

PALMERSTON SAFE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

CITY OF PALMERSTON

Minutes of Palmerston Safe Communities Committee Meeting
held in Community Room 1, Palmerston Recreation Centre, 11 The Boulevard,
Thursday 14 November 2019 at 1:30 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Damian Hale, City of Palmerston (Chair)
Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell, City of Palmerston
Serena Dalton, Grassroots Action Palmerston
Rachel Fosdick, Local Drug Action Team/Palmerston
and Regional Basketball Association
Olga Dalrymple, Member for Brennan (Representative)
Lorraine Teresa, Catholic Care NT
Angie Walker, Member for Spillett (Representative)
Ellie Kendrick, Member for Spillett (Representative)
Tracy-Dale Middleton, Neighbourhood Watch NT
David Boustead, Department of the Chief Minister
Kirby Bolton, Member for Drysdale (Representative)
Mandy Pearce, Victims of Crime NT
Kathy Bannister, Red Cross
Luke Gosling, Member for Solomon
Ross Robertson, Buslink
Alfie May, Buslink
Meguerditch Mikaelian, Licensing NT
Bernard Kulda, Licensing NT
Nathan Finn, NT Police

GUESTS

Kevin Thomas, Business Owner
Russel Wills, Department of the Chief Minister

STAFF

Jan Peters, Manager, Community Services
Jeff Borella, Manager, Ranger Services
Amanda Stevenson, CDO, Lifestyle & Community
Rosalind Clarke, CDO, Lifestyle & Community (Minutes)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1:35pm

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2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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| Alana Chapman | Territory Families |
| Michael Maclean | NT Police, Fire & Emergency Services |
| Gemma Bellenger | NT Police, Fire & Emergency Services |
| Amanda Foord, | NT Police, Fire & Emergency Services |
| Jane McMurtrie | Palmerston Community Care Centre |
| Dave Russell | Territory Families |
| Davina Pickwick | Department for Human Services |
| Megan Fernando | Kidsafe NT |
| Melinda Fleming | Victims of Crime |
| Linda Spencer | Catholic Care NT |
| Tony Hopkins | Buslink |
| Mel Roomes | Road Safety NT |
| Marcello Alvarez | Mission Australia |
| Lucy Morrison | Alderman, City of Palmerston |

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Jeff Borella

Seconded: Athina Pascoe-Bell

THAT the minutes of the Palmerston Safe Communities Committee meeting held on Thursday 12 September 2019, be confirmed.

Carried

4 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Action: Mayor requested City of Palmerston staff follow up with DIPL to discuss a transport activity survey to inform the plan for improving the bus network connectivity in Palmerston.
Update: In progress. An update will be given when more information is available.

4.2 Action: Serena Dalton, Grassroots Action Palmerston to contact Debbie Muir, Mission Australia re: the cost of portable basketball hoops
Update: PARBA still have hoops that can be used.

4.3 Action: Alderman Hale to continue to liaise with Kevin Thomas in relation to the Youth Crime Crisis Rally held in Palmerston in July, regarding his guest attendance at the next meeting.
Update: Completed. Kevin in attendance.

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- 4.4 **Action:** Acting Director, Lifestyle and Community, to organise for NT Government to present at the next meeting to share information about the Anti-Social Behaviour app pilot.
Update: Completed. Russel Wills in attendance to provide and update.
- 4.5 **Action:** Community Development Officer, City of Palmerston, to organise a private screening of Impact Documentary 'In My Blood It Runs' for PSCC members.
Update: The opportunity has been discussed with the film makers. Technical requirements for the screening are being organised and the group will be updated in due course.
- 4.6 **Action:** Community Development Officer, City of Palmerston, to organise end of year afternoon tea for meeting 14 November.
Update: Completed.

5 PALMERSTON NETWORKS UPDATE

5.1 Palmerston Kids Network (PKN):

The last Palmerston Kids Network meeting was held at the Driver Resource Centre where all community partners for Communities for Children were given the opportunity to outline their programs to the group. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 November 2019 from 9.30am to 11.00am at the Palmerston Recreation Centre.

