



**Minutes of Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017**

**Redfern Police Station**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Position</b>
Superintendent Luke Freudenstein APM	NSW Police Force	Commander
Sasko Bosevski	NSW Police Force	Intelligence
Senior Constable Maria Flood	NSW Police Force	Crime Prevention Officer
Senior Constable Jarin Baigent	NSW Police Force	Youth Liaison Officer
Louise Kinchela	NSW Police Force	Administrative Support
Mark Trehwella	NSW Police Force	Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
Elizabeth Morley	Redfern Legal Centre	Principal Solicitor
Geoff Turnbull	REDWatch /ISRCO	Coordinator/Member
Jennifer Sams	REDWatch	Secretary
Sara Watts	City West Housing	CEO
Christina Hough	City West Housing	Tenancy Services Manager
Brian Smith	Resident – The Block	Resident
Kelly-Anne Byrne	Local Resident	Resident
Karen Levin	South Sydney Business Chamber	Treasurer
Lani Tuitavaka	Aboriginal Housing Company	General Manager
John Maynard	City of Sydney	Project Manager
Kaylean Smith	City of Sydney	Manager NSC
Fawad Malik	City of Sydney	Intern
Gabriel Cataldo	Woolworths	Security Manager
Judy Pearson	Drug Health Services - SLHD	Manager
Fiona Chisholm	Mental Health (SLHD-Redfern)	Team Leader
Vdeni Welivita	Liquorland - Redfern	Manager
Sharon Collinge	Bridge Housing	Team Leader
Daniel Conway	St George Community Housing	Team Leader
Anita Faber	Resident - Redfern	Representative
Lance Kittscha	FACS	Antisocial Behavioural Specialist
Charmaine Jones	Inner Sydney Voice	Executive Officer

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### Superintendent Luke Freudenstein

- Thanked members for their attendance to the meeting.
- Recently compiled a full in depth profile of the Redfern Local Area Command - re-engineering of Local Area Commands throughout.
- Redfern is a rapidly changing Command due to extensive development projects. Population explosion may have a big impact on Policing. Proposal for New Green Square Aquatic Centre and Park-considered a Town Centre. Concerns for increased traffic, slower response times for police. Members raised concerns more serious crime will occur with purchase of property by organised crime groups and possible Drug Manufacturing. Density of population – possible increase in DV matters. Households still need cars. Not all new development has allocated parking.
- The type of crime may change over time in the Command. Currently highest for charges in Drug Supply in the state (ICE & Heroin). Would like to increase staff in the Drug Unit-ongoing Drug Operations being run. A need to look at drug suppliers being removed from public/social housing the Local Area Command due to the ongoing issues they impose. A lot of community support with Drug activity information – thanked community.
- Looking to create a Domestic Violence Team of up to 10 staff. Compliance (offenders) and victim follow up, as well as reviewing Domestic Violence Assaults. Difficulties surrounding supporting Police in taking action in Assaults (non DV).
- Arrest in neighbouring Surry Hills Local Area command - Terrorism
- Held meeting with Health regarding the high number of reports received for attempted suicide/self harm and occurrences dealing with people who suffer mental health, discussion about the need to put support services around people.
- The need for Ambulances working more effectively with Mental Health Patients – are Police always required. Police prefer not to put people with mental health in Police vehicles unless necessary.
- Redfern ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the state for Robbery
- Good results from mystery shopper program. Aboriginal staff Louise, Anna and Nerida who work on the front counter receiving 100% customer service scores.

## 2. APOLOGIES / CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### Apologies from:

Mary Lynne Pidcock  
Michael Shreenan  
Michael Modder  
David Williams  
Frances Tracey  
Sage Saegenschnitter  
Lyn Taylor  
Desley Haas  
Vanessa Gordon  
Laura Banning  
Kristina Karasulas

South Sydney Business Chamber  
Counterpoint Community Services  
FACS (Housing)  
Redfern Resident  
Redfern Resident  
City of Sydney  
ARAG  
Redfern Station Community Group  
UrbanGrowth  
Redfern Resident  
Redfern Community Centre

### Previous Minutes Confirmed

1<sup>st</sup> – Karen Levin  
2<sup>nd</sup> - John Maynard

## 3. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

### Senior Constable Maria Flood

1. **Crime Review** – to complete earlier in meeting  
Agenda has been changed to suit.
2. **Results of Meetings with HNSW - HNSW**  
Apologies from Michael Modder. Recent eviction of Drug Supplier. Discussed Policies-lengthy Legal

Process. Police request possible screening people before offering tenancy

**3. Update of possible Traffic Plan (Urban Growth)**

Apologies from Urban Growth

**4. Police Cars**

More RBT and Mobile Drug Testing happening. Have identified 6 suitable locations. Possible more suggestions to Commander for other locations.

