

AGENDA

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

Beginning at 9:30am for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

Committee Members

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Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Interagency
Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Northern Beaches Mental Health Interagency
Northern Beaches Youth Interagency
Northern Sydney Housing and Homelessness Interagency
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Community Safety Coordinator
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Quorum

A majority of members plus the Mayor or another Councillor.

**Draft Agenda for a the Community Safety Advisory Committee
to be held on Thursday 1 September 2022
Manly Town Hall
Commencing at 9:30pm**

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NEXT MEETING Thursday 24 November 2022

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 Advisory 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 governance@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2 JUNE 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held 2 June 2022, 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
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2022/472963
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To update the Committee on actions arising from previous meetings.

1. MEETING OF 2 JUNE 2022

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ACTION UPDATE
4.5.1	Investigate a sector or key community representative for seniors to join the Community Safety Advisory Committee	Kath Young	In progress
4.5.2	Provide an update on the Community Safety Plan actions at Community Safety Advisory Committee meetings.	Kath Young	Ongoing
5.1	Liquor Accord interest in large scale events to be communicated to Events Team.	Kath Young	Completed
5.2	Email Community Safety Committee Advisory Committee member email and phone numbers to members.	Kath Young	Completed

2. NORTHERN BEACHES POLICE AND COUNCIL OPERATIONAL MEETING

A Police and Council Operational meeting was held on 28 July 2022. Key topics of discussion were:

- New Alcohol Free Zones established at Belrose, Freshwater and Narrabeen.
- Proposal to establish new Alcohol Free Zone at Mona Vale
- Safety Audits – Whistler St Carpark, Manly and Village Park, Mona Vale
- Upcoming events
- Locations of concern – Narrabeen Lagoon, old Manly Aquarium site, Village Park Mona Vale
- Graffiti
- Freshwater Beach Masterplan

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	POLICE REPORT
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2022/476964
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Recorded Crime Statistics - April 2017 to March 2022 - Northern Beaches LGA

ISSUE

This is a standing item on the agenda. The Commander, Northern Beaches Police Area Command will brief the Committee on relevant crime and safety issues.

BACKGROUND

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research publish recorded crime statistics for the NSW and the Northern Beaches Local Government Area each quarter. Recorded crime statistics for selected major offence categories over the period April 2017 - March 2022 are attached for the information of Committee members.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Northern Beaches LGA Recorded Crime Statistics April 2017 – March 2022

Incidents of crime recorded by the NSW Police Force in Northern Beaches LGA: number, rates[^] and trends^{^^}

Major offence category ^{BOCSAR}	Incidents of crime recorded by NSW Police Force in Northern Beaches LGA					Rate per 100,000 population Apr 2021 - Mar 2022 [^]		2 year trend and annual % change ^{^^} (Apr 2020 - Mar 2022) Northern Beaches LGA	5 year trend and average annual % change ^{^^} (Apr 2017- Mar 2022) Northern Beaches LGA
	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW		
Murder	1	1	0	0	1	0.4	0.7	nc	nc
Domestic violence related assault	382	455	446	333	317	115.7	394.1	Stable	Down 4.6%
Non-domestic violence related assault	575	635	639	583	471	171.9	341	Stable	Stable
Sexual assault	97	125	120	151	135	49.3	85.9	Stable	Up 8.6%
Sexual touching, sexual act and other sexual offences	112	168	148	155	150	54.7	86.3	Stable	Stable
Robbery without a weapon	24	24	34	27	19	6.9	10.9	nc	nc
Robbery with a firearm	2	3	0	0	0	nc	1.1	nc	nc
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	7	15	9	9	9	3.3	8.9	nc	nc
Break and enter dwelling	451	378	292	255	218	79.6	212.8	Stable	Down 16.6%
Break and enter non-dwelling	188	150	166	129	89	32.5	88.5	Down 31.0%	Down 17.1%
Motor vehicle theft	219	212	198	189	164	59.8	129.2	Stable	Down 7.0%
Steal from motor vehicle	917	759	951	674	552	201.4	336	Stable	Down 11.9%
Steal from retail store	495	620	587	351	455	166	214.6	Stable	Stable
Steal from dwelling	437	381	339	335	267	97.4	196.8	Down 20.3%	Down 11.6%
Steal from person	89	60	70	49	30	10.9	20.8	Down 38.8%	Down 23.8%
Fraud	1,207	1,232	1,183	1,164	1042	380.2	543.3	Down 10.5%	Down 3.6%
Malicious damage to property	1,106	1,302	1,191	1,131	805	293.8	590.8	Down 28.8%	Down 7.6%

Source: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR)

^{^^} Shows the results of a statistical test for a significant upward or downward trend in the monthly number of criminal incidents recorded. Where the trend is significant (i.e p<0.05) the average annual percentage change over the five and two year period is shown. Significant upward trends are highlighted in red; significant downward trends are highlighted in green. 'Stable' indicates there was no significant upward or downward trend and 'nc' indicates that the number of incidents recorded was too small for a reliable trend test to be performed.

