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Acronym and definitions

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AVO	Apprehended Violence Order
BOCSAR	NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research
CBD	Central Business District
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
CDAT	Community Drug Action Team
CPTED	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
DA	Development Application
DAMEC	Drug and Alcohol Multicultural Education Centre
DOJ	Department of Justice
DV	Domestic Violence
DVLC	Domestic Violence Liaison Committee
GPS	Global Positioning System
PAC	Liverpool City Police Area Command
LCLA	Liverpool City Liquor Accord
LGA	Local Government Area
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MVT	Motor Vehicle Theft
NSW	New South Wales
RMS	Roads and Maritime Services
SFMV	Steal from Motor Vehicle
SIA	Social Impact Assessment
SWSLHD	South Western Sydney Local Health District
UN	United Nations
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

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Mayor's message

Liverpool is a great place to live, work and study. Through the efforts of the Police and other groups and organisations, crime has been falling in Liverpool for two decades.

Liverpool City has been officially recognised as a Pan Pacific Safe Community – a strong, cohesive, vibrant community, where citizens actively participate in public life.

This recognition could never have happened without strong local partnerships and collaboration and I am proud of the leadership Council has shown throughout the process.

Council is committed to working collaboratively with local government and non-government agencies, community and the business sector to ensure Liverpool is a safer place for everyone.

Liverpool City Council produces the Liverpool Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy every four years.

Working closely with Liverpool City Police Area Command and other members of the Liverpool Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, Council has produced this strategy to address particular crime and safety related issues in Liverpool.

The actions in the Strategy will be implemented in collaboration with local stakeholders, evaluated and reported regularly at the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee's quarterly meetings.

The development of a new Strategy further demonstrates Council's commitment to safety and highlights our collaborative approach in delivering local crime, safety and injury prevention initiatives.



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The announcement on 7 March was the result of three years of hard work from Council, Liverpool City Police Area Command, other government and non-government organisations and the community.

Liverpool Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee members with guests at announcement of Liverpool City's accreditation as a Pan Pacific Safe Community

Chief Executive Officer's message

There are many ways Liverpool City Council can influence community safety.

From the design and management of public spaces and provision of street lighting through to activating the city with public events and community recreational services, Council can help build a safer Liverpool for all its residents.

Council's planning and regulatory functions, such as the establishment of alcohol-free zones and outdoor dining permits, also enhance community safety.

There is also a role for Council to play in bringing a range of stakeholders to the table to achieve effective outcomes to complex issues.

Many safety issues cannot be addressed by local government alone, so Council will continue to establish and maintain a number of formal and informal committees and partnerships.

Engagement and collaboration with State and Federal governments, the NSW Police Force, service providers, academic and research institutions, community groups, social entrepreneurs and city users are vital in ensuring ongoing community safety.

Community safety is the responsibility of everyone. The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy is one way Council shows its commitment to creating a safer community.

Council is proud of its achievements thus far and looks forward to working with the community to achieve a safer Liverpool.

Executive Summary

The Liverpool Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy 2019 – 2022 (the Strategy) has been developed by Liverpool City Council in collaboration with the Liverpool City Police Area Command (PAC) and the Liverpool Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee. The purpose of this Strategy is to facilitate collaboration and partnerships to improve perceptions of safety by reducing incidences of crime and injury and improving safety in the Liverpool community. Council will continue to work collaboratively with the local community, businesses, government and non-government agencies and charitable organisations, who are essential in delivering and implementing programs and projects necessary for crime prevention and improved safety.

This Strategy highlights key priorities such as crime, safety and injury prevention in the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA). A four year Action Plan has been developed to address the crime, safety and injury issues identified through community consultation including outcomes of the Priority Setting Workshop held in May 2016, data analysis of NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (NSW BOCSAR), Liverpool City Police Area Command (PAC) and the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey 2017. The following six key areas were identified as priorities for Liverpool:

- Domestic and family violence;
- Road related accidents and trauma to young people;
- Drug and alcohol issues;
- Falls and trip-related injuries to older people;
- Theft; and
- Anti-social behaviour.

The above priorities are addressed in the Action Plan in this strategy under four categories:

- Domestic and Family Violence;
- Youth and Crime Prevention;
- Opportunistic Crime; and
- Injury Prevention.

Focusing on these highlighted areas will facilitate Council's commitment in addressing the key priority areas of crime, safety and injury prevention within the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA).

To promote the effective implementation of the Strategy across all areas of Council, a regular review framework will be developed for monitoring and reporting. Reviews will be undertaken both midway through the plan period and at the end of the plan, with the outcomes available to the community through reports to Council.

The Strategy will be comprehensively reviewed in 2022 to ensure it remains relevant and reflects the changing needs of residents, local businesses and other community members.

Introduction

Councils have a direct and indirect role in managing crime and community safety. Directly, Council is responsible for planning for safer environments, conducting safety audits and assessment of development proposals utilising Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) or Safer by Design principles, delivering road safety programs, undertaking graffiti prevention and removal initiatives, and delivering other grant funded projects. Council also has a role in consulting the community, planning with other stakeholders, coordinating partnership projects such as community capacity building, social cohesion and inclusion and facilitating various committees including the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy 2019-2022 aims to improve community wellbeing by working collaboratively with government and non-government agencies, community and businesses by implementing identified projects and initiatives. The Liverpool City Police Area Command is an integral part of this Strategy and has been working closely with Council to address incidences of crime and injury and improving community perception of safety in the Liverpool LGA.

The key objectives of the Strategy are to:

1. Document current crime, safety and injury issues and concerns for residents in Liverpool;
2. Reflect key crime and safety priorities to be addressed over the next four years;
3. Encourage a collaborative and strategic approach to crime and injury prevention and community safety issues;
4. Enable partnerships to be formed and establish a genuine commitment from stakeholders;
5. Complement the community safety activities of local government and non-government agencies; and
6. Attract funding from the NSW Department of Justice (DJ) and other sources to address community safety and crime prevention issues.

Liverpool City – A snapshot

Population

At the time of the 2016 Census, Liverpool's population was 204,326. This represents an increase of 24,184 compared to the 2011 population figure of 180,142 (13.4% increase). The rate of population growth in Liverpool (23.9%) from 2006-2016 exceeded that of the Greater Sydney region (18.2%) and New South Wales (14.8%).

Liverpool continues to be a young city with the median age of 33 years. This is a younger average than neighbouring areas in Greater Sydney, and Sydney's overall median age (36 years). Liverpool is also home to an almost equal amount of men (49.6%) and women (50.4%).

The number of people who identified themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent in Liverpool grew from 2680 to 3012 between 2011 and 2016, and represents 1.5% of the overall population. This percentage is equal to that of the Greater Sydney region.

