

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 16 FEBRUARY 2023

Beginning at 9:00am 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
Rob Stanley Jones	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Antoin Cullen	Northern Beaches Mental Health Interagency
Sam King	Northern Beaches Youth Interagency
Michele Bell	Northern Sydney Community Network
Kevin Kingsbeer	Northern Sydney Housing and Homelessness Interagency
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Local Health District
Lynelle Hales	Northern Sydney Primary Health Network
Lucy Band	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

Quorum

A majority of members plus the Mayor or another Councillor.

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to be held on Thursday 16 February 2023 in Manly Town Hall
commencing at 9:00am**

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NEXT MEETING Thursday 18 May 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 24 NOVEMBER 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held 24 November 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	2022/791510
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To update the Committee on actions arising from previous meetings.

MEETING OF 24 NOVEMBER 2022

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
6.1	Council staff to report on the progress and actions of the Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group as a standing Agenda item for the Committee.	Will Wrathall	Confirmed and ongoing
6.3	Investigate and report back to the Committee, the opportunity to update Council signage and website to include vaping and e-cigarettes information.	Kath Young	Update to be provided at meeting on 16 February
6.5	Invite a representative of the Northern Sydney Community Network (from beach to bush) to join the Community Safety Advisory Committee.	Kath Young	Completed
7.1	Share with the Committee clear messaging about the Mowana Safe Space	Sue Johansson	Completed
7.2	Change future Committee meeting start times to 9am	Kath Young	Completed
7.3	Invite local Federal and State Members of Parliament to attend as visitors to the 16 February 2023 Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting	Kath Young	Completed
7.4	Review the Community Safety Advisory Committee Terms of Reference to reintroduce inclusion of local Federal and State Members of Parliament as members of the Committee and submit a report for Council's consideration.	Kath Young	Report to be presented to Council meeting in March 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	POLICE REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT PATRICK SHARKEY - 30 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2022/791586
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Recorded Crime Statistics - Oct 2017 to Sept 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 October 2017 - September 2022 are attached for the information of Committee members.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Northern Beaches LGA Recorded Crime Statistics Oct 2017 – Sept 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 Oct 2021 - Sept 2022 [^]		2 year trend and annual % change ^{^^} (Oct 2020 - Sept 2022) Northern Beaches LGA	5 year trend and average annual % change ^{^^} (Oct 2017- Sept 2022) Northern Beaches LGA
	Oct 2017 – Sept 2018	Oct 2018 – Sept 2019	Oct 2019 – Sept 2020	Oct 2020 – Sept 2021	Oct 2021 – Sept 2022	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW		
Murder	0	1	0	1	0	nc	0.7	nc	nc
Domestic violence related assault	399	514	387	318	252	92	404.8	Down 20.8%	Down 10.9%
Non-domestic violence related assault	557	702	576	516	476	173.7	365.5	Down 7.8%	Down 3.9%
Sexual assault	108	128	128	162	131	47.8	92.4	Stable	Stable
Sexual touching, sexual act and other sexual offences	125	161	159	142	145	52.9	90.8	Stable	Stable
Robbery without a weapon	25	33	32	20	21	7.7	11	Stable	Stable
Robbery with a firearm	2	2	0	0	1	0.4	1.1	nc	nc
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	10	14	6	11	7	2.6	8.4	nc	nc
Break and enter dwelling	436	358	227	260	224	81.7	223.3	Stable	Down 15.3%
Break and enter non-dwelling	197	178	130	127	61	22.3	88.6	Down 52.0%	Down 25.4%
Motor vehicle theft	216	212	175	180	165	60.2	142.5	Stable	Down 6.5%
Steal from motor vehicle	860	933	729	685	455	166	334.6	Down 33.6%	Down 14.7%
Steal from retail store	547	734	350	444	505	184.3	241.7	Stable	Stable
Steal from dwelling	464	359	339	293	245	89.4	187.8	Down 16.4%	Down 14.8%
Steal from person	76	69	51	42	30	10.9	22.5	Down 28.6%	Down 20.7%
Fraud	1,219	1,260	1,146	1,149	1052	383.9	554.1	Stable	Down 3.6%
Malicious damage to property	1,134	1,370	1,102	1,024	784	286.1	596.8	Down 23.4%	Down 8.8%

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.