ITEM 6.2	ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT - EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE - 15 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2022/476990
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6.3	COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN ACTION - SEXUAL ASSAULT
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2022/492633
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To examine the findings of research into sexual assault on the Northern Beaches and discuss opportunities to reduce the incidence of sexual assault and improve support for victims and reporting on the Northern Beaches.

BACKGROUND

On 28 September 2021, Council endorsed the Community Safety Plan 2021-2026 (the Plan) which provides a five-year roadmap for Council and the community to maintain and improve safety for all residents of the Northern Beaches. It outlines the actions that Council, service partners and the community will take over the next 5 years to activate the 'safe' direction of Council's *Better Together* 2040 Social Sustainability Strategy and contribute towards the vision of Council's Community Strategic Plan - Shape 2028 for a 'safe, inclusive and connected community'.

The Priority Area of Safe Relationships within the Plan outlines Council's commitment to raise awareness of safe and inclusive relationships and to support the delivery of support services to address unsafe behaviours in the community. Under this priority area is an action to:

Collaborate with key stakeholders to assess crime trends in sexual assault and advocate for appropriate community actions.

This report provides a summary of the recent research conducted to assess these trends. The Committee will use this information as a basis for discussion on this issue.

DISCUSSION

Council engaged two social research interns from Macquarie University to undertake a research project in support of this action between March and June 2022.

Local specialist and general service providers were invited to share their experiences in responding to disclosures of sexual assault via an online survey and interviews. The research considered information provided by a small number of participating agencies, alongside an examination of relevant research and quantitative recorded crime and victim data.

Further, Recorded Crime - Victims 2021 data for NSW released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics Recorded (July 2022) has also been referenced.

Although a small number of local agencies participated in the research, their experience was found to be consistent with state and national statistics.

A summary of key findings is provided below on the following:

1. Incidence
2. Victims / Survivors
3. Location
4. Drivers / Context
5. Reporting
6. Opportunities

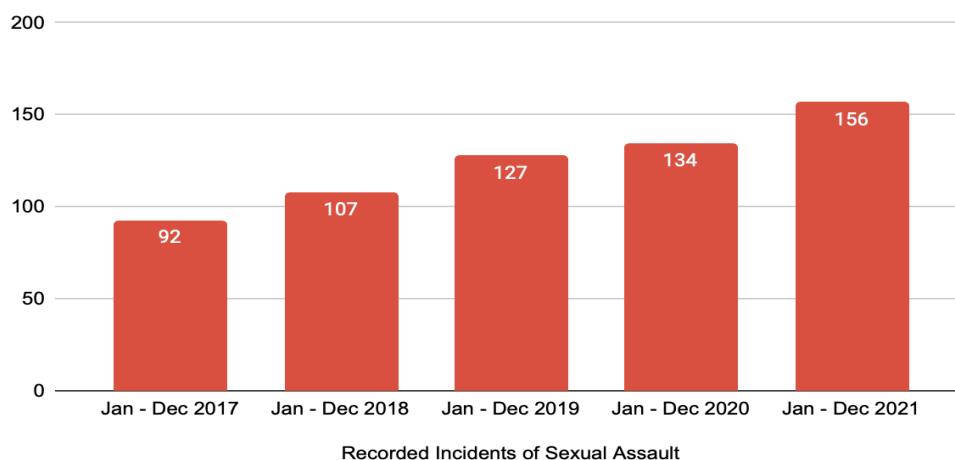
This information will assist in a workshop focusing on the opportunities identified and for Committee members to consider relevant strategies and actions.