Birthplace and languages spoken

The number of Liverpool residents born in Australia increased from 96,914 to 105,551 between 2011 and 2016. The number of residents born overseas increased from 11,604 (2011) to 83,243 (2016). The percentage of those born overseas has increased to 40.7% of the population, an increase of 0.9% since 2011. By comparison, 36.7% of the Greater Sydney's population was born overseas.

Liverpool residents come from over 150 different birthplaces. The top 10 overseas birthplaces in 2016 were Iraq (4.8%), Vietnam (3.26%), Fiji (3.2%), India (2.58%), Lebanon (2.04%), Philippines (1.9%), New Zealand (1.7%), Italy (1.3%), China (1.3%) and United Kingdom (1.2%).

English was stated as the only language spoken at home by 41.4% of Liverpool's population. More than 140 different languages are spoken at home by Liverpool residents, the top ten (other than English) being; Arabic (11.4%), Vietnamese (4.9%), Hindi (4.0%), Spanish (2.5%), Serbian (2.4%), Assyrian/Aramaic (2.4%), Italian (2.2%), Filipino/Tagalog (1.7%), Greek (1.5%) and Cantonese (1.3%).

Religion

The 2016 Census also identified Christianity (53.7%) and Islam (12%) as the two top religious affiliations in the Liverpool LGA. The Liverpool LGA showed an increase in residents of the Islamic faith (from 10.7% in 2011). Buddhism and Hinduism have also increased since the 2011 census. Census data shows the proportion of Liverpool's population identifying as Catholic or Anglican has declined. In 2016, 27% of residents identified as Catholic, down from 31.7% in 2011. The number of residents identifying as Anglican was down to 7.4% in 2016 from 10.7% in 2011.

Achievements from the Liverpool Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2013 – 2017

The following are key achievements from the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2013-2017:

- Established the Liverpool Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee in early 2016. This Committee of Council meets quarterly and aims to enhance local leadership and collaboration to deliver locally-focused projects. Through the work of this committee, Liverpool City was recognised as a Pan Pacific Safe Community;
- Completed the rollout of Public Safety Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) network in the Liverpool City Centre, which commenced mid-2014. This included the installation of 23 CCTV cameras, which became operational in early 2015. In early 2016, Council conducted CCTV network evaluation, and the evaluation report identified that the public perception of safety in the City Centre has improved;
- Conducted lighting audits in hotspot locations in the Liverpool LGA. Recommendations were implemented including improvements to lighting, installation of signage and reduction of vegetation around the railway station and transport areas;
- Launched the Liverpool and Green Valley Street Safe Smart Card and distributed widely to provide directions to visitors to the City. There was a particular focus on safety at night for the increasing number of university students who will be using the space at night;
- Council produced and distributed promotional items with safety messages in English and Arabic;
- Conducted a number of safety audits and made improvements to car parks within the Liverpool LGA, including the City Centre;
- Established a new taxi rank at Macquarie Street and made improvements including installation of CCTV cameras, signage and lighting in Taxi Ranks at the Railway Station, Bigge Street and Macquarie Street;
- Endorsement of the White Ribbon Australia Workplace Accreditation Program in 2016 and the delivery of an awareness-raising program on domestic and family violence in the workplace;
- Council's Community Development Team delivered community activities to coincide with national and international celebrations. Events included:
 - Refugee Week and Harmony Day;
 - Youth Week events including CBD Exposed Youth Festival;
 - NAIDOC Week and Sorry Day;
 - A number of Anti-Poverty Week events in Liverpool LGA including 'Nite Under the Stars';

- Food Fight in Bigge Park;
 - White Ribbon initiatives delivered by Liverpool Domestic Violence Liaison Committee;
 - Starry Sari Night (2013 – 2015); and
 - Liverpool Night Markets (2012 – 2015).
- Safety audits were conducted around hotspot locations in the Liverpool LGA such as streets and parks in partnership with Police, the community and other stakeholders. Improvements were made according to audit recommendations including installation of lighting and maintenance of streetscapes and vegetation;
 - Alcohol Free Zones were established in 2015 to reduce alcohol consumption and anti-social behaviour at identified hotspots;
 - Installation of art works including graffiti, tile, mural and banners in various locations within the Liverpool LGA designed to improve public perception of safety. This project was undertaken by Council's Living Streets Coordinator and funded by the NSW Department of Justice and Attorney General's Department; and
 - Council supported the following initiatives that encourage community capacity building and social inclusion:
 - Boxing with A Cop;
 - Fight Against Child Abuse;
 - Coffee with a Cop & Meet the Cop;
 - Women's Self-defence courses;
 - Information sessions for rural communities; and
 - Information sessions for parents of Liverpool Boys and Liverpool Girls High Schools.

Development of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy

This strategy was developed through community consultation and an analysis of crime statistics sourced from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR), and Liverpool City Police Area Command.

The Methodology for the development of this strategy included:

- Review of the Liverpool Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2013 – 2017;
- Consultation with residents and conducting the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey 2017, which attracted 704 responses. This survey was distributed in hard copy and online through Liverpool Listens;
- Literature review of Government policy at local, state and national levels;
- Analysis of NSW BOCSAR data; and
- Analysis of Liverpool City Police Area Command crime data.

The combination of research and data collection methods has provided an in-depth knowledge base for the development of this Strategy.

Policy Framework

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy is developed in accordance with the following guiding principles and best practice models internationally, nationally and locally.

International

The work of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is guided by the United Nations (UN) standards and norms on crime prevention and criminal justice. The UN standards and norms are sets of nonbinding rules, principles, and guidelines related to different aspects of criminal justice and human rights.

National

The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) developed the National Crime Prevention Framework as a resource that outlines the most effective approaches to the prevention of crime. It also describes a range of possible roles and functions for local, state and national government, for the effective delivery of crime prevention activities in Australia.

State

The current NSW Government priorities reflect the commitment to whole-of-government approaches to tackling important issues for the people of New South Wales, from helping vulnerable children and raising the performance of school students, improving housing affordability and building local infrastructure.

Local

Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993, sets out a charter for Local Government, which states that Council should provide adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community. The Act states that it is Council's role to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and promotes social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights. Community safety initiatives are key programs within the Social Justice Policy.

Council's Planning and Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy

Our Home, Liverpool 2027 is a 10-year Community Strategic Plan for the City of Liverpool to be implemented in collaboration with a range of stakeholders. The Plan outlines the vision and priorities of the community, as identified by residents, and generates a direction for change based upon the quadruple bottom line priorities of social, environmental, economic and civic leadership.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy 2019 – 2022 will deliver projects and programs that encourage social inclusion through activities that build community capacity aligning with Our Home Liverpool 2027 – Direction 1. See further details in Appendix D.

