

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held in Manly Town Hall on

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2025

Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee
held on Thursday 13 November 2025
in Manly Town Hall at 9:00am

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Nick Beauguard	Curl Curl Ward – Acting Chair
Cr Vincent De Luca OAM	Narrabeen Ward (alternate)
Cr Rowie Dillon	Pittwater Ward
Supt John Duncan	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Aileen Ogilvie	Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team
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)
Lisa Henning	Northern Sydney Housing and Homelessness Interagency
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Local Health District
Anya Rowlandson	Sydney North Health Network – Northern Sydney PHN
Tracey Curnoe	Community Representative – Curl Curl Ward
Libby Paulsen	Community Representative – Frenchs Forest Ward
Mary Brearton	Community Representative – Narrabeen Ward
Kylie Ferguson	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Peta Garrett	Representing Dr Sophie Scamps Federal Member for Mackellar
Jill Bryant	Representing Zali Steggall OAM MP Federal Member for Warringah
Gypsy Bryant	Representing Michael Regan MP State Member for Wakehurst

Council Officer Contacts

David Kerr	Director Community and Recreation
James Farrington	Director Planning and 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 A/Insp Kris Ford	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Sherryn Moltzen	Community and Partnership Lead, Sydney North Health Network – Northern Sydney PHN
Pam Sadler	Team Leader Community Development
Georgia Llewellyn	Community Development Officer

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting gathered, and paid respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Welcome to new members and visitors:

Tracey Curnoe	Community Representative Curl Curl Ward
Anya Rowlandson	Commissioning Manager Sydney North Health Network – Northern Sydney PHN
Sherryn Moltzen	Community and Partnership Lead, Sydney North Health Network – Northern Sydney PHN
Lisa Henning	Acting Regional Manager North – Bridge Housing
Det A/Insp Kris Ford	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
James Farrington	Director Planning and Place, Northern Beaches Council

Apologies were received from:

James Griffin MP	State Member for Manly
Jacqui Scruby MP	State Member for Pittwater
Cr Sue Heins	Frenchs Forest Ward – Mayor
Cr Candy Bingham	Manly Ward – Deputy Mayor
Cr Ruth Robins	Narrabeen Ward (alternate)
Scott Phillips	Chief Executive Officer, Northern Beaches Council

The following were not in attendance:

Matt Cross MP, State Member for Davidson
Community Representative – Manly Ward (position vacant)
Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Network (position vacant).

The Committee was advised that the community representative for Manly Ward, Lucy Band, has stepped down from her position due to her recent employment by Northern Beaches Council. The Chair acknowledged Lucy's valuable contributions to the Committee over the past 2 years.

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 14 AUGUST 2025

The minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2025, copies of which were previously circulated to all members, were confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved Superintendent Duncan, seconded Gypsy Bryant.

5.0 ACTIONS UPDATE

5.1 ACTIONS UPDATE

Progress against the actions as included in the Agenda were noted by the Committee.

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.	Manager Community Development Sam King	Update to be provided in May 2026

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 POLICE REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DUNCAN

Superintendent Duncan and Detective Acting Inspector Ford 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.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.1	Note the report	-	-

6.2 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

Council provided an overview and presentation on compliance and regulatory statistics for the period August to October 2025.

Companion Animal Management:

- 75 dog attacks were reported to Council, 12 of which occurred on private property.
- 75 compliance actions were investigated in this period with 3 infringements issued to date.
- Proactive dog patrols continued across the LGA with instances of enforcement action taken.
- On 14 October 2025 the trial period began for off leash dogs on Mona Vale Beach (South), between 5-10am and 5-9pm during daylight savings. Council conducts daily patrols with a focus on education to ensure the community are aware of the rules of the trial. The space is being well utilised by compliant dog owners.
- A Companion Animals Education Officer has recently been employed. As well as participating in educational patrols, the officer is running pop-up events at the trial off leash dog area at Mona Vale Beach (south) and also recently undertook community education sessions at Glen Street Theatre and Manly Seniors Centre. The main focus of these events was to provide families information and helpful tips on keeping children safe around dogs.
- An outdoor educational event was also held at St Ives Showground on Sunday 9 November

2025 in collaboration with Ku-ring-gai Council.

School Zones:

- School parking patrols have continued with infringement notices issued in response to traffic safety concerns around schools.

Manly night patrols:

Community use of East and West Esplanade Parks and surrounding areas has increased with the spring season and warmer weather. Increased night patrols have commenced to support enforcement of [alcohol restrictions in open spaces](#).

DISCUSSION

[Assistance animals](#) and access to cafés were discussed:

- [NSW Food Authority](#) provides information about assistance animals in food premises.
- Food safety practices and general requirements for restaurants, cafes and licenced premises relating to assistance and companion animals are outlined at [Standard 3.2.2](#) Section 24(2).
- Discussed the value of guidance for the community on issues relating to assistance animals including: how to identify an assistance animal; accreditation; access to food businesses.

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 Compliance	12 February 2026

6.3 NORTHERN SYDNEY WELLBEING COLLABORATIVE

The Sydney North Health Network (SNHN) representatives provided a presentation on the [Northern Sydney Wellbeing Collaborative](#) (Collaborative).

