

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 8 MAY 2025

Beginning at 9:00 AM for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

Quorum

A majority of members plus the Mayor or another Councillor.

Committee Members

Cr Sue Heins	Frenchs Forest Ward – Mayor - Chair
Cr Candy Bingham	Manly Ward
Cr Ruth Robins	Narrabeen Ward – Deputy Mayor (alternate)
Cr Vincent De Luca OAM	Narrabeen Ward (alternate)
Cr Rowie Dillon	Pittwater Ward
Cr Nick Beaugeard	Curl Curl Ward
Supt John Duncan	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Aileen Ogilvie	Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team
Vacant	Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Network
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Sarah Sweeney	Northern Beaches Mental Health Interagency
Sam King	Northern Beaches Youth Interagency
Michele Bell	Northern Sydney Community Network (Seniors sector)
Sarah Kingsbeer	Northern Sydney Housing and Homelessness Interagency
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Local Health District
Eugene McGarrell	Northern Sydney Health Network Northern Sydney PHN
Wendy Finianos	Community Representative – Curl Curl Ward
Libby Paulsen	Community Representative – Frenchs Forest Ward
Lucy Band	Community Representative – Manly Ward
Mary Brearton	Community Representative – Narrabeen Ward
Kylie Ferguson	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Dr Sophie Scamps	Federal Member for Mackellar
Zali Steggall OAM MP	Federal Member for Warringah
Matt Cross MP	State Member for Davidson
James Griffin MP	State Member for Manly
Jacqui Scruby MP	State Member for Pittwater
Michael Regan MP	State Member for Wakehurst

Council Officer Contacts

Scott Phillips	Chief Executive Officer
David Kerr	Director Community and Recreation
Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Azmeena Kelly	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Jeremy Smith	Executive Manager Parks & Open Space
Will Wrathall	Manager Community Development
Kath Young	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer Community Development

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to be held on Thursday 8 May 2025 in the Manly Town Hall
Commencing at 9:00 AM**

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NEXT MEETING Thursday 14 August 2025

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 councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2025, 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

ISSUE

To update the Committee on actions arising from previous meetings.

MEETING OF 14 NOVEMBER 2024

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
6.4.1	The Liquor Accord engage with relevant stakeholders to investigate options for a community education campaign.	Doug Brooker	8 May 2025

MEETING OF 13 FEBRUARY 2025

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
6.1	Circulate information to Committee to support their response to concerns for mental health.	Supt Duncan	Completed
6.3.1	Link to information on existing AFZs to be circulated to Committee.	Kath Young	Completed
6.3.2	Advice on commencement of public exhibition of proposed AFZs be circulated to Committee.	Kath Young	Completed
6.4	Northern Beaches Youth Interagency to lead the consideration on the need to establish more legal graffiti walls across the Northern Beaches.	Sam King Will Wrathall	8 May 2025
7.4.1	Special Rate Variation - Link to relevant reports to be circulated with minutes.	Kath Young	Completed

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- a. Receive and note the information.
- b. Confirm the draft February 2025 Minutes as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Reporting officer	Community Safety Coordinator
TRIM file ref	2025/225289
Attachments	Nil

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	POLICE REPORT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT MICHELLE MATHIESON - 30 MINUTES
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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 (BOCSAR) publish recorded crime statistics for NSW each quarter. Recorded crime statistics for selected major offence categories for the Northern Beaches Local Government Area and NSW are attached for the information of Committee members, including:

- Statistics for the period January 2020 to December 2024
- Two and ten year trends
- Rate per 100 000 population.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.
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Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/225342
Attachments	1 Recorded Crime Statistics to December 2024 - Northern Beaches LGA

