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AGENDA

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2022

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

Committee Members

Cr Michael Regan – Mayor	Frenchs Forest Ward - Chair
Cr Sue Heins	Curl Curl Ward - Deputy Mayor
Cr Candy Bingham	Manly Ward
Cr Ruth Robins	Narrabeen Ward
Cr Michael Gencher	Pittwater Ward
Supt Patrick Sharkey	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Aileen Ogilvie	Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team
Narelle Hand	Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Interagency
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Antoin Cullen	Northern Beaches Mental Health Interagency
Sam King	Northern Beaches Youth Interagency
Kevin Kingsbeer	Northern Sydney Housing and Homelessness Interagency
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Local Health District
Lynelle Hales	Northern Sydney Primary Health Network
Vacant	Community Representative – Manly Ward
Wendy Finianos	Community Representative – Curl Curl Ward
Libby Paulsen	Community Representative – Frenchs Forest Ward
Mary Brearton	Community Representative – Narrabeen Ward
Sue Johansson	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward

Council Officer Contacts

Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Azmeena Kelly	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Will Wrathall	Manager, Youth and Community Development
Kath Young	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Youth and Community Development

Guest

Russell Peake	Manager, Social Planning and Services
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Quorum

A majority of members plus the Mayor or another Councillor.

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to be held on Thursday 24 November 2022 in Manly Town Hall
Commencing at 9:30am**

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NEXT MEETING Thursday 16 February 2023

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 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held 1 September 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	2022/675808
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To update the Committee on actions arising from previous meetings.

1. MEETING OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
6.1.1	Share with networks and the community that the reporting of crime, no matter how small, is essential to provide evidence and identification of patterns. Report crimes via the Police Portal or Crime Stoppers .	Committee members	Complete. Committee members encouraged to continue to share this when relevant.
6.1.2	Research and report on Council's process of investigating damage to Council facilities when video evidence comes to attention via social media.	Community Safety Coordinator	Complete. Report to be provided at 24 November meeting.
6.3	Form a Working Group to progress the Community Safety Plan 2021-2026 action regarding sexual assault and report back to the Community Safety Advisory Committee on progress.	Committee members	Complete. Report to be provided in Community Safety Coordinator Update.

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 SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2022/675644
ATTACHMENTS	1 Recorded Crime Statistics - July 2017 to June 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 July 2017 - June 2022 are attached for the information of Committee members.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Northern Beaches LGA Recorded Crime Statistics Jul 2017 – Jun 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 Jul 2021 - Jun 2022 [^]		2 year trend and annual % change ^{^^} (Jul 2020 - Jun 2022) Northern Beaches LGA	5 year trend and average annual % change ^{^^} (Jul 2017- Jun 2022) Northern Beaches LGA
	Jul 2017 - Jun 2018	Jul 2018 - Jun 2019	Jul 2019 - Jun 2020	Jul 2020 - Jun 2021	Jul 2021 - Jun 2022	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW		
Murder	1	1	0	0	1	0.4	0.8	nc	nc
Domestic violence related assault	385	481	422	328	292	106.6	389.0	Stable	Down 6.7%
Non-domestic violence related assault	585	646	611	572	448	163.5	338.7	Down 21.7%	Down 6.5%
Sexual assault	108	123	114	174	123	44.9	85.3	Stable	Stable
Sexual touching, sexual act and other sexual offences	118	168	140	171	138	50.4	85.2	Stable	Stable
Robbery without a weapon	25	24	39	24	19	6.9	9.7	nc	nc
Robbery with a firearm	2	2	0	0	0	nc	1.0	nc	nc
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	7	14	13	11	4	1.5	8.1	nc	nc
Break and enter dwelling	420	393	235	288	193	70.4	211.8	Stable	Down 17.7%
Break and enter non-dwelling	178	191	140	134	59	21.5	85.6	Down 56.0%	Down 24.1%
Motor vehicle theft	228	219	170	196	155	56.6	130.9	Stable	Down 9.2%
Steal from motor vehicle	887	834	821	732	466	170	322.4	Down 36.3%	Down 14.9%
Steal from retail store	527	692	464	421	466	170	210.4	Up 10.7%	Stable
Steal from dwelling	460	376	345	310	251	91.6	190.0	Down 19.0%	Down 14.1%
Steal from person	82	63	60	48	29	10.6	20.2	Down 39.6%	Down 22.9%
Fraud	1,211	1,244	1,171	1,185	1022	372.9	537.8	Stable	Down 4.2%
Malicious damage to property	1,099	1,373	1,127	1,121	747	272.6	581	Down 33.4%	Down 9.2%