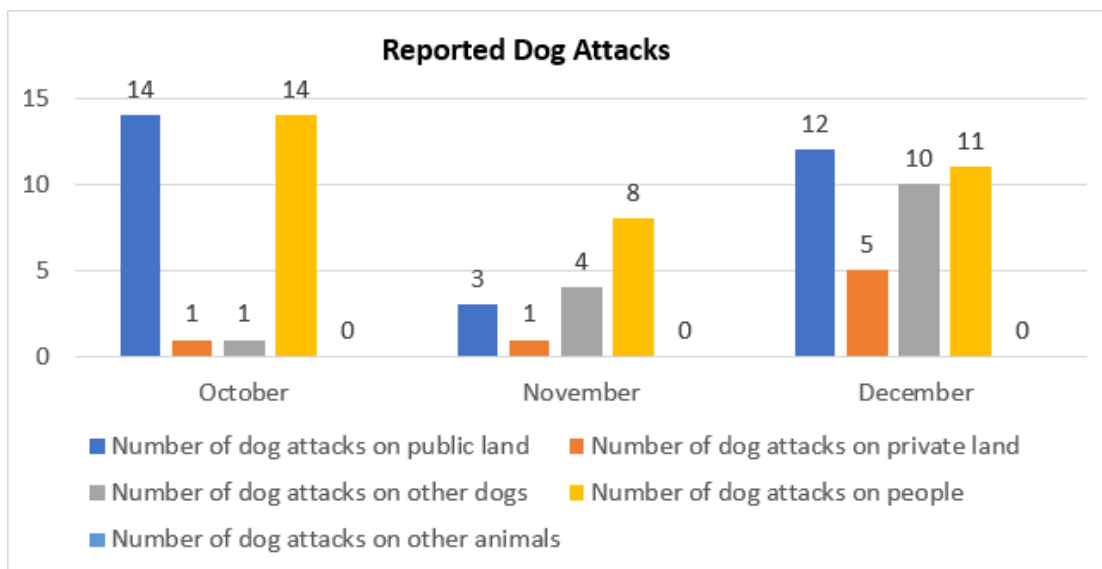
ITEM 6.2	ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT - 15 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE
TRIM FILE REF	2022/791608
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

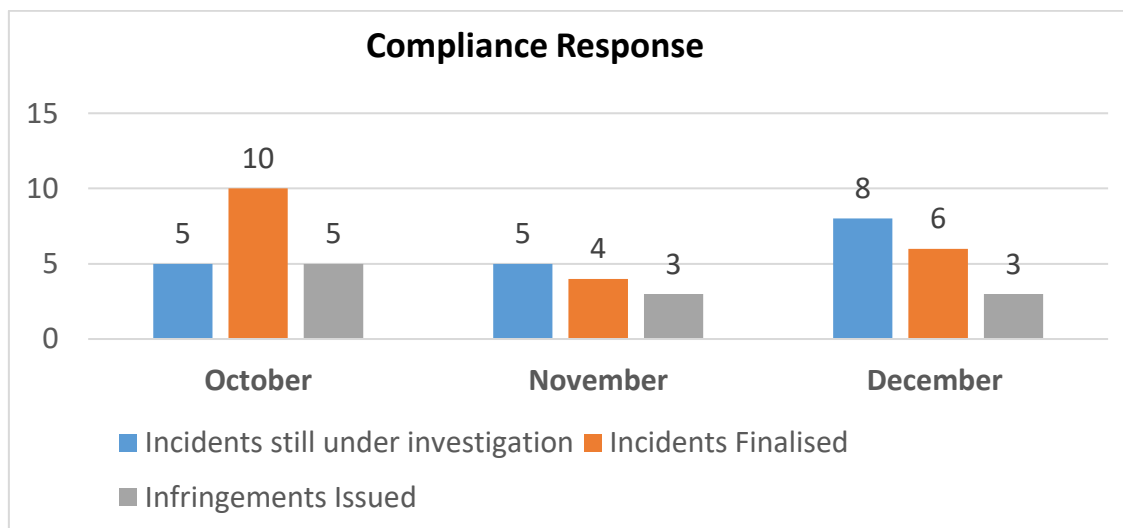
This is a standing item on the Committee agenda. The Executive Manager, Environmental Compliance will brief the Committee on relevant compliance and regulatory issues.

