offline with interested Committee members to consider realistic alternatives to East Esplanade management.	Doug Brooker / Committee Members	Members invited to speak with Doug Brooker as required. Complete

2. MEETING OF 22 APRIL 2021

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ACTION UPDATE
6.2.1	In future statistics, include dog breed data.	Azmeena Kelly	Complete
6.2.2	In future statistics, include the number of cats seized.	Azmeena Kelly	Complete
6.2.3	Review and make clear Council's Alcohol Prohibited Area website information.	Kath Young	Complete Information forwarded to Council's Parks and Recreation section for APA action. AFZ information updated on website.
6.3.1	Liaise with Michelle Comito in regard to CDAT's drug and alcohol strategies to support the East Esplanade Working Group.	Rob van den Blink	Complete Michelle invited to take part in Safety Audit of East Esplanade

DISCUSSION

Council's Draft Community Safety Plan is currently on public exhibition and open for comment. Hard copy Draft Plans were distributed to the Committee and members were encouraged to take the opportunity to review and comment via Council's website:

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/community-safety-plan>

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 POLICE REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS

Detective Inspector Michael Boutouridis provided an update on local Police matters including:

- 6 new Probationary Constables will commence on the Northern Beaches
- Crime statistics generally trending down, including robbery
- Unlocked cars and homes still present theft opportunities
- Recent enforcement of firearm prohibition orders and bail compliance
- Recent arrests in relation to armed robberies at Forestville and organised high-end retail theft
- Video footage from a local venue assisted Police with the arrest of a person for theft of a high performance e-bike
- PACER remains a fantastic resource for Police
- Sexual assaults, often historical, continue to be reported to Police
- Historical murder case at North Head proceeding to Supreme Court in July.

The Committee were reminded to share with their family and community that homes, premises and vehicles need to be securely locked while unattended. Items of value should also be removed from opportunistic sight in vehicles.

DISCUSSION

Little Manly Point Police patrols are continuing by (plain clothes) proactive crime team. Request for Police to include the circuit on western side of Little Manly Point.

Lismore Ave, Dee Why speeding concerns were raised as a local issue.

Northern Beaches Hospital mental health response was discussed.

PACER and the local LHD youth response have been positive initiatives.

Local services are overwhelmed and wider State Health reform is required to change the system and address the need for additional drug, alcohol and mental health support generally and arising out of COVID.

Council's Better Together Social Sustainability Strategy 2040 (Draft) research will endeavour to engage with local services to identify health reforms, particularly in regards to young people. Council is currently drafting a formal submission in regard to these and similar matters.

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6.1.1	Sydney North Health Network data will be shared with the Committee at the next meeting.	Lynelle Hales	5 August 2021

6.2 COMPLIANCE REPORT

The Executive Manager Compliance provided an update on Compliance matters. The presentation, which includes the statistical data, will be circulated to the Committee.

Matters raised included:

- Animal Management staff are currently auditing Council's Companion Animals Register
- Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Area (APA) monitoring will continue throughout the year
- Focus on known hotspots in relation to dumped rubbish
- Currently liaising with Council's Development Assessment Team regarding imposing Trolley Management Plan conditions when assessing new development applications for supermarkets
- Office of Local Government Food Hygiene referrals are being actively pursued to ensure control measures are place.

DISCUSSION

Concern was raised about cats in endangered habitat areas.

Manly to Shelly Beach lighting audit was discussed. Lighting audits in areas other than Manly was raised and could include Dee Why, Mona Vale, Newport and a suggestion for solar pathway lighting in Rowland Reserve, Bayview.

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6.2.1	A program of safety audits to be scheduled for priority areas	Kath Young	5 August 2021

6.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER INFORMATION SHARING

Manly Chamber of Commerce representative, Drew Johnson shared with the Committee the impact of Covid19 on the local business sector.

Businesses have experienced:

- Loss of staff and decreased ability to find new staff
- Loss of customers – international travellers/students
- Retail closures – vacant shops, stagnant office lets
- Businesses adapting to changing market and trade eg altered opening hours, pivoting business offerings
- Sydney Road market stall holders with tourist oriented items particularly affected.

Positive outcomes of COVID restrictions for businesses include:

- Outdoor dining has created a real atmosphere which has countered the loss of people allowable within premises due to COVID19 restrictions
- Increase in suburban coffee shops
- \$200 card tap
- Less red tape for business to change use of premises.

Going forward, these opportunities for long term change need to be considered alongside safety, eg:

- Venue licencing

- Home delivery of alcohol regulation
- Premises' change of use, eg. food and beverage establishments changing to retail.

Businesses are keeping an eye on how restrictions develop post community vaccinations.

DISCUSSION

The State Government's Dine and Discover voucher initiative has had mixed uptake from the community.

Licencing of premises was discussed. Doug Brooker shared with the Committee that many Manly venues have had 24 hour licences for years however, they have chosen not to utilise their approved operating hours. With some venues changing ownership, this could change.

Catholic Care's Michelle Comito summarised the impact Covid19 has had on young people.

Although, data is not Northern Beaches specific, the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research ([BOCSAR](#)) statistics indicate some positive results. The [Young People in Community Justice System](#) report indicates a decrease in custody as a result of Courts not operating due to COVID19. Additionally, there has been a decline in warnings, cautions and infringements.

A summary of statistics from Headspace's national report [Coping with COVID: the mental health impact on young people accessing headspace services](#) was shared.

Mental Health has been a primary concern for young people during COVID19, with top concerns including:

- Social isolation
- Education impacts
- Impacts on family life
- Changes to activities.

It was noted that stress and violence in homes escalated during lockdowns and due to inability for services to enter homes, matters were escalated to police/crisis response earlier than would have otherwise occurred. Catholic Care adapted their services during this period from early intervention to crisis services. Demand for services continues to be immense and early intervention services continue to suffer.

Reports prepared by the New South Wales Council of Social Service (NCOSS) [A Wave of Disadvantage](#) and Kids Helpline [Impacts of COVID-19 on young people and children](#) provide additional information related to COVID19 concerns.

Committee members were encouraged to consider taking the opportunity to share and advocate for their service or interest at the next Community Safety Committee Meeting. To nominate, contact Kath Young, Community Safety Coordinator.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Items discussed included:

- Traffic engineering and pedestrian safety at Dee Why and Manly.
- Mona Vale ocean pool in regard to wall height concern and climate change. This matter has been raised with Park Assets - Planning Design and Delivery and the issue will be considered in the future development of ocean pools.

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The meeting concluded at 9.42am

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 8 pages numbered 1 to 8 of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on Thursday 17 June 2021 and confirmed on Thursday 5 August 2021