

HUNTERS HILL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

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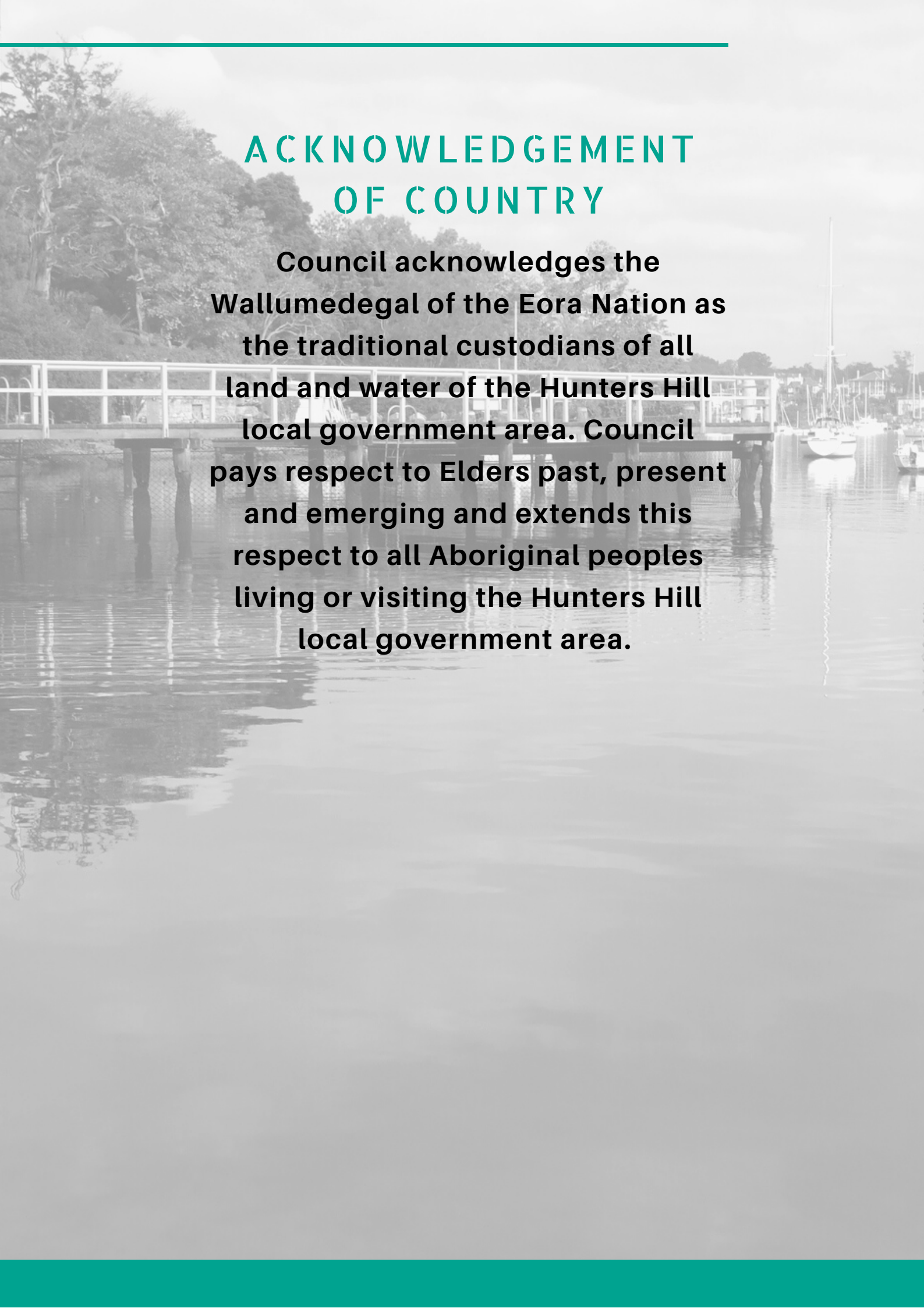


