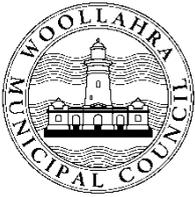


# Community Safety Committee Minutes



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**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Thursday 21 February 2019 at 3.30pm**

## **1 PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

Present: Councillor Isabelle Shapiro (Chair)  
Bruce Bland Rose Bay Residents Association  
Charles Wade Darling Point Resident  
Gina Grubb Vaucluse resident  
Carol Freeman Electorate Officer, Member for Vaucluse  
Helen Mushin Rose Bay Resident Association  
Chief Insp. Nic Twentyman Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command  
Kellie Prescott Sydney East Business Chamber  
Staff: Jacky Hony Team Leader – Community Development

Apologies: Councillor Harriet Price  
Councillor Susan Wynne  
Michele Wearn Double Bay Residents Association  
Carlos Duarte Eastern Suburbs Suicide Prevention Network  
Ken Gresham Queen Street & West Woollahra Association  
Marina Tesoriero Bellevue Hill resident  
Paula Storey Eastern Sydney Suicide Prevention Network  
Prof Don White HarbourView Neighbourhood Watch  
Kim Foltz Vaucluse resident

The Committee welcomed Carol Freeman who will be attending *in lieu* of Donna Blackburn and Chief Inspector Nic Twentyman.

## **2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### 2.1 Confirmation

Approved Gina Grubb, seconded Kellie Prescott.

### 2.2 Matters arising

New South Head Road bicycle path – Council are currently preparing DA documents in support of constructing the path. Community consultation will occur through public exhibition of the plans once the documents have been compiled.

## **3 POLICE REPORT**

- Dob in a (drug) dealer: ESPAC thanked Council for supporting this Federally funded nationwide program that aims to tackle the issue of methamphetamine (ice), cocaine, MDMA (ecstasy), heroin and cannabis manufacturing and distribution across the nation. The campaign encourages the community to provide any information to Crime Stoppers via telephone or online. ESPAC have received some information from the public as a result of the 2019

campaign. In previous years, the campaign has led to a major drug investigation and arrest which was as a direct result of information obtained.

- Random drug testing: Police have new roadside drug testing oral detection kits that test drivers for cocaine, with a focus on the eastern suburbs as Woollahra is among the top council areas for cocaine use in NSW. Previously, the tests were for cannabis and methamphetamine but not cocaine. There has already been quite a few positive detections. Before the new kits were available, police relied on driving under the influence laws which required proof that a person's driving was impaired. Now, an arrest can take place based on the presence of cocaine in a driver's system alone — even if a person's driving does not appear impaired. Once someone does go positive, they will be required to appear before the courts.
- Crime:
  - o Break and Enter / Steal from Dwelling - there has been an increase in the number of these offences throughout the Command. This is a seasonal issue often attributable to windows and doors being left open in warmer months. The majority of offences occur in the late morning and afternoon when homes are unattended. The most affected suburbs in January 2019 were Darling Point and Vaucluse. The most common method of entry was via a ground floor door that had been left unattended - especially those at the rear of the property or connected to a garage. This was the case in at least half of the incidents.
  - o Steal from Motor Vehicle - after a sharp increase in the number of offences in September and October 2018, there has been a continual decrease in the number of offences. In January, the majority of offences occurred in Bondi Beach, followed by Vaucluse. Police continue to encourage community members to not keep items of value in their vehicles and, if this is unavoidable, to keep property in the boot or out of sight. Also, vehicles kept in garages or car ports should also be locked when unattended.
- Boost Program: this forthcoming program aims to:
  - o 'Boost knowledge' through Police and/or external presenters facilitating presentations and activities with local youth at risk regarding risk taking behaviour and offending.
  - o 'Boost engagement' whereby Police spend time educating youth at risk, and breaking down barriers and stereotypes commonly associated with policing.
  - o 'Boost youth employment' where police invite select students to participate in a work experience program run by ESPAC. At the conclusion of the work experience program, students are encouraged to apply to become NSW Police officers (subject to professional suitability). They may also be offered the opportunity to enter the PCYC Fit for Service program which engages students in applying for emergency service position (fire / police / armed forces).

The Committee discussed the Eastern Suburbs Liquor Accord's (ESLA) website that currently directs community complaints to Waverley Council only, despite many Woollahra licensed premises being members. Woollahra Council staff would like to work with ESLA to update their website to include Woollahra details.

