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 13 NOVEMBER 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 – Deputy Mayor
Cr Ruth Robins	Narrabeen Ward (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	Sydney North Health Network | Northern Sydney PHN
Tracey Curnoe	Community Representative – Curl Curl Ward
Libby Paulsen	Community Representative – Frenchs Forest Ward
Vacant	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

Visitors

Anya Rowlandson	Sydney North Health Network | Northern Sydney PHN
Sherryn Moltzen	Sydney North Health Network | Northern Sydney PHN

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7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING Thursday 12 February 2026

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 show 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 14 AUGUST 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 August 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 AUGUST 2025

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
6.1	Northern Beaches Police Area Command to provide a redacted version of the information shared, showing trends.	Northern Beaches Police Area Command	Completed
6.3	Council, in collaboration with the Northern Beaches Youth Interagency, conduct further community consultation and research regarding additional legal graffiti walls, to inform educational initiatives and consider any specific needs in the north of the Northern Beaches LGA.	Will Wrathall Sam King	Update to be provided in May 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. Receive and note the information.

2. Confirm the draft August 2025 Minutes as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/635370
Attachments	Nil

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1 POLICE REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DUNCAN - 30 MINUTES

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 over the period July 2020 to June 2025 for the Northern Beaches Local Government Area and NSW are attached for the information of Committee members.

BOCSAR has released the following statement in conjunction with the NSW statistics:

> 'Since 2015/16, police-recorded sexual assault reports have more than doubled (up 136%), driven by:
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> - Increased reporting from adult victims (47% of the rise),
> - More historic reporting of child sexual assault (42%),
> - A rise in contemporary child sexual assault reports (11%).
>
> Jackie Fitzgerald, Executive Director of BOCSAR, attributes much of the recent increase to improved reporting pathways.
>
> "Since January 2023, victims have been able to report sexual violence to NSW Police via the Sexual Assault Reporting Option (SARO) - an online, trauma-sensitive portal. SARO has proven very popular, with 1 in 4 sexual assault reports now submitted through this platform," Ms Fitzgerald said.
>
> SARO reports account for 39% of the overall increase in sexual assault reports over the past decade. In addition, reports directly to police through traditional channels also increased, accounting for 45% of the rise over the past decade.'

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/635379
Attachments	1 Recorded Crime Statistics - July 2020 – June 2025 - Northern Beaches LGA

Northern Beaches LGA Recorded Crime Statistics July 2020 – June 2025

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 July 2024– June 2025^		2 year trend and annual % change^^ (July 23 – June 25)		10 year trend and average annual % change^^ (July 2015 – June 2025)	
	July 2020 – June 2021	July 2021 - June 2022	July 2022 - June 2023	July 2023 - June 2024	July 2024 – June 2025	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW
Murder	0	1	0	1	1	0.4	0.9	nc	Stable	nc	Stable
Domestic violence related assault	325	269	253	331	383	143.0	457.5	**Up 15.7%**	Stable	Stable	**Up 3.0%**
Non-domestic violence related assault	574	445	489	583	548	204.5	411.5	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable
Sexual assault	180	152	163	176	175	65.3	147.9	Stable	**Up 8.8%**	**Up 8.6%**	**Up 10.0%**
Sexual touching, sexual act and other sexual offences	172	148	132	153	184	68.7	104.4	Stable	Stable	**Up 4.4%**	**Up 2.5%**
Robbery without a weapon	24	19	22	19	15	5.6	12.2	nc	**Down 11.1%**	nc	**Down 3.3%**
Robbery with a firearm	0	0	3	0	0	0	1.1	nc	Stable	nc	**Down 5.6%**
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	11	4	8	6	7	2.6	8.6	nc	Stable	nc	**Down 1.7%**
Break and enter dwelling	288	192	237	206	203	75.8	219.6	Stable	**Down 10.2%**	**Down 8.6%**	**Down 5.5%**
Break and enter non-dwelling	134	59	98	138	118	44.0	97.6	Stable	**Down 3.1%**	**Down 7.9%**	**Down 3.7%**
Motor vehicle theft	195	156	174	185	169	63.1	177.7	Stable	Stable	**Down 1.8%**	**Up 1.3%**
Steal from motor vehicle	732	466	401	410	426	159.0	303.4	Stable	**Down 11.3%**	**Down 8.2%**	**Down 4.9%**
Steal from retail store	421	467	611	713	617	230.3	354.2	Stable	**Up 5.1%**	Stable	**Up 2.9%**
Steal from dwelling	310	252	283	308	265	98.9	188.4	**Down 14.0%**	Stable	**Down 5.6%**	**Down 3.1%**
Steal from person	49	28	28	23	20	7.5	22.7	Stable	Stable	**Down 16.8%**	**Down 10.9%**
Fraud	1190	1024	1108	1006	1028	383.7	480.4	Stable	**Down 13.3%**	**Down 3.1%**	**Down 2.8%**
Malicious damage to property	1121	749	785	883	731	272.8	564.4	Stable	**Down 6.1%**	**Down 6.1%**	**Down 3.3%**

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

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	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/635398
Attachments	Nil

ITEM 6.3 NORTHERN SYDNEY WELLBEING COLLABORATIVE - 15 MINUTES

ISSUE

Sydney North Health Network will provide a presentation to the Committee on the Northern Sydney Wellbeing Collaborative.

