

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 12 FEBRUARY 2026

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
James Farrington	Director Planning & Place
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

Det Sgt Chris Wynter	NSW Police Force
Jo Mackay	NSW Police Force
Rebecca Shaw	Department of Communities and Justice

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to be held on Thursday 12 February 2026 in the Manly Town Hall
Commencing at 9:00 AM**

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	Nil	

NEXT MEETING Thursday 14 May 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 13 NOVEMBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 November 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	DUE DATE
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.	Manager Community Development / Chair Northern Beaches Youth Interagency	May 2026 – update provided at Item 6.4

MEETING OF 13 NOVEMBER 2025

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.2	Consider an update of Council's website to provide guidance to community members on issues relating to assistance animals.	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance	To be reported at this meeting
7.1.1	Provide advice to the Committee on smoking/vaping restrictions at rockpools and sports fields and how these restrictions are conveyed to community.	Executive Manager Parks & Open Space	To be reported at this meeting
7.1.2	Provide response to NSW Health correspondence health on this matter (refer 7.1.1).	Executive Manager Parks & Open Space	To be reported at this meeting

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. Receive and note the information.
2. Confirm the draft November 2025 Minutes as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/821449
Attachments	Nil

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1 NSW GOVERNMENT - HATE CRIMES AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM - 70 MINUTES

ISSUE

NSW Police Force Engagement and Hate Crime Unit (EHCU) and NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Engagement and Support Unit (ESU) will provide a presentation to the Committee as part of their broader community engagement initiatives.

BACKGROUND

The NSW Police Force Engagement and Hate Crime Unit (EHCU) is a dedicated policing unit that promotes and supports the prevention, disruption and reduction of hate crime and the support of victims and communities across NSW.

The Unit provides education and promotion of hate crime awareness to encourage victims and witnesses to report hate crimes and hate incidents, noting these incidents remain significantly underreported across NSW. It actively engages with vulnerable communities to build rapport and working relationships on behalf of the NSW Police Force.

They also provide advice and education regarding hate motivated crimes and support operations and investigations in both Police Area Commands and Police Districts across the NSW Police Force and nationally when required to assist other government agencies.

EHCU is part of the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) multi-agency Engagement and Support Unit (ESU).

The ESU was established in 2020 to strengthen and improve service delivery and coordination of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) interventions, and provide practical support to at-risk clients, families, friends and community organisations.

Violent extremism is defined as a willingness to use unlawful violence or support the use of violence by others to promote a political, ideological or religious goal.

The ESU is a specialised multi-disciplinary team who focus on prevention and early intervention of violent extremist behaviour through the provision of services such as:

- Step Together - a helpline and digital support service for people seeking advice on how to support loved ones and protect them from involvement in violent extremism.
- Engagement and Support Program (ESP) - a voluntary, consent-based program that aims to assist individuals and their families, to make positive changes and avoid a pathway to violent extremism.

Representatives will provide information to the Committee on hate crimes, why and how they should be reported and information on the services available to the community, with a focus on youth vulnerability and susceptibility.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the presentation.

Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/821935
Attachments	Nil

ITEM 6.2	POLICE REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DUNCAN - 20 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) publishes recorded crime statistics for NSW each quarter. Recorded crime statistics for selected major offence categories over the period October 2020 to September 2025 for the Northern Beaches Local Government Area and NSW are attached for the information of Committee members.

In the accompanying [media release](#), BOCSAR advises that the significant decreases in statewide trends are being driven by widespread falls in crime across Regional NSW.

BOCSAR also advise that:

‘Over the 24-months to September 2025 Greater Sydney saw a significant decline in three of 13 major crime categories and a significant increase in one (steal from retail store – up 12.1%). The three offences in decline were: robbery, steal from motor vehicle and malicious damage to property.’

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/821468
Attachments	1 Recorded Crime Statistics - October 2020 – September 2025 - Northern Beaches LGA

ATTACHMENT 1 : RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS - OCTOBER 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2025 - NORTHERN BEACHES LGA - ITEM 6.2 - COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 12 FEBRUARY 2026