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Introduction

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DEFINITIONS

BOCSAR	NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.
Community safety	<p>A safe community is a place where all residents and visitors can work, travel, live and play in a safe and secure space, free of risk to health and wellbeing. Community safety can be created in a variety of settings, including; homes, schools, workplaces, businesses, religious settings, entertainment, recreational areas and other social settings.</p> <p>Community Safety is about creating a sense of community and security. This is achieved via community involvement in the development and delivery of targeted initiatives that improve the quality of life and safety of our residents and workers. The overarching aim is to reduce fear as well as the incidence of crime and violence.</p>
Crime prevention	<p>'Crime prevention comprises strategies and measures that seek to reduce the risk of crimes occurring, and their potential harmful effects on individuals and society, including fear of crime, by intervening to influence their multiple causes.'</p> <p>Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime ECOSOC Resolution 2002/13 Annex.</p> <p>Crime prevention affects all levels of government, law enforcement, private enterprise and the community more broadly. It is the responsibility of all of these stakeholders to actively develop and implement strategies, programs and projects to prevent and reduce the incidence of crime.</p>
Well-being	Integral to the overall health of a community, well-being means a liveable and connected community where the quality of our personal relationships has the greatest effect on our state of wellbeing.
PAC	Police Area Command.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hunter's Hill Council has developed the Hunters Hill Crime Prevention Strategy and Action Plan following community and stakeholder consultation, including liaison with Ryde Police Area Command (PAC).

This Plan outlines Council's commitment to ensuring that residents feel safe, in and around their neighbourhoods; whether they are walking their dog, going to the shops, visiting foreshore areas or going out for dinner.

This document is informed by:

- NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR)
- Ryde Police Area Command (PAC) Command Safety Audit
- Profile ID statistics
- Community Plan
- Community engagement, including community surveys.

The Hunters Hill Crime Prevention Strategy and Action Plan provides context for Council's commitment to a safe community. This document identifies the key safety areas in which Council will work and the way in which the organisation will engage in strengthening capacity and resilience for a safe community via:

- leadership and facilitation of partnerships
- service delivery
- education (through strengthening community capacity and resilience to prevent, prepare and responds to safety issues)
- advocacy (on behalf of the Hunter's Hill Council community to all levels of Government and key local agencies for allocation of resources)
- regulatory control and environment
- urban planning/environmental design, emergency response and recovery planning.

Council will achieve this across the built, social, economic and natural environments.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

There is an expectation that each individual person working, visiting or living in the Hunter's Hill Council area will take shared responsibility for their personal safety. Where this is not possible, Hunter's Hill Council and key agencies will endeavour to support their safety through action plans that identify high risk populations and environments. Key community partners include:

- Ryde PAC
- State Emergency Services (SES)
- Dept of Family and Community Services (FACS)
- Sydney Community Services
- Neighbourhood Watch
- local schools including high schools, primary schools, pre-schools, childcare centres and family day care centres
- major event committees
- Chambers of Commerce
- Main Street Committees
- aged care facilities
- St George Community Housing
- health care workers
- transport providers
- hotels and bottle shops
- individual business owners.

Each of these organisations and agencies are working to improve the wellbeing of all people in Hunters Hill by reducing the impact of intentional and unintentional injury and harm to individuals, families, schools, workplaces, businesses and the wider community.



STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

During the research and development of Council's Community Plan (CP), safety emerged as a priority for residents and stakeholders. The Community Plan outlines the Community's aspirations for the future under 5 key themes. Under the theme of 'Community and Belonging' the goal is, 'Connect people to information and accessible experiences to help them feel included and safe in the community'. The objective linked to this goal is, 'Activities and programs are designed to be welcoming, inclusive and promote safety.' And following on from this, the Operational Plan action is to, 'Complete a Crime Prevention Strategy'.

Council's Community Survey also highlighted the community's desire to ensure that safety is prioritised across the entire Hunters Hill area with a number of Council's existing policies and plans such as the Graffiti Strategy, Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) and the Pedestrian and Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) also informing this strategy.

In addition, a Police Audit of Hunters Hill highlighted locations that need Council's attention. These locations have been itemised in the Situational and Strategic Action Plans within this document.

This document takes on a community based approach, which focuses on; community education, promotion and support of positive community perceptions and building partnerships to address crime and safety.



