

# AGENDA

## COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Community Safety Committee will be held in the Manly Town Hall Council Chambers on

**THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2019**

Beginning at 8:00 - 10:00 AM 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 David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Michelle Comito	Catholic Care
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Harry Coates	Community Representative
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Roberta Conroy	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
Paul Klarenaar	NASLHD Health Promotion
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Steve McInnes	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)
Kara Hillier	State Transit Authority Northern Region
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## 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

Name	Attended as an observer
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## Quorum

A majority of members plus the Mayor or another Councillor.

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**NEXT MEETING Thursday 28 November 2019**

## 1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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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.

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## 2.0 APOLOGIES

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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.

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## 3.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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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.

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## 4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 15 AUGUST 2019

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 15 August 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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## 5.0 AGENDA ITEMS

### ITEM 5.1 ACTIONS UPDATE

REPORTING OFFICER COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY

TRIM FILE REF 2019/513584

ATTACHMENTS 1 Letter from Minister Dominello re OLGA representations

### ISSUE

To update the Committee on actions arising from previous meetings:

#### 1. Northern Beaches Suicide Response

On World Suicide Prevention Day (10 September), Northern Beaches Council became the first NSW Council to sign the National Communications Charter. The National Communications Charter is a unified approach to mental health and suicide prevention which outlines strategic communication principles, key messages and helps ensure that public messaging is coordinated and consistent. By signing and implementing the Charter, Council's communications will help to increase help-seeking behaviour, reduce stigma, and collaborate with the community to improve mental health outcomes for the community of the northern beaches.

At an event hosted at Dee Why Civic Centre, the Mayor signed the Charter. The event was attended by key members of the Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group, local service providers and also members of the newly formed lived experience of suicide group.

See: <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/news/council-signs-national-charter-to-change-way-we-talk-about-suicide>

Northern Beaches Council was also the only Council to be invited to NSW Parliament to participate in the NSW Government's Towards Zero Suicides Premier's Priority Delivery Plan Workshop on World Suicide Prevention Day. Other participants from across NSW included leading suicide prevention experts, clinicians, frontline staff and people with a lived experience of suicide. Participants were involved in designing action plans for priority areas from the NSW Strategic Framework for Suicide Prevention 2018-2023.

On Saturday 21 September, Council facilitated a suicide prevention workshop in Avalon run by Wesley LifeForce. Fifteen local residents gained greater knowledge of suicide and intervention skills. Council is in discussion with Wesley LifeForce to facilitate one more suicide prevention workshop locally, and to also support the Steering Group to establish a local suicide prevention network.

Four PACE (Professional & Community Engagement) students from Macquarie University are currently on student placement developing an Evaluation Framework for the Northern Beaches Suicide Response Action Plan.

**2. Correspondence – Online Liquor Get Audited (OLGA) report.**

Following the June meeting representations were made to the Minister for Customer Service supporting the recommendations from the OLGA report. A response has been received from Minister Victor Dominello MP. He advises that Liquor and Gaming NSW are focusing on online and express alcohol delivery as one of its key regulatory priorities. It also indicates that the main issues of concern relating to RSA and preventing the service of liquor to minors are being addressed.

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**RECOMMENDATION OF COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY**

That the information be received and noted

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**The Honourable Victor Dominello MP**  
Minister for Customer Service

*Our reference: COR-00933-2019*

Councillor Michael Regan  
Mayor  
Northern Beaches Council

By email: [mayor@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mayor@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Councillor Regan

Thank you for your letter about the recommendations from the 'Online Liquor Gets Audited' (OLGA) Report prepared by Northern Sydney Local Health District.

Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) is currently focusing on online and express alcohol delivery as one of its key regulatory priorities, which includes targeted compliance efforts on individuals and businesses operating in this space. As part of this work, I understand that L&GNSW representatives have met with the Northern Sydney Local Health District to discuss the results and recommendations from the OLGA report.

In addition to proactive compliance operations, L&GNSW has been working with community and industry bodies, and other State and Territory liquor regulators, to identify opportunities to enhance the NSW liquor framework to respond to risks associated with this emerging business model, including responsible service of alcohol obligations, preventing the service of liquor to minors and enforcing obligations on licensees operating from other jurisdictions.

I have asked L&GNSW to keep your council informed as the process progresses and any broader consultation about the identified opportunities commences.

If you have any further queries, please contact James Donnelly, Manager Policy & Legislation, L&GNSW on (02) 9995 0651 or at [james.donnelly@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au](mailto:james.donnelly@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



**Victor Dominello MP**  
Minister for Customer Service

Date: 30.8.19

<b>ITEM 5.2</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>SUPERINTENDENT DARCY</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2019/513657</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**ISSUE**

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

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be received and noted.

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<b>ITEM 5.3</b>	<b>COMPLIANCE REPORT</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2019/513678</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**ISSUE**

A standing agenda item to brief the Committee on compliance related issues by the Executive Manager, Environmental Compliance.

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**RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

That the information be received and noted.