The three key aspects to this framework include:

- The Wellbeing Collaborative is the collective network of stakeholders representing services and communities, working together to transform wellbeing across the region. The initiative which commenced in June 2025 aims to widen the sphere of influence through meaningful collaborative partnerships to address health equity gaps and poor integration across the health and social care system.
- Community Cooperatives aim to capitalise on local assets (people and places) and to transform local ideas into sustainable programs.
- Integrated Service Hubs will offer coordinated care and are designed as the front door concierge for people seeking support, offering a single, visible entry point where individuals are welcomed and then guided to the right supports, coordinating across all service providers in the system. Service Hubs, whether place based or digital, are anticipated to commence in July 2026.

Governance will rest with the Sydney North Health Network and Commissioning funds will operationalise the Hubs, initially focusing on mental health, alcohol and other drugs (AOD) and suicide prevention.

The SNHN representatives called for community action to be a part of the process and encouraged the Committee to share the information with the community. The presentation will be shared with

Committee members.

[Join the Northern Sydney Wellbeing Collaborative](#)

DISCUSSION

Funding opportunities and how the end user learns about or accesses the services was discussed.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.3	Note the presentation	-	-

6.4 HOMELESSNESS GUIDELINES

Council provided a presentation on the draft Determination for Homelessness in Public Spaces and the accompanying Operational Guidelines.

Council is often the first to identify, be notified of, or have engagements with people experiencing homelessness in public spaces. The former Homeless Person's Protocol has been the subject of the review.

Since 2024, Council have worked with relevant internal teams to develop a draft Determination and Operational Guidelines. The draft Determination aligns with the NSW Government Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places and NSW Implementation Guidelines. It encourages a coordinated response between Council and other key stakeholders so that people are offered support if they need or request it and to manage any impacts on public safety and amenity for the broader community. The draft Operational Guidelines aim to provide Council staff with a clear and consistent approach in responding to people experiencing homelessness in public places.

Council's strategic focus is to work towards long term housing solutions and it was noted that positive steps of engagement often take time.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.4	Note the draft determination	-	-

6.5 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

An update was provided on the Community Safety Plan development.

From 19 September - 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.

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

Over 470 submissions were made by community members providing 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.

A broad overview of survey responses was presented to the Committee, noting that this only conveys the sentiments and experiences of those who responded and is not wholly representative of the broader community.

Initial survey results indicate that key aspects to feeling safe include: good lighting; place design that allows people to see what/who is around them; activated public spaces (but not too crowded); well-maintained areas; a good sense of community and visible security.

Key issues impacting safety were reported to include: pedestrian and road safety; e-bikes; loud intimidating behaviour / loitering; public drinking and drug use; maintenance of public spaces; and a fear of assault.

These survey outcomes will be combined with feedback from a range of other engagement mechanisms and research and an in-depth analysis will be undertaken to identify priority concerns. Stakeholders will then be consulted on opportunities to improve community safety.

The survey data included in the presentation will be shared with the Committee.

A further update will be provided at the February 2026 Committee meeting.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.5	Note the information presented	-	-

6.6 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Committee Community Representatives

The term of office for the Committee's community representatives ends in June 2026. Vacant positions will be advertised in June and July 2026. The next cohort of community representatives will be in place for the August 2026 Committee meeting.

2026 Committee Meeting Schedule

The schedule of Community Safety Advisory Committee meetings for 2026 was accepted:

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

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.6	Note the community safety updates	-	-

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were raised without notice as General Business.

- 7.1 Council's smoking and vaping restrictions and related signage in public open spaces was raised. It was noted that Northern Beaches aquatic centres are both non-smoking areas. Section 6A of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 prohibits smoking within 10 metres of children's play equipment in outdoor public places in NSW and is able to be enforced. Sports field restrictions are more complex and more difficult to communicate to the public.
- 7.2 The Ministry of Health is undertaking community engagement on the issue of a new model for responding to mental health emergencies in the community. Submissions can be made at [Have your say](#) until Tuesday 2 December 2025.
- 7.3 NSW Health has been conducting operations on tobacco shops across the North Shore. Report non-compliance with tobacco and e-cigarette laws in NSW via the portal <https://reportsmokingvaping.health.nsw.gov.au/>
- 7.4 Councillor De Luca expressed his appreciation to all representatives for their service to this Committee and thanked Police for being so open with the Committee and taking calls.
- 7.5 It was noted Mona Vale Hospital Urgent Care Centre and Northern Beaches Medical Centre now both provide urgent care on a walk-in basis and are bulk billed.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
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	12 February 2026
7.1.2	Provide response to NSW Health correspondence health on this matter.	Executive Manager Parks & Open Space	12 February 2026
7.2	Noted	-	-
7.3	Noted	-	-
7.4	Noted	-	-
7.5	Noted	-	-

The meeting concluded at 10.45am

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 8 pages numbered 1 to 8 of the Community Safety Advisory Committee held on Thursday 13 November 2025 and confirmed on Thursday 12 February 2026