

AGENDA

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 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
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

Ray Brownlee	Chief Executive Officer
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
Sue Johansson	Community Development Officer
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Youth and Community Development

Visitors

Cr Vincent De Luca OAM	Observer
Louise Kerr	Director Planning and Place

Quorum

A majority of members plus the Mayor or another Councillor.

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

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NEXT MEETING Thursday 26 November 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, present and emerging.

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 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Members should disclose any "**pecuniary**" or "**non-pecuniary**" interests in matters included in the agenda. The [Northern Beaches Council Code of Conduct](#) (the Code) provides guidance on managing conflicts of interests.

A **pecuniary interest** is defined in Section 4 of the Code as:

A pecuniary interest is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person referred to in clause 4.3.

A **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** is defined in Section 5 of the Code as:

A non-pecuniary conflict of interest exists where a reasonable and informed person would perceive that you could be influenced by a private interest when carrying out your official functions in relation to a matter.

If you required further information or guidance about disclosing an interest please contact Governance at councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 6 AUGUST 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 6 August 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 SUE JOHANSSON - 15 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
TRIM FILE REF	2020/519608
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To update the Committee on actions arising from previous meetings.

1. MEETING OF 6 AUGUST 2020

ITEM NO.	ACTION	ACTION UPDATE
6.1	Council staff to discuss the Suicide Response Protocol offline in relation to SDECC and information sharing.	Action taken.
6.3	Michelle Comito to circulate the Northern Beaches Youth Alcohol and other Drugs (AOD) Interagency webinar information to the Committee when details are finalised.	The Northern Beaches Youth Drug & Alcohol Interagency with Sydney North Health Network (SNHN) will be hosting a webinar titled: <i>Youth Services - Alcohol and Other Drugs, and the latest on e-cigarettes</i> 8.00-9.15am, 27th October Flyer and registration details to be shared.
6.3	That the representations about access to Nitrous Oxide be revisited with a view to further Committee advocacy on this issue.	Discussion and updates from the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	POLICE REPORT SUPERINTENDENT PATRICK SHARKEY - 15 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
TRIM FILE REF	2020/497773
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****2020/497749****ATTACHMENTS****NIL****ISSUE**

This is a standard 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	COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2020-2025 SUE JOHANSSON 10 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
TRIM FILE REF	2020/526898
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To brief the Committee on the progress of the draft Community Safety Plan.

BACKGROUND

A draft framework including six proposed key priority areas and objectives for the draft Community Safety Plan was presented at the Community Safety Committee meeting on 6 August 2020.

Following feedback from Committee members, consultation with key stakeholders has commenced in order to develop draft actions to meet the identified issues within the Plan. Key stakeholders include Police, Transport for NSW and services working in the sectors of:

- Child and Family
- Youth
- Disability
- Mental Health.

The timeline is as follows:

1. Sept - Oct 2020: Consultation with key stakeholders to confirm actions
2. Nov 2020: Present draft Plan to the Community Safety Committee for endorsement
3. Feb 2021: Submit draft Plan to Council to approve for public exhibition
4. Mar 2021: Review submissions from the public exhibition period, making variations where required
5. Apr 2021: Submit final draft Plan for adoption by Council

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6.4	NORTHERN BEACHES SUICIDE RESPONSE UPDATE SUE JOHANSSON 10 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
TRIM FILE REF	2020/556994
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To brief the Committee on actions implemented by the Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group and other suicide prevention and response initiatives.

DISCUSSION

Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group

In June 2018, Council's Community Safety Committee resolved to form a Working Group to address growing concerns in the community about deaths by suicide on the Northern Beaches. In April 2019 this group was succeeded by the Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group. The Steering Group plays a leadership role in the suicide prevention space, with a focus on coordination, communication, advocacy, intervention and postvention. The Steering Group continues to meet quarterly to oversee the coordination of strategies within a local Action Plan.

Members of the Steering Group include:

- Community Care Northern Beaches (CCNB)
- Lifeline Northern Beaches
- Northern Beaches Hospital
- Northern Beaches Lived Experience Group
- Northern Beaches Police Area Command
- Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD)
- Sydney North Health Network (SNHN)
- Ambulance NSW.

A progress report on the Action Plan has previously been distributed to Committee members and can be found at <https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/nbsr- snapshot - report.pdf>

Suicide Postvention Pilot Protocol

One of the most pressing issues identified by the Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group was the need for a coordinated response following a death by suicide. Police, Lifeline Northern Beaches, Council and Community Care Northern Beaches (CCNB) worked closely to investigate other models which could be adapted for a local response to support both families and the broader community. Funded by CCNB, a critical incident response protocol has been trialled since July 2019 to allow for better coordination of key agencies and services following a death by suicide or a suicide attempt. Ensuring long term sustainability for the Postvention Protocol is a key priority for the Steering Group.

CCNB are continuing to fund and resource the Northern Beaches Suicide Postvention Pilot Protocol with a second evaluation being conducted by Dr Grenville Rose. CCNB have had a substantial increase in notifications in recent months, with middle aged men being the highest statistic.

