



Minutes of Meeting

2nd February 2017

Redfern Police Station

| Attendees | Organisation | Position |
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| Superintendent Luke Freudenstein APM | NSW Police Force | Commander |
| Inspector Stuart Trevallion | NSW Police Force | Duty Officer |
| Sergeant Joel Eckford | NSW Police Force | Intelligence |
| Senior Constable Maria Flood | NSW Police Force | Crime Prevention Officer |
| Senior Constable Phillip Tucker | NSW Police Force | Licensing |
| Leading Senior Constable Emma Whitmill | NSW Police Force | Domestic Violence Liaison Officer |
| Louise Kinchela | NSW Police Force | Administrative Support |
| Geoff Turnbull | REDWatch /ISRCO | Coordinator/Member |
| Lydia Smithers | Office of Jenny Leong MP | Electoral Officer |
| Jennifer Sams | REDWatch | Secretary |
| Michael Shreenan | Counterpoint Community Services | CEO |
| Rene McKenzie | City West Housing | Community Engagement |
| Kelly-Anne Byrne | Local Resident | Resident |
| Karen Levin | South Sydney Business Chamber | Treasurer |
| Mary Lynne Pidcock | South Sydney Business Chamber | President |
| Ashan Ponniah | Community Services (NSW) Community Corrections | Manager |
| John Maynard | City of Sydney | Project Manager |
| Judy Pearson | Drug Health Services - SLHD | Manager |
| Kristina Karasulas | Redfern Community Centre (COS) | Manager |
| Stephanie Fakhoury | St George Community Housing | Tenancy Manager |
| Daniel Conway | St George Community Housing | Team Leader |
| Michelle Dobson | Bridge Housing | Team Leader |
| Vanessa Gordon | Urban Growth | Community Manager |
| Anita Faber | FACS | Representative |
| Michael Modder | FACS | Manager Operational Support |
| Stephanie Sok | RSPCA | Education Manager |
| Matt French | RSPCA | Community Development |

1. INTRODUCTION

Superintendent Luke Freudenstein

- Apologies for absence at last meeting – due to requirement for leave - thanked Inspector Crisafulli for stepping into the role.
- Drugs still remain a big concern in the area – GHB, Cocaine, Ecstasy, Heroin, ICE, with overdoses reported from Heroin
- Redfern Department of Housing property – agencies worked hard to get drug dealers removed, but now new tenants involved in same activity coming in
- Police Operations saw 17 people/HNSW tenants involved in Drug Supply – only 3 being reviewed under the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). Vulnerable tenants being taken advantage of by stand over tactics
- Police to concentrate on Drug Supply – Poets Corner, Morehead, McKell Building
- Assaults in Public Housing areas are worrying – some tenants invite others in then request Police attendance when a dispute/assault arises, with parties unwilling to provide Police with associated information inhibiting investigations
- Development works in the area can cause slower response time for Police. Concerns for increased traffic in the area with no overall traffic plan provisions. Particular concerns around Green Square.
- Operation Prevent looking at HNSW Banning Notices/consorting association- warnings then arrest

2. APOLOGIES /CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Apologies from:

Detective Inspector Despa Fitzgerald
Elizabeth Morley
Brian Smith
David Williams
Kaylean Mathews
Joanna Wall
Lynette Taylor
Desley Haas

Crime Manager Redfern Police
Redfern Legal Centre
Redfern Resident
Redfern Resident
City of Sydney
City of Sydney
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Redfern Station Community Group

Previous Minutes Confirmed

1st - John Maynard
2nd - Karen Levin


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3. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Senior Constable Maria Flood

1. **Australia Post**
Police followed up with Management about reminding staff about mail deliveries ensuring security. Discussing ongoing issues with mail theft, ID/other fraud etc. While members mentioned about larger post/parcels being left on site, Australia Post have been receiving complaints in relation to Postal staff leaving cards for pick up-being an inconvenience to residents.
2. **Referrals to Youth Block**
Redfern Police have been informed and ongoing referrals are made.
3. **Break down of statistics into suburbs**
Will be provided in today's Crime Review

4. CRIME REVIEW

Sergeant Joel Eckford

- Statistics provided for Local Area Command
- Redfern ranked 5th for robbery
- Breakdown of crime across the suburbs in Redfern LAC – previously requested

5. RSPCA NSW

Stephanie Sok & Matt French- Education Department

- Full powerpoint presentation provided by staff from the RSPCA NSW - Helping people help animals.
- A charity – state based organisation (NSW)
- RSPCA NSW operates an open door policy – 38000 animals brought through every year. Caring for abandoned, injured, neglected seized, sick and surrendered animals; as well as pet in the community. Animals are cared for, re homed, transferred or reclaimed.
- Ring Council for stray animals/barking/nuisance. (RSPCA will only be involved if animal sick/injured) . RSPCA receive 50,000 nuisance complaints
- RSPCA-investigate animal abuse & cruelty/perform animal rescues and enforce the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTAA).
- Making reports to RSPCA – 1300 CRUELTY. Reports (Must be over 18yrs of age to make a report) dispatched to Inspector, attend premises and take action. Reports – must leave details, must see the animal and issues encountered.
- Cases of aggravated cruelty carry a maximum sentence of two years in jail and/or a \$22000 fine.
- Discussed Companion Animals
- Community Programs – Pets for Older Persons(>65yrs-assistance), Living Ruff(Homeless Program), Safe Bed for Pets(DV Program) as well as school based programs
- Police advised importance of effective reporting particularly with the extensive development occurring in the area – importance to avail of RSPCA guidelines.

6. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Leading Senior Constable Emma Whitmill

- Overview of changes of law for DV Victims and Defendants
- Now all victims have follow up by support services
- 25 questions concerning the victim recorded on the Police system
- Use of video recordings – helpful to playback and for court proceedings
- Plain English AVO's
- Mandatory and additional conditions applied
- Discussed changes to Category of relationship – who are the relevant persons in a domestic relationship

7. CUSTOMER SERVICE

Inspector Stuart Trevallion

- Unclaimed bikes – approximately 16 Bikes now available for local charity service – Karen Levin to liaise about collection
- Importance of pushbike owners to record model/serial numbers.
- The U-Lock is recommended to secure bikes.
- Redfern Officers will be holding Coffee with a Cop Campaign – 8am to 11am, Thursday 23rd February 2017, at Angelo Pascucci Cafe, Shop 10/1 Crystal St Waterloo-invite to members.

8. LICENSING/AFZ & APA Senior Constable Philip Tucker

- Report for November 2016 to January 2017
- Full review of APA/AFZ interactions alcohol related
- Approximately 350 Licenses in Local Area Command - up by 22 since July 2016
- Discussed Licensing Inspections/applications
- City of Sydney advocating for removing restrictions on small bars – 10 small bars catering for less than 120 patrons, opening hours until 12am – popular license - increase within 12 months.
- No fees for restaurant licence to change to small bar.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Geoff Turnbull – Rachel Foster Hospital residential development – exempt from Affordable Housing requirements due to being heritage. Aboriginal Housing Company – looking at increasing the student accommodation from 6-16 storeys for self financing – community input will be in March 2017 - see www.redwatch.org.au for more details.

Human Services to be improved for tenants in Housing NSW.

Michael Shreenan - A very busy Christmas period. Human Services has seen a change in management. Extra funding received for worker for the Waterloo Redevelopment - will be based at The Factory. Difficulty in recruiting a school teacher for Pre School in Morehead St – due to its location.

Needle (syringe collection) Bins - remaining stable

Mary Lynne & Karen Levin – Recent Annual General Meeting (South Sydney Business Chamber). Support has been reduced from City Of Sydney. Covering Redfern/Waterloo and Green Square. Previous Grants were for \$160,000 now reduced to \$45,000 for local business initiatives, now unable to fund with reduction. Producing Book – Sydney South by South. Sales will generate income.

Karen Levin - suggested people not to put addresses on luggage as it can notify criminals that you away – concerns raised airport data (addresses) provided to criminals – to provide any data/information to Police. (Facebook posts advising away on holiday gives opportunity for Break and Enter, Theft, Fraud)

Ashan Ponniah - Prison numbers increasing. Staff creating partnerships with Non Government Agencies. Offering parolees case management. Intervention for behavioural change. Parole can be revoked.

Police and community concerned-recent influx of parolees in our area. Need to change generational attitudes. Discussions about accommodation requirements for Parolees being released. Police raised concerns about Parolees released back to same area (Redfern & Waterloo) – into area/associations that inhibits change. Communities don't want this continuation in cycle.

John Maynard – 'MAILSAFE' flyers addressing mail theft leading to fraud/identity fraud. Some apartment mailboxes-mail box keys open all boxes. Making changes to Development Applications. Applications must show plan for letterbox-recommending letterboxes to be installed inside the complex with individual locks. Submission to Australian/New Zealand Standards – type of letterboxes.

Discussed City of Sydney Good Neighbourhood BBQ's throughout the year with cooperation of Police, Upcoming within the command. Surveys conducted and correlated – 500 surveys on Perception of Safety – will provide results when completed.

Michael Modder - New appointment in Housing - Gary Groves Executive District Director Family & Community Services encompassing 3 districts. Formally from NSW Police.

Shared concerns why people get bail/parole back our community on Department of Housing properties. Housing NSW requires documented evidence about tenants using the premises for criminal activity. Discussed 3 strike policy. Tribunal is compelled to take action.

New worker Laura based at The Factory to take enquiries from tenants about the redevelopment.

Concerns raised - more support services in the area for FACS Housing tenants. Redevelopment of area won't work if families still have complex issues.

Judy Pearson – Provides Nurses, social worker, Hepatitis Clinic, Work Development Orders – can work off fines if obtaining treatment. Outreach service at Redlink. New Aboriginal Worker Peter Jack.

Vanessa Gordon – Greater Sydney Commission –discussions to include Commander

Kristina Karasulas - Amazing Christmas party held at the Community Centre-thank you to the stakeholders and those who participated.

Deadly funny sessions – winner to go to the Melbourne Community Festival

International Women's Day 7 March – Tribal Warrior Cruise

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

Safety for Seniors
Personal Security
Apartment Security
Transport Security
Drugs – ICE
Vehicle Safety
Elder Abuse English/Chinese
International Student Share Accommodation

Emergency Contacts Fridge Magnet/flyer
Next of Kin Program
Home Security
Gone in a flash personal property
Neighbour Disturbance complaints
Domestic Violence Booklet
Triple Zero App

10. Outstanding Actions For The Next 3 Months

1. Surry Hills Command – Northcott initiative – Police update
2. Geoff Turnbull/Michael Shreenan – Human Services update
3. Meeting with Gary Groves - update
4. International Students – Police-addresses on Luggage awareness. Karen Levin to provide data/information(addresses) in relation to airport information being passed to criminals.
5. Assaults Non DV/PREVENT – HNSW Banning Notices/Consorting

Meeting concluded: 12.00pm

2017 Meetings

Thursday 4th May 2017

Thursday 3rd August 2017

Thursday 2nd November 2017



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