

# 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 18 MAY 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
Mr James Griffin MP	State Member for Manly
Mr Michael Regan MP	State Member for Wakehurst
Mr Rory Amon MP	State Member for Pittwater
Mr Matt Cross MP	State Member for Davidson
Ms Zali Steggall OAM MP	Federal Member for Warringah
Dr Sophie Scamps MP	Federal Member for Mackellar
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
Craig Parsons	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

Louise Kerr	Interim Chief Executive Officer
David Kerr	Director, Community and Belonging
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.

**Agenda for a meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee  
to be held on Thursday 18 May 2023 in Manly Town Hall  
commencing at 9:00am**

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**NEXT MEETING Thursday 17 August 2023**

## 1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

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## 2.0 APOLOGIES

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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.

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## 3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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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](mailto:governance@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au).

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## 4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 16 FEBRUARY 2023

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held 16 February 2023, copies of which were previously circulated to all members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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## 5.0 ACTIONS UPDATE

ITEM 5.1	ACTIONS UPDATE
REPORTING OFFICER	COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2023/246444
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

### ISSUE

To update the Committee on actions arising from previous meetings.

#### 1. MEETING OF 16 FEBRUARY 2023

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
6.2	Council staff to report back to next Community Safety Advisory Committee on the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• number of staff dedicated to dog management</li><li>• delivery of dog ownership education.</li></ul>	Azmeena Kelly	Update will be provided in the Environmental Compliance Report

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

## 6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN - 20 MINUTES
GUEST SPEAKERS	NORTHERN BEACHES DEMENTIA ALLIANCE
TRIM FILE REF	2023/246531
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

### ISSUE

Bettina Esposito (Just Better Care), Hema Patel (Sydney North Health Network) and Lyn Macintosh from the Northern Beaches Dementia Alliance will deliver a presentation to the Committee on the Northern Beaches Dementia Friendly Community Action Plan.

### BACKGROUND

This item relates to the following Community Safety Plan action:

***‘Develop and implement a Dementia Friendly Organisation Action Plan and work with the local Northern Beaches Dementia Alliance on a Dementia Friendly Community Action Plan.’*** (Priority Area: Safe Communities)

This report is regarding the highlighted section of the above action.

The Northern Beaches Dementia Alliance was established in 2018 in response to the growing incidence and prevalence of dementia in Australia alongside a lack of awareness of dementia and its impacts. In the Northern Beaches it is estimated that there are over 6,000 people living with dementia and 70% are living in their homes and community. By the year 2058 it is projected that the prevalence of dementia will increase by approximately 150% in the Northern Beaches.

The aims of the Alliance are to increase awareness and understanding of dementia on the Northern Beaches, and to encourage dementia friendly communities. The Sydney North Primary Health Network is the auspice body and has members from aged care, dementia, healthcare professionals, community members, people living with dementia and their carers. Members include Northern Beaches Council, Sydney North Health Network, Community Care Northern Beaches, Hammond Care and Just Better Care Northern Beaches and Northern Suburbs.

The Alliance has developed a Dementia Friendly Community Plan to ensure the Northern Beaches is a place that:

- is safe and supportive for people living with dementia to live well.
- recognises and values the contribution, skills and abilities of people living with dementia and their carers
- is inclusive, aware and embraces social change.

The Alliance and their Community Plan encourages organisations to adopt a stand-alone Dementia Friendly Organisational Plan.

Northern Beaches Council has completed a 2021/22 Dementia Friendly Organisation Action Plan and are in the process of having their draft 2023/24 Action Plan approved by the Dementia Advisory Group, Dementia Alliance and Dementia Australia. Northern Beaches Council is the only Council in metropolitan Sydney to receive Dementia Friendly Recognition from Dementia Australia.

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the presentation.

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<b>ITEM 6.2</b>	<b>ELDER ABUSE - 20 MINUTES</b>
<b>GUEST SPEAKER</b>	<b>SENIOR CONSTABLE SANDRA FRAIETTA, CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2023/246536</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

## ISSUE

Senior Constable Sandra Fraietta, Crime Prevention Officer, Northern Beaches Police Area Command will deliver a presentation to the Committee on elder abuse.

