PARRAMATTA HOMELESS STREET COUNT 2016 RESULTS – EXTERNAL DOC

Parramatta City Council’s seventh Homeless Street Count was held on the night of Monday 22 February and into the early hours of Tuesday 23rd February 2016.

Two Council staff members, and three local homelessness experts engaged as volunteers to assist with the count on the night, covered the count area by both car and foot.

The count was conducted throughout the CBD and parts of Granville and revealed 43 rough sleepers. Supported accommodation (emergency and transitional) housing services provided numbers of the people they accommodated on the same night was 319. The total was 362.

These results show a significant increase from 2015, when 303 homeless residents were counted. This marks the second time in as many years that the number of homeless people counted has increased. Comparative figures for the seven (7) years can be seen in the table below.

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Between the 2015 and 2016 counts the following was observed:

- A significant reduction of young people (aged 17 years and younger) sleeping rough
- A reduction of homeless people sleeping rough in car parks in the Parramatta CBD.
- A decrease in the number of homeless people sleeping rough in the core of the Parramatta CBD.
- An increased presence of homeless people in the Granville area.
- An increase in the number of homeless people squatting in buildings that are vacant and/or have a DA for demolition.

Council continues to work in partnership to advocate for and support local service providers and improve the wellbeing of all our residents.

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