About us

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ABOUT HUNTERS HILL

The Municipality of Hunters Hill has a wonderfully rich and diverse history which precedes Federation and the formation of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901. Early French settlers, including the Joubert brothers and Gabriel de Milhau, were influential in gaining the proclamation of Hunters Hill as a separate Borough in 1861 and much of the character of the Municipality has developed since that time.

Situated on a peninsula that separates the Lane Cove River and Parramatta River, the Aboriginal name for the land is Moocooboola, meaning meeting of waters. The Municipality includes the leafy suburbs of Gladesville (part), Henley, Hunters Hill, Huntleys Cove, Huntleys Point and Woolwich. Visually, it is easy to see why the area is recognised as Australia's oldest garden suburb, with over 70% of the Municipality declared a conservation area.

Our residents enjoy many lifestyle assets - from the bushland, to Sydney Harbour foreshore and vibrant local villages. The area exudes beauty, both on and off the streets. Boasting many heritage-listed homes, sandstone workers' cottages and waterfront homes.

Today, Hunters Hill has a population of approximately 14,000 people and is well-known for its schools, accessible location, open spaces and community spirit. The area brings great value and satisfaction to residents and the wider community.



DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT

The following analysis and data is based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Profile ID data.

Analysis of the service age groups of people living in the Hunters Hill LGA in 2021 compared to Greater Sydney shows that there was a similar proportion of people in the younger age groups (0-17 years) and a higher proportion of people in the older age groups (60+ years). Overall, 21.9% of the population was aged between 0-17, and 29.8% were aged 60 years and over.

From 2016-2021 our population decreased by 448 people. This represents an average annual population change of -0.65% per year over the period.

The largest changes in the age structure in this area between 2016-2021 were in the age groups; Seniors (70-84) (+280 people), parents and homebuilders (35-49) (-232 people), primary schoolers (5-11) (-190 people), secondary schoolers (12-17) (-173 people). In Hunters Hill there are approximately 1000 people who care for children other than their own.

HUNTERS HILL Estimated population		13,559	
Families	Median age	No. of Dwellings	Number of motor vehicles
3,540	46	5,323	4,304
Average household size	Couples with children	Both parents born overseas	Catch public transport to work
2.6	37%	5,033	18%
Over the age of 50	People who live & work in Hunters Hill	Language at home other than English	Voluntary work
40%	1006	2,685	19.7%

OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Given Council's portfolio of assets, it's important that crime prevention is considered across the whole of the municipality. The local area is made up of:

- 6 suburbs
- 50 sqm of open space per capita
- 3 ferry wharfs
- 2 bridges
- 3 primary schools
- 4 high schools
- 5 childcare centres
- 5 playgroup centres
- 11 playgrounds
- 4 sporting fields locations
- 6 aged care facilities
- 1 hospital
- 3 village areas
- 515 heritage items
- 7 heritage conservation areas (over 70% of the local government area)
- 1 major commercial area
- 19 community buildings
- 100+ bushcare volunteers
- 200 plant species
- 33 hectares of bushland
- 2 major roads (Victoria and Burns Bay Roads)
- 70 km of road network
- 2km of regional roads
- 87km of footpaths and cycleways
- 109km of kerb and gutter.



CAPACITY TO REDUCE OFFENCES

Hunter's Hill Council is well placed to work with key stakeholders, including:

- Ryde PAC
- local businesses
- community groups
- residents
- State Government agencies.

As Hunter's Hill Council is the smallest LGA in metropolitan Sydney and only covers an area of 6 sq kms, Council's and the community's capacity to reduce the rate of crime, reduce re offending and reduce levels of anti social behavior is very high.

Council has a strong commitment to the local community, in addition to a proven track record of developing and implementing best practice strategies to meet the challenges of State Government housing targets.

Council's recently developed draft Community Infrastructure Plan outlines Council's commitment to developing and managing our village and commercial centres, which will provide the necessary services and infrastructure for our demographically diverse community.

The BOCSAR Crime Mapping Tool also enables Council to see where offences are occurring and therefore enable specific and targeted educational programs to be implemented to reduce crime in those areas.

