

NSW POLICE FORCE

Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	Wednesday, 22 March 2017
Time:	11:10am
Location:	Conference Room, Surry Hills Police Station
Attendees:	A/Supt. Tim Beattie - A/Commander, Surry Hills LAC L/S/C Craig PARKINSON - Crime Prevention Officer, Surry Hills LAC Lilly MAARBANI – NSW Health: Drug & Alcohol Brian ADAMS - Surry Hills Business Alliance Roy BISHOP – State Electorate Office Beth STUART - FACS NSW Martin CLARK – FACS NSW Jonathan HAYNES - OASIS Saroj PILLAY – VIP Surry Hills LAC
Apologies:	Supt. Tony CRANDELL – Commander, Surry Hills LAC Cllr. Christine FORSTER – City of Sydney Peter GREGORY - City of Sydney Pip DITZELL - City of Sydney Bernadette STEPHENS - OASIS David CASS – Surry Hills Liquor Accord Vanessa TROWELL – Bourke St. Public School (P&C) Peter JOHNSTON – Bourke St. Public School (Principal) Craig NIELSON – Principal – Crown Street Public School Jenny LEONG - State Electorate Office Jayb HOYT – FACS NSW - Team Leader

NOTES

1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and welcome by L/S/C PARKINSON. • Previous minutes accepted and apologies noted. • Introduction of relieving Commander - A/Supt. Tim Beattie • Round table introduction of attendees.
2. Commander's Address	<p>Welcome by Acting Supt. Tim Beattie on behalf of Mr CRANDELL – Surry Hills Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Beattie is from Wollongong and has worked in LACs around Sydney and West Sydney and is impressed with the officers and

	<p>staff at Surry Hills LAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback received from Mardi Gras has been positive regarding police interaction with observers and participants. • Crime levels continue to fall in Surry Hills, better than most other Commands. • Surry Hills Police continually work to improve all areas of law enforcement and customer service. • Construction of the Light rail has presented police and the community with some challenges. Road closures and construction noise impact on the amenity of the area. • The Northcott public housing area has been the focus of police pro-activity targeting drug supply. • International sporting events present challenges to police in crowd control and traffic management.
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	<p>L/S/C Craig PARKINSON – Surry Hills Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail theft and subsequent credit card fraud are still an issue. The Commonwealth Bank has gone some way to address the problem by requiring the PIN to be input on the first use of replacement credit cards. • Some of the local public housing residents are suffering from some form of mental illness and are ‘off the radar’ simply because they are not hurting themselves or others. These people still need the support of available services. • Persons suffering from drug addiction with an underlying mental health condition are being reassessed by the ‘Complex Care’ committee at St Vincents Hospital for more effective long term care rather than continually being processed through the judicial system. Intervention prior to re-offending is showing some success. • The new management team at the Oasis Youth Support have greatly improved the youth refuge. The kids there even say they feel much safer now. <p>Brian ADAMS – Surry Hills Business Alliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported an increase in negative behaviour and public drunkenness particularly along Elizabeth Street. Fridays and Saturdays are the worst days with drunken persons fighting and causing grief. Council or someone is left to clean up the mess left by the offenders. • Stealing from mailboxes seems to be a big problem. People are having their mail stolen and their private information is compromised. • Graffiti is still a problem with CoS Council having to pay for the removal. • Commented the businesses along Elizabeth Street love to see uniformed police patrolling the area.
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- Asked what happened to the mounted police. Who allocates their duties?
 - L/S/C PARKINSON advised we can call mounted police and arrange patrols. They are not part of Surry Hills LAC.

Jon Haynes – Oasis Youth Support

- There is a new management team at OASIS.
- Working on professional level with people, dealing with young people and wanting them to feel safe.
- Police are not needed as often as in previous years. Our service to the young people is clearly improving.
 - L/S/C PARKINSON confirmed the improvements. Young clients have commented they feel much safer now.

Lilly Marbaani – NSW Health

- Lilly has worked over 16 years in drug and alcohol health management.
- Commented some of the clients of the Langton Centre feel uneasy around police and are unlikely to seek help from police.
- People with drug and alcohol / mental health issues are released under magistrates ruling as they are not danger to public.
- There are lots of challenges ahead. We are dealing with the issues and have processed care management.

Roy Bishop

- MP's office has been contacted regarding the crime rate at northern end of Surry Hills.
- A constituent has requested police action to curb noisy motorcycles on Oxford St at night. This has been referred to Surry hills Police.
- People were angry and frustrated as nothing got fixed on forum regarding maintenance.

Martin Clark – FACS

- Swipe card access for the carpark at Northcott is scheduled to be installed by end of April.
- The 'Pay Your Bills' event held yesterday was well received. Police provided the BBQ which added to the relaxed atmosphere. Many people used the occasion to speak with police.

	<p>Beth Stuart – FACS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commented on the 'Pay Your Bills' event. Local residents attended who would not normally seek help. • Financial advisers were also present • It was great to see the local community coming together. <p>Meeting concluded at 12.30pm</p>
<p>4. Next Meeting</p>	<p>11.00am on Wednesday , 14 June 2017 Surry Hills Police Station Conference Room</p>