

Kings Cross Community Safety Precinct Committee (**CSPC**) Meeting Minutes

Held at Kings Cross Police Station

14 December 2017

Commence 10:05am – finish 11:00am.

Presentation of Kings Cross Crime Overview via Power Point presentation
conducted by Superintendent Michael Fitzgerald

In attendance:

Matthew Talbot Hostel – Mark Purchase and Brian Dunnigan

Alex Greenwich MP Representative – Roy Bishop

City of Sydney Council –Mike Fish (Homeless Unit) & Grant Cummins (Youth) &
Helen Xiros (K X Neighbourhood Centre representative)

Kuttabul - Chief Petty Officer Police Coxswain Brooke Summers & Matthew Oswald

Homeless Unit St Vincent's Hospital – Erin Longbottom & Ian McLaughlin

NSW Police – Superintendent Michael Fitzgerald, Inspector Matthew Ciregna and
Senior Constable Sam Donni Crime Prevention Officer (CPO)

ADAP NSW Health, Forbes Street - Jo Spengeler

Inner City Legal Centre – Anastacia Kalos

SWOP – (Sex Worker Outreach Program) Chantel Martin (case worker) and Cocoa
Costales (work placement)

Potts Point Partnership – Steve Ward (member)

Wayside Chapel –Guy Cooper (Community liaison officer)

Hope Street – Rebecca Naoum

Foster House – Cameron Barrack

FACS Surry Hills – John-Paul Griffiths & Aarti Lal (client service officers) Viki-Lee
Collins (team leader)

Apologies

Kirketon Road Centre – Nick Rich

St Vincent’s Hospital Security – Ross Judd

Medically Supervised Injecting Clinic – Miranda St Hill

Rough Edges – Penny Barletta

Woolloomooloo PCYC – Youth Case Manager S/C Diana Ucles

Community Representative for East Sydney – Veronica Heron

NAME	Issue or Discussion raised	RESPONDENT	ACTION
<p>Doug Grand K X Liquor Accord</p>	<p>Stated that they are working closely with Licencing and Gaming police.</p> <p>The introduction of the ID scanners add another layer of safety as well as the Long and Short Term Banning notices.</p>	<p>Commander stated that he was a big supporter of the scanners. It helps to reduce the level of anonymity when they go inside premises. There has been a 75% decrease in stealing and 85% reduction in assaults.</p>	<p>Information for all.</p>
<p>Steve Ward Potts Point Partnership</p>	<p>Mentioned that they are the local Chamber of Commerce that are here to support and promote business. Stated that membership is open to anyone with an ABN in the area covering Potts Point, Rushcutters Bay, Elizabeth Bay and Woolloomooloo.</p> <p>Also working with Darlinghurst and Inner East areas.</p>	<p>Nil.</p>	<p>Information for all.</p>

<p>Mark Purchase</p> <p>Matthew Talbot Hostel</p>	<p>Have been at Talbot 10 years. Interactions with police and homeless have been positive and productive.</p> <p>Have been heavily involved with Case Management of clients as some of these clients are very complex with an array of issues relating to be incarcerated also with their substance abuse and mental health.</p>	<p>Commander stated that any criminal and anti-social behaviours at Talbot be reported to Kings Cross Police at the time and then also may be referred to Sgt Mostran who is the Woolloomooloo police supervisor.</p>	<p>Information for all.</p>
<p>Brooke Summers</p> <p>Kuttabul</p>	<p>Stated that Naval Base is closed during Christmas period.</p> <p>Lifts not be accessed at Embarkation Park on New Year's Eve.</p>	<p>Commander mentioned that Kings Cross police would liaise with Kuttabul staff in regard to New Year's Eve.</p>	<p>Information for all.</p>
<p>Roy Bishop</p> <p>Alex Greenwich's Officer</p>	<p>Stated that they have been busy with residents' complaints mainly in the Darlinghurst and Woolloomooloo areas. A lot of the complaints involve anti-social behaviour and drug related issues. Crime Prevention Officer at Kings Cross has been very helpful with follow up and also our office is also liaising with Department of Housing regarding these issues since the residents reside in their premises</p>	<p>Commander mentioned that he valued this relationship in his time here and has seen it develop.</p>	<p>Several ongoing issues being monitored by CPO with liaison with Roy and Leanne from Alex's office.</p>
<p>Jo Spengeler</p> <p>ADAP NSW Health</p>	<p>Stated that it was good to have police on side especially with their complex clients.</p> <p>Working with K X police with some of these clients in a unit block in Woolloomooloo, where there are a number of resident's issues.</p>	<p>Jo thanked CPO for ongoing support with client that was a concern to local police.</p>	<p>Ongoing liaison with Kings Cross police re: nominated client.</p>