CONSULTATION

Council's Community Engagement Strategy outlines Council's commitment to listening and information sharing with the local community. This coupled with significant engagement in developing the Community Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan (our IP&R documents) has ensured that a wide number of stakeholders have been consulted. Our key stakeholders have included; residents, community groups, local schools and businesses and other government bodies.

The Community Plan represents a vision and framework to guide the aspirations and needs of the Hunters Hill community over the next 10 years. The Community Plan recognises that most communities share similar aspirations; a safe, healthy and vibrant place to live. With this in mind our Community Plan theme of 'Community and Belonging' has a goal of; 'Connect people to information and accessible experiences to help them feel included and safe in our community.' Further to this is the strategy of; 'Activities and programs are designed to be welcoming, inclusive and promote safety.' and the strategy under this theme is; 'Safe walking, cycling and active travel is encouraged and supported with improved infrastructure.'

Safety is also outlined under the theme of 'Connected and Accessible Infrastructure', with the goal being; 'Maintain our local infrastructure so people can use, walk, drive, cycle and catch public transport safely and easily.'

In addition, our Community survey results clearly indicated the importance of crime prevention and safety with 87% of residents ranking this area as either important or very important.



Our Crime Profile

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CRIME PROFILE

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) provide crime data which is publicly available: <https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/>

BOCSAR's data consists of criminal incidents reported to, or detected by police and recorded on the NSW Police Force's Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS). While this system is used for record-keeping for all police operations (not just for criminal matters) BOCSAR only reports on criminal incidents.

LGA: HUNTERS HILL
TOTAL CRIMES 2019-20: 641
HIGHEST RATED OFFENCE 2019-20: FRAUD
NUMBER OF FRAUD OFFENCES
FOR 2019-20: 65

BOCSAR's standard annual and quarterly publications report on 17 major offence categories, which include the most serious personal violence and property offences such as assault, robbery, burglary and malicious damage.

In addition to these offences, BOCSAR also release data for 62 specific offences on the interactive Crime Mapping Tool.

The BOCSAR ranking dataset calculates the annual incident counts, rates per 100,000 in the population and ranks for selected offences per local government area, which includes 130 councils across NSW.



OFFENCE DATA FOR THE HUNTERS HILL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

TREND RESULTS

The following data is publicly available on the BOCSAR website. The data outlines the reduction in offence numbers across all reported crimes from 2021 - 2022, particularly for assault with a 41.5% reduction in assault incidents.

OFFENCE	YEAR TO MARCH 2021	YEAR TO MARCH 2022
Assault	53	31
Homicide	0	0
Robbery	1	0
Sexual offences	22	20
Theft	188	166
Malicious damage to property	58	41
Against justice procedures	59	32
Disorderly conduct	23	14
Drug offences	68	44
Arson	1	2
Intimidation, stalking & harrassment	35	25
Liquor offences	9	5
Other offences against the person	5	2
Pornography	1	0
Prohibited & regulated offences	16	14

COMPARISON ANALYSIS

Hunter's Hill Council rankings against comparable councils.

The state ranking is out of 118 local government areas, with 1 being the highest ranking and 118 being the lowest ranking.

OFFENCE	HUNTERS HILL RANKING	LANE COVE RANKING	MOSMAN RANKING
Assault - non-domestic violence	98	116	112
Assault - domestic violence	109	116	115
Sexual assault	119	115	102
Robbery	118	66	74
Break & enter - dwelling	68	77	92
Break & enter - non dwelling	53	91	103
Motor vehicle theft	89	110	107
Steal from motor vehicle theft	56	63	83
Steal from a dwelling	100	84	91
Steal from a retail store	106	84	86
Steal from person	81	66	59
Fraud	53	44	80
Malicious damage to property	53	44	109
Intimidation, stalking & harassment	97	112	115
Receiving or handling stolen goods	82	108	107
Other theft	68	106	92

COMPARISON ANALYSIS CONTINUED.....

Hunter's Hill Council rankings against comparable councils.