Companion Animal Management

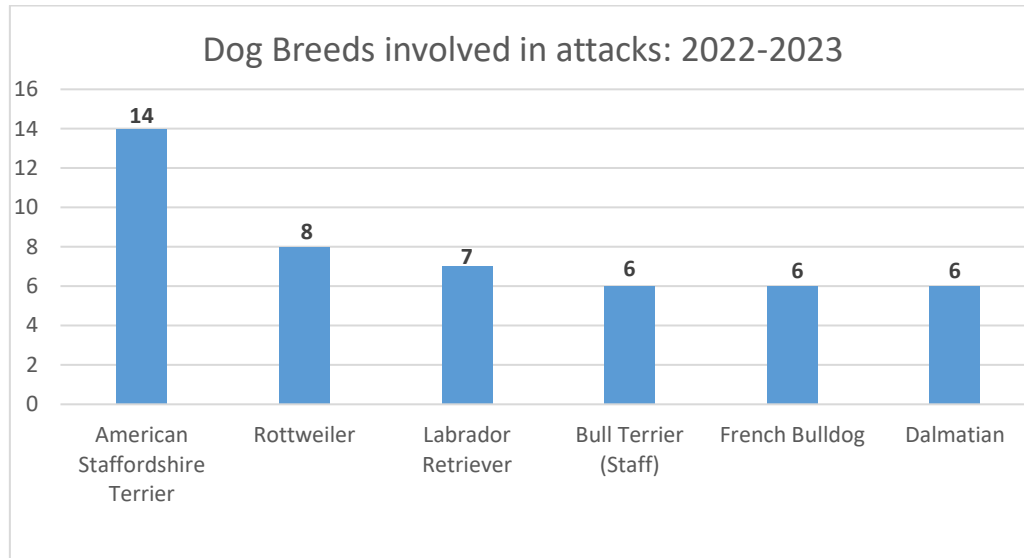
For the quarterly period of October – December 2022, 84 dog attacks were reported to Council, with 29 attacks occurring on public land and 7 attacks on private land. 15 attacks were on other dogs and 33 attacks on people. Each of these incidents are subject to an investigation.



Over the same period, 11 infringements were issued in relation to dog attack matters, and one menacing dog declaration was made. 20 investigations were finalised, and 18 matters are currently under investigation.



The main dog breeds found to be involved in attacks are as follows:



Proactive actions

In response to community feedback regarding the management of dogs in public spaces, the Ranger team commenced a proactive campaign from Saturday 26 November until Friday 6 January 2023, focusing on peak use times (6am – 10am and 4pm – 8pm) and throughout the day over weekends. The program focused on patrols of key areas during weekday peak time (6am – 10am and 4pm – 8pm) and all day on weekends.

To date, Rangers have engaged with 384 dog owners to provide advice and education and taken enforcement action where breaches were observed, with 22 penalty notices and 31 formal cautions were also being issued. The Ranger presence will continue, with a focus on engagement and education, and enforcement action will also be taken where necessary.

Council's website has also recently been updated to provide additional helpful information to dog and cat owners in relation to their companion animals.

Alcohol Prohibited Areas - Manly

The Rangers continue patrols of the alcohol prohibited areas around Manly, with the instances of remedial actions increasing in December for this quarterly period.

Type	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022
Alcohol Tip outs	328	436	1077
Confiscated	5	0	6
Put Away	486	652	1268

Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021

Council's website has been updated to provide information on the new legislation.

Local retailers have been informed of the changes, as well as the new requirements for the management of trolleys under the Code of Practice by 1 May 2023.

Real estate signs

A further mail-out to estate agents is being undertaken to reiterate the planning requirements for exempt signage. A recent audit of signs has found the majority compliant, although a few agencies require further prompting.

Patrols of school zones

Patrols on school zones were carried out over the last school term and will continue this year. Parking officers actively patrolled the following schools, Narrabeen Lakes, Manly Village, Balgowlah Heights, Avalon, North Narrabeen and Dee Why.

Arbovirus surveillance program

The Environmental Health team's arbovirus surveillance program for the 2022 season is reaching its halfway point. To date, traps have had predominantly low mosquito numbers for the season with no arbovirus detections. Low numbers of mosquitoes and no detections during this part of the year is not unusual as typically we do not receive detections until the end of the season.

