

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held in the Manly Town Hall on

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2026

Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee
held on Thursday 12 February 2026 in Manly Town Hall
Commencing at 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Sue Heins	Frenchs Forest Ward – Mayor - Chair
Cr Candy Bingham	Manly Ward – Deputy Mayor
Cr Ruth Robins	Narrabeen Ward (alternate)
Cr Rowie Dillon	Pittwater Ward
Cr Nick Beauguard	Curl Curl Ward
Supt John Duncan	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
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
Mary Brearton	Community Representative – Narrabeen Ward
Charlotte Bonnar	Representing Dr Sophie Scamps MP Federal Member for Mackellar
Jill Bryant	Representing Zali Steggall OAM MP Federal Member for Warringah
Irene McBride	Representing Jacqui Scruby MP State Member for Pittwater
Gypsy Bryant	Representing 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

Det Sgt Nicole Turner	Investigations Manager, Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Det Sgt Chris Wynter	NSW Police Force Engagement and Hate Crime Unit
Jo Mackay	NSW Police Force Engagement and Hate Crime Unit
Rebecca Shaw	DCJ Countering Violent Extremism Engagement and Support Unit
Georgina Dixon	DCJ Countering Violent Extremism Engagement and Support Unit
Oliva Chan	DCJ Countering Violent Extremism Engagement and Support Unit

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, present and emerging.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

James Griffin MP, State Member for Manly
James Farrington, Director Planning & Place
Kylie Ferguson, Community Representative – Pittwater Ward.

The following were not in attendance:

Aileen Ogilvie, Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team
Doug Brooker, Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Matt Cross MP, State Member for Davidson
Community Representative – Manly Ward (position vacant)
Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Network (position vacant).

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 13 NOVEMBER 2025

The minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 November 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 Cr Beaugeard, seconded Sam King

5.0 ACTIONS UPDATE

5.1 ACTIONS UPDATE

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	Complete
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 14 May 2026
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 14 May 2026

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
5.1	Note the updates.	-	-

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 NSW GOVERNMENT - HATE CRIME AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM - 70 MINUTES

Representatives from the NSW Police Force and NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) provided a presentation to the Committee as part of their broader community engagement initiatives.

The NSW Police Force Engagement and Hate Crime Unit (EHCUC) promotes and supports the prevention, disruption and reduction of [hate crime](#) and actively engages with communities to promote awareness and encourage [reporting](#). Reporting incidents or crimes motivated by hate, prejudice or bias towards a person or group of people because of factors including race, religion, sexuality, gender, disability, age, HIV/AIDS status assists police to understand local conditions.

The Countering Violent Terrorism (CVE) Engagement and Support Unit is a specialised multi-disciplinary team within DCJ which works in partnership with other agencies to focus on the prevention and early intervention of [violent extremist](#) behaviour. Their services include:

- The Step Together is a national hotline and digital support service which provides information on violent extremism and can provide a safe space for conversations about concern and referral to support services. The Helpline can be accessed anonymously and is available via 1800 875 204 or stepttogether.gov.au
- The [Engagement and Support Program](#) is a voluntary program which provides supports to people so they can make positive changes and avoid a pathway to violent extremism.

Early community action is the key to helping people avoid the path to violent extremism. Community members are encouraged to access the available resources to understand hate crimes and violent extremism and to report to Police or contact the Helpline if they are concerned about their own or others behaviour.

DISCUSSION

NSW Police [hate crime resources](#) are available in a range of languages. The need for online safety awareness and collaboration between the Department of Communities and Justice with the eSafety Commissioner were discussed.

The importance of awareness raising, community connection, reporting and collaboration were emphasised as key to achieving community safety.

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6.1	Note the presentations	-	-

6.2 POLICE REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DUNCAN - 20 MINUTES

Superintendent Duncan 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.

DISCUSSION

E-bike legislation and education programs were discussed. The recent fire at sports amenities building in Warriewood and antisocial behaviour in the surrounding area was raised.

Police requested that community members report incidents as they occur to allow a timely response and noted the benefits that CCTV offers to investigation of incidents.

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6.2	Note the report	-	-

6.3 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT - 10 MINUTES

Council provided an overview and presentation on compliance and regulatory statistics for the period November 2025 to January 2026.