Northern Beaches LGA Recorded Crime Statistics to December 2024

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 Jan 2024 - Dec 2024 [^]		2 year trend and annual % change ^{^^} (Jan 2023 - Dec 2024)		10 year trend and average annual % change ^{^^} (Jan 2020 - Dec 2024)	
	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	Jan 2021 - Dec 2021	Jan 2022 - Dec 2022	Jan 2023 - Dec 2023	Jan 2024 - Dec 2024	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW
Murder	0	1	0	0	1	0.4	1.0	nc	Stable	nc	Stable
Domestic violence related assault	349	295	266	273	330	123.2	458.8	Up 20.9%	Stable	Stable	Up 3.1%
Non-domestic violence related assault	559	502	469	532	584	218.0	415.2	Stable	Stable	Stable	Up 1.3%
Sexual assault	134	167	165	169	162	60.5	127.4	Stable	Stable	Up 9.8%	Up 8.8%
Sexual touching, sexual act and other sexual offences	159	155	151	143	170	63.5	101.8	Stable	Stable	Up 2.9%	Up 2.5%
Robbery without a weapon	27	23	19	26	17	6.3	12.7	nc	Stable	nc	Down 4.3%
Robbery with a firearm	0	0	1	2	0	0.0	1.1	nc	Stable	nc	Down 7.1%
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	7	9	8	6	6	2.2	9.8	nc	Stable	nc	Down 1.7%
Break and enter dwelling	248	229	225	204	240	89.6	232.3	Stable	Stable	Down 7.0%	Down 5.3 %
Break and enter non-dwelling	122	115	57	133	142	53.0	99.3	Stable	Stable	Down 5.5%	Down 4.0%
Motor vehicle theft	183	178	162	171	207	77.3	178.6	Stable	Stable	Down 1.4%	Stable
Steal from motor vehicle	756	628	394	409	462	172.4	320.7	Stable	Down 8%	Down 6.8%	Down 4.4%
Steal from retail store	321	487	510	714	654	244.1	337.3	Stable	Stable	Stable	Up 2.7%
Steal from dwelling	339	278	248	315	304	113.5	194.1	Stable	Stable	Down 4.3%	Down 3.1%
Steal from person	53	37	27	22	28	10.5	24.5	Stable	Stable	Down 15.2%	Down 10.8%
Fraud	1147	1084	1068	1086	1017	379.6	518.4	Stable	Down 8.3%	Down 2.9%	Down 2.0%
Malicious damage to property	1045	924	813	869	760	283.7	587.8	Stable	Stable	Down 6.8%	Down 2.9%

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 ten 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**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.

Reporting officer	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
TRIM file ref	2025/225363
Attachments	Nil

ITEM 6.3	MANLY SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT - 15 MINUTES
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ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to brief the Committee on the proposed Manly Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) and seek feedback on potential community safety issues related to the proposed Manly SEP and the proposed boundaries as part of early consultation for the project.

BACKGROUND

This item relates to the following Community Safety Plan actions:

Safe Open Spaces: Consult with the NSW 24 Hour Economy Commissioner to develop night time economy strategies to activate vibrant, inclusive and safe spaces.

Safe Visitors: Ensure that night activation strategies and events that attract tourism are conducted safely.

At its meeting on 18 February 2025, Council resolved to seek grant funding from the NSW Government to establish a SEP trial in the Manly commercial centre.

A SEP is a designated area where Council sets the maximum trading hours and entertainment sound controls in a precinct management plan, overriding existing planning controls, development consents and liquor licence conditions.

The outcome of the grant funding application is expected in late May 2025 and if the application is successful, Council will:

- establish a Precinct Working Group
- engage a consultant to undertake an acoustic study of the precinct
- prepare the precinct management plan informed by feedback from relevant stakeholders including the Committee
- aim to have an 18-month trial of the SEP commencing mid-2026.

Council sought feedback from the community on the boundaries of the SEP in March and April 2025. Liaison is also being undertaken with the NSW Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, the NSW Environmental Protection Authority, Sound NSW, Liquor & Gaming NSW, the Northern Beaches Police Area Command, Transport for NSW, the Northern Beaches Liquor Accord, the Northern Sydney Local Health District, community groups, local businesses and residents.

DISCUSSION

Feedback from Committee members on the proposed boundaries (see Attachment A), and any other preliminary feedback on the Manly SEP will be invited.

Further input from the Committee will be sought during the development of the controls in the precinct management plan, and during the operation and evaluation of the Manly SEP Trial.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. Note the information in this report.