BACKGROUND

The Northern Sydney Wellbeing Collaborative (Wellbeing Collaborative) is an initiative designed to improve health and wellbeing in the Northern Sydney Primary Health Network (PHN) by bringing together community and local stakeholders across the health and social care sector to respond to health and social challenges.

The Collaborative achieves this through three core components:

- The Wellbeing Collaborative: the convening and learning platform where people, ideas and data connect.
- Community Cooperatives: local community-owned entities that make community led initiatives safe, legitimate and sustainable.
- Integrated Service Hubs: the front doors for mental health, alcohol and other drugs and suicide prevention, acting as a concierge and coordinating access across providers, with primary care integration as a first priority.

By working together and in partnership, the Collaborative aims to create more connected, accessible, and person-centred services that address key health challenges locally, including chronic illness, mental health, aged care, alcohol and other drugs (AOD), and suicide prevention.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the presentation.

Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/635481
Attachments	Nil

ITEM 6.4 HOMELESSNESS IN PUBLIC PLACES - 15 MINUTES

ISSUE

Staff will provide a presentation on the draft Determination for Homelessness in Public Spaces and the accompanying Operational Guidelines.

BACKGROUND

Council regularly responds to situations involving people experiencing homelessness including but not limited to people rough sleeping in public spaces.

The draft Determination for Homelessness in Public Spaces and the accompanying Operational Guidelines, assist in ensuring a clear, consistent and coordinated approach to responding by Council teams as well as external housing and homelessness services.

The Determination and Operational Guidelines:

- Respects the rights of all members of the community, including those who are experiencing homelessness, to use public places and to live in a safe environment.
- Recognises people experiencing homelessness face many complex challenges and are amongst the most vulnerable in our community.
- Commits Council to treating all people experiencing homelessness with respect and dignity and in a non-discriminatory manner.
- Outlines principles that guide Council's approach to responding to people experiencing homelessness in public places.
- Encourages a coordinated response between Council and other key stakeholders.

RECOMMENDATION

That the presentation be received and noted.

Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/635466
Attachments	Nil

ITEM 6.5 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN - 15 MINUTES

ISSUE

An update will be provided on the review of the Community Safety Plan.

BACKGROUND

At the 14 August 2025 meeting a presentation was provided to the Committee on the review of the Community Safety Plan and the related community engagement strategy.

From 19 September to 26 October 2025 the community was invited to provide feedback on their experience with safety across the Northern Beaches through the Your Say online platform. Participation was possible via a survey and/or through an online mapping exercise.

Staff also consulted with the Youth Advisory Group on 29 September 2025.

Over 470 submissions were made by community members providing a input on issues including:

- What community safety issues most concern the community.
- Where they feel safe or unsafe.
- What factors contribute to feelings of safety.
- What would make them feel safer.

The Committee will be provided with an overview of feedback received through the community engagement process and on the key priorities identified by the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note this presentation.

Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/635459
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

Community Representatives

The Committee is advised that the term of office for the community representatives for each Ward will come to an end in June 2026, with the May 2026 meeting being their final scheduled event.

It is intended that the community representative positions will then be advertised during June and July 2026 at which time the current incumbents are able to reapply should they wish. The next cohort of community representatives will be in place for the August 2026 Committee meeting.

Schedule of Meetings

The schedule of Community Safety Advisory Committee meetings for 2026 is as follows:

Date	Time
Thursday 12 February 2026	9.00 – 11.00am
Thursday 14 May 2026	9.00 – 11.00am
Thursday 13 August 2026	9.00 – 11.00am
Thursday 12 November 2026	9.00 – 11.00am

Police Council Operational Meeting

A meeting was held on 2 October 2025 with the following key topics of discussion:

- Upcoming events
- Review of Community Safety Plan
- Discussed locations including Dee Why Civic Centre, Mona Vale Village Park and Church Point Cargo Wharf
- Homelessness
- East Esplanade Community Safety Management Plan
- General matters.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 December 2025.

Suicide Prevention Working Group Update

The next meeting for the Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group is scheduled for 24 November 2025. This meeting will include a focus on understanding the recent developments with the Northern Sydney Wellbeing Collaborative established by Sydney North Health Network (SNHN), and how this will inform the future direction of this Working Group.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/635417
Attachments	Nil