Suicide Prevention Community Gatekeeper Training

Council was successful in securing grant funding of \$340,000 from NSW Ministry of Health to roll out suicide prevention community gatekeeper training on the Northern Beaches. The funding is for a period of three years to deliver suicide intervention skills training and suicide awareness activities to over one thousand 'Community Gatekeepers', targeting middle aged men, young people, seniors and emergency services. A project officer has been employed to coordinate the delivery of training and a range of suicide awareness activities. Council continues to receive a steady number of community members signing up for training. All training has transitioned online in response to COVID-19, with participants completing LivingWorks Start and a debrief session with a LivingWorks trainer.

To date 293 people have completed the Gatekeeper Training. Community members are encouraged to sign up for training, and this registration can be done online [here](#).

The Sydney Morning Herald recently ran a story and interviewed one of our local young gatekeepers: <https://www.smh.com.au/national/helping-young-people-quickly-learning-to-ask-a-life-saving-question-20200828-p55q6y.html>. This was followed up with Channel 10's the Project interview where they discussed suicide first aid skills, in particular LivingWorks Start: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1249413098725472&extid=9nH0QIU7K0nj3QiX>

Council and service partners ran a free 'Safe and Sound' wellbeing webinar series in May and June 2020. The six webinars are aimed at supporting young people, youth supports, men, women, seniors and LGBTIQA+ communities to reinforce referral pathways to local services and community groups that focus on some key issues the community may be experiencing. 208 people watched the Safe and Sound webinar series live, with a further 420 people viewing the webinars on Council's website: <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/community/safety-and-wellbeing/suicide-prevention/safe-and-sound-webinar-series>

Future projects under the Gatekeeper Training project include:

- Development of a podcast for emergency services bringing to light the referral and internal pathways when dealing with an event
- Accidental Counsellor Plus training for emergency services, in partnership with Lifeline Northern Beaches. The first session will involve the Rural Fire Service, with more training for other emergency services scheduled for early to mid-2021.
- Life Transitions webinar series for late 2021.

Mindframe Plus Training

Mindframe is a national program supporting safe media reporting, portrayal and communication about suicide, mental ill-health and alcohol and other drugs. Mindframe is managed by Everymind and is funded by the Australian Government's Department of Health under the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program. The Steering Group noted that following recent deaths by suicide, there was much discussion online about suicide, some messaging was not always helpful, and in some cases may have been harmful to those who were vulnerable. Council partnered with Everymind to provide Mindframe Plus online training, giving participants the confidence to use appropriate language online when creating a post, sharing someone else's post,

or responding to someone who might be experiencing suicidal thoughts. Sessions were held on 3 September for the service sector and 21 September for community members. Everymind assisted with designing proactive positive messaging and mental health literacy for stakeholder use and social media safe messaging. 25-30 people attended each online session.

For those Committee members interested in this training, Everymind also host a weekly interactive drop in session: <https://mindframe.org.au/events/calendar/education>

Local Suicide Prevention Network

In addition to coordination with local services, the Steering Group is partnering with Wesley LifeForce to establish a community led network to complement the service system and encourage the inclusion of those affected by suicide. Wesley LifeForce received federal funding to establish Networks across the country and have now held three community meetings online, with over 48 people attending the first two meetings. This is a very high number of participants compared to other regions.

Meetings to date have workshopped identifying skills within the community and key areas of interest which the Network wish to focus on. The next online meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6 October. For those interested in learning more about the network, please contact Jocelyn Box at Wesley LifeForce at Jocelyn.Box@wesleymission.org.au

Hotspot Management and Means Restriction

Council continues to actively monitor high risk headland locations, and undertake safety audits with Police when required, as well as installing permanent or temporary fencing and natural barriers where appropriate.

Council is also represented on the National Suicide Hotspot Advisory Group which provides advice, guidance and support for locations which have been deemed at high risk for death by suicide. Northern Beaches Council is the only local government representative on the Group. The Advisory Group met for the first time in February 2020. The Group meets quarterly and is convened by Lifeline Australia. The Group will examine key locations nationally to provide appropriate solutions and guidance.

Lifeline Australia are supporting the Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group in considering innovative ways of managing headlands across the Northern Beaches. Council is a representative on the Advisory Group's working group focused on 'Community Engagement and Increasing Likelihood of Third-Party Intervention' and is assisting with the development of a toolkit which will guide Councils across Australia on all aspects of hotspot management.

Avalon Community Meeting on Suicide Prevention – 27 September 2020

Council facilitated members of the Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group to hold a community meeting in response to a recent suicide which had caused considerable community anxiety and grief. The meeting was held at Avalon Recreation Centre on Sunday 27 September, with 37 people attending to talk with local community organisations; Community Care Northern Beaches, Lifeline Northern Beaches, Council, OneEighty and Avalon Youth Hub. Residents had the opportunity to hear about what was happening in the region around suicide prevention initiatives, and to voice their concerns around suicide prevention and community safety. Invitations were letterbox dropped to residents around the Bangally headland area, and invitation extended to people who had been in contact with local organisations voicing their concern.