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| 2. | Provide preliminary feedback on potential community safety issues related to the proposed Manly SEP, including feedback on the proposed boundaries. |
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Reporting officer	Executive Manager Strategic & Place Planning
TRIM file ref	2025/218790
Attachments	1 Attachment A – Proposed Manly Special Entertainment Precinct Boundary



ITEM 6.4 24/7 LIBRARY SERVICES - 15 MINUTES

ISSUE

To brief the Committee on Council's progress on expanding 24/7 library services across the Northern Beaches network.

BACKGROUND

This item relates to the following Community Safety Plan action:

Safe Neighbourhoods: Ensure community facilities are accessible, flexible and functional shared spaces for the community.

In 2022, Council commenced a trial at Forestville Library for 24/7 unstaffed services providing the opportunity for library members aged 16 and over to use library spaces and services outside of regular staffed hours. Launching as a permanent service in 2023, the Forestville Library 24/7 has been exceptionally successful and is very popular with high school and university students using spaces for meeting and study. Forestville Library 24/7 now has 3,000 24/7 members and in 2024 saw more than 30,000 after hours visits.

At the 16 February 2023 Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting, Library Services provided a briefing on the success of Forestville Library and sought feedback and perspectives on potential community safety issues and discussed the expansion of 24/7 services to further library branches.

In October 2023, Council adopted the Library Strategic Plan 2023-2028 (resolution 291/23), including action item 4.1.1 *Explore and implement 24/7 service delivery across the Northern Beaches Library network where feasible.*

Following the ongoing success of Forestville Library 24/7 and increasing community demand, Council has been progressing the expansion of 24/7 library services across the Northern Beaches network.

DISCUSSION

A presentation will be provided to the Committee on current progress and seek the Committee's feedback on community safety issues.

RECOMMENDATION

That this information be received and noted.
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Reporting officer	Executive Manager Library Services
TRIM file ref	2025/218776
Attachments	Nil

ITEM 6.5 E-BIKE SAFETY - 15 MINUTES

ISSUE

To brief the Committee on the NSW Parliament inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options.

BACKGROUND

On 6 June 2024, NSW Parliament established an inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes and related mobility options. This inquiry invited input from local council, industry and stakeholder perspectives and considered opportunities to achieve better and safer outcomes for riders and the community.

The inquiry complements the initial steps taken by the NSW Government in addressing e-bike safety concerns through the Transport for NSW [E-micromobility Action Plan](#).

On 13 February 2025, the inquiry delivered its report and made 34 recommendations that impact a rider, road and pedestrian safety and integration of e-mobility devices into legislation and active transport infrastructure. The inquiry report can be viewed on the [NSW Parliament website](#).

([https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3052 - tab-reportsandgovernmentresponses](https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3052-tab-reportsandgovernmentresponses))

The Government response to this report is due on 13 May 2025.

Northern Beaches Council has taken a proactive approach with e-bike safety since 2022 and was the first NSW government agency to deliver an e-bike safety campaign. This campaign focused on young people and included providing educational resources to local schools. For more information on Council's actions, please refer to our webpage on [E-bike safety](#).

DISCUSSION

A presentation will be provided to the Committee on the inquiry recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

That this information be received and noted.

Reporting officer	Manager Transport Network
TRIM file ref	2025/225866
Attachments	Nil

ITEM 6.6 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE - 5 MINUTES

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 3 April 2025 with the following key topics of discussion:

- Upcoming events
- Safety audits at Bangalley Headland and Manly
- Manly Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) update
- 24/7 Library services
- Community member correspondence regarding:
 - E-bikes
 - Public toilet facilities at East Esplanade
- Discussed locations including:
 - Incidents at Long Reef
 - Stormwater drains
 - Manly safety audit
- Open space and general matters

The next meeting will be held on 5 June 2025.

Suicide Prevention Working Group Update

An Expression of Interest (EOI) to join a PHN-led [Northern Sydney Wellbeing Collaborative](#) opened in late February 2025 following a launch event on 25 February.

The next meeting for the Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group is scheduled for 13 May 2025 to allow time for initial engagement and alignment relating to the new Wellbeing Collaborative, and to inform next steps for the Group.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note this information.

Reporting officer	Community Safety Coordinator
TRIM file ref	2025/225380
Attachments	Nil