Climatic conditions have resulted in above average rainfall in the Murry darling basin which has resulted in a large number of migratory birds remaining in the area, which has consequentially reduced the numbers of amplifying hosts.

Murry Valley Encephalitis was detected in regional areas at Menindee and Griffith. NSW Health have provided a media toolkit to assist with community messaging should any detections be encountered.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6.3	MANLY PLACE PLAN - 20 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	PRINCIPAL PLANNER
TRIM FILE REF	2022/676498
ATTACHMENTS	1 Report to Community Safety Committee 18 November 2021

ISSUE

To update the Community Safety Advisory Committee on the Manly Place Plan and seek input on community safety related impacts.

BACKGROUND

This matter aligns with the following Community Safety Plan actions:

- Consult with the NSW 24 Hour Economy Commissioner to develop night time economy strategies to activate vibrant, inclusive and safe open spaces. (Priority Area: Safe Open Spaces)
- Ensure that night activation strategies and events that attract tourism are conducted safely. (Priority Area: Safe Visitors)

Place planning is a strategic approach to planning, designing, and managing physical infrastructure and services. A Place Plan establishes a vision for an area as it grows incrementally over time, in line with the needs of our community. The Manly Place Plan aims to deliver a place-based strategy to address the current and future needs of the Manly strategic centre. A key element of this Plan is the night-time economy of Manly and its designation as the only designated late night entertainment precinct in the Northern Beaches.

At its meeting of 18 November 2021, the former Community Safety Committee was informed of the Manly Place Plan including the preparation of a Night-Time Economy Study for Manly (the NTE Study). A copy of the report to the former Committee is included (Attachment 1). Consultants engaged by Council consulted with relevant Crime Prevention Officers (NSW Police Force – Northern Beaches Police Area Command) and Council's Community Safety Coordinator, in preparing the NTE Study.

DISCUSSION

Since that time, the NTE Study has been completed and provides key recommendations that has informed the Manly Place Plan, including to:

- Diversify night-time economy activities in specific locations including designation of night-time economy clusters
- Support businesses in the night-time economy
- Encourage live music and performing arts
- Facilitate a safe and vibrant environment
- Ensure public needs are complementary to night-time economy activations
- Introduce acoustic controls including requirements for new sensitive receivers such as new residential development.

Central to the night-time economy strategy is implementing the 'agent of change' principle as an approach responding to:

- Alcohol related violence
- Antisocial behaviour
- Tension between competing land uses.

The intention is for all users (business operator, residents and visitors) to be aware that the nature of night-time economy venues and events may affect their future and ongoing use and enjoyment of land due to operating hours, noise and other measures of these venues and events.

Additionally, one of the key changes to The Corso is creating opportunities for people to 'dwell' in this main feature of the Manly Town Centre. This is a change from The Corso being seen as just a thoroughfare and vista from cove to beachfront.

The NTE Study includes the strategy recommendations for Manly and its night-time economy (the 'NTE Strategy') and is a reference document for the draft My Place: Manly. Specific feedback on the NTE Strategy is not being sought at this time.

These recommendations and principles have all informed the development of the draft My Place: Manly which will be reported to Council in first half of 2023, before being placed on public exhibition. A key activity of the public exhibition phase is consulting with a range of stakeholders. The NSW Police Force will be consulted on key matters that could affect the success of the Plan, such as liquor licensing, night-time economy activities, alcohol related crime and antisocial behaviour.

Input is being sought from Committee members regarding the following:

- the impact of the Manly Place Plan on community safety, including alcohol related crime and antisocial behaviour
- opportunities to facilitate a safe environment for the community and businesses
- balancing public safety needs and night-time economy activations
- the diversification of night-time economy activities and designation of night-time economy clusters.

Members of the Community Safety Advisory Committee may also wish to provide comments when the draft My Place: Manly is on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- A. Note the update on the Manly Place Plan and the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Plan when it is on public exhibition.
- B. Consider community safety related impacts of the Manly Place Plan.



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ITEM 6.1

**MANLY PLACE PLAN AND NIGHT TIME ECONOMY
PROJECTS (20 MIN)****REPORTING OFFICER****MANAGER STRATEGIC AND PLACE PLANNING****TRIM FILE REF****2021/639074****ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Manly Place Plan Study Area and Area of Influence**
- 2 LSPS Priority 26**
- 3 LSPS Priority 30**
- 4 Summarised Project Scope and Tasks**

ISSUE

To inform the Community Safety Committee of the Manly Place Plan Project and the Night Time Economy Project.

