

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held in Manly Town Hall on

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026

Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee
held on Thursday 14 May 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 Nick Beaugeard	Curl Curl Ward
Det Ch Insp Michael Bourtouridis	Representing Supt John Duncan
Aileen Ogilvie	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team
Sarah Sweeney	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Sam King	Northern Beaches Mental Health Interagency
Maria Berry	Northern Beaches Youth Interagency
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Housing and Homelessness Interagency
Alison Jefferies	Northern Sydney Local Health District
Tracey Curnoe	Sydney North Health Network Northern Sydney PHN
Libby Paulsen	Community Representative – Curl Curl Ward
Mary Brearton	Community Representative – Frenchs Forest Ward
Jacqui Scruby MP	Community Representative – Narrabeen Ward
Georgia Cooper	State Member for Pittwater
Jill Bryant	Representing Dr Sophie Scamps MP Federal Member for Mackellar
Gypsy Bryant	Representing Zali Steggall OAM MP Federal Member for Warringah
	Representing Michael Regan MP State Member for Wakehurst

Council Officer Contacts

Scott Phillips	Chief Executive Officer
James Farrington	Director Planning & Place
Angela Casey	Acting Director Community and Recreation
Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Jeremy Smith	Executive Manager Parks & Open Space
Kate Bock	Representing Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Will Wrathall	Manager Community Development
Kath Young	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer Community Development

Visitors

Max Payne	Team Leader Environmental Health
Roxy Quinn	Environmental Compliance Liaison Officer

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:

Superintendent John Duncan, Northern Beaches Police Area Command
 James Griffin MP, State Member for Manly
 Cr Rowie Dillon, Pittwater Ward
 Michele Bell, Northern Sydney Community Network (seniors sector)
 David Kerr, Director Community and Recreation
 Azmeena Kelly, Executive Manager Environmental Compliance

The following were not in attendance:

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

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
2.0	For Mayoral signature, draft correspondence to the Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Network seeking a new Network representative as per the Committee's Terms of Reference .	Council staff	ASAP

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 12 FEBRUARY 2026

RECOMMENDATION

The minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2026, 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 Robins, seconded Cr Beaugeard

5.0 ACTIONS UPDATE

5.1 ACTIONS UPDATE

MEETING OF 8 MAY 2025

ITEM	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
6.3	Provide an update on the development of a Good Neighbour Guideline.	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance	Complete

MEETING OF 14 AUGUST 2025

ITEM	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
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	Complete

MEETING OF 13 NOVEMBER 2025

ITEM	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS
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	Complete
7.1.2	Provide response to NSW Health correspondence health on this matter (refer 7.1.1).	Executive Manager Parks & Open Space	Complete

In relation to the Action Items of the 13 November 2025 meeting, the Committee was advised that smoking and vaping restrictions are in effect at rockpools across the Northern Beaches and signage has been installed. Signage is also being updated at sports fields. Correspondence has been sent to NSW Health in relation to this matter.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 POLICE REPORT

Detective Chief Inspector Bourtouridis 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.

The BOCSAR results as included in the agenda were discussed, along with April 2026 data.

The community is reminded of the importance of crime prevention and police advice is to:

- Lock cars and homes, and do not leave keys in vehicles, to deter opportunistic theft.
- Beware scams involving requests to purchase gift cards or to allow remote access to devices.
- Take care not to reveal address or post photos identifying location of goods on social media, in particular in online marketplaces.

DISCUSSION

The following issues were raised by Committee members for discussion with Police:

- Youth Justice Conferences and the value of identifying whether a young person is neurodivergent to assist engagement in conferences
- Behaviour of people and e-bikes at sporting facilities
- Reports of projectiles being thrown at cars
- Third space options for young people
- Police and school principal network meetings have been re-established
- Police are tasked to patrol reported areas of concern.