NSW Government is offering one-off funding of up to \$15,000 to support Liquor Accords to run and promote initiatives to increase public safety and minimize alcohol-related harm. Staff have endeavoured to contact ESLA to discuss this. The grants closing date has been extended to 14 March.

*Action: Jacky to continue to make contact with ESLA and ESPAC licensing police to discuss both the website and the availability of the funding.*

#### **4 CORRESPONDENCE**

- Staff and ESLA Youth Liaison Officer gave an overview of the MyNite Safe Partying registration process to youth service providers attending the February Woollahra Youth Services

Forum. Attendees found it interesting and it has been sent out in the minutes for services to pass on to their young people.

- Jacky spoke with Double Bay Residents Association November 2018 about noise complaints related to the Intercontinental. As a result, they are now aware of the ESLA contact details and have made contact with ESPAC licensing police.
- Jacky provided the Double Bay Residents Association November 2018 with details of how to submit a request to Transport for NSW regarding a later last ferry Monday to Thursday from Circular Quay to Double Bay (currently 9pm). A response was received December 2018 indicating that there are no current plans to add a later ferry and that ferry services to Elizabeth Bay will be considered as part of broader transport planning for the area in the future, noting that the current policy does not preclude a private ferry operator from establishing a new service and that the catchment around Elizabeth Bay is within reasonable walking distance to bus services that connect to the wider train network and the Sydney CBD.  
The Committee noted that ferry services between Rose Bay and Circular Quay are much improved.

## **5 RESIDENT GROUPS UPDATE**

### **5.1 Reports from Neighbourhood Groups**

- Rose Bay Residents Association raised that a new application for a liquor license for the site of the former St George Bank in Rose Bay has been submitted for an off-license closing at 11pm. Objections to the application have been submitted by Rose Bay Residents Association, ESPAC, local schools and churches.  
Further raised concern that the Rose Bay Hotel renovations appear to have a focus on gaming.
- The Committee praised the installation of 2 lifts at Edgecliff Station, one of which is already operational.
- HarbourView Neighbourhood Watch (by correspondence): crime rates remain low.

### **5.2 Reports from Chambers of Commerce**

- Attended the Woollahra Dementia Alliance planning day hosted by Council. Council have organized a dementia information day facilitated by Dementia NSW 11 April at Woollahra Library in Double Bay.  
The Committee discussed that the Alliance is seeking membership by somebody with dementia.

### **5.3 Report from Eastern Suburbs Suicide Prevention Network**

- 15 people attended the most recent Suicide Impacting Me peer support group.
- Cllr Shapiro advised that the Mindframe training on how to report on suicide and mental health in the media was well-received. The training covers what language to use to de-stigmatise suicide and how to avoid identifying the location, glamourising suicide or referring to it as a crime or offence (eg 'died by suicide' rather than 'committed suicide').  
Council's Communications Team has developed a resource for media based on the Mindframe training.
- The next suicide awareness walk has been confirmed as 8 September, 11am in Lyne Park.
- The Committee discussed the \$500,000 allocated from the federal budget to install bollard lighting along the pathway within Gap Park, from the southern end of Gap Park to Christison Park and from the coastal pathway at Christison Park to Old South Head Road. Council will consider allocating funds in next year's budget to convert the old tramway into a shared bicycle path with disabled access as the final part of implementing the Gap Park Masterplan.
- Paula Storey and Carlos Duarte are attending a suicide seminar on 23 February supported by Wesley Mission and Rotary.

#### 5.4 Council activities update

- 16 people attending (fully booked) Youth Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> Aid 21 and 22 February.
- Staff partnered with Waverley Council, Partners in Recovery, FACS and Wesley Mission to undertake a homeless street count 18 to 19 February. Numbers in Woollahra were low – and lower than expected.
- JewishCare provided a presentation about domestic violence at the Woollahra Youth Services Forum.
- Council has applied for a grant from RMS to host a child car seat restraint checking day for the community.
- Council will host ‘supervising learner drivers’ on 11 April.

#### 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee commented that New Year’s Eve was a safe and pleasant evening now that many viewing places are ticketed and/or no BYO allowed.

#### 7 NEXT MEETING

**Resolved:** The next meeting will take place on Thursday 11 April 2019 at 3.30pm.

**Please note the date has been brought forward by a week due to the Easter Holidays**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.45pm