

Minutes of a public meeting held in conjunction with the monthly meeting of SBRRA Inc at Snells Beach Community Centre, 7th June 2016, 7.35pm.

Present; approximately 55 people were present (not all present registered in the book so a total attendance list is not possible).

The focus of the evening was an address by Sgt Bede Haughey, the Police officer in charge of the Warkworth area. All members of the Algies Bay, Sandspit and Scotts Landing Neighbourhood Support Groups were invited to attend along with Snells Beach and the general public. All were well represented.

Mark Dinniss, acting as chairman for the evening, gave a short report of SBRRA financial movement for May; Income \$520 Expenditure \$139. Bank Balance at 31May 2016, \$33698 Lotteries grant application for playground project; answer expected very soon.

Coming Events; Te Whau Coastal reserve Planting, Saturday 11th June 10am-noon (if wet 18th). Along walkway from Cornel Circle entrance until you find participants.

Rodney Local Board invites you to the **Official Opening of the Te Whau walkway,** Wednesday 15th June 2016 10am-noon. Dawson Road walkway entrance. Ribbon cutting, speeches and morning tea.

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Lesley Leversha, Co-ordinator for Snells Beach Neighbourhood Support Group, introduced **Sgt Bede Haughey** who addressed the meeting, he stated that both nationally and locally, policies and strategies focused on crime prevention and one of the key factors in helping achieve that is connectivity within communities. This is working pretty effectively in this area at present

Crime rates statistics show a fairly static rate of offending in total, but an increase in some areas including burglary, domestic violence and drug related offences.

Lower visible policing only effects opportunistic thieves, the "crims" will plan and carry out their activities around any patrolling.

90% of the population is honest, 1% should stay locked up because they are incurable recidivist offenders but the other 9% are at risk. The more work that can be done with this group to draw them toward the law abiding 90% by creating opportunities and teaching them both work and life skills, the more positive preventative outcomes will be achieved. The Springboard programme being run locally is working very successfully with this group.

Some locals are responsible for local crime but more commonly it is committed by "cross border offenders" coming in from outside the local area.

Would surveillance cameras help?

Cameras often miss important happenings if they are focused for number plates. Cars used during an offence are mostly not registered to the offender (borrowed or stolen)

111 response, how far do they have to come?

Depends on other calls being attended at the time. Possibly a patrol may be close by or in a worst case scenario Orewa. Helicopter response is possible if justified.

What is the position re volunteers at the Snells Beach Police Station?

Because of 2 incidents where volunteers were attacked when sworn officers were not present (South Auck and South Island), National policy now states, no volunteers are to be open to the public without the presence of a sworn officer. Until security is beefed up (a screen or like), volunteers must assess the person prior to opening access.

Is social media. Aiding offenders?

Some are joining various feeds to try to assist with information gathering.

If installing an alarm, silent alarm v high volume alarm what is best?

Silent monitored alarms may enable catching an intruder on site.

A high volume alarm may chase an intruder off before they get going.

There is about a 90% false activation rate with alarms so high volume especially with unoccupied buildings can cause high stress for the neighbours.

Resolution; That the meeting consider creating a petition requesting the appointment of a community police officer for the whole Warkworth area.

Vivian Pollock/June Turner

Carried unanimously.

Vivian to proceed with creating and promoting the petition.

Community Patrol;

A community patrol operated by volunteers is now working 2-3 nights per week. Sponsored by Toyota and sundry other local businesses, the conspicuously marked car is set up with high powered lighting to enable good surveillance of areas and buildings. It patrols the area from north of Wellsford to Scotts Landing.

A vote of thanks was passed from the floor for Bede's time.

Meeting closed. 8.50pm