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

Northern Beaches LGA Recorded Crime Statistics to December 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 Jan 2025 - Dec 2025 [^]		2 year trend and annual % change ^{^^} (Jan 2024 - Dec 2025)		10 year trend and average annual % change ^{^^} (Jan 2016 - Dec 2025)	
	Jan 2021 - Dec 2021	Jan 2022 - Dec 2022	Jan 2023 - Dec 2023	Jan 2024 - Dec 2024	Jan 2025 - Dec 2025	Northern Beaches LGA			NSW		Northern Beaches LGA		NSW	
	1	0	0	1	1	0.4	1.0				nc		nc	
Murder	295	266	273	337	443	163.6	446.1				Stable		Stable	
Domestic violence related assault											Stable		Up 2.9%	
Non-domestic violence related assault	502	469	533	585	554	204.6	401.8				Stable		Stable	
Sexual assault	167	165	170	175	216	79.8	152.4				Stable		Up 9.1%	Up 10.5%
Sexual touching, sexual act and other sexual offences	155	152	144	170	162	59.8	103.4				Stable		Up 4.0%	Up 2.6%
Robbery without a weapon	23	19	26	17	12	4.4	11.7			nc	nc		nc	Down 3.4%
Robbery with a firearm	0	1	2	0	1	0.4	1.1			nc	Stable		nc	Down 6.3%
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	9	8	6	6	11	4.1	8.4			nc	Stable		nc	Down 1.6%
Break and enter dwelling	229	225	204	242	168	62.0	213.9			Stable	Stable		Down 10.9%	Down 5.3 %
Break and enter non-dwelling	115	57	133	141	105	38.8	90.0			Stable	Down 8.2%		Down 9.0%	Down 4.6%
Motor vehicle theft	178	162	171	206	150	55.4	175.1			Stable	Stable		Down 1.5%	Up 1.4%
Steal from motor vehicle	628	394	409	463	353	130.4	297.1			Down 23.8%	Down 5.9%		Down 6.8%	Down 5.1%
Steal from retail store	487	511	714	657	525	193.9	364.4			Down 20.1%	Up 9.3%		Stable	Up 3.1%
Steal from dwelling	278	248	315	306	227	83.8	190.8			Down 25.8%	Stable		Down 7.4%	Down 3.0%
Steal from person	37	27	22	30	15	5.5	21.6			nc	Down 9.1%		nc	Down 10.5%
Fraud	1085	1068	1087	1027	925	341.6	450.5			Stable	Down 12.2%		Down 3.2%	Down 3.1%
Malicious damage to property	924	813	869	766	676	249.7	552.1			Stable	Stable		Down 5.9%	Down 3.2%

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.

6.2 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

Council provided an overview and presentation on compliance and regulatory statistics for the period February to April 2026.

Companion Animal Management:

- 75 dog attacks were reported, and an overview of compliance actions was provided.
- Rangers held 7 educational events targeting high-use locations with compliance concerns about dogs being off leash.
- Hosted a webinar to provide information for new pet owners about their responsibilities in respect of registration and behaviour as well as participating in a dog and cat rehoming event at Warriewood Square and the 'Stores for Paws' event at Bunnings Balgowlah.
- [Paws for Safety - Educational Program](#) providing age-appropriate interactive education to help keep kids safe when they interact with dogs was delivered to K-6 students at two primary schools, with scope to extend the program to vacation care.

School Zone Patrols:

- Over the past quarter 119 schools were patrolled and 250 infringement notices were issued.
- Enhanced patrol program will continue for the foreseeable future.

Manly night patrols:

- Compliance actions continue in the East and West Esplanade Parks and surrounding areas.
- A reduction of actions has occurred as attendance numbers decrease with the cooler weather.

Arbovirus surveillance:

- The annual mosquito monitoring program continues (Nov 2025-May 2026) at Narrabeen Lagoon and Warriewood Wetlands.
- Ross River virus was recently detected at Narrabeen Lagoon which has extended the program until two negative results are obtained. Residents have been advised to take precautions to reduce mosquito exposure. Signage also installed at Narrabeen lagoon precinct warning public accessing reserves and walkways.

Legionella control:

- Proactive cooling tower inspections continued over the summer due to increased risk of Legionnaires' disease. 34 systems were inspected this financial year with 2 warnings issued for non-compliance.

Get the Site Right Campaign:

- 97 building sites across the Northern Beaches were inspected during a Get the Site Right blitz on 19 March. 46 sites were compliant, while 51 had issues such as inadequate erosion and sediment controls and poor waste management. Compliance actions included 3 verbal warnings, 40 written warnings, 4 Clean-Up Notices and 2 Prevention Notices.

DISCUSSION

Off leash dogs at Curl Curl, North Curl Curl and Brookvale Oval Park (at Federal Parade) were raised and it was noted that Brookvale Oval Park is marked online as off-leash area. Noted that Rangers patrol hot spots.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.2.1	Contact Google and Apple and request removal of inaccurate references to Brookvale	Executive Manager Parks and Open	ASAP

Park as an off-leash dog park.

Space

6.2.2 Note the report

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6.3 GOOD NEIGHBOUR GUIDELINES

Council provided a presentation on the Good Neighbour Guidelines, developed to provide resources which support residents and businesses to resolve low-risk conflicts independently.

Previously, Council was able to refer residents to Community Justice Centres (CJC) for free mediation to resolve disputes between neighbours. Since 1 July 2025, CJC is only available for matters referred to by NSW Courts or disputes under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. This has resulted in a significant gap in accessible dispute resolution resources, potentially increasing the volume of complaints directed to Council.

The Guidelines will clearly define situations where Council can and can't intervene and encourage early intervention between neighbours to prevent disputes from escalating.