1. Incidence

The recorded incidence of sexual assault has been steadily rising across NSW. The number of recorded victims of sexual assault across NSW for 2021 was the highest number of victims recorded across a 29-year time series.^{ABS} The number of sexual assaults in the Northern Beaches which are reported to Police has risen consistently throughout a 5-year period; from 92 incidents in 2017 to 156 incidents in 2021.^{BOCSAR}

Recorded incidents of sexual assault:

Northern Beaches Local Government Area

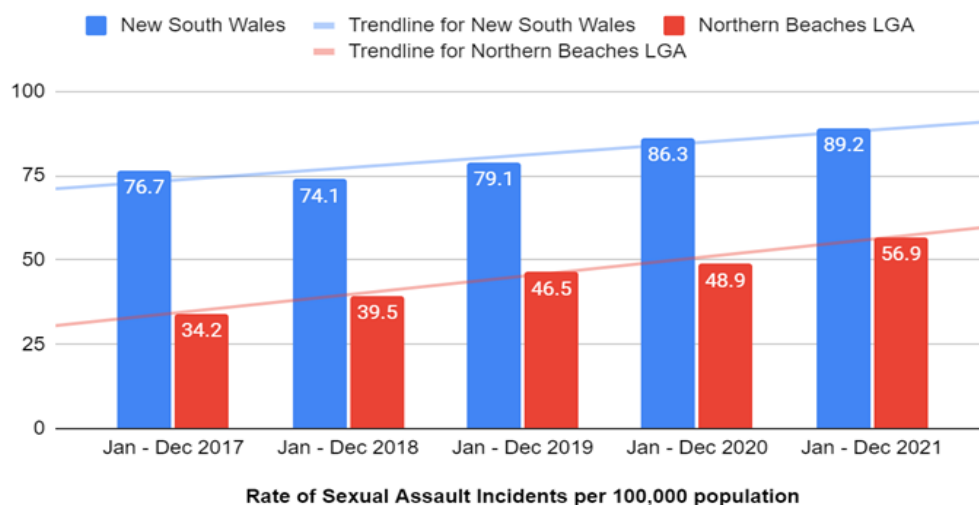


(Source: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research 2022)

The number of recorded sexual assaults in the Northern Beaches is increasing at a significantly greater rate than NSW as a state (+14.1% on the Northern Beaches compared to +4.8% for NSW).^{BOCSAR}

Rate of sexual assault incidence per 100,000 population for NSW and Northern Beaches:

New South Wales and Northern Beaches LGA



(Source: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research 2022)

20% of the local agencies surveyed reported that the demand for their sexual assault services was higher in 2021, compared to 2019 and 2020. 20% of the agencies surveyed reported that demand for their sexual assault services has been higher in the first quarter of 2022 than in 2021. The increase in reported sexual assault incidents, including a spike in reports at March 2021, 'was as much to do with an increase in reports of recent contemporary assaults as it was related to an increase in historical offences'. ^{Fitzgerald}

2. Victims - Survivors

Nationally, 18% of Australian women compared to 4.7% of Australian men have experienced sexual violence since the age of 15. ^{NSW Govt} Across NSW, most victims of sexual assault during 2021 were female (83%), aged under 18 years at the date of incident (71%), knew the offender (83%) and reported the incident to Police within a year (65%). ^{ABS} Women in the Northern Beaches are more likely to experience sexual assault than men and this trend is increasing by 17.1% per year. ^{BOCSAR}

Number of Male and Female Sexual Assault Victims in the Northern Beaches for 2017-2021:

	Jan - Dec 2017	Jan - Dec 2018	Jan - Dec 2019	Jan - Dec 2020	Jan - Dec 2021	5 Year Trend
Female Victims	75	94	114	114	144	Up by 17.1% per year
Male Victims	20	15	16	22	17	Not provided

(Source: Adapted from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research 2022)

Children and adolescents are also at increased risk of experiencing sexual assault. Number of Adult and Child victims of Sexual Assault in the Northern Beaches for 2017-2021:

	Jan - Dec 2017	Jan - Dec 2018	Jan - Dec 2019	Jan - Dec 2020	Jan - Dec 2021	5 Year Trend
Child/Juvenile Victims	63	74	87	101	109	Up by 14.9% per year
Adult Victims	32	33	44	35	50	Stable

(Source: Adapted from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research 2022)

- Sexual assault victimisation rate for women aged 18-29 is significantly higher than for women in older age groups. ^{ABS}
- Nationally, 97% of perpetrators are most likely to be men. ^{AIHW}
- Young men aged 15-19 have higher offending rates compared to other age groups. ^{AIHW}
- Perpetrators are 4 times more likely to be known by their victim than unknown. ^{AIHW}
- These statistics are reflected locally according to the experience of local service providers.
- Women, children and adolescents, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities and people living with a disability are at greater risk of experiencing sexual assault. ^{AIHW} This is also reflected in the experience of Northern Beaches service providers.