Key Crime, Safety and Injury Prevention Issues

The following key priority areas emerged through analysis of crime data from NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (NSW BOCSAR) and Liverpool City Police Area Command (PAC), analysis of Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey 2017 data and community consultation.

The crime data from Liverpool Local Area Command (LAC) and Green Valley Local Area Command (LAC) was received end of August 2017, before these commands merged to become Liverpool City Police Area Command. This merger occurred in March 2018. Crime data for Liverpool LAC and Green Valley LAC were analysed and recorded separately.

Domestic and family violence

According to NSW BOCSAR crime data, 842 domestic and family violence assaults were reported to Police between April 2017 and March 2018 and 993 offences from April 2016 to March 2017. In 2017, Liverpool LGA had the 58th highest number of incidents of domestic and family violence out of 120 Local Government Areas with populations greater than 3000. Neighbouring Fairfield LGA ranked at 66th in 2017.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey 2017 found a decrease in responses with domestic violence identified as a crime and safety issue (4%), in comparison with the previous 2012 survey, where 26% of community members noted this to be a crime and safety issue. Domestic Violence is still an issue within the community.

According to Liverpool City PAC, a total of 562 incidents of domestic violence were reported from September 2016 to August 2017 within the boundary of Liverpool LAC. Within the boundary of Green Valley LAC a total of 335 incidents of domestic violence were reported.

Domestic and family violence was also identified as a top priority for Liverpool at the Priority Setting Workshop held in May 2016.

Alcohol and other drugs

According to NSW BOCSAR crime data, a total of 649 possessions and/or use of cannabis offences were reported between January and December 2017. Liverpool LGA ranked 52 out of 120 Local Government Areas (those with populations greater than 3,000). Possession and/or use of narcotics offences increased by 23.8% between April 2016 and March 2018.

Alcohol and other drugs (AOD) was identified as one of the top safety concerns in the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey 2017, with 42% of respondents identifying it as an issue. Other identified AOD concerns included; alcohol (19%), AOD affected people (16%), paraphernalia (2%), drug dealing (4%) and drug crime (3%).

Alcohol and drugs was identified as being among the priorities at the Priority Setting Workshop held on 19 May 2016.

Assault (non-domestic violence)

According to NSW BOCSAR, a total of 708 assault (non-domestic violence) offences were recorded between April 2017 and March 2018 and 722 offences recorded from April 2016 to March 2017. Assaults have steadily decreased since 2013, with 774 reported incidents in 2013, 744 in 2014, 635 in 2015, and 713 in 2016. In 2017, Liverpool LGA ranked 66 out of

120 Local Government Areas (those with populations greater than 3000). Liverpool LGA ranked higher than neighbouring Fairfield LGA, which ranked at 77 in 2017.

According to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey 2017, assault (non-domestic violence) was identified as a crime and safety issue by 6% of respondents. This was down from the 2012 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey, where 8% of respondents identified assault as a crime and safety issue.

According to Liverpool City PAC, a total of 469 assault (non-domestic violence) offences were recorded from September 2016 to August 2017 within the boundary of Liverpool LAC. Within the boundary of Green Valley LAC 422 offences were recorded.

Break and Enter - Dwelling

According to NSW BOCSAR, a total of 755 break and enter from dwelling offences were recorded from April 2017 to March 2018 and 755 offences were recorded from April 2016 to March 2017. In 2017, Liverpool LGA ranked 50 out of the 120 Local Government Areas (those with populations greater than 3000). Liverpool LGA ranked higher than neighbouring Fairfield LGA, which ranked at 83 in 2017.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey 2017 identified break and enter as an issue by 11% of respondents, however, this was a decrease from the 2012 survey, where 24% of respondents identified this as an issue.

According to Liverpool City PAC, a total of 445 break and enter – dwelling offences reported between September 2016 to August 2017 within the boundary of Liverpool LAC. Within the boundary of Green Valley LAC, 289 offences were recorded.

Steal from Motor Vehicle

According to NSW BOCSAR, a total of 1164 steal from motor vehicle offences were reported from April 2017 to March 2018. 1318 from April 2016 to March 2017, which indicates a stable 24 month trend. In 2017, Liverpool LGA ranked 34 out of the 120 Local Government Areas (those with populations greater than 3000). Liverpool LGA ranked higher than neighbouring Fairfield LGA, which ranked at 62 in 2017.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey 2017 identified steal from motor vehicle as a crime and safety issue (2% of respondents). This is a decrease from the 2012 survey, where 10% of respondents identified it as an issue.

According to Liverpool City PAC, a total of 995 steal from motor vehicle theft offences were reported from August 2017 to September 2017 within the boundary of Liverpool Local Area Command. Within the boundary of Green Valley LAC 416 offences were recorded.

Mail Theft

Liverpool City PAC reported an increase of mail theft around high-rise buildings in the city centre and other areas of the Liverpool LGA at the Liverpool Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee quarterly meetings.

In the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey 2017, 30% of respondents identified theft as one of the major crime issues in Liverpool LGA.

Action Plan

The 2019 – 2022 Action Plan has been written with the understanding that in order to successfully address community safety and crime and injury issues it requires strong partnership, leadership and collaboration between government and non-government agencies, community and businesses.

Council works in partnership with local government and non-government agencies through the Liverpool Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee. This group meets quarterly and initiates numerous collaborative projects and programs such as delivery of major and minor safety audits and implementation of audit recommendations and delivery of community engagement and capacity building initiatives in Liverpool LGA. The Action Plan will also deliver under the following four categories including:

- Domestic and family violence;
- Youth and crime prevention;
- Opportunistic crime; and
- Injury prevention.

Other crime and safety issues that are targeted in the action plan are drugs and alcohol, antisocial behaviour and theft including mail theft, break and enter dwelling, retail theft and stealing from motor vehicle.

Domestic and family violence

OBJECTIVE: Increase awareness through community education and reporting of domestic and family violence.