## BACKGROUND

This item relates to the following Community Safety Plan action:

*‘Promote awareness of elder abuse.’ (Priority Area: Safe Relationships)*

The 2021 Census of Population and Housing indicates that 23.9% of the Northern Beaches LGA population are aged 60 years and over and that our older population is increasing with an additional 7,090 persons over 60 recorded since the 2016 census.

The World Health Organisation defines elder abuse as:

*‘a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person. It can be of various forms: physical, psychological/emotional, sexual, financial or simply reflect intentional or unintentional neglect. Elder abuse is a violation of human rights and a significant cause of injury, illness, lost productivity, isolation and despair.’*

During the development of the Northern Beaches Community Safety Plan 2021-2026, consultation with the community and other key stakeholders identified seniors as a priority population group for attention and elder abuse as a key issue of concern.

Key stakeholders from the Domestic Violence, Disability, Aged and Multicultural sectors identified particular concerns regarding:

- the lack of awareness of elder abuse, including from those involved
- a rise in older community members experiencing abuse over recent years.

In response to these concerns, Council partnered with the Northern Beaches Police Area Command to deliver a webinar in April 2022 and plans to conduct further information sessions in 2023-2024.

Council is seeking advice from the Committee on any additional opportunities for partnerships to enhance community awareness on elder abuse.

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the presentation.

<b>ITEM 6.3</b>	<b>ONLINE SAFETY FOR SENIORS - 10 MINUTES</b>
<b>GUEST SPEAKER</b>	<b>LEADING SENIOR CONSTABLE MATTHEW CAIN, CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2023/246550</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

## ISSUE

Leading Senior Constable Matthew Cain, Crime Prevention Officer, Northern Beaches Police Area Command will deliver a presentation to the Committee on online safety for seniors.

## BACKGROUND

This item relates to the following Community Safety Plan action:

- *'Investigate initiatives to deliver digital literacy and online safety programs to priority populations.'* (Priority Area: Safe Online)

The [Report of the ACCC on scams activity](#) states that Australian Government agencies received a combined total of over 500,000 reports of scam activity in 2022, with reported losses of over \$3.1 billion.

The report notes that 'older Australians continue to lose more money than other age groups. People aged 65 and over made the most reports (49,163) and lost more money than any other age group with \$120.7 million reported lost (an increase of 47.4%)'.

In addition to the financial cost, scams can have a devastating emotional impact on victims.

The 2021 Census of Population and Housing indicates that 23.9% of the Northern Beaches LGA population were aged 60 years and over.

During the development of the Northern Beaches Community Safety Plan 2021-2026 the community and key stakeholders identified seniors as a priority population group for attention and online safety as a key issue of concern.

In particular the concerns raised were around online and telephone scams and their impact on seniors.

Council partnered with the Northern Beaches Police Area Command in the delivery of a webinar during Scams Awareness week in November 2021. Further in-person Scams Awareness presentations have been delivered with Avalon Computer Pals during the 2022 and 2023 Seniors Festivals. Council intends to conduct further events in 2023-2024.

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the presentation.



<b>ITEM 6.4</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT - 30 MINUTES</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>SUPERINTENDENT PATRICK SHARKEY</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2023/246629</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	1 <a href="#">↓</a> <b>Recorded Crime Statistics - January 2018 to December 2022 - Northern Beaches LGA</b>

## 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 January 2018 - December 2022 are attached for the information of Committee members.