**5. Hugo Street Parking**

Some days quiet others times cars left for days. Rangers have been notified. Suggestion from member to keep ringing as jobs are logged they may deploy more rangers to the specific area..

**6. City of Sydney – Good Neighbourhood BBQ Survey results**

Good neighbourhoods begin at home. BBQ's are informal social events. Well maintained environment can prevent offenders. Community is diverse. People feel connected and respect each other. Look out for each other. Pride in community. Strong sense of belonging. Provided full overview of results

**4. CRIME REVIEW  
Sasko Bosevski**

- Provided full crime review of Redfern Local Area Command Statistics
- Redfern ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in state for robbery
- Breakdown of crime across the suburbs in Redfern LAC
- Increase in urgent AVO'S – Police taking action

**5. ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER  
Mark Trehwella**

- Began employment on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 with Redfern Police
- Previously employed with Juvenile Justice and Corrective Services – Aboriginal Health Worker and Rehabilitation Centre at Tabulam
- Rural and City employment experience
- Currently carrying out agency visits – meeting staff
- Attends Clean Slate Without Prejudice/Never Going Back
- Connecting with community – happy to be here.

**6. Operation PREVENT/Operation 'LIFTED'  
Superintendent Luke Freudenstein**

- Addressing anti social behaviour. Move On's issued addressing group gatherings – drinkers
- Banning Notices being issued by HNSW in a joint initiative via Operation PREVENT
- Senior Constable Maria Flood targeted supermarkets and bottle shops – Business Forum
- Police require statements and CCTV Footage to follow up investigations-reported crime
- Successful shoplifting operations in the LAC (Retail). Police working with Retailers to address. Some larger businesses theft not a priority and aren't assisting police in investigations.
- Theft does contribute to the cycle of drug abuse.
- Some Shoplifting offenders often from out of area

**7. LIAISON OFFICER  
Senior Constable Jarin Baigent**

- Senior Constable Baigent provided an overview of the role within Redfern Local Area Command.
- Recently returned from secondment Royal Commission into Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory. Would like to see changes to the Youth Offenders Act. Deferring from

detention centres

- Redfern Youth crime committed by transients, some kids have ties to the area. Crime usually occurs weekends and school holiday. Incidents around the Railway Station and fare evasion
- Working with Non Government organisations
- Looking at evening shifts partnership with Tribal Warrior
- Early stages for new program for engaging with students who are suspended from school. Impact on parent & community when a child suspended
- Looking at offering Therapeutic programs – Art Therapy at Eora College
- To look at access to Early Health Reports, matching client with caseworker
- There is a need for involuntary Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Service
- Assistance from Agencies and community welcomed
- Karen Levin advised Rotary may be able to assist with funding assistance
- Request from members for Dept of Education to attend CSPC Meeting to speak about suspensions-YLO to arrange
- Request for YouthBlock to attend meeting – possibly new Manager (SLHD)

## 8. LICENSING /AFZ & APA Superintendent Luke Freudenstein APM

- Apologies Senior Constable Tucker unavailable today
- Police continuing to oppose increase of bottle shops in the command
- Opposing extended night trading of Hotels and small bars
- Supermarkets wanting to establish bottle shops

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

**Geoff Turnbull – REDWatch** - Updated Urban Growth studies publically available except Central 2 Eveleigh. Pushing for transport study. Concerns lack of movement from FACS. Work required more with people rather than infrastructure. Support Service for high risk people. Upgrading of Redfern Station required. Provided copies of the Inner Sydney Voice magazine

**Anita Faber** – Thanked Redfern Police for their presence in the area. Quieter at night time. Lucky to have police. Police are very good communicators. Wonderful to know Police looking after us.