Companion Animal Management:

- 67 dog attacks were reported in the period November to January 2025 and an overview of proactive dog patrols and compliance actions was provided.
- Rangers held 9 education events across the local government area (LGA) including at Mona Vale South, Freshwater, Marine Parade Manly, Manly Wharf and at the Manly/Fairlight walk.
- Pop-up events at Manly Wharf and Marine Parade Manly promoted responsible pet ownership and impacts on wildlife, particularly Manly's Little Penguin population.

- Adoption days and rehoming of animals in shelters are being promoted.
- 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:

- 60 high visibility school patrols were conducted in November 2025 and 67 infringements issued to address traffic safety concerns around schools.
- A comprehensive program for school-zone patrols is being planned to ensure ongoing presence at school zones across the LGA.

Manly night patrols:

Compliance actions increased in the East and West Esplanade Parks and surrounding areas during the summer period November 2025 – January 2026 however are lower than recent years.

Arbovirus surveillance:

- The annual mosquito monitoring program commenced on 30 November 2025 and will run until May 2026, sampling locations along Narrabeen Lagoon and Warriewood Wetlands.
- No detections of concern.

Legionella control:

- Proactive inspections of cooling towers during the warmer months when the risk of Legionnaires disease is more prevalent.
- 15 water cooling systems were inspected with a focus on water quality sampling and verification against water treatment benchmarks.

Asbestos Awareness:

- Promotional event at Bunnings Narrabeen held in November 2025 on asbestos safety.
- Council provided information to increase awareness within the community and building industry around the safe removal, disposal and overall safety around handling asbestos.

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6.3	Note the report	-	-

6.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

Legal Graffiti Walls

An update was provided to the Committee on this matter. Community consultation with young people will occur during NSW Youth Week (16-29 April 2026) and a further update provided in May 2026. Opportunities to work with a local artist to engage and educate community members on legal graffiti walls is amongst the strategies being considered.

Police Council Operational Meeting

Advice on the key issues raised in the December 2025 meeting was included in the Agenda papers. A further meeting held on 5 February 2026 included the following key discussion topics:

- Upcoming events
- Discussed locations including:
 - Mona Vale Rock Pool amenities
 - Mona Vale Administration Centre and Library
 - John Fisher Park, Curl Curl

- Support for community members after traumatic incidents
- Safety Audit – Warriewood Community Centre
- CPTED training opportunity
- Manly Library – resumption of 24/7 service

Community Safety Plan

An overview of ongoing areas of collaborative work undertaken by Council to maintain and improve community was provided to the Committee. Analysis of survey data and other related engagements consistently identify four key areas of concern. Council will develop actions to provide targeted attention to these areas over the period 2026-31. The focus areas include:

1. Safe to be me
Strengthening community inclusion and cohesion to support community members to feel safe to be themselves and confident to participate in community life.
2. Safe at home
Raising awareness of issues that impact safety at home, including online, and enhance personal protection strategies through the provision of information and clear pathways to support.
3. Safe to travel
Addressing obstacles to safe travel and support people to safely access education, work and social activities and participate fully in community, cultural and civic life.
4. Safe to connect
Strengthening community safety considerations in planning, service design and decision making to ensure people can safely connect with others in public spaces.

DISCUSSION

- Perceptions of safety at bus stops was discussed.
- Council's future role in suicide prevention and the proposed alignment of the Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group within the [Northern Sydney Wellbeing Collaborative](#) model were discussed.
- Police and Council representatives are scheduled to meet in March 2026 to collaborate on lighting and CCTV priorities at identified locations.

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6.4	Note the community safety updates	-	-

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

The following were raised as General Business.

- 7.1 Ivanhoe Park, Manly and a report of drug paraphernalia found in the area were discussed. Council's Cleansing Team has cleaned the area and added the location to a proactive cleansing schedule.
- 7.2 The results of a recent survey conducted by Dr Sophie Scamps MP on the issue of e-bikes will soon be made available.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
7.1	Noted	-	-
7.2	Noted	-	-

The meeting concluded at 11.04am

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 8 pages
numbered 1 to 8 of the Community Safety Advisory Committee
held on Thursday 12 February 2026 and confirmed on Thursday 14 May 2026