PRESENT
Councillor Brian Robson (Chairperson), Councillor Ken Nam, Mr Brad McPherson, Ms Sarah McKean, Chief Inspector Lindsay Rogerson, Constable Tracie Sonda, Superintendent Ken Murphy, Station Commander Craig Davies, Station Commander Martin Quigg, Ms Cheryl Field and Ms Pina Rossi.

APOLOGIES
Apologies on behalf of the Deputy Mayor Councillor Karl Saleh, Mr Andy Sammut, the Hon Linda Burney MP and Commander Peter Lennon, were received and accepted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2009 were taken as read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
• Garema Circuit, Kingsgrove outcomes report to be provided to next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Wiley Park Amphitheatre
A community safety inspection was conducted and the recommendation below is based on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles.
• A closed circuit television system was trialled free of charge at the site in the past, during which Horizons staff and our Parks officer noticed a reduction in incidents. The Committee requested further information on how the system would operate i.e. monitoring and response to incidents.
• A ‘Ban’ on the consumption of alcohol in Council owned or operated areas such as the Amphitheatre and surrounding park is possible through the installation of signage. Police representatives supported this proposal.
• JPS Security is employed by Council to monitor this site twice daily Monday through to Sunday. The cost of each patrol is $38.50 and increasing patrols to three times on Friday, Saturday and Sunday could deter offenders.
• There is a gate at the entrance of the car park that is not utilised due to incidents in the past.

Recommendation
THAT
1. The proposal to install Closed Circuit Television at the Amphitheatre to the value of $10,000 with funds from the Community Safety 2008/09 Budget, be deferred for further information on the system.
2. Procedures to establish an Alcohol Ban surrounding the Amphitheatre be implemented.
3. Security patrols be increased in the short term from two to three times on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, resulting in an additional cost of $115.50 per week.
4. Police be requested to increase patrols of the site.
5. Improvements to access control strategy such as heavier duty gates and nightly closing/daily opening be investigated.
6. Recommendation outcomes be reported to the Committee.

**Riverwood Wetlands**

A community safety inspection was conducted and the recommendation below is based on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles.

- It is considered the graffiti on the skate park bowl should not be removed, as it is contained within an acknowledged youth space, not affecting the wider community, and a level of tolerance is conducive to constructive youth-community relations.

**Recommendation**

THAT
1. Park rules signage be strategically posted within the Wetlands and perimeters to reinforce behavioural expectations.
2. City Works be requested to remove graffiti at the Wetlands, excluding the skate park bowl, and maintain regular and rapid response to any graffiti outside the skate park bowl.
3. Recommendation outcomes be reported to the Committee.

**Review of Alcohol Free Zones**

- There are two ways in which we can limit the consumption of alcohol in public spaces:
  a) Through the establishment of an Alcohol Free Zone, on a public road or in a carpark. The prior concurrence of Police and public consultation is required, and Zones are limited to a four-year period after which they require re-establishment. There are potential criminal penalties for repeat offenders;
  b) Establishing a Ban on the consumption of alcohol in Council owned or operated areas through the installation of signage. Bans can be issued by Council without consultation, and are not time limited. Fines can be imposed on offenders.
- The following existing Zones expire in May 2009:
  1) Tobruk Avenue, Belmore for the full width of the footpath between Burwood Road and Terry Lamb Reserve;
  2) The public carpark adjoining Tobruk Avenue, Belmore;
  3) Josephine Street, Riverwood between Belmore and Bonds Roads;
  4) The full width of King Georges Road including the footways between the Boulevarde and Lakemba Street, Wiley Park;
  5) The full width of Stanlea Parade between Wiley Lane and King Georges Road, Wiley Park;
  6) The full width of Anglo Road and Anglo Mall between Loch Street and Beamish Street, Campsie.

We have received feedback from Campsie and Ashfield Police supporting the re-establishment of the six Zones listed above.

- Consultation is being undertaken to establish the following new Zones:
  1) The full width of Keats Avenue, Riverwood;
  2) Croydon Avenue, Croydon Park.

Campsie Police are currently monitoring Keats Avenue. Ashfield Police have indicated support for establishing a Zone in Croydon Avenue. Apart from one submission, feedback received from residents to date supports the proposed Zones.

- We currently have one Ban established at Terry Lamb Reserve Belmore.
Recommendation
THAT
1. Campsie and Ashfield Local Area Police Commands give consideration to locations within their boundaries that would benefit from the establishment of Alcohol Free Zones or Bans and provide their request in writing to the General Manager.
2. A further report be provided to the Committee outlining outcomes of the Review.

Principles for action from Community Safety Inspections
At its previous meeting, the Committee in considering a proposal to streamline the completion of required maintenance or operational actions identified through inspections, requested principles be developed that would ensure matters of policy or wider community impact are reported to the Committee prior to action being taken. The proposed principles are provided below. Outcomes of maintenance and operational actions would subsequently be reported to the Committee.