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	EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE
TRIM FILE REF	2022/675682
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	E-CIGARETTES (VAPING) - MANAGER, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PROGRAM, NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT - 30 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2022/675697
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

The Manager, Alcohol and Tobacco Program, Health Promotion Northern Sydney Local Health District will present to the Committee on current evidence, issues and action relating to e-cigarettes in the Northern Sydney area.

BACKGROUND

E-cigarettes are battery-operated devices that may look like regular cigarettes, cigars, or pipes. Some look like USB flash drives, pens, and other everyday items.

E-cigarettes heat liquids to produce an aerosol that looks like smoke. The aerosol is commonly referred to as 'vapour' and may contain nicotine. Users inhale the vapour, commonly known as 'vaping'.

E-cigarettes are designed to be used in a way that replicates, or produces an experience similar to, the inhalation of smoke from an ignited tobacco product or non-tobacco smoking product.

In NSW, adults can legally buy and use e-cigarettes that do not contain nicotine. [NSW Health: e-cigarettes](#)

A prescription is required for e-cigarettes and e-liquids containing nicotine. Both personal importation and domestic purchases require a prescription. All nicotine vaping products are regulated under the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 as Schedule 4 (prescription only) medicines in the Poisons Standard.

The [Public Health \(Tobacco\) Act 2008](#) outlines restrictions around the sale, supply, display and advertising of e-cigarettes and provides protections for people under the age of 18. Restrictions under this Act include, including:

- It is illegal to sell e-cigarettes, e-cigarette accessories, and tobacco products to anyone under 18 years old.
- It is illegal for retailers (other than pharmacies) to sell e-cigarettes or e-liquids that contain nicotine, including online sales.
- it is illegal to display, advertise or promote e-cigarettes either inside store or in public.
- It is illegal to purchase e-cigarettes on behalf of minors.
- It is illegal to sell e-cigarettes that make a health claim, such as 'this product helps smokers to quit.'

NSW Health inspectors visit tobacco and other retailers to check if products containing nicotine are illegally being sold.

Vaping products are often associated with flavours, imagery and colourful packaging that are appealing to young people.

The liquids used in e-cigarettes may contain a range of toxic chemicals including those that add flavour. Sometimes e-cigarettes contain nicotine even when labelled 'nicotine free'.

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, e-cigarette use by Australians aged 14 or older more than doubled from 2016 to 2019 and is most common among smokers aged 18–24 at 18.7% (an increase from 6.8% in 2016).

The use of e-cigarettes has a range of impacts on the community including:

Health: E-liquids can contain many harmful chemicals. Many e-cigarettes contain nicotine making them addictive. [NSW Health: The facts about vaping](#)

Many people, including young people, perceive e-cigarettes to be a safe alternative to smoking cigarettes.

Several key Australian health organisations, such as the Australian Medical Association (AMA), Cancer Council Australia and the Australian Council on Smoking and Health (ACOSH) have published positions on e-cigarettes, sharing the following messages:

- There is insufficient evidence to promote the use of e-cigarettes for smoking cessation.
- There is increasing evidence of health harms. Vaping has been linked to serious lung disease.
- E-cigarettes may normalise the act of smoking and attract young people.

Schools: Schools across the Northern Beaches are experiencing significant issues with young people vaping on site. In response to health and wellbeing concerns a range of strategies are being implemented including restricting access to toilet facilities, education around vaping, and a formal disciplinary response aligned with that for other drug and alcohol use in schools. [Media report: Vaping – the scourge of our schools](#), [Media Report: Schools lock toilets](#), [NSW Education: Drugs in Schools Policy](#)

There are anecdotal reports of health and hygiene implications for all students.