**Vdeni Welivita – Manager Liquorland Surry Hills Mall** - Currently little theft. Have seen good changes due to Redfern Police.

**Lani Tuitavaka – Aboriginal Housing Company** - Demolition work on the block starting soon Increase in traffic in that area. Heavy vehicles. Mindful of community & impact

**Elizabeth Morley** – Leaving Redfern Legal Centre 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Redfern Legal Centre is a free service-can call the office or drop in. If Redfern Legal Centre cannot assist on enquiries they will make referrals. They can assist Aboriginal People wishing to make an Application to the Stolen Generations Reparation Scheme. Anyone removed by or committed into the care of the Aborigines Welfare Board before 20 March 1969. Information can also be found on the Department of Aboriginal Affairs website under Stolen Generations tab.

Superintendent Freudenstein thanked Elizabeth for attending and her input into the CSPC Meetings over a number of years as well as recognition of her great work she has done for the community.

**Brian Smith** – Parking in The Block still an issue – exceeding hours. Australia Post not putting mail all the way in letterboxes

**Lance Kittscha – FACS Housing** - Strategies to keep Client Service Officers stabilized in positions Allocated Team Leaders-Good news for tenants

**Sharon Collinge – Bridge Housing** - Tenders in place for management of FACS Housing properties

**Daniel Conway** – 41 Morehead Street, Redfern in full Tenancy Management control of St George Community housing

**Karin Levin** – Discussion about increase in cybercrime. Friendly Fraud-Customer complaints - didn't receive goods. Not enough legislation to cover small businesses (check businesses for website and ABN-purchases online)Police need to identify whether a civil or police matter

Request for Police to hold forum for small businesses-to advise businesses looking for Police interaction

**Kaylean Smith - Redfern Community Centre**-Free event Indigenous Science Experience (10am to 3pm, 20/08/2017)

**Judy Pearson & Fiona Chisholm - Redfern Community Health** - Located in the Old Redfern Court House. Have expanded their intake area to cover Zetland and Beaconsfield. 420 Registered Clients

8 Clinicians. Discussed intake service. Would like to be informed about attempted suicide cases  
**Charmaine Jones - Inner Sydney Voice** - New project-Safety of Buildings, emergency procedures for evacuation, setting up working groups and project worker

**Gabrielle Cataldo - Woolworths** - Thanked Redfern Police for their ongoing work

**Sara Watts & Christina Hough - City West Housing** - Uptown Festival 28/10/2017 (11am to 5pm)  
Quarry Green Ultimo

**John Maynard - City of Sydney** – Redfern Safety Audits 29/30 Aug 2017-buildings, graffiti and landscape. Provided Mailsafe facts sheet-update on letterbox preferred locations etc. Ongoing work with Redfern Police

**Senior Constable Maria Flood** – Provided variety of Crime Prevention material/information booklets/flyers

NSW Police Force Community Portal  
Safety for Seniors  
Personal Security  
Apartment Security  
Transport Security  
Drugs – ICE  
Vehicle Safety  
Elder Abuse flyers  
MailSafe flyers  
Protect Your Bicycle  
BizSafe Booklets  
Protection from Fraud flyers

Emergency Contacts Fridge Magnet/flyer  
Report a Tosser (NSW EPA)  
Next of Kin Program Forms  
HomeSafe Booklets  
Gone in a flash personal property  
Protect Your Home  
Domestic and Family Violence flyers  
Triple Zero App cards  
Fraud booklets/flyers  
Reporting Drug Activity flyers  
Sexuality and Gender Diversity flyers  
'Not Our Way' – ICE and pharmaceutical misuse in the Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander community

#### **10. Outstanding Actions For The Next 3 Months**

1. Update of Traffic Plan (Urban Growth)
2. Hugo Street Parking – City of Sydney
3. Fraud/Gumtree Fraud - Police
4. Small Business Forum
5. Postal delivery – Police
6. Department of Education invite – YLO
7. YouthBlock Youth Health invite– Sydney Local Health District

**Meeting concluded: 12pm**

**NSW Police Force**  
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#### **2018 Meetings**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**