ACTION	MEASURES	TIMEFRAME	PARTNERS
<p>Deliver the White Ribbon Workplace Accreditation Program in Council including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver regular education and awareness activities for staff; and Deliver training for People Leaders to raise awareness and skills on supporting staff impacted by domestic violence. 	<p>Deliver community education and awareness.</p>	2019 – 2022	<p>Lead agency: Liverpool City Council</p> <p>Partner: White Ribbon Australia</p>
<p>Provide support to Liverpool Domestic Violence Liaison Committee (DVLC) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding to deliver various activities throughout the year including 16 Days of Action to Eliminate Violence Against Women campaign and White Ribbon Day; Support the monthly interagency meetings including meeting venue; and Provide assistance to initiate and deliver projects and activities locally. 	<p>Provide venue for monthly meeting.</p> <p>Participate in working group meetings.</p> <p>Provide funding.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Lead agency: Liverpool DVLC</p> <p>Partners: Liverpool City Police Area Command (PAC), Liverpool City Council, and the Other agencies who are members of the Liverpool DVLC</p>
<p>Support the South Western Sydney Domestic Violence Alliance (SWSDVA) initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in Steering Committee and Working Group meetings; and Provide support and assistance to initiate and deliver various initiatives of SWSDV Alliance in Liverpool LGA. 	<p>Establish partnership with Liverpool Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Engage with local businesses and encourage them to adopt the Safe Workplace Charter.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Lead agency: SWSDV Alliance</p> <p>Partners: Liverpool City Council, Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, Liverpool City Liquor Accord and local small businesses</p>

Youth and crime prevention

OBJECTIVE: Reduce youth crime including anti-social behaviour related to use of drugs and alcohol, through the delivery of educational and awareness raising activities.

ACTION	MEASURES	TIMEFRAME	PARTNERS
<p>Conduct safety audits using the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in identified hotspot locations. Produce reports and implement safety audit recommendations.</p>	<p>Conduct safety audit in hotspot locations and finalise the report with recommendations.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Lead agencies: Liverpool City Council and Liverpool City PAC</p> <p>Partners: local businesses, community and government and non-government agencies</p>
<p>Support community capacity building, social inclusion and cohesion initiatives in Liverpool LGA relating to young people, including newly arrived refugees and migrants such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box with a Cop; • Police and community engagement activities; • Fight against Child Abuse; • Community Garden project; and • Youth employment program. 	<p>Provide funds to projects.</p> <p>Provide logistical support.</p>	<p>2019-2022</p>	<p>Lead agency: Liverpool City PAC and PCYC Liverpool</p> <p>Partners: Liverpool City Council, Fight Against Child Abuse</p>
<p>Deliver the Midnight Basketball program in partnership with Midnight Basketball Australia.</p>	<p>Sign the contract.</p> <p>Deliver four tournaments.</p>	<p>2019-2022</p>	<p>Lead agencies: Council and Midnight Basketball Australia</p> <p>Partners: community and other government and non-government agencies</p>
<p>Support the Liverpool Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) to deliver drug and alcohol initiatives in the Liverpool LGA.</p>	<p>Participate in quarterly CDAT meetings.</p> <p>Support the initiatives of Liverpool CDAT.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Lead Agencies: Liverpool CDAT and</p> <p>Partners: Liverpool City Council,</p>

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			Liverpool City PAC Council and NGOs
Support the Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) through developing a local action plan and deliver initiatives.	Attend regular meetings. Support the delivery of programs in identified areas.	Ongoing	Lead agency: Centre for Health Training Research and Evaluation (CHETRE) Partners: Liverpool City Council, Health, Aboriginal Health Service, SWSPHN, residents, CDAT members, Drug Health
Undertake regular maintenance of hotspot locations to improve natural surveillance as well as to encourage community ownership and pride. Support community and police engagement activities in hotspot locations.	Improve maintenance in identified locations. Support Police engagement activities.	Ongoing	Lead agency: Liverpool City Council Partners: Liverpool City PAC, NGOs
Source funding from the NSW Department of Justice to support local initiatives including improvement of infrastructure.	Submit funding application.	2019 – 2022	Lead agency: Liverpool City Council, Liverpool City PAC Partners: NGOs, community group
Create community awareness and education of community safety through media and publicity.	Publish media articles.	2019 – 2022	Lead agencies: Lifeline Macarthur Partners: Liverpool City PAC, Council
Develop the Graffiti Management Strategy 2019 – 2023. Support the delivery of actions in the Strategy including record and monitor graffiti removal data and	Council endorse the Graffiti Management Strategy 2019 – 2023.	2019 – 2022	Leading agency: Liverpool City Council Partners: Liverpool City

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ACTION	MEASURES	TIMEFRAME	PARTNERS
monitor of the graffiti tanks at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre.	Implement actions within timeframe.	2019 – 2022	PAC, other local government and non-government agencies, community groups and schools

Opportunistic crime

OBJECTIVE: Reduce mail theft, retail theft, steal from motor vehicle, motor vehicle theft and break and enter dwelling.

ACTION	MEASURES	TIMEFRAME	PARTNERS
<p>Source Crime Prevention Grants from the NSW Department of Justice to deliver community safety and crime prevention initiatives as well as infrastructure improvement programs and initiatives such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct safety audits in identified hotspots locations, and implement audit recommendations; • Deliver community education and awareness activities; • Distribute prevention information packages to victims of theft including retail theft and break and enter dwelling; and • Provide financial assistance to victims of theft and break-ins to improve security. (subject to funding) 	<p>Develop and endorse the Crime Prevention Plan.</p> <p>Submit Crime Prevention Grants application through the Department of Justice.</p> <p>Initiate and deliver promotion and publicity campaign.</p> <p>Produce and distribute safety information packs to local community.</p>	2019 – 2022	<p>Lead agencies: Liverpool City Council</p> <p>Partners: Liverpool City PAC, government and non-government agencies and local businesses</p>
<p>Deliver community education activities to raise awareness amongst community members to report crime as well as improving personal safety, protect valuables, break and enter from dwelling, reduce retail theft, motor vehicle theft and steal from motor vehicle.</p> <p>Produce promotional materials in different community languages and distribute widely.</p> <p>Support local community initiatives.</p>	<p>Deliver a number of community education and awareness initiatives.</p> <p>Support several community initiatives.</p> <p>Publish promotional materials in different languages.</p>	2019 – 2022	<p>Lead agencies: Liverpool City Council</p> <p>Partners: Liverpool City PAC and other government and non-government agencies</p>
<p>Facilitate bi-annual meeting with Police to discuss the mail theft issues around high-rise buildings in Liverpool city centre.</p>	<p>Council Development Assessment Team</p>	2019 – 2022	<p>Lead agencies: Liverpool City Council</p>

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ACTION	MEASURES	TIMEFRAME	PARTNERS
Police and Council to review proposed development applications to prevent and address mail theft in high-rise buildings in the city centre.	and Police meet regularly.		Partners: Liverpool City PAC

Injury prevention

OBJECTIVE: Reduce injuries and improve awareness through education.