Access: E-cigarettes are accessible to young people in our community and online. Under the counter sales, promoted by word of mouth, occur in our community. Social media is also used as an avenue to facilitate sales. [Media report: Illegal sales of disposable vapes](#)

Most young people report their last e-cigarette was supplied by a friend.

DISCUSSION

There will be opportunity for discussion following the presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the information provided by the presentation and consider ways to support work being done by the Northern Sydney Local Health District.

ITEM 6.4	YOUTH VOICE - MANAGER, SOCIAL PLANNING AND SERVICES - 30 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	SOCIAL PLANNING AND SERVICES
TRIM FILE REF	2022/675549
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

Youth Voice – Shaping the Beaches’ Future

BACKGROUND

Northern Beaches Council’s [Better Together Social Sustainability Strategy 2040](#) was adopted in August 2021 and made a commitment to develop a youth discussion paper. This project is also reflected in the Community Safety Plan through the inclusion of an action to:

Develop a Youth Discussion Paper to identify youth specific needs and challenges and to inform the delivery of youth programs.

The draft Youth Voice – Shaping the Beaches’ Future Action Plan (the Plan) delivers this commitment by capturing the views and voice of young people to better understand their unique and diverse experiences of growing up on the Northern Beaches.

Over a period of six months an extensive consultation process has been undertaken, engaging over 1,000 young people to understand what matters to young people and how we can make sure that they remain a critical part of community life. The Plan provides tangible actions for achieving social sustainability outcomes for young people, focusing actions on how we can ensure young people are safe, included and connected to community life.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the Plan and to encourage the Community Safety Committee to provide feedback when the Plan goes on Public Exhibition.

DISCUSSION

There will be opportunity for discussion following the presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the information provided in the presentation.

ITEM 6.5	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR UPDATE - 15 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2022/675927
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

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

BACKGROUND

Seniors Sector representative

Membership of the Community Safety Advisory Committee consists of a Councillor and community representative from each Ward, along with representatives of key stakeholder groups relevant to the implementation of Council's community safety priorities. Other stakeholders may be invited to attend as required for discussion regarding particular agenda items.

At the June 2022 Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee discussed inclusion of a seniors sector representative as a member of the Committee, in light of seniors being a key priority group under the Community Safety Plan. On 27 September 2022 Council endorsed revised Committee Terms of Reference to reflect this recommendation.

Discussion at the Council meeting requested further consideration be given to an appropriate seniors sector representative. An update will be provided detailing the seniors sector representatives to be considered.

Police and Council Operational meeting

A meeting was held on 29 September 2022. Key topics of discussion were:

- New Alcohol Free Zone established at Mona Vale
- Safety Audits – Village Park Mona Vale, Robert Dunn Reserve Mona Vale
- Graffiti, vandalism and antisocial behaviour
- East Esplanade Reserve Community Safety Management Plan.

Community Safety Plan

Recent progress against the following Community Safety Plan actions is listed below:

Action	Status Update
1. 2 Conduct a full review of alcohol restricted zoning.	The review of all Alcohol Free Zones across the Northern Beaches is complete. A review of all Alcohol Prohibited Areas is underway.
8.2 Collaborate with key stakeholders to assess crime trends in sexual assault and advocate for appropriate community actions.	The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Working Group met on 14 November 2022 to commence identification and implementation of appropriate community actions.
9.1 Identify partnerships and investigate ways the community	Over 800 people have participated in the It Takes a Village program. This program inspires and equips the local

Action	Status Update
can work together to reduce social isolation.	community to increase social connections and feelings of belonging in neighbourhoods across the Northern Beaches, primarily through local Meet Your Neighbour initiatives.
9.3 Explore opportunities to extend youth outreach activities throughout the Northern Beaches.	A Youth Outreach Working Group was established in February 2022 which has been meeting quarterly. The most recent meeting was on 13 September which discussed locations of youth activity and mapped Youth Outreach services across the LGA. The next meeting will include a presentation from a Northern Beaches Police Area Command Intelligence Officer.
9.5 Develop a Youth Discussion Paper to identify youth specific needs and challenges and to inform the delivery of youth programs.	The draft Youth Voice – Shaping the Beaches’ Future Action Plan has been developed, as detailed in Item 6.3 of this Agenda and to go on public exhibition for further consultation and engagement before being finalised in early 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note this information.