Participants were informed of ways they can be involved in suicide prevention, from training opportunities, to joining the newly formed Northern Beaches Local Suicide Prevention Network, as part of a whole of community response.

State and Regional Initiatives

A. Northern Sydney Joint Regional Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Drug & Alcohol Plan (Joint Regional Plan)

The Joint Regional Plan is a platform for enhancing collaboration and coordination between Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD), Sydney North Health Network (SNHN) and community partners around a number of agreed local needs and priorities.

In response to COVID-19, the delivery date for the Joint Regional Plan has been extended to 31 December 2020. SNHN will be consulting with the Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group in October 2020. Outcomes from recent sector and community consultation have resulted in six priority areas in the Joint Regional Plan:

1. Supporting mental health service coordination and collaboration through regional planning, co-design and partnership
2. Building community resilience and capacity to respond to suicide attempts and deaths
3. Improving the physical health and nutrition of people living with mental illness and alcohol and other drug issues
4. Improving mental health literacy by increasing community awareness of available services and enhancing access
5. Improving the mental health of priority population groups including CALD groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and LGBTI community members
6. Enhancing coordination and of service access for people using alcohol and other drugs.

B. NSW Towards Zero Suicide Initiative

NSLHD have appointed a Clinical Change Manager tasked with the primary goal to reduce suicide rates with three focus areas:

1. Towards Zero Suicide In Care – a large part of the role, addressing inpatient and community settings and developing safety planning and developing clinician capacity
2. Outreach in community teams
3. Alternatives to Emergency Department during crisis.

Current key focus is a district wide rapid response to youth suicide to reduce wait times during crisis which will include consultation with the community and the Steering Group.

COUNCIL SUPPORT

Council continues to coordinate the Suicide Response Steering Group and is committed to providing leadership in suicide prevention and response, as detailed in the following resolution of Council on 29 September 2020:

1. *That this Council:*
 - a. *Extends its sympathy to local families who have lost loved ones through suicide and acknowledges concern in the community about the continued tragic attempted suicides and loss of life.*

- b. Reaffirms its commitment to be a leader in suicide prevention and that Council will continue to work with the community to prevent suicides, noting that Council was awarded \$340,000 to train 'community gate keepers', has assessed all high risk areas on the Northern Beaches and placed LifeLine details at key sites, strategically placed specially designed barriers at a high-risk location and undertaken prevention work in schools.*
- 2. Requests the CEO to furnish a short report to the next meeting of Council:*
 - a. The status and outcomes of Resolution 24/2019 "United Action to Stop Suicides" submitted by Councillors De Luca and Sprott and subsequent Resolution;*
 - b. An update on all of Council's current initiatives in relation to suicide prevention and outline of any actions and required resources to effect further initiatives regarding suicide prevention on the Northern Beaches, particularly in relation to any outstanding infrastructure required at high risk locations and resources to conduct education and awareness programmes.*
 - c. Include efforts to work with other relevant agencies to improve the quality of suicide data and reporting.*

As such, a report will be presented to the Council meeting on 27 October 2020. Any potential actions that are identified will be the subject of consultation with members of the Suicide Response Steering Group and relevant agencies.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the information be received and noted.
- B. That the Committee provide comments on potential actions for discussion with the Suicide Response Steering Group and consideration by Council regarding suicide prevention.

ITEM 6.5	PUBLIC SPACE VISION AND DESIGN GUIDELINES LOUISE KERR 10 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	DIRECTOR PLANNING AND PLACE
TRIM FILE REF	2020/596282
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

Safer by Design – Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

BACKGROUND

The Northern Beaches Draft Public Space Vision and Urban Design Guidelines (PSV&DG) sets out to unify and consolidate public domain guidelines policy and materials palettes of the former three councils. The guidelines are used to evaluate, plan and design streets and open public spaces. Council at its meeting of 29 September 2020 endorsed the document for public exhibition <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/northern-beaches-public-space-vision-and-design-guidelines>.

DISCUSSION

Critical to the successful implementation of public space design is crime prevention through environmental design. The principles of CPTED, as defined in A5.5 Safer by Design (p.xxii) of the PSV&DG, set out to promote and support positive and desirable use of open space with CPTED principles applied holistically throughout the Northern Beaches.

Risks to community can be reduced through considered and sensible design solutions, lighting, anti-graffiti mechanisms and finishes in material selections, appropriate lighting that addresses public space safety and pedestrian movements and landscaping, including increased tree canopy coverage to mitigate the effects of UV radiation. Active planning that incorporates safety can lead to reducing opportunities for criminal behavior and improving perceptions of safety in the community.

The document sets out street design objectives with key principles of safer design addressed through a considered and consolidated approach to street design, materials palettes and furniture selections that provide a baseline of best practice principles, with recommendations addressing character, buildability, sustainability, safety, durability, economy and quality, and new and upgraded infrastructure embedding smart technology, adopting interoperability protocols and cybersecurity standards.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Safety Committee:

- A. Note the key principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design outlined in the draft Public Space Vision & Design Guideline document.
- B. Provide comments or suggestions for inclusion prior to the final report being presented to Council for endorsement, following public exhibition.