



Community Safety Advisory Committee

NOTES

Tuesday, 6 September 2022

8:43 AM

at the Townsville Stadium

Opening of Meeting and Announcement of Visitors

The Chair, Councillor Russ Cook opened the meeting at 8:43am.

Present

Members

Councillor Russ Cook - Chair	Townsville City Council
Councillor Suzanne Blom	Townsville City Council
Verity Bennett	NQ Domestic Violence Resource Service
Natalie Marr	Crime Stoppers
Katrina McIntosh	The Salvation Army
Corinne Moore	Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs
Kelli Webb	Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (Proxy for Tania Sheppard)

TCC Staff

Rebecca Pola	Meeting Facilitator / Community Safety Officer, Townsville City Council
Zdenko Krecek	Principal Lead Open Space and Irrigation Planning, Townsville City Council
Sheree Anderson	Council Secretariat, Townsville City Council
Tanya Edwards	Council Secretariat, Townsville City Council

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the Wulgurukaba of Gurambilbarra and Yunbenun, Bindal, Gugu Badhun and Nywaigi as the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respects to their cultures, their ancestors, and their Elders – past and present – and all future generations.

Disclosure of Interests - Statement by the Meeting Facilitator

The Meeting Facilitator reminded councillors and committee members of their obligations for disclosing declarable conflicts of interest and prescribed conflicts of interest for items on the agenda.

Disclosure of Interests

Natalie Marr noted for transparency purposes that she is a local executive for a political party, but that – “There is no conflict. I am not here on a political basis; I am here for Crime Stoppers.”

The Committee accepted that there was no conflict of interest.

Natalie Marr remained in the room for the meeting.

Apologies

Dr Mark David Chong	James Cook University
Wendy Ah Chin	Queensland Health
Inspector Dean Cavanagh	Queensland Police Service
Sandra Crosato-Matters	Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Not present

Steven MacDonald	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Babette Doherty	Victims Assist Queensland
Jeanna Clearwater	Townsville Community Corrections

Confirm Quorum

A quorum was not present at the meeting.

Correspondence

The Meeting Facilitator provided an overview of recent outgoing and incoming correspondence relating to this Committee.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Advisory Committee Meeting

It was MOVED by Natalie Marr, SECONDED by Corinne Moore:

"That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting of 19 July 2022 be confirmed."

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Presentations

1 Head to Health Service Presentation

The Meeting Facilitator advised that the Head to Health Service presenter was unable to attend this meeting and will be presenting at the next Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting.

2 Boulder Project

The Principal Lead Open Space and Irrigation Planning tabled a presentation on Council's Boulder Project. The pilot project is installing boulders around the edge of parks that have been damaged by vehicles illegally driving on them.

The Committee discussed the Boulder Project and alternatives such as bollards, blocks and gates depending on individual circumstances.

The Principal Lead Open Space and Irrigation Planning vacated the meeting at 9:26am.

The meeting adjourned briefly at 9:26am and recommenced at 9:30am.

The Meeting Facilitator provided an update on the action items in the Meeting Action Register.

18/2022 That in partnership with Crime Stoppers and the Queensland Police Service (QPS), Council consider Crime Stoppers/QPS signage (to also include QR codes) in relevant public spaces.

The Meeting Facilitator advised the Committee that the recommendation for this action item is being taken to the September Standing Committee and the Full Council meeting, and an update will be provided at the November Committee meeting.

The Meeting Facilitator noted that Crime Stoppers would be presenting to the Standing Committee in October about a possible partnership with Council.

16/2022 That the Meeting Facilitator request Queensland Police Service for the data (for the parameters outlined at the meeting) from the 'National Community Survey of Satisfaction of Police'.

The Meeting Facilitator advised that Queensland Police Service provided the data at state level, but not at the local government level. As such, it would have limited value for the purposes of the longitudinal study.

17/2022 Wendy Ah Chin to come back to the Committee with regards to if there are any statutory obligations on hospital staff concerning possible domestic violence incidences.

Through the Meeting Facilitator, Wendy Ah Chin advised that Townsville Hospital do not collect or report this data. Verity Bennett advised that she has been in contact with Queensland Health staff about better information collection and domestic violence referrals and identification, and also noted that Queensland Health are on Townsville's Domestic Violence High Risk Team.

Natalie Marr vacated the meeting at 10:02am during the following item.

General Business

(i) Longitudinal Study

The Meeting Facilitator discussed the personal and neighbourhood safety items in Council's Liveability Study, noting that while the format of the Liveability Study allowed those surveyed to make suggestions, many of the responses provided were vague. The Longitudinal Study questions would need to be very specific so that useful data could be gathered.