ACTION	MEASURES	TIMEFRAME	PARTNER
<p>Deliver community health and wellbeing partnership projects/initiatives internally and externally.</p> <p>Deliver community led initiatives to prevent falls and trip related injuries to older residents including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking groups; • Exercise groups; and • Live Life Get Active Camps. 	<p>Initiate and implement partnership projects.</p> <p>Provide funding and support to community led initiatives.</p>	2019 – 2022	<p>Leading agencies: Council</p> <p>Partners: Scott Street Clinic, FACS - Health NSW and Housing NSW, Street University, DAMEC and CDAT</p>
Promote Health and Wellbeing programs to Council staff including Safety Day and R U Ok Day initiatives.	Initiate, promote and facilitate activities.	Ongoing	Lead agency: Council
<p>Reduce pedestrian injuries.</p> <p>Collect pedestrian injury data. Identify hotspot locations. Work with relevant Council departments and external agencies to ensure appropriate improvements are made.</p>	<p>Publish media releases to raise community awareness.</p> <p>Introduce a process to collect data and make improvement in hotspot locations.</p>	2019 – 2022	Lead agencies: Liverpool City PAC and Liverpool City Council
Support Liverpool Fairfield Suicide Prevention Network including community awareness and installation of signage initiatives in hotspot locations.	Support the delivery of Liverpool Fairfield Suicide Prevention Network initiatives.	2019 – 2023	<p>Lead agencies: Liverpool Fairfield Suicide Prevention Network</p> <p>Partners: Council, Liverpool City PAC and other local government and non-government agencies</p>
Work closely with local government and non-government agencies and NGOs including Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) and	Draft the Strategy and deliver the action plan including the training for frontline staff.	2019 – 2022	Lead agencies: Scott Street Clinic, and FACS - SWSLHD Drug

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ACTION	MEASURES	TIMEFRAME	PARTNER
<p>develop the local Drug and Alcohol Strategy for Liverpool.</p> <p>Deliver the initiatives in the Strategy including training for frontline staff.</p>			<p>Health and Housing NSW</p> <p>Partners: Liverpool City PAC, Liverpool City Council, Street University, DAMEC, CHETRE and other local service providers</p>
<p>Conduct safety audits using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) at hotspot locations to improve natural surveillance including lighting.</p>	<p>Implement safety audit recommendations such as improvement of vegetation and lighting to reduce injuries.</p>	<p>2019 – 2022</p>	<p>Lead agency: Liverpool City Council</p> <p>Partners: Liverpool City PAC, community, businesses and other local government and non-government agencies</p>
<p>Enforce and monitor Alcohol Free Zone signs to reduce alcohol consumption and antisocial behaviour at identified hotspots.</p>	<p>Update the Alcohol Free Zone signs in the Liverpool LGA when required.</p>	<p>2019 – 2022</p>	<p>Lead agency: Liverpool City Council</p> <p>Partner: Liverpool City PAC</p>

Evaluation and Monitoring

Council will take the leading role to make sure projects and programs identified in the Strategy are delivered in collaboration with local stakeholders, including NSW Department of Justice and NSW Police Force. Monitoring will occur by way of regular progress reports to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee on each initiative, provided by project leaders.

The final evaluation report on outcomes achieved will be developed and presented to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee and to Council.

Community safety is not just about preventing crime and improving safety, but also people's perception of safety. Council will continue to conduct regular safety audits in identified hotspots and implement the audit recommendations as well as conduct community safety and crime prevention surveys every four years to obtain community feedback on improvements of perceptions of safety, and to inform the development of the future strategies.

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NSW State Priorities

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/premiers-priorities/#safer-communities>

Appendix A



COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION SURVEY 2017

Liverpool City Council is undertaking a survey to find out what local residents think about crime and community safety in the Liverpool local government area (LGA). All information provided will remain confidential. The findings will help Council prepare its Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy (2018-2022).

Please return your completed survey before 30 October 2017 to Liverpool City Council, Locked Bag 7064, Liverpool BC NSW 1871 (quote 2017/2667) or via email at rahmank@liverpool.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively, you can return your survey to Council's Customer Service Centre located at ground floor, 33 Moore Street, Liverpool. This survey is also available online at www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au.

For further information regarding this survey please contact Kamrun Rahman, Community Development Worker (Community Safety) on 9821 7749.

YOUR DETAILS:

Gender: Male Female
Age group: 12-17 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-64 65+
What suburb do you live in?
How long have you lived in that suburb?.....
What is the main language you speak at home?.....

SURVEY QUESTIONS:

1. I feel connected to my community (please tick)
 Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree
2. I am satisfied with the appearance of my neighbourhood
 Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree
3. I feel safe when I go out in my neighbourhood during the day (please tick one)
 Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree
4. I feel safe when I go out in my neighbourhood during the night (please tick one)
 Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree
5. I feel safe when I'm at home during the day (please tick one)
 Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree
6. I feel safe when I'm at home during the night (please tick one)
 Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

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7. Do you think Liverpool has become a safer place to live, work and visit in the past 5 years? (please circle)
YES NO (if no, go to 8)
7a. If yes, please provide specific examples:
.....
.....
8. In general, over the past 12 months do you believe that crime in the Liverpool local LGA has:
 Decreased Stayed about the same Increased
9. Where do you get most of your information about local crime? (For example the local papers, the internet, radio, friends etc.):
.....
.....
10. Are there places in the local area that make you feel unsafe? (please circle)
YES NO (if no, go to 11)
10a. If yes, why and where?
.....
10b. If you answered yes, what do you think Council and other government agencies could do to make those places safer?
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11. What do you think are the top three community safety issues in the Liverpool area?
1.
2.
3.
12. Has there been any time in the past 12 months that you have felt at direct risk of becoming a victim of crime? (please circle) YES NO
12a. Please explain your answer:
.....
13. Have you personally been a victim of a crime in the LGA in the past 12 months? (please circle)
YES NO (if no, go to 14)
13a. If you answered 'Yes', did you report this crime to the NSW Police? (please circle)
YES NO
13b. If you did not report the crime, please explain why:
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14. Over the next 12 months, what do you think should be the focus for Council to make our community a safer place?
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Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

Appendix B

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Surveys 2017 Results

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey 2017 was conducted in order to consult the community to ensure their issues and concerns are taken into account while developing the new Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy 2018-2022.

The survey was conducted between 15 August to 10 November 2017 with a total of 704 (565 hard copies and 139 online) surveys returned.

The survey results indicated a total of 425 (60.3%) female and 279 (39.6%) male respondents out of total 704. Data analysis also indicated the variation of responses from different age groups with 45 to 64 years olds (33% of total respondents) representing the highest number of respondents, followed by 35 to 44 year olds (26%), 25 to 34 year olds (23%), 10 to 24 year olds (9%), 65+ (6%) and 12 to 17 year olds (3%).

Chart 1 below indicates that when asked what suburb they lived in a significant number of respondents started they lived in Liverpool (54%), followed by Casula (10%), Warwick Farm (6%), Green Valley (6%), Hinchinbrook (6%), Moorebank (5%), Lurnea (5%), Ashcroft (4%) and Wattle Grove (4%).

