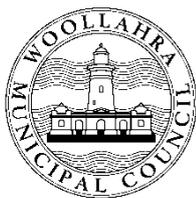


Community Safety Committee Minutes



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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Thursday 11 April 2019 at 3.30pm**

1 PRESENT & APOLOGIES

Present:	Bruce Bland	Rose Bay Residents Association
	Carol Freeman	Electorate Officer, Member for Vacluse
	Gregory Sutherland	Vacluse Progress Association
	Helen Mushin	Rose Bay Resident Association
	Marina Tesoriero	Rose Bay resident
	Michele Wearn	Double Bay Residents Association
	Prof Don White	HarbourView Neighbourhood Watch
	Commander Duncan	Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command
	Inspector Adam Pearce	Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command
Staff:	Jacky Hony (minutes)	Team Leader – Community Development
	Sarah Melody (Chair)	Community Development Officer

Apologies:	Councillor Isabelle Shapiro	
	Councillor Harriet Price	
	Councillor Susan Wynne	
	Charles Wade	Darling Point Resident
	Snr Con Jacqui Waserman	Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command
	Kellie Prescott	Sydney East Business Chamber
	Kim Foltz	Vacluse resident

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Confirmation

Bruce Bland.

2.2 Matters arising

- Eastern Suburbs Liquor Accord (ESLA): Council is endeavoring to work with ESLA to ensure a greater reflection on their website of the many licensed premises in the Woollahra LGA that are members of ESLA. The website currently re-directs community noise complaints to Waverley Council only.

The Committee discussed the Ask for Angela program and whether this might be pursued through offering training to licensed premises owners and security staff. Research by Council staff indicates that evaluating the program that has been trialed elsewhere has proven problematic. Furthermore, due to a high staff turnover rate within licensed premises, the program runs the potential risk of someone in a vulnerable situation asking for assistance from a bar staff member who is unaware of the scheme. The police further added that most cases of sexual assault occur between people known to each other, often within the home, so the Ask for Angela program would not address this. The program will therefore not be pursued at the present time.

Action: staff will continue to liaise with ESLA to set up a meeting to discuss updating their website.

3 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

4 POLICE REPORT

Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command (ESPAC) review monthly crime statistics. Whilst instances of violent crime continue to decline, a predominant crime category for the last month is fraud. Within the past month, 85 instances of fraud were reported, half of which were unauthorised ‘tap and go’ payments with credit cards often stolen from vehicles. A further quarter of instances were on-line scams – often romance in nature. Fraud is a crime that is frequently under-reported and successful prosecution rates are low as fraud schemes may be undertaken by multiple untraceable people and may be international.

The Committee discussed whether there is a national response to fraud and were advised that the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN – see: <https://www.acorn.gov.au/>) has had some success with cross-matching organisational scam profiles.

Instances of sexual assault have also slightly increased this past month, noting that these are based on the date reported, not the date that it was reported to have occurred. It is estimated that approximately one case in eight is reported so an increase of two or three reported instances might suggest a more significant real increase. Similar to fraud, prosecution rates are generally low, often as the victim does not want to go to court.

There has also been an increase in instances of steal from retail, likely attributable to a pro-active plain-clothes crime team. As many perpetrators have committed other offences, this is a good pro-active measure. ESPAC’s Facebook page (see: <https://www.facebook.com/EasternSuburbsPAC/>) is a useful tool for police to obtain support with identifying offenders.

Drug supply, particularly cocaine, is high in Woollahra and continues to increase. BOCSAR is a useful tool for crime mapping, including historical mapping (see: <http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>). Supply of cocaine has increased by 300% - this may be attributable to proactive policing. The new random drug testing kits are now able to detect cocaine and show that Woollahra currently has double the number of cocaine detection rates compared to baseline.

Robbery and break and enter rates remain low, as do instances of stolen vehicles despite a number of motorbike thefts in the past month.

Woollahra has the highest number of noise abatement notices issued by police in NSW, with ESPAC typically receiving between 60 and 80 calls on Friday and Saturday nights. Attending police can issue a noise abatement direction that puts the offender on notice for 28 days, can issue a fine and / or remove the source of noise.

ESPAC will receive new staff soon and, as of May, will have no vacancies. The focus for ESPAC continues to be prevention and disruption of crime.

The Committee discussed the CCTV system at Gap Park, noting that the system is working well.

5 RESIDENT GROUPS UPDATE

5.1 Reports from Neighbourhood Groups

- Rose Bay Residents Association: have objected to the application for a Liquor License at the site of the former St George bank on New South Head Road as there are multiple places already selling take-away alcohol within the vicinity.
86 people attended the recent Nielson Park Regulars dinner.
- Double Bay Residents Association: following conversations with Council staff, have received helpful advice and support from licensing police regarding antisocial behaviour by patrons of the Intercontinental Hotel.

- HarbourView Neighbourhood Watch: reported that domestic crime rates remain low and shared the sad news of the passing of Michael Harvey, who was 97 and still living independently and who was involved in the formation of the group in 1986 and has remained active and interested ever since.

5.2 Reports from Chambers of Commerce

Kellie Prescott, the former CEO of Sydney East Business Chamber, has a new position.

Action: Jacky to invite the newly appointed CEO to join the Committee.

5.3 Report from Eastern Suburbs Suicide Prevention Network

The Network met 19 February and meet next 16 April.

15 people attended the most recent Suicide Impacting Me peer support group.

ESSPN have previously compiled a range of targeted information support packs and provided these to the police to give to family and friends impacted by suicide.

Action: Inspector Pearce to confirm whether ESPAC still have the support packs and, if not, if a further supply would be of benefit.

5.4 Council activities update

Recent and up-coming safety-related Council activities include:

- Supervising learner drivers, 10 April (30 people registered)
- The recent formation of a Woollahra Dementia Alliance (Committee members invited to join)
- CPR and 1st Aid course, 24 May
- Child car seat checking day, 20 June.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

ESPAC licensing police are working with Council to implement some alcohol free zones throughout the Municipality. Locations will be places known to be where people congregate to consume alcohol eg meeting points prior to people boarding party boats.

7 NEXT MEETING

Resolved: the next meeting will take place on Thursday 20 June 2019 at 3.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.30pm