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OFFENCE	HUNTERS HILL RANKING	LANE COVE RANKING	MOSMAN RANKING
Arson	113	103	115
Possession and/or use of cannabis	85	112	101
Prohibited & regulated weapons offences	113	114	116
Trespass	97	108	93
Offensive conduct	83	109	107
Offensive language	78	109	110
Liquor offences	115	117	85
Breach apprehended violence order	103	116	115
Breach bail conditions	84	109	111
Resist or hinder officer	74	109	110
Transport regulatory offences	48	28	43

Hunter's Hill Council's highest comparison ranking is for transport regulatory offences with a ranking of 48. Hunter's Hill Council's lowest comparison ranking is for robbery with a ranking of 118.

The greatest variable between Hunter's Hill Council and comparison councils is for 'resist or hinder officer' with a ranking of 74 for Hunter's Hill Council, 109 for Lane Cove Council and 110 for Mosman Council.

SAFETY AUDIT

A Community Safety Audit was conducted of the Hunters Hill LGA in 2019. Members of the Ryde PAC and Hunter's Hill Council staff undertook an audit of key locations of community concern.

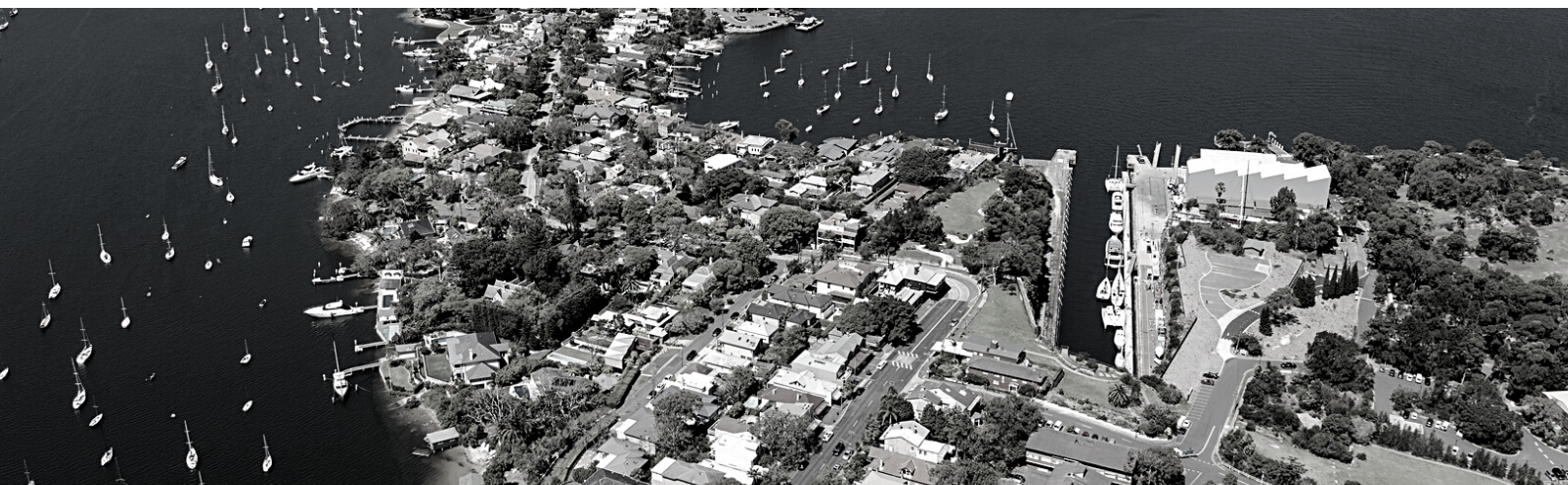
The audit focused on the following areas:

- Woolwich Baths
- Clarkes Point Reserve and carpark and Hunters Hill Sailing Club
- Riverglade Reserve and The Priory
- Buffalo Creek Reserve
- Boronia Park
- Joubert Street
- Bedlam Bay
- Margaret Street Wharf
- Church Street overpass.

The Community Safety Audit helped to identify areas likely to stimulate fear and criminal opportunity. Council has also been made aware via resident notification of areas that are likely to continue to attract anti social behavior. Specifically, these areas include:

- Church Street overpass
- Woolwich Baths - anti social behavior during summer months
- Buffalo Creek Reserve - after hours
- The Priory (Riverglade Reserve) - after hours during summer months
- Hunters Hill Sailing Club - after hours
- Boronia Park - after hours.