Safety Issues and Concerns

Survey respondents were asked to identify safety issues and concerns in Liverpool. Over a half of respondents (55%) indicated that they believed Liverpool has become a safer place to live, work and visit over the past 5 years.

Chart 1 below illustrates the key safety issues and concerns that affect people during both day and night.

A significant number of respondents identified that their key safety issue and concern was in relation to the use of alcohol and drugs (AOD), with AOD accounting for a notable 42% of responses followed by request for police station (14%), home & night safety (7.2%), antisocial behaviour (6.3%), transport/station (6%), lighting/darkness (5%), unemployment (3%), and homelessness (2.7%).

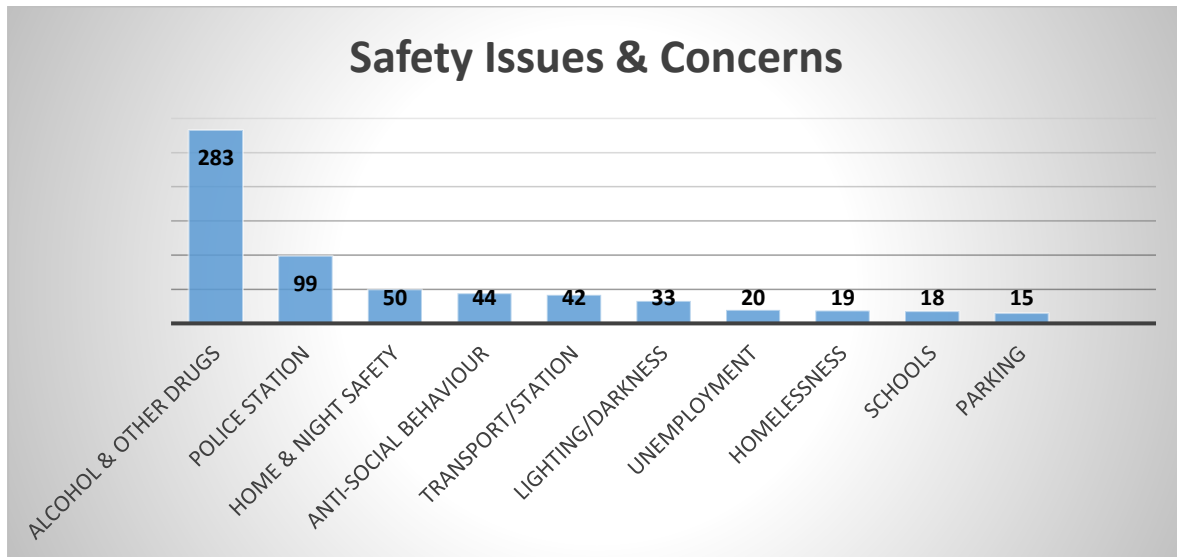


Chart 1 – Safety issues and concerns

Respondents identified positive attributes in their community such as increased police presence (24%), improved developments (22%), general safer community appearance (11%), decreased alcohol and other drug use (8%), and a cleaner community appearance (5%).

Crime Issues and Concerns

Respondents were asked if they thought crime in the Liverpool LGA has increased or decreased over the last 12 months. The results indicated that 25% believed it had decreased, 54% indicated that it had stayed the same and 21% thought it had increased.

Similarly, 54% of respondents believed that Liverpool had become a safer place over the last 5 years, whereas 42% of respondents felt it had not and 4% were unsure.

A significant number of respondents indicated that they felt safe in their homes during the day (87%) and at night (72%). A majority of respondents further highlighted that they felt safe in their neighbourhood during the day (80%); however, 20% mentioned that they do not feel safe in their neighbourhood during the night, due to crime issues and concerns.

The top categories of crime issues identified by community members were theft (30%) followed by road safety (13%), break and enter (11%), assault (9%), child safety (2.5%), robbery (2%), speeding (5%), drug distribution (2%), domestic violence (2%), shoplifting (1.5%) and steal from motor vehicle(1.5%)

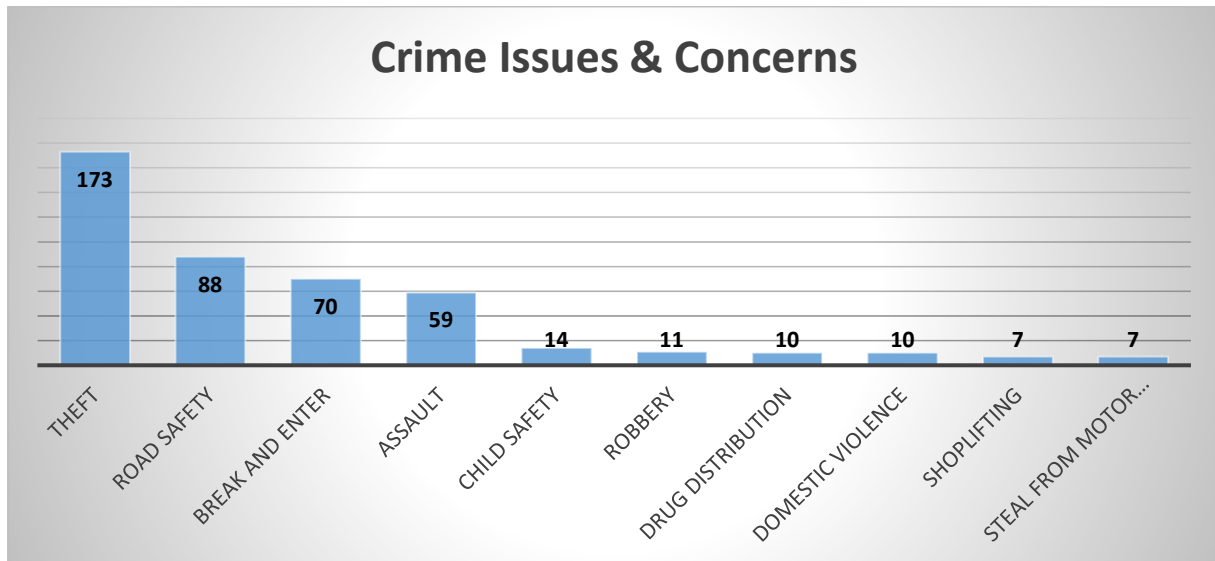


Chart 2 – Crime issues and concerns

When asked “ has there been any time in the past 12 months that you have felt at direct risk of becoming a victim of crime?” 76% responded no, while 24% responded yes. Respondents were further asked if they had personally been a victim of crime over the last 12 months in the Liverpool LGA. The majority responded with no (87%), however 81 people (12%) indicated they had.