The Chair advised that information about The London Borough of Sutton Longitudinal Study was unable to be provided.

The Committee discussed the importance of inclusivity when undertaking the longitudinal study, for example, including different housing environments and demographics, and getting support from other key organisations to improve survey legitimacy.

The Meeting Facilitator will be developing survey questions for the longitudinal study and will bring these to the Committee for review.

(ii) Vulnerable groups – people over 60

The Meeting Facilitator asked the Committee for information they had on this vulnerable group.

Kelli Webb shared that women aged over 50 (and particularly over 60) have been identified as a priority cohort due to the increase in numbers of homelessness in this cohort over the last 2 years.

Katrina McIntosh advised the Committee that The Salvation Army data showed that women over 55 were vulnerable to homelessness. This information is available on their website.

The Committee discussed alternative housing options in the city to help address homelessness in the community.

The Meeting Facilitator canvassed the idea of using public library facilities to provide basic skills such as financial literacy.

Action Item:

1. That Committee members bring information or data they may have on the vulnerabilities of people over 60 to the November Committee meeting.

(iii) Update from NQ Domestic Violence Resource Service

Verity Bennet shared that the NQ Domestic Violence Resource Service has developed a 5-year strategic plan, which will be publicly released once the review of their organisation's branding is finalised.

(iv) Update from Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy

The Department has released the Immediate Housing Response Fund for Families, looking for innovative ways to provide other solutions to the housing crisis for families.

(v) Update from Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs

Corinne Moore shared that offender rates were consistent.

The Meeting Facilitator shared that Council have recently had restorative justice conferencing for 3 young people.

(vi) Update from The Salvation Army

Katrina McIntosh shared that The Salvation Army had some vacancies in their drug and alcohol program if any Committee members knew of a need. The Salvation Army has also launched a 3-year pilot Coach Mentoring Program that pairs an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young person and their families with a Coach Mentor, chosen by the family, to help them reach life goals.

Confirmation of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8 November 2022 at 8.30 am at the Townsville Stadium.

Agenda submissions close 11 October 2022.

Close of Meeting

The meeting was closed at 10:32am.

COUNCILLOR RUSS COOK

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CHAIR

Attachments

Attachment 1 - CSAC Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register

Attachment 2 - CSAC 2022 Meeting Schedule

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Action Item no	Meeting Date Raised	Action Item	Action Description	Action Outcome	Responsible Officer	Completed Date
16/2022	19/07/2022	Update on Longitudinal Study	That the Meeting Facilitator request Queensland Police Service for the data (for the parameters outlined at the meeting) from the 'National Community Survey of Satisfaction of Police'.	Data was requested however QPS could only provide data at a Queensland level not at a local Townsville level.	Meeting Facilitator	02/09/2022
17/2022	19/07/2022	Update on Longitudinal Study	Wendy Ah Chin to come back to the Committee to confirm if there is any data that the hospital collates on incidents of domestic violence.	Wendy confirmed that currently this information is not collected at the Townsville hospital.	Committee Member	23/08/2022
18/2022	19/07/2022	Crime Stoppers Queensland	That in partnership with Crime Stoppers and the Queensland Police Service (QPS), Council consider Crime Stoppers/QPS signage (to also include QR codes) in relevant public spaces.	This recommendation is pending presentation at Standing Committee. A request for additional information has been made before it is to proceed.	Meeting Facilitator	
19/2022	09/08/2022	Head to Health Presentation	Request for Head to Health to provide a presentation to committee at the September meeting.	This presentation is being held over until the November 2022 meeting	Meeting Facilitator	
20/2022	06/09/2022	TCC Boulder	Request for a TCC Boulder Project	Request for a TCC Boulder Project presentation to committee at the September meeting	Meeting Facilitator	06/09/2022

		project presentation				
21/2022	06/09/2022	Information on over 60 cohort	That Committee members bring information or data they may have on the vulnerabilities of people over 60 to the November Committee meeting.			

Attachment 2 - CSAC Meeting Schedule 2022

Month	Date	Time	Location
March 2022	15	8.30am to 10.30am	Townsville Stadium
May 2022	3	8.30am to 10.30am	Townsville Stadium
July 2022	5	8.30am to 10.30am	Townsville Stadium
September 2022	6	8.30am to 10.30am	Townsville Stadium
November 2022	8	8.30am to 10.30am	Townsville Stadium