Northern Beaches LGA Recorded Crime Statistics October 2020 – September 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 Oct 2024– Sep 2025 [^]		2 year trend and annual % change ^{^^} (Oct 23 – Sep 25)		10 year trend and average annual % change ^{^^} (Oct 2015 – Sep 2025)	
	Oct 2020 – Sep 2021	Oct 2021 – Sep 2022	Oct 2022 – Sep 2023	Oct 2023 – Sep 2024	Oct 2024 – Sep 2025	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW	Northern Beaches LGA	NSW
Murder	1	0	0	1	1	0.4	0.9	nc	Stable	nc	Stable
Domestic violence related assault	317	252	264	336	421	157.1	453.4	Stable	Stable	Stable	Up 2.9%
Non-domestic violence related assault	518	477	513	594	538	200.8	406.6	Down 9.4%	Down 4.0%	Stable	Stable
Sexual assault	170	161	153	178	213	79.5	153.7	Stable	Stable	Up 9.9%	Up 10.7%
Sexual touching, sexual act and other sexual offences	145	156	139	165	161	60.1	104.5	Stable	Stable	Up 2.6%	Up 2.6%
Robbery without a weapon	20	21	25	17	11	4.1	11.9	nc	Down 8.5%	nc	Down 3.6%
Robbery with a firearm	0	1	2	0	1	0.4	1	nc	Stable	nc	Down 6.9%
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	11	7	6	6	9	3.4	8.4	nc	Stable	nc	Down 1.6%
Break and enter dwelling	260	224	221	213	186	69.4	219.2	Stable	Down 6.6%	Down 9.7%	Down 5.5%
Break and enter non-dwelling	127	60	106	139	132	49.3	95.5	Stable	Down 4.3%	Down 7.0%	Down 3.9%
Motor vehicle theft	180	165	179	187	171	63.8	178.3	Stable	Stable	Down 1.3%	Up 1.4%
Steal from motor vehicle	684	456	379	463	373	139.2	305.3	Stable	Down 7.0%	Down 9.5%	Down 5.0%
Steal from retail store	444	506	683	690	552	206	360.1	Stable	Up 7.7%	Stable	Up 2.9%
Steal from dwelling	293	245	301	319	233	87	189.6	Down 27.0%	Down 2.8%	Down 6.9%	Down 3.2%
Steal from person	43	30	24	29	16	6	22	nc	Down 11.7%	nc	Down 11.0%
Fraud	1150	1057	1106	994	962	359.1	465.5	Stable	Down 13.4%	Down 3.5%	Down 3.2%
Malicious damage to property	1023	785	791	831	733	273.6	556.7	Down 11.8%	Down 6.5%	Down 5.4%	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 6.3	ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT - 10 MINUTES
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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.
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Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/821489
Attachments	Nil

ITEM 6.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

ISSUE

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

BACKGROUND

Community Safety Plan Update

In September and October 2025 community engagement was undertaken on the issue of community safety across the Northern Beaches. Analysis of the data collected is ongoing and work has commenced on the development of an Insights Paper and directions for future actions under the next Community Safety Plan.

A brief update will be provided to the Committee on identified focus areas for future action.

Police Council Operational Meeting

A meeting was held on 4 December 2025 with the following key topics of discussion:

- Upcoming events
- Review of Community Safety Plan
- Discussed locations including:
 - Walter Gors Park Dee Why
 - Ivanhoe Park Manly
 - Village Park Mona Vale
 - Beaches
 - John Fisher Park, North Curl Curl
- Homelessness
- Safety Audit of Lakeside Holiday Park, Narrabeen
- Nitrous Oxide canisters
- General matters.

A meeting was held on 5 February 2026 and an update will be provided at the Committee meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2 April 2026.

Suicide Prevention Working Group Update

A meeting of the Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group was held on 24 November 2025. Sydney North Health Network (SNHN) provided a further update on Northern Sydney regional developments including the Wellbeing Collaborative and the proposed alignment of the Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group within the Wellbeing Collaborative model framework.

The impact of the NSW Suicide Prevention Bill 2025 was also discussed, noting the new legislation establishes a coordinated, whole-of-government framework to reduce suicide and suicidal distress, recognising that preventing suicide is not the responsibility of any single service, but a shared commitment across government agencies, communities and individuals.

Working Group members agreed that the first meeting date for 2026 would be determined once a clear timeline for the Working Group is formalised within the Collaborative by SNHN. It is anticipated for this to be prior to June 2026.

Legal Graffiti Walls Update

Council continues to collaborate with the Northern Beaches Youth Interagency to conduct further community consultation and research regarding additional legal graffiti walls and any specific needs in the north of the Northern Beaches LGA. Consultation is being planned for Youth Week 16-26 April 2026, including activation and education on use of the existing legal walls and consideration of a targeted street art consultation and activation in the north of the LGA.

If feedback is supportive of an additional legal wall, Council would need to approve the project and allocate resources, as well as conduct broader community engagement through Your Say.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Reporting officer	Manager, Community Development
TRIM file ref	2025/821494
Attachments	Nil