From the 81 people who stated that they had been a victim of crime, 79% indicated that they informed the Police, while 21% said they had not, citing lack of police action or fears of their safety as their reason why. Respondents identified that the crimes they experienced were attempted car break-ins, theft, robbery, AVO violation and antisocial behaviour.

Identified Locations

The key crime hotspots identified were Miller (37%) and Liverpool City Centre (29%). Other identified locations were Warwick Farm and the 2168 postcode areas such as Green Valley, Busby and Cartwright. Respondents noted that public transport areas and shopping centres were crime and safety hotspots, regardless of the area.

Suggested Strategies to Improve Crime and Reduce Crime in Liverpool LGA

Survey respondents were asked to identify possible strategies to assist in reducing crime and increasing safety in Liverpool.

Respondents suggested a number of strategies to manage crime and safety issues in the Liverpool LGA such as adequate police patrols, increased lighting, delivery of educational program on drugs and alcohol and community engagement activities, more parking, installation of CCTV cameras and general clean up.

Appendix C

Review of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2013 – 2017

Key Actions	Proposed strategies	Outcomes
Assault (common)	<p>Conduct safety audits in identified hotspots and respond to recommendations.</p> <p>Install new lighting and replace damaged and broken lighting to enhance natural surveillance, reduce opportunistic crime and improve perceptions of safety.</p> <p>Deliver community education projects and resources in partnership with the Liverpool City Liquor Accord (LCLA), Police, Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) and other stakeholders to increase an understanding of personal safety.</p> <p>Seek funding from the Department of Attorney General and Justice to improve infrastructure such as the installation of lighting and other improvements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Street Safety Audit conducted and lighting improvement is being implemented. Shopfront lighting has been improved in a number of locations • Monthly night time audits are undertaken by Traffic and Transport Department to assess if street lighting needs replacing or upgrading. Damaged lighting is replaced routinely when reported to Endeavour Energy • CCTV network installed in Liverpool City Centre and Macquarie hotspots such as Macquarie Mall • Council is a key member of the LCLA and CDAT and has delivered a number of community education sessions, forums and training during 2014- 2017 • Delivered community engagement through Community Safety and Crime Prevention programs for rural communities, in partnership with outer Liverpool communities • Council secured \$50K funding from the Department of Justice to deliver the Building Safer Communities Project in June 2017. This project is delivered between 2017-2018
Domestic and Family Violence	<p>Support Liverpool Domestic Violence Liaison Committee (DVLC) to deliver community education initiatives, and develop resources for diverse communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Domestic Violence Liaison Committee (DVLC) meetings and provided support as required

	<p>Advocate to Federal and State Governments for more police and other resources to address domestic violence issues and concerns.</p> <p>Seek funding and provide support to local women's organisations to deliver International Women's Day activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff have been working closely with the Liverpool DVLC and provide support to deliver White Ribbon activities in Liverpool • Council have provided financial support to local initiatives including White Ribbon Day March • Council is an active member of the LDVLC and South Western Sydney Domestic Violence (SWSDV) Alliance, and provide ongoing support to the committee • Grant funding was secured from the state and federal government and other providers to deliver community safety and crime prevention projects and programs
Vandalism and Malicious Damage	<p>Continue to support current graffiti prevention and removal programs.</p> <p>Promote Safer by Design Guidelines and Fact Sheet to developers and Council Staff.</p> <p>Deliver an education program at four local schools in partnership with the Street University to raise awareness of the impacts of illegal graffiti among young people.</p> <p>Implement murals and public art programs to prevent graffiti and malicious damage.</p> <p>Review, monitor and deliver other actions identified in the Liverpool Graffiti Management Strategy 2014-2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti removal and prevention was undertaken across the city • Council's Graffiti Fact Sheet updated and distributed to local primary and high schools in 2014 • The Living Streets Coordinator in partnership with Street University delivered educational programs at four local high schools on the impacts of illegal graffiti • Art works and banners were installed in the Liverpool area, undertaken by Council's Living Streets Coordinator • In partnership with Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, the delivery of the Art Redirection program continues to engage young people in the hope of reducing the likelihood of being involved with illegal graffiti • Council Graffiti Management Internal Working Group involving Council's relevant department and Liverpool City Police Area Command, meet quarterly to discuss issues, concerns and progress of the projects identified in the Graffiti Management Strategy.

<p>Steal from Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Theft</p>	<p>Seek funding from the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) to deliver the Operation Bounce Back program.</p> <p>Provide support to local Police to distribute registration plate screws to community members.</p> <p>Undertake safety audits and make improvements such as lighting, signage and access control at various car parks in and around the City Centre, including Northumberland Street, Scott Street, Warren Service Way, and Collimore Car Parks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMVTRC funding granted; free car immobiliser vouchers and translated factsheets were distributed to local community members • Council in partnership with the Police promoted and distributed registration plate screws to reduce motor vehicle theft <p>The Car Security Project update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Car park name signs at Collimore, Warren Serviceway, Norfolk Lane car parks ○ Safety signage at Collimore, Warren Serviceway, Norfolk Lane, Northumberland and Speed Street car parks ○ Painting of columns, stairwells and exterior of lifts at Warren Serviceway carpark ○ New flooring in Warren Serviceway car park lifts ○ New lighting in Warren Serviceway lifts ○ New bins at Warren Serviceway car park ○ Improved lighting and safety signage installed at Michael Wenden Aquatic Leisure Centre Car Park
<p>Break and Enter</p>	<p>Seek funding to deliver programs to support victims of break and enter.</p> <p>Deliver education activities to improve access control.</p> <p>Distribute target hardening information packages and tools to victims of break and enter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of \$50k from the NSW Department of Justice was secured to deliver the Keep My Home Safe – Break and Enter Project in 2015. The project completed in June 2017 <p>The Break and Enter Project update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered \$400 rebates to those that have been directly affected by residential break and enter and theft in the Liverpool LGA • Supported a number of local projects through schools, NGOs and Community Groups 2016 - 2017