<p>Guy Cooper</p> <p>Wayside Chapel</p>	<p>Stated that now the extended hours of operation have come in. We are now doing 7 days a week until 11pm. The trial of these hours is until February 2018. Mentioned that they needed more staff with the extended hours. Stated that they were open during the Christmas festive season and that were having a big function on Christmas day also with the Prime Minister attending. Hughes Street will be closed and liaison will be done with police and the community in regards to this.</p>	<p>Commander mentioned that several police had attended a community forum with Guy in regards to the concerns of residents with the extended hours of opening.</p>	<p>Any issues are being monitored as a result of the extended hours.</p>
<p>Chantel Martin</p> <p>Coco Costales</p> <p>SWOP (Sex Workers Outreach Program)</p>	<p>Chantel mentioned that SWOP were still doing street beat based surveys.</p> <p>Stated that they are trying different hours with their outreach program and seeing what days have the greatest needs.</p> <p>Found that sexual assault was now being reported more so from clients that are using the services through contact with APPS, found it was becoming more dangerous for sex workers. There is also an APP for workers called the 'Ugly Mug' which workers may provide feedback on issues relating to some clients.</p> <p>Coco stated that she was doing a work placement at SWOP and found it rewarding.</p>	<p>CPO stated that he was getting a few enquires a week lately with sex workers that have organised clients through APPS. Some of the customers are harassing clients on line after the clients have had issues with them either paying or ongoing unwanted behaviours after the initial meeting.</p>	<p>CPO following up with several SWOP clients.</p>
<p>Anastasia Kalos</p> <p>Inner City Legal</p>	<p>Mentioned that they are located on Darlinghurst Road, next to the</p>	<p>Information for all.</p>	<p>Nil</p>

<p>Centre</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Centre. They area open Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6pm – 8pm. Stated that it's a Non for Profit organisation. Mentioned also that they will be 'light on' with staff during the 22 December – 11 January 2018.</p>		
<p>Rebecca Naoum</p> <p>Hope Street</p> <p>Cameron Barrack</p> <p>Foster House</p>	<p>Mentioned that the Hope Street Community Coffee Shop had opened on Forbes Street x Cathedral street.</p> <p>Mentioned that assaults at the hostel have been occurring on a regular basis, presumably due to changes with mental health.</p>	<p>Information for all</p> <p>Information for all</p>	<p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>Mike Fish</p> <p>City of Sydney Council Homeless Unit</p>	<p>Stated that he has been working in the Woolloomooloo area as a Public Space Liaison Officer with the homeless and that his opinion is that it is the best now than it has been in the last 14 years that he has witnessed. Stated that there are still some issues with some of the homeless who Council have constant 'battles' to pack their bedding up.</p>	<p>Commander mentioned that police are there to support Council with the clean ups and morning routine for the homeless to pack up their bedding.</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Helen Xiros</p> <p>City of Sydney Council</p>	<p>Stated that the Council had received several residents' complaints in regards to illegal dumping in the Potts Point and Woolloomooloo areas. Council was working with their Rangers.</p>	<p>CPO mentioned that he was contacted by some of these residents and have provided a registration number.</p>	<p>Information for all.</p>

<p>Grant Cummins City of Sydney Council</p>	<p>Mentioned also that the Good Neighbourhood BBQ was held in November at the Albert Sloss reserve at Darlinghurst and that Kings Cross CPO attended. Also, that residents were given out a questionnaire about their perception and experience with safety and other community issues.</p> <p>Mentioned about the community mural at Woolloomooloo at the Juanita Neilson Centre also that they do a community BBQ on the last Friday of every month.</p> <p>Stated that the Block Party at Woolloomooloo went well last week. Mentioned that it was a community event for all the community not only for youth.</p>	<p>Information for group.</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Viki-Lee Collins FACS Surry Hills office</p>	<p>Spoke about meeting at Alex Greenwich's office that was attended by some of the residents of Woolloomooloo and Crime Manager Robert Allison. Mentioned that residents who provide information need to know what constitutes a tenancy breach, as some of the complaints FACS can't act on as its outside these guidelines. Stated that FACS will run workshops for tenants to explain this.</p>	<p>Commander mentioned about the issuing of banning notices to prevent banned persons from entering the premises.</p>	<p>Kings Cross police and FACS are following up complaints from recent meeting at Alex Greenwich office to see what relates to a breach of tenancy.</p>

<p>John- Paul Griffiths Aarti Lal</p> <p>FACS Surry Hills office</p>	<p>Mentioned that they were the new client service officers for the Woolloomooloo area and have been dealing with Kings Cross CPO.</p>	<p>Information for all.</p>	<p>Nil</p>
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Next meeting to be announced for the start of 2018. New Commander Superintendent Leanne McCusker starting in February 2018.