

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held in Manly Town Hall on

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2024

Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee
held on Thursday 15 August 2024
in Manly Town Hall, commencing at 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Sue Heins	Curl Curl Ward – Mayor - Chair
Cr Ruth Robins	Narrabeen Ward
Michael Boutouridis	Detective Chief Inspector Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Aileen Ogilvie	Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team
Narelle Hand	Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Network
Antoin Cullen	Northern Beaches Mental Health Interagency
Simone Parsons	Northern Beaches Housing and Homelessness Interagency
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Local Health District
Mary Brearton	Community Representative – Narrabeen Ward
Kylie Ferguson	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Helen Wheeler	Representing Dr Sophie Scamps MP Federal Member for Mackellar
Nicola Penn	Representing Zali Steggall OAM MP Federal Member for Warringah
Kim Preston-Hiney	Representing James Griffin MP State Member for Manly
Gypsy Bryant	Representing Michael Regan MP State Member for Wakehurst

Council Officer Contacts

Scott Phillips	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 Community Development
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer Community Development

Visitors

Craig Stevens	CEO LocalKind
Daniel Fields	Head of Growth LocalKind
Pamela Sadler	Team Leader Community Development
Georgia Llewellyn	Community Development Officer

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting gathered, and paid respect to Elders past and present.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Supt John Duncan	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Rory Amon MP	State Member for Pittwater
Cr Candy Bingham	Manly Ward
Cr Michael Gencher	Pittwater Ward
Cr Jose Menano-Pires	Frenchs Forest Ward
Sam King	Northern Beaches Youth Interagency
Michele Bell	Northern Sydney Community Network
Libby Paulsen	Community Representative – Frenchs Forest Ward
Lucy Band	Community Representative – Manly Ward
Wendy Finianos	Community Representative – Curl Curl Ward
Nikki Thompson	Northern Beaches Youth Interagency
Kath Young	Community Safety Coordinator

The following members were not in attendance:

Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Matt Cross MP	State Member for Davidson

The Committee noted that a new representative for the Northern Sydney Primary Health Network to replace Craig Parsons is being sought.

3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2024

The minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 May 2024, copies of which were previously circulated to all members, were confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Aileen Ogilvie, seconded Gypsy Bryant.

5.0 ACTIONS UPDATE

5.1 ACTIONS UPDATE

Progress against the actions of the 16 May 2024 meeting, as included in the Agenda, were noted by the Committee.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
6.3	Northern Beaches Police Area Command Youth Liaison Officers and Youth Interagency representatives discuss information sharing and ways to support young people and families to access services.	Police / Sam King	Completed
7.0	Have Your Say Day details be shared with the Committee	Kath Young	Completed

DISCUSSION

In regard to Item 6.3, Police advised that Youth Liaison Officers have met and are happy to continue to meet with Youth Interagency representatives.

In regard to Item 7.0, the Mayor endorsed Have Your Say Day (HYSD) as a successful initiative which engaged a large number of young people and broader community. The Committee noted that this program, along with Council's Youth Advisory Group (YAG), were acknowledged as successful youth participation programs presented at a recent NSW Youth Action Conference.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 PERSON-CENTRED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (P-CEP) PROGRAM

Person Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) is a program that supports people to self-assess their preparedness, capabilities and support needs to develop a personal emergency plan for extreme weather and disaster situations.

Council and LocalKind staff presented an overview of the program and shared with the Committee the program's proposed implementation plan following a grant funding opportunity from Sydney North Health Network.

Council will focus on people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, seniors and relevant service providers for the delivery of the program. LocalKind will focus on people experiencing and at risk of homelessness.

To inform the development and delivery of the P-CEP program across the Northern Beaches, the Committee participated in an activity to identify relevant stakeholders including the following question prompts:

- Who is best place to facilitate planning with individuals?
- Who has information or resources needed for people to complete their plan?
- Who is connected with priority populations who could benefit?
- Who is involved in emergency response work in our community?

DISCUSSION

The involvement of emergency services was raised as a key stakeholder. It was confirmed that during the development of P-CEP, Sydney University engaged with peak emergency services and included their findings in the program. Further, Council's Resilience Team will be involved in the

consultation phase.

Council and LocalKind will finalise their implementation approaches by September 2024, with delivery of the program completed by June 2025.

6.2 POLICE REPORT - DETECTIVE CHIEF INSPECTOR MICHAEL BOUTOURIDIS

Superintendent John Duncan is in his first few weeks as Commander of the Northern Beaches Police Area Command which follows a number of years at various commands, including Eastern Suburbs, Ryde and Surry Hills. Today, he is welcoming four new police recruits who will be stationed within the Northern Beaches Area Command.

Detective Chief Inspector Michael Boutouridis provided an update on Northern Beaches Police Area Command matters. It was requested the Committee hold in confidence discussion of policing matters which do not appear in these Minutes.