	Support and assist local Police in delivering community education and awareness campaigns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produced and distributed 120 microdot kits to residents who are victims of break-ins, and Liverpool City Police Area Command and SWSDVCAS to assist victims of break-in, and Domestic Violence Council and Liverpool City Police Area Command distributed over 10,000 information packs to local residents Home Safety Information Session was held on 15 April 2016 in partnership with Liverpool City Police Area Command Liverpool City Police Area Command conducted approximately 50 home safety audits and recommended security improvements
Antisocial behaviour	<p>Conduct safety audits and make improvements at identified hotspots.</p> <p>Maintain trees and vegetation.</p> <p>Support local community organisations in delivering community events at identified hotspots.</p> <p>Seek funding to deliver projects that improve community safety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety audits are delivered when requested Information regularly shared between Council and Police Maintained trees and vegetation in the City Centre, including regular rubbish pickups and other general maintenance Community Development Team delivers community activities to coincide with national and international celebrations A number of safety activities delivered in Miller including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee with a Cop; Safety audits; and Information stalls at various events. <p>Other initiatives in Miller facilitated by Community 2168 Project</p>
Alcohol and Drug related crime	<p>Deliver community education programs in partnership with local Police, CDAT, LCLA and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Enforce and reinforce of Alcohol Free Zones to reduce alcohol consumption and antisocial behaviour at identified hotspots.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In partnership with council, Liverpool City Liquor Accord and Community Drug Action Team delivered a number of community education sessions, forums and training on personal safety in the community Alcohol Free Zones updated regularly Conducted Scott Street Safety Audit in August 2014. Liverpool Police compiled a report with recommendations and

	<p>Undertake safety audits around the Scott Street Methadone Clinic to improve perceptions of community safety in the area.</p> <p>Seek funding to develop educational resources in partnership with CDAT.</p> <p>Convene a Mayor’s roundtable comprising of stakeholders and service providers of methadone treatments and services in the city centre to develop an action plan to better mitigate and manage the impacts of methadone services in the city centre.</p>	<p>all the 80 recommendations were implemented including improvement of lighting and infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDAT secured funding and delivered activities such as: Musical Theatre Workshop at Miller in October 2016; 4 Youth Mental Health Forums in 2015; SAVE THE MATE course between 10-16 December 2016 • ICE Forum in Campbelltown and Liverpool areas in partnership with Campbelltown CDAT and Needle and Syringe Program (NUAA), during the Mental Health Awareness Week 2015/16 • The first Mayor’s Roundtable held in 2013. Roundtable meetings helped to identify practical solutions to address perceptions and issues around methadone use in Liverpool. The roundtable merged with the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee in 2016
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Appendix D

Policy Framework

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy is developed in accordance with the following guiding principles and best practice models internationally, nationally and locally.

International

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is committed to making the world safer, achieving health, and security and justice for all by tackling threats from illicit drugs, organised crime and terrorism worldwide. Their work falls into five interrelated areas:

- Organised crime and trafficking;
- Crime prevention and criminal justice reform;
- Corruption;
- Drug prevention and health; and
- Terrorism prevention.

National

The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), is Australia's national research and knowledge centre on crime and justice. They seek to promote justice and reduce crime by undertaking and communicating evidence-based research to inform policy and practice.

The AIC developed the National Crime Prevention Framework as a resource that outlines the most effective approaches to the prevention of crime. It also describes a range of possible roles and functions for local, state and national governments, for the effective delivery of crime prevention activity in Australia. The purpose of the framework is to:

- Support a coordinated approach to addressing crime and safety issues of national importance, including new and emerging crime problems;
- Promote an improved level of collaboration between crime prevention agencies;
- Improve the effectiveness of crime prevention across Australia by promoting principles of good practice and successful strategies;
- Encourage increased commitment to crime prevention at all levels of government and across different sectors; and
- Assist in guiding the allocation of crime prevention resources to achieve the greatest impact.

State

The Crime Prevention Division of the Department of Justice leads the development of evidence-based policies and programs to prevent crime and reduce reoffending in NSW. The Division works in close collaboration with communities, government agencies, business and other service providers. The Division's activities are implemented through targeted programs, with an emphasis on the criminal justice system. In accordance with the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997, the Department of Justice supports local councils as lead agencies for identifying and implementing local crime prevention strategies in NSW.

The current NSW state priorities reflect the commitment to the whole-of-government approaches to tackling important issues for the people of New South Wales, from helping vulnerable children and raising the performance of school students, to improving housing

affordability and building local infrastructure. The priorities currently being actioned in relation to community safety and crime prevention include the following:

- Decrease the percentage of children and young people re-reported at risk of significant harm by 15% by 2020;
- Reduce the proportion of domestic violence perpetrators reoffending by 25% by 2021;
- Reduce youth homelessness by increasing the proportion of young people who successfully move from Specialist Homelessness Services to long-term accommodation to more than 34% by 2019;
- Achieve stable or falling reported violent crime rates by 2019. The government will work on reducing violent crime rates across the whole of NSW, not only in urban areas that tend to report higher incidences of some types of crimes;
- Reduce reoffending by adult offenders and improve community safety and confidence in the justice system, by 5% by 2019;
- Reduce the volume of litter by 40%, by 2020, by implementing the 'Return and Earn: Container Deposit Scheme' and the 'Education and Awareness: Hey Tosser! Campaign';
- Provide funding to councils, community groups and other organisations to help them tackle littering, combat illegal dumping and increase recycling; and
- Reduce road fatalities by at least 30% from 2011 levels by 2021. To do so, the government is putting more money into roads and working with local government to deliver road safety improvements.

Local

Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993, sets out a charter for Local Government, which states that Council should provide adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community. The Act also states that it is Council's role to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and promotes social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights. Community safety initiatives are key programs within the Social Justice Policy.

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure introduced Crime Prevention Legislative Guidelines to Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. These guidelines require consent authorities to ensure that development provides safety and security to all users and the community.

Changes in Government Policy

There are a number of policies and plans from varying levels of government that may impact on community safety and crime prevention including:

- Changes in road safety, traffic and transport;
- Changes in graffiti management practices;
- Changes in processes relating to development applications; and
- Implementation and enforcement of Alcohol Free Zones.

Council's Planning and Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy

Our Home, Liverpool 2027 is a 10 year Community Strategic Plan for the City of Liverpool to be implemented in collaboration with a range of stakeholders. The Plan outlines the vision and

priorities of the community, as identified by residents, and generates a direction for change based upon the quadruple bottom line priorities of social, environmental, economic and civic leadership.

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy 2019 – 2022 will deliver projects and programs that encourage social inclusion through activities that build community capacity aligning with Our Home Liverpool 2027 - Direction 1.

A four-year Delivery Program and one year Operational Plan has been developed as part of Council's Community Strategic Plan. The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy 2018-2022 will deliver on the following directions with the Community Strategic Plan.

Direction 1: Creating Connection

Encourage social inclusion through activities that build community capacity

- Initiate and deliver collaborative projects in partnership with local stakeholders including Liverpool City Police Area Command (PAC);
- Initiate and deliver Pan Pacific Safe Community Project to achieve Liverpool City accreditation as a Pan Pacific Safe Community;
- Conduct major and minor safety audits; and
- Consider Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to reduce crime and injuries and improve perceptions of safety when undertaking projects.

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