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<b>ITEM 5.4</b>	<b>LOCAL DRUG ACTION TEAM BRIEFING</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2019/513714</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

## **ISSUE**

To brief the Committee on the recent survey results undertaken by the Northern Beaches Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) targeting service providers and young people regarding drug and alcohol use and suicide.

## **BACKGROUND**

LDATs are federally funded groups auspiced by the Australian Drug Foundation (ADF).

The Northern Beaches LDAT is a collaborative project that includes Sydney Drug Education and Counselling Centre (SDECC), Lifeline Northern Beaches and Council.

The Northern Beaches LDAT was established following a successful application earlier this year. The project aims to mobilise the community to reduce the impact of Alcohol and Other Drug related harm, including suicide, amongst young people on the Northern Beaches through building stronger and connected communities.

The first stage of the project involved data collection survey responses from 665 young people (average age is 20) and service providers in our community. The next Community Action Plan is to analyse the data and further consult with service providers and other key influencers.

The data will be shared with service providers on 23 October 2019. This forum will also provide a platform to develop solutions based on local data and asset mapping to inform future stages of the project.

## **DISCUSSION**

Belinda Volkov from SDECC will present the preliminary findings on the LDAT research.

This presentation will also replace the previously planned guest presenter from ADF due to her resignation and subsequent unavailability.

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## **RECOMMENDATION OF COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY**

That the information be received and noted.

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<b>ITEM 5.5</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2019/513972</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**ISSUE**

To brief the Committee on the current status of the development of the Community Safety Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

Patrick Shepherdson, Community Safety and Crime Prevention Planning Consultant will attend the meeting (<http://www.shepherdson.com.au/>). Patrick is co-designing the plan together with the Community Safety Coordinator. They will brief the Committee with an update on the first draft of the Plan.

**DISCUSSION**

An overview of the key themes emerging after extensive research and stakeholder interviews will be provided to the Committee along with an update on the community survey responses.

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**RECOMMENDATION OF COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY**

That the information is received and noted.

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<b>ITEM 5.6</b>	<b>NEWPORT 'PORTSIDE' SPACE</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2019/531593</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>1 Photo - External</b>
	<b>2 Photo - Internal</b>
	<b>3 Aerial shot - 5 Burke St, Newport</b>

## ISSUE

Council have been approached by local residents regarding the use of an unofficial 'youth' space known as 'Portside' in Newport, attributing anti-social behavior to the use of this space. The Committee requested more information before providing advice on the matter.

## BACKGROUND

There has been a long-term unofficial use by young people of an unused building near Porter Reserve, Newport. The building is a dilapidated concrete structure that has been derelict for many years. It is located in an old quarry area surrounded by bushland, adjacent to Porter Reserve (Rugby Field). Industrious local skaters have turned the interior into a homemade skate park, colloquially known as 'Portside'. Address is 5 Burke Street, Newport. Lot 130 DP752046.

The land is owned by the NSW Government, Department of Industry, Lands. Any development or change of use will need permission from the landowners. The subject land is also highly constrained. Under the current Zoning (SP2 Infrastructure) community facilities are not included in the list of permissible uses.

There are also a number of environmental affectations applicable to the land, including:

- Bush Fire prone land category 1
- Biodiversity (Littoral Rainforest)
- Koala Habitat Protection

This location is on Crown Land and not previously under the control of Council. However, responsibility for the management of this land may soon be transferred from the Crown to Council.

It should be noted that the location does not readily lend itself to a youth facility. It is very isolated and surrounded by bushland. Good visibility is a key principal of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Youth facilities and hubs need to be accessible, visible and located within communities, not away from them with little access or public scrutiny.

## DISCUSSION

This issue has been presented to the Community Safety Committee as local residents perceive that there are community safety issues due to the unofficial and unmonitored use of 'Portside' by the community, particularly young people.

A suggestion to remediate the roof of Portside to ensure it is safe is being examined by engineers. A report will be presented to the Committee at the meeting.

On a broader level, a significant amount of work is currently underway in Newport to help address youth related concerns. Over the past year there has been an increasing level of youth related drug, alcohol and anti-social behaviors that may have contributed to malicious damage in the Newport town centre. A crime prevention grant of \$50,000 from NSW Communities and Justice, Crime Prevention Division, will assist in addressing some of these issues in Newport and Mona

Vale with a program of diversionary activities and outreach support. Discussions are underway with existing service providers to help progress these initiatives.

Following an initial approach to Council by Newport locals, Council has committed to working with community members to establish a youth focused park space, including a basketball court. This will be located on the beachfront and in conjunction with the Surf Club. Further consultation and youth engagement will be undertaken, with a view to install by next year.

Staff have also recently been advised that a new youth service is being established in Newport town centre. It will operate as a youth drop in centre and have two outreach buses. This service is a self-funded charity and intends on operating separately from existing youth services and Council. As there is a risk of duplication and potential over-servicing, this is being taken into account in future planning.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION OF COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY**

That the information be considered by the Committee.

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