The Northern Beaches LGA Recorded Crime Statistics to March 2024 were noted. In July 2024 however, the following offence categories were highlighted:

- Steal from motor vehicle (including number plates): a spike across the region
- Steal from retail: discussed the Northern Beaches Liquor Accord to ensure retailers report all theft to Police
- Steal from retail: Police are introducing security images of offenders on social media to assist in identification of perpetrators
- Malicious damage: increased statistic related to one offender who is currently in custody
- Avalon retirement village thefts: perpetrator identified and legal action progressing
- Domestic violence: reporting is encouraged and breaking AVO orders have a 100% legal action rate.

DISCUSSION

Increased youth related antisocial behaviour around Warriewood was discussed. Engagement with Police Youth Command to monitor and action within the boundaries is underway, along with discussions with Warriewood Square regarding increased security services. Committee members were encouraged to advise residents to report all incidents to Police.

Domestic violence compliance checks by Police were identified as being helpful to the community. Detective Chief Inspector Michael Boutouridis referred to Operation Amarok as a statewide initiative to target domestic violence offenders.

The current cost of living has not been identified as a cause for increased retail theft. Police continue to carry out operations at local shopping centres with many offenders being apprehended.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Due date
6.2.1	That antisocial youth related behaviour be raised at the next Youth Interagency Meeting to ascertain service engagement with young people in the Warriewood area.	Council staff	14 November 2024
6.2.2	That Police taskings be reviewed to include the Warriewood areas of concern to address antisocial youth related behaviour.	Police	14 November 2024

6.3 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

The Executive Manager Environmental Compliance provided an overview and presentation on compliance and regulatory statistics in relation to:

Companion Animal Management

- May to July 2024 statistics on reported dog attacks, categories, locations and compliance actions
- Proactive dog patrols statistics at beaches and parks with 24 fines issued for dogs not under effective control or in a prohibited place
- Barking dogs/Dog enrichment workshops were held at Mona Vale and Manly through June and July 2024. The workshops were well received with positive feedback from the community.

School Zone patrols

- Ongoing patrols of school zones during May-July with 146 proactive inspections
- 70 schools patrolled with 254 fines issued for a range of non-compliance matters

Patrol of Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APAs)

- Compared to June, alcohol related statistics reduced in July 2024

Food Retail Information session

- In partnership with the NSW Food Authority, Council co-hosted this event
- The information session on 4 June attracted 150 participants from the North Sydney region, the highest number of attendees for these events

EPA Get the Site Right campaign

- On 16 May 2024 the Environmental Health Team undertook 53 inspections on building sites across the Northern Beaches LGA.

6.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Community safety matters, as included in the agenda, were noted by the Committee.

An update on the Northern Beaches Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) and Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) was provided.

Both drug action teams aim to reduce the harm associated with the use of alcohol and other drugs through evidence-based, primary prevention activities.

LDAT, federally funded by the Australian Drug Foundation (ADF), have received approval for the development of a survey to be shared in September to October 2024 which will inform opportunities to impact attitudes and adverse outcomes associated with early access to alcohol. Distribution channels for the survey aimed at young people under 25 years are being considered.

CDAT, state funded by NSW Health and managed by Odyssey House, has recently completed the 2024 Drug and Alcohol Survey with over 1,000 responses. The results will inform perceived drug use across the beaches and strategy ideas to address problem drug use. A planning day is scheduled for 27 August to consider the data and next steps. The survey flyers with QR codes proved to be very effective, along with a prize incentive.

CDAT also recently supported the promotion of the NSW Health "Drink Less. Life More" social media campaign.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 East Esplanade, Manly

State Member for Manly, James Griffin's office reported that a local unit block has hired security to patrol their boundary to prevent urination on their East Esplanade property.

The Police Licencing Team have been liaising with Manly Wharf's new owner and advise that street level public toilets are planned within the wharf redevelopment.

Council's Parks and Open Space Team are investigating the feasibility of providing temporary facilities at peak times.

New signage is being installed to improve East Esplanade wayfinding and attention is being paid to ensure there is sufficient visible alcohol restrictions signage.

The East Esplanade Park Community Safety Management Plan is currently under review, as it is each year in advance of the summer period. Police will shortly be conducting a security assessment with Council staff.

7.2 Homelessness – Manly Lodge

State Member for Manly, James Griffin's office highlighted homelessness issues being experienced at Manly Lodge in Victoria Parade, Manly.

Homelessness services have attempted outreach and have left contact cards at the location offering further support and engaged with two individuals in early August. Additionally, the location has been inspected and not considered unhealthy.

The community is encouraged to report incidents or any illegal activity to Police.

7.3 Improving lighting and public areas for women around Manly

State Member for Manly, James Griffin's office highlighted the [Safer Cities - Her Way Program](#) and a lighting issue in Tower Street, Manly.

The Safer Cities – Her Way program is being piloted by the NSW State Government in ten local government areas to look at public safety through a gender lens with the concept that if it is a safe place for women, girls and gender diverse people, then it is safe for everyone. The pilot is due to finish at the end of 2024 which will inform opportunities to integrate these approaches into future place planning strategies.

The lighting issue in Tower Street, Manly was discussed with Police offering to visit the resident and for Council to undertake a lighting safety audit.

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This is the final page of the minutes comprising 8 pages numbered 1 to 8 of the Community Safety Advisory Committee held on Thursday 15 August 2024 and confirmed on Thursday 14 November 2024