BACKGROUNDPlace Planning

Northern Beaches Council is working to create great places that are vibrant, safe, inclusive and sustainable right across the Northern Beaches. We actively undertake place-based planning approaches throughout the Northern Beaches to support the planning, design and management of local town centres.

Place planning is a strategic approach to planning, designing, and managing the physical infrastructure and services around us. A Place Plan establishes a vision for the area and helps allow our places to grow incrementally over time, in line with the needs of our community.

Council's place planning framework focuses on working with the community to develop plans for our places grounded in our residents' connection to local villages and neighbourhoods.

Manly Place Plan Project

The Manly Place Plan project formally commenced on 1 July 2021. The objective of this Plan is to deliver a place-based, tactical oriented strategy to address the current and future needs of the Manly Strategic Centre.

The study area for the Manly Place Plan is shown at Attachment 1.

Place planning will involve:

- extensive community engagement activities to canvas the current values and concerns of the community and identify what that they believe Manly should be like in the future, from social, natural, environment, economic and cultural perspectives
- developing an evidence based framework to enhance the physical and social aspects this 'place'
- incorporating all the feedback obtained for other projects, for example the recently exhibited Plan of Management and Masterplan for Ivanhoe Park
- incorporating Council's strategic documents such as the Move Strategy and Action Plans, the LSPS and associated technical studies



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- seeking further community opinion on practical ways for the Place Plan to be implemented
- working with the community to address the current and future needs of the Manly strategic centre.

Place Plans sit within a broader strategic planning framework that includes the Greater Sydney Region Plan, North District Plan, Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement Towards 2040 and other local policies such as local environmental plans and development control plans.

The Place Plan centres on public domain improvements and programs that aim to support and build capacity within the local community.

Priority 26 of Council's [Local Strategic Planning Statement, Towards 2040](#) (Attachment 2), Action 26.3 states the intention to:

Prepare a place plan for Manly and develop LEP and DCP controls to respond to LEP studies, thematic history study, West Esplanade heritage activation plan, destination management plan and night-time economy to balance competing plans.

Places for People is also a key Community Outcome of Council's Community Strategic Plan, Shape 2028.

Manly Night Time Economy Project

The Manly Night Time Economy (NTE) project will provide important input to the Manly Place Plan project.

Priority 30 of the [Local Strategic Planning Statement](#) (Attachment 3), Action 30.3 identifies the need to diversify the Night Time Economy:

Prepare place plans, precinct plans and activation plans that support social practical and functional activities in the evening and night-time, including:

- *Manly place plan to respond to alcohol-related violence, anti-social behaviour and tension between competing land uses.*

Local government can influence the Night Time Economy through:

- Planning controls
- Regulation and compliance
- Funding or delivering events
- Availability and quality of public space
- Providing cultural and recreational venues – community centres, libraries, pools, art galleries, theatres
- Marketing and promotion
- Advocating, collaborating and partnerships.

Crime and antisocial behaviour impact negatively on the experience of participants in the Night Time Economy. A safe night time environment attracts a greater diversity of participants and supports an enjoyable experience.

The Night Time Economy project will canvass a range of issues which relate to community safety including:



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- Night time trading
- Licensed premises
- Outdoor alcohol restrictions (i.e. Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas)
- Transport and access
- Crime mapping
- Events

Consultants

A consultant Masterplanner, Ethos Urban, has been engaged to prepare the Manly Place Plan. HillPDA Consulting has been engaged to undertake a Night-Time Economy Study of the Manly Strategic Centre. Targeted stakeholder engagements are a key element for both consultants.

The scope of works for the Masterplanner and Night-Time Economy Study are summarised in Attachment 4. This includes consideration of:

- Alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour issues occurring in the Manly Strategic Centre
- Night-time economy activities
- Community safety and crime prevention through the future design of spaces in the Manly Strategic Centre.

DISCUSSION

Liza Cordoba, Manager Strategic and Place Planning will provide a presentation to the Committee to introduce the:

- Manly Place Plan project
- Manly Night Time Economy project

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the information provided.