The Guidelines do not apply where Council does not have jurisdiction such as:

- noise from licensed premises which is managed by Liquor & Gaming NSW
- strata matters enforced under the Strata Schemes Management Act 2015
- construction sites (including asbestos removal matters) which is managed by SafeWork.

Council's [Neighbourhood Disputes](#) webpage has recently been updated with practical tools to support mediation, including email and letter templates, tips for constructive communication, sample neighbour agreements and resources and links for legal help.

When finalised the draft Guidelines will be published on Council's webpage.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.3.1	Provide briefing for Councillors on the Good Neighbour Guidelines	Executive Manager, Environmental Compliance	Prior to publishing
6.3.2	Note the report	-	-

6.4 LEGAL GRAFFITI WALLS

Council provided a presentation on recent engagement and consultation with local young people in response to the Committee Action Item 6.3 of 14 August 2025.

34% of young people surveyed were aware of the five legal graffiti walls on the Northern Beaches. Engagement activities supported young people to feel more confident to use legal walls and 92% of survey respondents indicated support for further education and promotion of the existing walls. 80% of respondents expressed support for more legal graffiti walls.

Reasons in support of additional walls included increasing accessibility and reducing travel time, more opportunities for young people to express themselves, and the perception it will reduce illegal graffiti. Those not supportive were concerned about reduced public amenity.

Any new legal graffiti wall requires engagement with the local community and will require a decision of Council to include the cost in the annual operational budget.

It was recommended to the Committee that Council:

1. Develop an annual program to activate and promote the existing legal graffiti walls, including innovative ways to involve local young people, within operational budgets.
2. Continue to engage young people through the program regarding needs and opportunities for legal graffiti walls.
3. Review the program every 12 months to ensure ongoing alignment to strategic priorities.

DISCUSSION

The need for regular evaluation of the program was raised.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.4	Note the report and its recommendations.	-	-

6.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

6.5.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN

An update on the development of the Community Safety Action Plan 2026 – 2031 was provided including what was learned from research and community engagement.

An overview of the key focus areas of the draft Action Plan was shared and information provided on work already underway to address these issues and draft new actions.

1. Safe to be me: Foster an inclusive community where everyone feels safe to be themselves and confident to connect with others.
2. Safe at home: Empower community members to access support and enhance personal safety.
3. Safe to travel: Community members can travel safely, confidently, and participate fully in community life.
4. Safe to connect: Community members can travel safely, confidently, and participate fully in community life.

Key points discussed included:

- Our community report a strong sense of safety, supported by Police recorded crime data which shows stable or declining trends across most major offence categories over the past decade
- Technology is shaping and impacting perceptions of safety in public spaces and online as well as broader social cohesion, requiring adaptive responses
- The Northern Beaches has a strong framework and collaborative approach to community safety including NSW Police, NSW Health, Transport for NSW, emergency services, social services, council and the general community.
- Once the draft Action Plan and draft Insights Paper are finalised and approved they will be made publicly available on Council's website.

6.5.2 DEMENTIA AWARENESS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

[Dementia Australia](#) has launched resources to raise [dementia awareness in emergency services](#). The interactive video and downloadable resources cover the principles of awareness, consideration and engagement. This information can assist face-to-face communication with customers across other service delivery areas also.

DISCUSSION

- Discussed Council's footpath program and noted that several [Transport and Active Travel](#) strategies and plans are available on Council's website.
- The Committee members will be invited to review the draft actions and draft Community Safety Insights Paper and provide feedback prior to finalisation of the documents.
- Regular updates on the implementation of the Community Safety Action Plan will be provided to the Community Safety Advisory Committee.
- Discussed dementia training including suggestion to investigate how training opportunities relating to inclusion could be also extended to Council volunteers and Councillors to support effective work with priority populations.

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.5.1	Share the draft actions and presentation on the draft Community Safety Action Plan with Committee members for review and feedback.	Community Safety Coordinator	ASAP
6.5.2	Council staff investigate opportunities to make relevant training relating to inclusion available for Council volunteers and Councillors.	Community Safety Coordinator	November 2026

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair thanked the Committee's community representatives for their contributions during their term on the Committee.

Members in attendance, Libby Paulsen, Mary Brearton and Tracey Curnoe responded and highlighted the Committee's collaborative approach with local services and expressed their thanks for the invaluable experience to contribute.

Thanks were also given to past community members who held these positions during this term:

- Kylie Ferguson
- Lucy Band
- Wendy Finianos
- Sue Johansson
- and the late Ray Mathieson.

The ward representative vacancies will be advertised in June this year for a 3 year term.

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

The meeting concluded at 10:51am

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 11 pages
numbered 1 to 11 of the Community Safety Advisory Committee
held on Thursday 14 May 2026 and confirmed on Thursday 13 August 2026