In addition, review of the BOCSAR statistics for recorded criminal incidents of assault - non domestic related occurring in outdoor and public places are high compared to other premises type with an average of 13 assaults per annum.



REASONS FOR ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT KEY LOCATIONS

Discussions with Ryde PAC, residents, Councillors and stakeholders highlighted the key reasons for anti social behavior in outdoor areas and public places, which include:

- additional activity and use of outdoor and public places during spring and summer months
- consumption of alcohol
- lack of lighting
- blurred sight lines due to over hanging trees/shrubs
- lack of activity/use of the site
- lack of surveillance of the site, whether it be passive or coordinated
- unclear signage or lack of signage.

Solutions to address the reasons for anti social behaviour have been outlined under the following headings in the Situational Analysis Action Table:

- Parks and Public Places
- Commercial and Village Centres
- Community Behaviours and Resilience.

Each section has a proposed broad action and timeframe. These may need to be adjusted or added to over time and with the annual review of the strategy and action plan in line with updated crime statistics/BOCSAR results and consultation with local police.

The timeframes are:

Short: 0-1 year

Medium: 1-2 years

Long: 2-3 years



Situational Analysis

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SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS - PARKS & PUBLIC PLACES

Hunter's Hill Council staff and Ryde PAC staff visited key hotspots throughout the local government area and developed the following action plan:

LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	TIMEFRAME
Woolwich Baths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pruning of trees and shrubs. Clearer signage and notice of alcohol free zone. Lockable gate to be installed. Investigate installation of CCTV. 	Short Short Short Short
Clarks Point Reserve & carpark & Hunters Hill Sailing Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pruning of trees and shrubs – lights currently obscured by trees. Installation of CCTV in the Clarks Point Reserve carpark Hunters Hill Sailing Club may wish to investigate installing a CCTV system. 	Short Short Medium
Riverglade Reserve & The Priory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pruning of trees and shrubs around lights and access points. Prospective lessee may investigate installation of CCTV. 	Short Medium
Buffalo Creek Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pruning of trees and shrubs. Installation of solar lights. Investigate Installation of CCTV. 	Short Short Medium
Boronia Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pruning of trees and shrubs around lights and access points. Investigate the installation of CCTV with the build of a new community/sporting facility. 	Short Long
Joubert Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pruning of trees and shrubs particularly around lights/light poles. 	Short
Bedlam Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pruning of trees/shrubs around access points and footpaths. 	Short
Church Street overpass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate installation of CCTV. 	Short
Ferry Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security camera to be removed as it is non-operational 	Short

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS - COMMERCIAL & VILLAGE CENTRES

Hunter's Hill Council staff and Ryde PAC staff visited key hotspots throughout the local government area and developed the following action plan:

LOCATION		PROPOSED ACTION	TIMEFRAME
Gladesville Commercial Centre		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure planning and design incorporates clear access points, optimal lighting and CCTV if necessary in public spaces/carparks. • Rollout a tradeshow to highlight safety products to suite the business sector. • Ensure Universal Design Principles are incorporated into planning, design and development. 	<p>Long</p> <p>Long</p> <p>Long</p>
Hunters Hill Village		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure planning and design incorporate clear access points, optimal lighting and CCTV if necessary in public spaces. • Pruning of trees and shrubs around lights, signs and access points. • Ensure Universal Design Principles are incorporated into planning, design and development. 	<p>Long</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Long</p>
Garibaldi Corner		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pruning of trees and shrubs around lights, signs and access points. 	Short
Woolwich Village		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pruning of trees and shrubs around lights, signs and access points. 	Short
Boronia Park Village		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pruning of trees and shrubs around lights, signs and access points. 	Short
Henley Community Centre		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pruning of trees and shrubs around lights and access points. • Upgrade of facilities to meet safety standards. 	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p>
Church Street overpass		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate installation of CCTV. 	Short

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS - COMMUNITY BEHAVIOURS & RESILIENCE

Hunter's Hill Council staff and Ryde PAC staff visited key hotspots throughout the local government area and developed the following action plan:

LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	TIMEFRAME
Transport safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve knowledge about transport safety. • Develop driver training programs. • Build partnerships with local schools around safe drop off and pick up zones. • Develop a Walking Bus model in partnership with P&Cs. 	<p>Short</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>
Community transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the pruning of trees and shrubs around homes, including lights, signage and access points. • Develop a Community Pride framework or 'Adopt a Park Project' to encourage residents to get involved with the maintenance of their local area, both residential, commercial, parks and reserves. • Continue to implement the Anti- Graffiti Strategy. 	<p>Short</p> <p>Long</p> <p>Short</p>
Supporting families, children and youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a Kids Safe Program in partnership with NSW Health to educate children's services providers and the general public about early detection of children at risk. • Develop a Youth Week Strategy to engage with and support local youth. • Promote home safety for older residents via talks and promotional material. • Promote Cyber Safety through schools and community wide. • Promote the prevention of domestic violence initiatives. 	<p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>
Safety around the home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote safety around the home and include marking/micro dotting of personal items, locking homes and garages, etc. 	<p>Short</p>

Projects & Action Plans

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PROJECT OUTLINE - CCTV

The key area targeted in this Strategy and supporting BOSCAR statistics is installation of CCTV.

Target Offence	Reduction of anti social behaviour and assault in parks and public reserves and motor vehicle theft.
Project	Installation of CCTV
Rationale	Council has installed CCTV at Woolwich Baths. Ryde PAC approached Council in 2019 with the aim of developing a strategy to install CCTV following an increase in motor vehicle theft. At the same time Council had received advice from community members to install CCTV in key locations.
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of car thieves. • Identification of criminal activity hotspots. • Reduction in anti-social behavior. • Reduction in car theft. • Increase in community safety. • Increase in the opportunity to monitor pedestrian safety at key locations such as the overpass .
Lead agency & partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunter's Hill Council. • Ryde PAC. • Local Business. • Hunters Hill Sailing Club. • User groups – parks and reserves.
Expected outcome	<p>There are two expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in the incidence of motor vehicle theft. • Increase in the perception of safety in Council's public places and buildings.

CCTV falls within the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIP). Councils were granted exemptions in May 2013, so that CCTV could be installed in public places and footage could be disclosed to the NSW Police Force. The PPIP Act does not apply to CCTV owned and operated by small business.

PROJECT ACTION PLAN - CCTV

Action	Performance measure	Timeframes	Funding required	Milestones
Identification of crime	Current BOCSAR data used	BOSCAR data updated annually	In house	Data analysed
Conduct crime assessment	BOSCAR data used site visits completed	Completed	In house	Police & staff site inspections
Consult with key stakeholders	Stakeholder feedback captured & used in the plan	Completed	In house	Community voices captured
Gain quotes/grants for CCTV	Grant application successful	Completed	TBD	Understanding of technology options available
Determine roles & responsibilities	Assigned actions are completed on time	Determination of assignment of tasks - TBA	In house	Staff are assigned tasks & understand responsibilities
Roll out of engagement strategy	Residents are aware of plan to install CCTV	Ongoing comms messaging	In house	Monthly eNews to contain key messages
Install, trial and evaluate	CCTV is installed Trail & evaluation completed	December 2021	TBD	Allocate actions to key staff
Maintain & monitor CCTV	Maintenance schedule is completed	TBD	TBD	Report on project following trial period
Report to project partners on effectiveness	Report to Council & Ryde PAC	Annual reporting	In house	Reports contain relevant/useful data

The key principles of CCTV are:

- public knowledge of ownership
- community consultation
- clear objectives
- integrated approach
- Police involvement
- due regard for civil rights
- evaluation
- procedure for complaints.

MONITORING

Monitoring refers to the continuous collection of crime related information relevant to the Hunters Hill Crime Prevention Strategy and Action Plan. It is this information that will be used to report on program progress and to inform program evaluation.

This plan is intended to be a 'living' document, which will be monitored and evaluated on an ongoing basis to maintain its relevance and fluidity.

It is proposed that the progress, issues and challenges relating to the action items be continually documented and reported to Council as part of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan update outlining progress in implementation, together with any recommended amendments.

RESOURCES

Development of action plans will be overseen by Council officers in conjunction with existing network groups. This will ensure that resources are used effectively and whole-of-community expertise is included.