ITEM 6.4	PILOT PROJECT - 24 HOUR ACCESS TO LIBRARY SERVICES - 20 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICES
TRIM FILE REF	2022/791985
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

To brief the Community Safety Advisory Committee on the outcomes of the Forestville Library 24/7 trial and seek input on potential or perceived community safety issues relating to the scoping and potential implementation of 24/7 libraries at further locations.

BACKGROUND

This matter aligns with the following Community Safety Plan action:

- Ensure community facilities are accessible, flexible and functional shared spaces for the community. (Priority Area: Safe Neighbourhoods)

In response to growing feedback from the community about opening hours, access and use of library spaces, Library Services reviewed and explored opportunities for the provision of unstaffed access to spaces and services. In 2020, Forestville Library was selected to pilot unstaffed 24/7 public access.

Following two years of research, development and refurbishments, in August 2022 Forestville Library became one of the first public libraries in Australia to trial 24/7 access for library members. Forestville Library continues to provide a full range of services and remains staffed during standard business hours but provides access outside of standard opening hours, with self-service check-outs and kiosks installed.

Library members must be 16 years and over and attend an onsite induction prior to accessing 24/7 services. Afterhours access to the Forestville Library can only be gained through a secure door, by scanning a valid library card and entering a PIN number with added security measures once inside including CCTV, hold-alarms and a refurbished space to provide clear lines of sight for all community members.

Over the trial period of 13 weeks, 655 community members registered for 24/7 access, visiting the library over 7,500 times representing 21.5% of overall visitation during the period. Of those who visited, more than 52% utilized the library outside of standard hours on more than three occasions.

Membership increased by 11% with 56% being adults under 30 years as evidenced by a significant increase in visitation during the October 2022 HSC period. Demand was highest during evenings, Sundays and on the Queens Memorial public holiday; a date on which other public library services were closed. During the trial period, Forestville Library experienced an average monthly visitation increase of 254% in comparison to previous years.

Providing a safe experience was one of the primary objectives of the trial and qualitative feedback was sought from participants in respect to feedback and perceptions of safety. Responses were overwhelmingly positive with the community self-policing to ensure good behavior by all library members. The community became a significant asset in ensuring the success of the trial with Forestville Library experiencing no vandalism, and only a few minor infractions of the terms and conditions of access. Surveys found that 95% of survey respondents felt 'very safe' or 'safe' using the library outside of staffed hours.

Impact statements from trial participants included;

"24-hour library is literally the best thing that happened to the Northern beaches since the B-line. I used to have to travel 1.5hrs to Macquarie Uni library to use a library after 8pm (when Dee Why library closed), now its 30 minutes which has improved my uni marks and really helped me managed my time."

- "Thank you for making this happen. And to include the ability to borrow books. This has redefined how easy it is for me and my child to borrow books from the library. Now we can borrow books on our way home on the weekend, without having to rush there within a small-is range of opening hours. It also means we can visit when car parking is much easier. Thanks again for the initiative. This is easily the best council initiatives that makes a positive impact to me in recent years (last one being the combined beach parking sticker for the entire northern beaches)."

DISCUSSION

Following the success of the Forestville 24/7 trial, a full launch is planned for 16 March 2023 establishing 24/7 access as a standard service offering moving forwards.

The positive impact of the trial has led to community expectation of expansion of the 24/7 concept at other branches. There is now considerable scope and mandate to explore opportunities at other Northern Beaches Council Libraries.

Input is being sought from Committee members regarding potential or perceived community safety issues relating to the scoping and potential implementation of 24/7 libraries at further locations.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- A. Note the outcomes of the Forestville 24/7 trial.
- B. Consider community safety issues relating to the scoping and potential implementation of 24/7 libraries at further locations.
- C. Be notified and briefed on community safety issues arising from any further trials undertaken at other locations.

ITEM 6.5	NORTHERN BEACHES SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKING GROUP UPDATE - MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - 10 MINUTES
REPORTING OFFICER	MANAGER, YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TRIM FILE REF	2022/791680
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Sydney North Health Network - Northern Sydney regional updates

ISSUE

Update report on the progress and actions of the Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group.

BACKGROUND

At the 24 November 2022 meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee, it was requested that Council staff report on the progress and actions of the Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group as a standing Agenda item.