3. Location

Across NSW, most sexual assaults in 2021 occurred at a residential location (65%) and did not involve the use of a weapon (almost 100%).^{ABS} The postcodes of 2095 (Manly), 2099 (Dee Why, Cromer, Narrabeena, Curl Curl) and 2107 (Avalon) consistently experienced the highest counts of sexual assault in the Northern Beaches over the last 5 years.

Northern Beaches suburbs with the highest counts of sexual assault in descending order:

Top three suburbs with the highest number of sexual assault incidents									
Jan - Dec 2017		Jan - Dec 2018		Jan - Dec 2019		Jan - Dec 2020		Jan - Dec 2021	
Manly	14	Manly	15	Dee Why	11	Dee Why	13	Dee Why	18
Dee Why	11	Frenchs Forest	9	Frenchs Forest	10	Manly	11	Manly	14
Frenchs Forest	6	Belrose	8	Avalon Beach	8	Newport	8	Avalon Beach	12

(Source: Adapted from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research 2022)

68% of reported sexual assaults on the Northern Beaches in 2021 occurred at a residential location. 4% occurred at Park/Bushland/Garden and 4% in an Other Outdoor location.

Premises with top three highest incidence of sexual assault for 2017-2021:

Rating	Jan - Dec 2017	Jan - Dec 2018	Jan - Dec 2019	Jan - Dec 2020	Jan - Dec 2021
1	Residential Count: 59 Rate: 21.9	Residential Count: 76 Rate: 28.0	Residential Count: 83 Rate: 30.4	Residential Count: 75 Rate: 27.4	Residential Count: 107 Rate: 39.0
2	Other: Count: 8 Rate: 3.0	Other: Count: 17 Rate: 6.3	RSF Count: 6 Rate: 2.2	School Count: 8 Rate: 2.9	PBG Count: 6 Rate: 2.2
3	School Count: 6 Rate: 2.2	Other Outdoor Count: 3 Rate 1.1	PBG Count: 5 Rate: 1.8	PBG Count: 6 Rate: 2.2	Other Outdoor Count: 6 Rate: 2.2

Key: RSF = Road/Street/Footpath, PBG = Park/Bushland/Garden

(Source: Adapted from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research 2022)

Local service providers also identified licensed premises and small passenger transport services as locations of concern. BOCSAR report that during 2021, 60% of sexual assaults occurred on weekdays, 72% at night.

4. Drivers / Context

The drivers of sexual assault, in general, are extensive and can be thought of as intersectional; in which there are a number of circumstances that interplay connectively. This makes sexual assault a complex issue to address. According to BOCSAR data, approximately one quarter of sexual assaults are alcohol-related and this trend has been stable over the past 5 years.

Incidence of sexual assault in the Northern Beaches LGA and NSW by relation to alcohol:

Alcohol related		Jan - Dec 2017	Jan - Dec 2018	Jan - Dec 2019	Jan - Dec 2020	Jan - Dec 2021	Five Year Trend
NSW	Yes	17%	18%	15%	15%	17%	Stable
	No	83%	82%	85%	85%	83%	Up 4.0% per year
Northern Beaches LGA	Yes	26%	28%	25%	21%	27%	Stable
	No	74%	72%	75%	79%	73%	Stable

(Source: Adapted from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research 2022)

All the agencies that responded to the question of contributing factors to sexual assault on the Northern Beaches, identified alcohol as a major contributing factor. 80% responded that drugs were a major contributing factor and a further 60% responded that other pressures in the home were a major contributing factor.

Local services advised that drink spiking is an ongoing issue of concern. Service providers identified community attitudes toward women and power relations as contributors to sexual assault and noted the impact of cultural and religious influences.

Across NSW during 2021, around two in five (41%) of sexual assault incidents were Family and Domestic Violence related. ^{ABS} Local services also noted a strong correlation indicated between domestic violence and sexual assault.

5. Reporting

Nationally, it is estimated that up 23% of women who experienced sexual assault during 2020-21 reported the crime to the police. ^{ABS} According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Personal Safety Survey (2017) approximately 87% of women who were sexually assaulted by a male during 2006-2016 did not report the crime to the police. In 2021 across NSW, 57.4% of persons reporting sexual assault did so within 1 year of the incident. 42.5% reported after 1 year, with half of those reporting after 20 years. ^{ABS} Local service providers participating in the survey and interview process estimated that 103 (55%) of the 188 sexual assaults disclosed to their services during 2021 were not reported to Police.