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Northern Beaches LGA Recorded Crime Statistics January 2018 – December 2022

Incidents of crime recorded by the NSW Police Force in Northern Beaches LGA: number, rates<sup>^</sup> and trends<sup>^^</sup>

Major offence category <sup>BOCSAR</sup>	Incidents of crime recorded by NSW Police Force in Northern Beaches LGA					Rate per 100,000 population Jan - Dec 2022 <sup>^</sup>		2 year trend and annual % change <sup>^^</sup> (Jan 21 - Dec 2022) Northern Beaches LGA	5 year trend and average annual % change <sup>^^</sup> (Jan 18 - Dec 2022) Northern Beaches LGA
	Jan - Dec 2018	Jan - Dec 2019	Jan - Dec 2020	Jan - Dec 2021	Jan - Dec 2022	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW		
Murder	1	0	0	1	0	nc	0.7	nc	nc
Domestic violence related assault	448	487	351	296	267	97.4	409.1	Stable	Down 12.1%
Non-domestic violence related assault	605	683	558	500	464	169.3	375.5	Stable	Down 6.4%
Sexual assault	107	126	134	155	130	47.4	95.1	Stable	Stable
Sexual touching, sexual act and other sexual offences	150	141	159	148	141	51.5	90.8	Stable	Stable
Robbery without a weapon	25	33	27	23	19	6.9	11.9	nc	nc
Robbery with a firearm	2	2	0	0	1	0.4	1.3	nc	nc
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	10	15	7	9	8	2.9	9.2	nc	nc
Break and enter dwelling	391	317	248	229	225	82.1	229.1	Stable	Down 12.9%
Break and enter non-dwelling	157	174	122	115	57	20.8	90.5	Down 50.4%	Down 22.4%
Motor vehicle theft	211	204	183	179	161	58.8	150.3	Stable	Down 6.5%
Steal from motor vehicle	782	886	756	629	391	142.7	332.3	Down 37.8%	Down 15.9%
Steal from retail store	572	686	321	487	506	184.6	272.3	Stable	Stable
Steal from dwelling	422	354	340	278	248	90.5	185.0	Stable	Down 12.4%
Steal from person	64	74	53	36	27	9.9	23.9	Down 39.6%	Down 19.4%
Fraud	1,244	1,222	1,145	1084	1064	388.3	566.7	Stable	Down 3.8%
Malicious damage to property	1,196	1,347	1,045	925	814	297	592.5	Stable	Down 9.2%

Source: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR)

<sup>^^</sup> 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.

<b>ITEM 6.5</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT - 15 MINUTES</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2023/246647</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**ISSUE**

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

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be received and noted.

<b>ITEM 6.6</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2023/246686</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

## ISSUE

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

## BACKGROUND

### Police and Council Operational meeting

A meeting was held on 30 March 2023 with the following key topics of discussion:

- Upcoming events, including Taste of Manly, Anzac Day and Youth Week (20-30 April 2023)
- Forestville Shopping Centre, Library/Community Centre and playground
- Mona Vale – Bungan Lane Carpark
- Walter Gors Park
- Kitchener Park, Mona Vale
- Dee Why sand dunes
- Whistler Street Carpark
- East Esplanade
- Number plate theft
- Heavy vehicles - Warriewood

The next meeting will be held on 15 June 2023

### Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Working Group

On 1 March 2023, the Working Group received a presentation from Dr Mary Stewart of the Northern Sydney Sexual Assault Service (NSSAS) on sexual assault and NSSAS services for victims. Dr Stewart assisted the Group in determining priority actions.

Next steps for the Working Group include:

- Coordinating a webinar for service providers in July 2023
- Contributing to the development of a new Council webpage with resources for victims of sexual assault, and services responding to disclosure of sexual assault
- Developing a Services Guide for local service providers outlining referral pathways.

### Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group Update

The Working Group met on 3 May 2023. The Group discussed means restriction initiatives at key locations and received an update from Chad Weston from NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service regarding the new North Head lookouts and Fairfax walking track, which reopened in April 2023.

The male focused subgroup provided updates to the Working Group from their meetings on 15 March 2023 where Dr Anna Brooks and Clare Jones presented on relevant research and information to inform the scope and priorities of this subgroup. The subgroup were referred to relevant research papers that identified successful forms of engagement with men. The presenters discussed the importance of building mental health literacy, challenging stigma and developing targeted community resources.

The subgroup met on 26 April 2023 to progress actions relating to the above identified priority areas and are seeking to commence mapping and promoting existing local men's groups and community resources before considering further actions to build mental health literacy and reduce stigma.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee receive and note this information.