DISCUSSION

The Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group met on the 9 November 2022. Items discussed included Northern Sydney regional updates on the Regional Leadership Group, the Joint Regional Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Drug & Alcohol Strategic Plan, the Northern Sydney Youth Suicide Prevention Plan, and the Northern Sydney Regional Suicide Communication Protocol (Attachment 1).

The new strategic direction of the Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group was also confirmed to reduce meetings to twice per year alongside these increased regional developments.

A regional service directory commissioned by Bright Agency called Headstart was shared: <https://headstart.org.au/northern-sydney/>.

The consumer facing mental health service directory features Northern Sydney PHN region programs and services. Anyone can submit service information via the website which will be moderated and if approved, added to the website: <https://headstart.org.au/northern-sydney/local-service-submission/>

The working group endorsed establishing a subgroup with proactive action to engage with older males. This subgroup met on 7 December 2022 to commence refining its scope and identified actions with the next subgroup meeting scheduled for February 2023.

The next Suicide Prevention Working Group meeting will be in April 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the information.



SYDNEY NORTH
Health Network

MENTAL HEALTH, SUICIDE PREVENTION AND ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS REGIONAL PLAN



- Implementation of the Regional Plan continues for the three key areas of focus for 2022:
 - Youth mental health
 - Suicide prevention
 - Regional service directory
- The Regional Leadership Group has been meeting bi-monthly with targeted working groups meeting monthly.
- The Regional Plan Steering Committee meets monthly



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REGIONAL SERVICE DIRECTORY

HEADSTART



- Bright Agency commissioned to launch Headstart Northern Sydney.
- Headstart is a consumer-facing mental health service directory that features Northern Sydney PHN region programs and services.
- launched in October <https://headstart.org.au/northern-sydney/>
- Promotion to commence in November with promotion via out-of-home marketing, digital marketing and distribution of physical materials to medical centres, health practices and GP clinics across the SNHN network.
- Continuous refinement to directory and ongoing website and data maintenance.
- joins South Western Sydney, Central Eastern Sydney and Western Sydney who use Headstart.



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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH



- working group formed and meets monthly to support implementation of solutions addressing three key interlinked themes; access; capacity and prevention.
- weekly dashboard established to provide service managers with info on current waiting lists and capacity.
- Fortnightly stand-up meetings established to complement the dashboard system.
- A project team has been meeting to plan the roll out of three key projects in 2023
 - An online service hub that helps service providers to connect their clients to other services, including information on current service capacity
 - Establishing a Communities of Practice
 - Implementing Case Coordination Stand-up Meetings for Complex Clients



SUICIDE PREVENTION



- working group established and completed Black Dog Institute's suicide prevention capacity building program.
- next action is to consolidate learnings and pull together a regional framework for suicide prevention.
- Northern Sydney Critical Incident Communication Protocol has completed final review and formally endorsed by Local Response Group in July.
- Key stakeholder representation from all Police Area Commands and Local Councils have now been recruited to achieve complete coverage of the Northern Sydney region.



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ITEM 6.6	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR UPDATE
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
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ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

This is a standing item on the agenda for the Community Safety Coordinator to provide an update.

BACKGROUND

1. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Working Group

The Working Group was established and met on 14 November 2022. Priority areas for action were discussed, however, the Northern Sydney Sexual Assault Service (SAS) will attend the next Working Group meeting on 1 March 2023 to assist in determining priority actions. In the interim, a draft guide is being prepared with the intention of providing services with clear information on:

- 24/7 referral points for victims of sexual assault
- Reporting options for victims.

It is intended this guide will lead to a landing page on Council's internet with more information and links for services and victims.

2. Police and Council Operational meeting

A meeting was held on 1 December 2022 with the following key topics of discussion:

- East Esplanade Community Safety Management Plan
- Events to be held over the summer holiday period
- Proposed liquor licensing reforms which impact planning and protections for young people
- Actions taken following of Safety Audits and in response to graffiti, vandalism and antisocial behaviour at various locations including Village Park Mona Vale, Winnererremy Bay Mona Vale, Plateau Park Collaroy and Dee Why Lagoon. Noted general low level of activity at that time.
- Homelessness
- The draft Youth Voice Action Plan has been developed in consultation with stakeholders and the community and lays the framework for supporting young people in our community over the next 5 years. The draft Plan will be on public exhibition from 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023.
- Safety on public transport (Community Safety Plan action)
- Retail theft (Community Safety Plan action).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note this information.