In regards to resourcing grants, there are grants available for innovative infrastructure projects that improve community safety through environmental crime prevention approaches, such as Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), situational crime prevention or urban design and planning.

Council will refer to the Department of Justice website www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au for information relating to its Crime Prevention Strategy and any eligible or available grants.



Focus Areas

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COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED

The following focus areas and key messages will be promoted and supported via Council's communication channels.

It will be important for Council to ensure the continued development of community education via the Action Plan and Community Strategic Plan.

ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREAS

Hunter's Hill Council has a number of alcohol prohibited areas. These are areas that have been declared alcohol prohibited areas to reduce alcohol related public anti-social behavior in our parks and public places, particularly during major events and over summer periods.

The following areas are alcohol prohibited areas:

- Woolwich Baths
- civic areas in our commercial and village spaces
- within 10 metres of a playground
- as sign posted.

These areas are not related to licensed premises.



CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) focuses on the planning, design and structure of places and neighbourhoods. It reduces opportunities for crime by using design and place management principles to reduce the likelihood of essential crime ingredients (law, offender, victim or target, opportunity) from intersecting in time and space.

CPTED aims to create the reality (or perception) that the costs of committing crime are greater than the likely benefits, through; territorial re-enforcement, surveillance, access control and space/activity management.

CYBER SAFETY

Cyber safety has become an increasingly important aspect of keeping our communities safe. Council is committed to raising awareness of the risks the internet may pose for people of all ages, not just school aged children. Some of the issues that people in our community face include:

- cyber bullying
- digital reputation
- having unknown contacts in social networking
- sexting
- unwanted sexual contact
- identity theft and the spread of personal information
- offensive or illegal content
- excessive internet use
- the trade of illicit products.

For more information about what to look out for and where to get help, visit NSW Police. Ryde PAC can even come to your school and give a presentation. Contact Ryde PAC for further information.



HOUSEHOLD SAFETY

Household safety is something that we should all be aware of. People forget to lock up when they are home, so offenders can get easy access and steal personal items, handbags, car keys and cars. There are some really simple ideas for keeping yourself and your property safe, these include:

- Lock up when you leave - make sure you lock your doors, windows and outside gates whenever you go out, and consider locking up when you're home.
- Don't open your door to an intruder - think about installing a peep hole or door chain. Be sure you know who's at the door before you open it.
- Leave a light on while you're home after dark, especially at your front door to deter burglars. If possible, install movement-sensor lights in your garden. Think about timers to light your home in the evening and when you go away on holidays.
- Fully secure and lock your vehicles when parked in the driveway, garage or out the front of your home and do not leave car keys in unlocked vehicles even when secured in your garage.
- Report suspicious behaviour to Police.
- Make sure your letterbox is secure and can't be accessed by others.
- Leave spare keys with a trusted friend, never in hiding places.

PERSONAL SAFETY

The principles of personal safety cannot be over emphasised. It is important to always remember to:

- Never carry large amounts of cash. At night, stay in well-lit areas where there are lots of people. Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
- Carry your handbag in front of you and keep your wallet inside your front pocket.
- Let people know where you are going and when you are due back.
- Be alert when on public transport. Sit near the guard's compartment or driver.
- If you're assaulted, report the incident to police immediately. Try to remember the attacker's appearance.
- Syringes - if you see a syringe in a public place, call Council so it can be removed by a trained staff member.



FIRE SAFETY

It is vital that residents be reminded of the following must do's in their homes:

- A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm can save your life. Have a plan. Being woken up by a fire can be confusing, but having a fire evacuation plan helps everyone in your household know what to do and where to go.
- Install smoke alarms and test them monthly and change batteries annually.
- Never leave cooking unattended and keep portable heating away from curtains, tablecloths and bedding.

CAR SECURITY AND CAR THEFT

Car theft in Hunters Hill can easily be reduced by following these simple guidelines:

- Lock It, or Lose It - make sure your doors are locked and windows are closed when you stop at traffic lights. Always keep valuables hidden and think about buying a steering wheel lock.
- Engrave your belongings with your name. They'll be harder for thieves to sell and more easily returned to you.