Recommendation
THAT
1. The following principles for action identified from community safety inspections conducted by our Community Safety Officer and Investigations Officer in conjunction with the Police Crime Prevention Officer, be endorsed.
   • Matters referred directly for action:
     - Tree Trimming
     - Lighting Upgrade
     - Lighting Repair/Replacement
     - Rubbish Removal
     - Graffiti Removal
     - Issue of Fence Orders
     - Extra Police Patrols
   • Matters reported to Community Safety Committee for prior endorsement of action:
     - Alcohol Free Zone
     - Alcohol Ban
     - No Loitering Zone
     - Infrastructure Changes
     - Installation of Closed Circuit Television
     - Expenditure of Committee’s Budget
2. The principles be reviewed by the Committee in May 2010.

SABRE (Smoke Alarm and Battery Replacement for the Elderly) Program
The Program is a partnership between Council, NSW Fire Brigades, Canterbury City Community Centre and the NRMA. Since it commenced in June 2003, 831 standard alarms and 12 specialised alarms for the hearing impaired have been installed, as well as 381 batteries replaced in residents homes. We have 56 standard alarms, 3 specialised alarms, and 83 batteries in stock. A draft media release on the program was tabled and reference to NSW Fire Brigade website is to be added.

Recommendation
THAT
1. An update on the SABRE program be provided to the Committee in May 2010.
2. The program also be promoted through the Disability Access, Multicultural and Senior Citizens advisory committees.

**Vehicle registration plate locking screws**
The locking screws prevent the theft of licence plates. Stolen licence plates have been used to commit other offences such as petrol theft. To date over 2,000 sets of screws have been distributed to residents in the City of Canterbury, including a campaign at Roselands shopping centre. Police will be promoting registration plate locking screws region wide throughout 14 command areas.

**Recommendation**
THAT
1. The vehicle registration plate locks be funded through the 2008/09 Community Safety Budget to the value of $1,500 for Campsie and $1,000 for Ashfield Local Area Police Commands, for installation at venues within the City area.
2. A progress report be presented to the Committee with the details of distribution dates and venues.

**Campsie Local Area Police Command – Community Newsletter**
The newsletter provides an update on issues, promotes safety, crime prevention strategies and programs for children, youth, ethnic groups, domestic violence victims, businesses and community participation. The second edition was tabled. We can assist in the dissemination of the newsletter.

**Recommendation**
THAT
1. The Campsie Local Area Police Commander be congratulated on the production of the Community Newsletter.
2. Proposals raised in the newsletter be considered by the Committee to support Police initiatives.

**Syringe needles and condoms collected**
Details of the location and number of items collected during the period 30 March to 24 April 2009 were provided. Council’s waste services staff routinely check public places where items have been discarded in the past, as well as respond to resident notification. Police use this information to task patrols.

**Shadforth Street, Wiley Park**
The subject premises will be referred to our Compliance section to investigate whether a garage has been converted to residential space. The Police Ethnic Liaison officer will also visit the occupants. Excessive and unreasonable noise can be reported to Police day or night. Police can issue a Noise Abatement Order when repeated offences are detected.

**NSW Police Campsie Local Area Command**

**NSW Fire Brigades**
Station Commander Quigg, Station Commander Davies and Superintendent Murphy advised the following.
Arabic speaking volunteers translated flyer regarding station open day and promoted it through businesses in Lakemba shopping centre.

Childrens fire safety CD was released on 26 April and contains interactive games. Copies were also distributed at McDonalds outlet.

Station Officers are receiving training in early intervention for juvenile fire setters.

Station Officers are also receiving training in new version of fire education program for children from kindergarten to grade 2.

**Canterbury Community Drug Action Team**

Ms Field advised the following.

- Responsible Gambling Courses - Canterbury/Hurlstone Park RSL will provide $2,400 for 25 participants, NSW Health will provide funding for 15 participants; Bulldogs yet to advise.
- Participants who completed the Responsible Service of Alcohol course will be offered 3 months work experience in hospitality.
- Will require an extension of time for acquittal of funds from Council to complete a project. Team will refund $1,719 to Council as Belmore Police Community & Youth Club was unable conduct the ‘Upstream’ youth mentoring project.
- NSW Health will provide funding for 16 participants to attend an Australian Red Cross ‘Save a Mate - Alcohol/Drug Emergencies’ courses.

**Chief Inspector Rogerson**

Chief Inspector Rogerson will be transferring to a new position. The Chairperson on behalf of Council and the Committee expressed gratitude for his work and advice over the years, and extended best wishes in his new position. Chief Inspector Rogerson advised he has enjoyed the productive working relationship with the Committee and thanked Council for its support.

The meeting concluded at 8.27 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for 1 June 2009 at 6.30 p.m. in the Function Room.

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**ACTION REQUIRED**

**Community Safety Officer**

- Copy of information as to why gates aren’t possible for carpark in Garema Circuit to Chairperson.
- Further information on closed circuit television system proposal for Wiley Park Amphitheatre.
- Refer actions from inspections (Wiley Park Amphitheatre, Riverwood Wetlands) and report outcomes to a future Committee meeting.
- Final report on review of Alcohol Free Zones to Committee.
- Review of principles for action from inspection to Committee in May 2010.
• Add NSW Fire Brigade website to SABRE program media release. Coordinate promotion of program through the Disability Access, Multicultural and Senior Citizens advisory committees. Update report to Committee in May 2010.
• Arrange funding for vehicle registration plate locking screws. Report on distribution dates and venues.
• Refer premises in Shadforth Street, Wiley Park to Compliance section.