Some members of PKN recently formed a working group to deliver our annual Palmerston Children's Week Event which was held on 22 October. The event was aimed at families with children aged 0-5. 32 organisations were involved on the day and 600 people attended. This year the theme was 'Everyone has the right to be healthy', so there were activities, food and information based on the theme, and it was a great opportunity for families to access information about health, and to connect with services.

5.2 Palmerston and Rural Youth Services (PARYS) – Amanda Stevenson

The PARYS network has recently completed two professional development opportunities. The grant writing workshop was attended by 27 participants, and Cultural Safety and Youth Mentoring, delivered by Timmy Dougan was attended by 50 PARYS members. The last PARYS meeting was held on Tuesday 5 November at 9am at the Palmerston Recreation Centre. The group is open to representatives from organisations working with young people in Palmerston and surrounds.

5.3 Palmerston Seniors Advisory Committee (PSAC) – Jan Peters

The final PSAC meeting for 2019 will be held on Monday 18 November at the Palmerston Recreation Centre. The group will begin to develop a new action table informed by discussions at the August Annual Seniors Forum.

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6 GUEST SPEAKER

Kevin Thomas, Local Business Owner - Youth Crime Rally Crisis.

Kevin gave an update on the concerns local business owners have about break and enters into business premises. A rally to draw attention to this issue was held in June at Parliament House and attracted 200 people. An additional rally was held in Palmerston in July. Kevin is working with government for input regarding the changes to the Youth Justice Act. Suggestions have included engaging with Elders to mentor young people in their communities, a safe place for young people to go at night if they cannot go home, more prevention strategies, While there are many actions being taken by services to address youth crime, the community may not be aware of this and greater promotion of actions being taken may improve public perception that youth crime is not being addressed adequately.

Russel Wills, Department of the Chief Minister – Anti-Social Behaviour App.

The Anti-Social Behaviour App was rolled out in July for a 6 week trial. The app allowed for people to report anti-social behaviour under categories: drunkenness, noise and nuisance, sleeping, camping or homeless, and welfare check. There have been 1500 downloads of the app and 950 reports over the trial period. Police reports have reduced significantly. The app will continue with Larrakia Nation responding to reports. Some amendments will be made such as removing the category 'sleeping, camping or homeless' and adding 'obstructing public access'. There may also be some design changes.

Action: Rosalind to distribute information with how the app can be accessed.

Update: The app is available for download from App Store or Google Play by searching 'NT Anti-Social Behaviour'.

7 NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

8 STAKHOLDER UPDATES

8.1 NT Police, Nathan Finn

Crimes against the person and property crime have both declined. Police are experiencing a busy week following the Yuendumu incident.

8.2 Victims of Crime NT, Mandy Pearce

The Vehicle Resecure Program available through Victims of Crime NT allows financial assistance to individuals to resecure their vehicles following an incident of property crime. For more information see <https://victimsofcrime.org.au/services/financial-assistance>

8.3 City of Palmerston, Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell

The agenda for the upcoming Council meeting has been released today. At the meeting on Tuesday, a decision will be made about The Laneway Trials and how the trial will inform action moving forward in regard to Palmerston's laneways.

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City of Palmerston's Accelerated Smart LED Street and Public Lighting Replacement Program is being implemented and is approximately 50% complete. This involves current street lighting being replaced with LED lights, giving 2.5 times the illumination. To view the public lighting upgrade progress and predicted rollout see the City of Palmerston website or follow the link:

<https://palmerston.maps.arcgis.com/apps/StoryMapBasic/index.html?appid=08158a47829a401c834245ccb805869f>

Following a community consultation in Moulden, a community garden is being established and planting has begun.

8.4 Buslink, Ross Robertson and Alfie May

A working group is coming together to collaboratively address rock throwing at Buslink buses. Alfie is the Community Liaison Officer who has good community connections and relationships to assist in addressing the issue. They also have a School Liaison Officer to work around education for children and young people. City of Palmerston Community Development Officers have been working with the group and are liaising re support for bringing the play 'The Stones' to Palmerston next year, based on a true story of young people who caused an accident throwing rocks at traffic.