Incidents of sexual assault and reporting of sexual assault disclosed to surveyed agencies in 2021

	Number of Incidents	Incidents not reported to the Police
Agency 1	5	71-80%
Agency 2	45	51-60%
Agency 3	130	51-60%
Agency 4	5	0-10%
Agency 5	3	81-90%
Total:	188	103 (55%) (estimated)

It is reported that while it has been suggested that heightened public awareness of sexual assault, due to recent Royal Commissions and high-profile sexual assault allegations, has increased the willingness of individuals to report historical offences, it is also likely that this increases the willingness of individuals to report recent offences. Fitzgerald, NSW Govt

Barriers to reporting

Local service providers report the most significant reasons for a decision not to report sexual assault are:

- fear of the judicial system and Police
- feelings of shame and self-blame
- perception there is not enough evidence to be believed by others
- where friends, family or the wider community engage in a practice of victim-blaming or promote other social norms that stipulate women are subservient to men
- language barriers, adherence to cultural and religious practices and mistrust in authorities can create additional barriers for culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

6. Opportunities

Local service providers and the researchers identified a range of opportunities that may impact the issue of sexual assault in the Northern Beaches including:

1. *Education and Awareness:*

- Community education in both institutional and public settings on the role of respectful relationships, consent and gender equality.
- Information and education around sexual assault.
- Development of individual identity and self-worth.
- Agencies felt that increased education on these issues this would be likely to have a positive impact on preventing sexual assault as well as on the reporting and disclosing of sexual assault. There was a belief that not only would it raise awareness of sexual assault but would also increase confidence to report and feel believed.
- The use of social media and formal institutional settings such as schools to educate the community.

- The Love Bites program was referenced by surveyed agencies.

2. *Training and Skills Building:*

- The interactions between the victim-survivor and their support networks are crucial to the victim-survivors wellbeing. Responding to disclosures of sexual assault appropriately is crucial to reducing the risk of re-traumatising survivors/victims of sexual assault.
- Emergency responders and health professionals play a vital role in the immediate response to a sexual assault incident as well as the in long term wellbeing of the victim-survivor. Service providers can contribute to 'secondary victimisation'
- It is crucial that responders recognise that individuals have 'multidimensional' and 'diverse needs' and provide flexible and inclusive services accordingly. ^{NSW Govt}
- The surveyed and interviewed agencies advocated for increased specialisation of these services including increased training and expertise for police, staff at hospitals and counsellors.
- The interviewed agencies reported that staff in customer-facing roles such as in retail, hospitality and the personal service industry often receive disclosures of sexual assault and advocated for community training in this regard. It was suggested that training staff in these roles to respond appropriately to disclosures of sexual assault and to refer victims-survivors to services could improve outcomes for victims who would not otherwise seek formal support.
- It was identified by local agencies that there is also an opportunity for increasing the value and positive impact of support services if they are sought.
- Ask for Angela, Community Gatekeeper Training, and programs where hairdressers are trained to respond to domestic violence were referenced by surveyed agencies.

3. *Connecting the community with information:*

- It is considered that being connected to information or an informed service provider can significantly transform the reporting process.
- Local service providers confirmed that there is a distinct need to connect the community with information on the services that exist to support victim-survivors of sexual assault. It was identified that victims are often unaware of the availability of services.
- It was reported by local services that persons accessing support are often unaware of what that service will involve or why they have been referred there.
- Local agencies supported the creation of a medium of information (whether it be a campaign, social media poster, website, accessible service directory etc.) to make information readily available to the community.

4. *Local Infrastructure:*

- Application of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles in the design of public spaces to reinforce the level of natural surveillance and territorial reinforcement of public spaces.
- Royal North Shore Hospital is the sole Northern Sydney Local Health District Sexual Assault Service. If a victim of sexual assault presents, for example, to Northern Beaches Hospital they will then be transported or directed to Royal North Shore Hospital.
- Associated costs (e.g. parking) can deter victims from accessing services.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. Review and note the research.
2. Participate in a workshop to identify local opportunities to impact the incidence of sexual assault and improve reporting and support for victims in the Northern Beaches.

ITEM 6.4	COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN - UPDATE
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2022/492681
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

This is a standing item on the agenda. The Community Safety Coordinator will provide an update on the implementation of Community Safety Plan actions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note this information.