Action: City of Palmerston Community Development Officer to follow up on the Mayor's request for data around rock throwing in Palmerston.

8.5 Licencing NT, Meguerditch Mikaelian

Liquor licencing compliance inspectors work with the police alcohol unit to monitor crowds, noise, and liquor licencing regulations in licenced premises. There will be an increase in licencing messages over the Christmas / New Year period.

Action: City of Palmerston staff to organise to share licencing messages from Licencing NT on social media platforms.

8.6 Department of the Chief Minister, David Boustead

Youth sports grants for two (2) years of funding 2020-2022 have now closed. A cashless debit card rollout briefing session will take place in Darwin on 19th November.

Action: David to let the group know if a briefing session can be held in Palmerston.

Update: A cashless debit card briefing was held at the Palmerston Recreation Centre on Thursday 21 November. The information was circulated to the group prior via email.

8.7 City of Palmerston, Rosalind Clarke

Shared Paths is a program run by Council to encourage primary school students and their families find ways to travel safely and actively to school. Rosebery Primary School took up the opportunity and decals were installed to guide students on the safest travel pathways to school. The school reported an increase in active travel to school, and the school held an event to celebrate at the end of term. The next phase of the project will involve engagement with Moulden Park School families to determine if that school and community are interested in participating in Shared Paths.

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City of Palmerston are currently working with Orange Sky, a charity who provides showers and clothes washing facilities for the homeless, to service our city centre. Possibilities are still being explored, including partnering with charities to provide food, and to include mobile health services. An update will be given in due course.

8.8 Red Cross, Cathy Bannister

Red Cross are part of the leadership group for Collective Impact project in Palmerston, Grow Well Live Well. The group supported community to identify three priority areas in Palmerston: Family and domestic violence, youth mental health and wellbeing, and crime. Possible linkages between the Grow Well Live Well Action Groups and local businesses were identified moving into the future.

8.9 Grassroots Action Palmerston, Serena Dalton

A youth forum was held to consult with young people around their offending behaviour and to gain insight into why young people offend and what would help to prevent the behaviour. The biggest identified missing factor by young people was role models and mentors. The group will now use this information to inform how to work together moving forward.

8.10 Neighbourhood Watch NT, Tracy-Dale Middleton

Neighbourhood Watch NT and the Lifestyle Studio are holding a Seniors Self Defence and Safety Talk on 21 November. See the Neighbourhood Watch NT facebook page for more details. Safety videos will be highlighted on the facebook page over the Christmas / New Year period, and a campaign will be held at Darwin Airport to encourage people to register an Absentee Advice Form if they are going away over the Christmas period. You can find a copy of the form by following the link:

http://www.nhwnt.org.au/content_images/attachments/2018/ABSENTEE%20OWNER%20ADVICE%20Dec%202018%201pg.pdf

8.11 City of Palmerston, Amanda Stevenson

An International Men's Day Event will be held at the Palmerston Recreation Centre on Tuesday 19 November from 3-5pm to celebrate the strong male role models in our lives and communities: 'men leading by example'. There will be a BBQ, 3 on 3 basketball, a free barber, entertainment and information from services. All welcome.

8.12 Member for Solomon, Luke Gosling

International Human Rights Day is on 10th December and to mark the occasion a half-day forum is being held for key stakeholders around trauma informed practice. This is an opportunity to come together to find out what the sector is implementing around the practice, and what more can be done.

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8.13 Local Drug Action Team (LDAT), Rachel Fosdick

LDAT are creating a community action plan to guide the group's work with the community. It includes peer to peer mentoring and the use of local media to share a positive story from Palmerston for every negative story, and will include the hashtag #positivepalmerston

9 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6 February 2020, 1:30pm – 3:00pm, Palmerston Recreation Centre, 11 The Boulevard.

10 CLOSURE

The Palmerston Safe Communities Committee meeting, held in Palmerston Recreation Centre, 11 The Boulevard, Palmerston on Thursday 14 November 2019 closed at 3:05 pm

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil.



Alderman, Damian Hale
Chair

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