



# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

COMMUNITY FORUM  
TUESDAY  
5 December 2023

The Community Forum commenced at 6.35pm and was held in the Council Chambers and remotely via audio visual link.

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## OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr Gibbs opened the Community Forum at 6.35pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, Directors and other staff to the Community Forum participants.

The Chairperson stated that the electronic recording of the Community Forum and the use of electronic media during the proceedings is not permitted including devices such as laptops, mobile phones, tape recorders and video cameras. The Chairperson requested that participants switch off their mobile phones.

## WEBCAST NOTICE

Members of the public are advised that this meeting is Webcast live for public viewing on Council's website. Audio and video footage taken is of the elected body, senior staff, presenters and registered speakers only; your image and voice will not be recorded if you remain quietly within the public gallery. Submissions from registered speakers that do not want to be part of the Webcast will be read out by a Council representative.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land:

I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting takes place, and also pay respect to Elders both past and present.

## PRESENT

**Councillors:** Gould (Mayor), Gibbs, Rogers, Brandstater, Banasik, Briggs (online), and Spearpoint.

**Staff:** Chief Executive Officer, Director Shire Connections, Director Shire Futures, Director Shire Services, Chief Financial Officer, Manager of Governance, Integrity and Ethics, Manager Sustainable Growth, one Governance Officer and one Information Technology Officer.

## APOLOGIES

**Councillor:** Deeth and Hannan.

## DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Banasik declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item 14.5 – Draft Wollondilly Heritage Planning Proposal as his daughter owns a property in Warragamba. Councillor Banasik advised he will leave the meeting during this item.

Councillor Banasik declared a Non-Pecuniary, Less than Significant Conflict of Interest in Item 16.1 – Draft Social Media Policy as his son is making a submission on this item at this forum. Councillor Banasik advised he would stay in the meeting during this item.

## FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

### 1. Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Update

CM 10620

Mr Stephen Horne addressed the Community Forum providing an update on the activities of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee during 2023.

## COMMUNITY QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

In line with the Community Forum Guidelines matters must be submitted on the *Community Forum Question/Statement Form* in order to be addressed. The Record of Proceedings will only record the name of the person who raised the Question/Statement, who they represent and the topic discussed. Any additional documents handed in on the night will be noted. No verbal comments from the speaker will be documented.

A copy of all questions submitted by the cut off time is given to Councillors to consider regardless of whether they are addressed during the proceedings.

The Chairperson stated that Community Question/Statement Time is for matters that relate to items in Council's Ordinary Meeting Agenda. Reports are written by Council officers and reflect the views of the applicants' proposal, community views, legal aspects and where appropriate, comments.

All questions must be submitted in writing prior to 12pm on the day before the Forum. There will be a maximum of 2 speakers for and against a matter with each speaker limited to 5 minutes.

The Chairperson reinforced that Community Forums are to provide information and to allow comment and are not a debate night. The Chairperson asked that speakers address them and Councillors on all occasions, to stay on the subject matter and avoid making personal remarks about individuals.

The Chief Executive Officer or the appropriate Director provided an overview of the Council report for each agenda item discussed throughout the night.

### CM 1663

Ques 1 Michelle Maroun representing concerned residents of Appin

Matter raised: 14.1 – Appin Park Concept Plan

Ms Maroun addressed the Forum.

The Director Shire Services responded on the night.

Cr Banasik left the meeting due to a previously declared conflict of interest in the next matter.

### CM 7842

Ques 2 Ashley White representing Bindook Station

Matter raised: 14.5 – Draft Wollondilly Heritage Planning Proposal

Mrs White addressed the Forum.

CM7842

Ques 3 Matt Owens representing Self

Matter raised: 14.5 – Draft Wollondilly Heritage Planning Proposal

Mr Owens addressed the Forum.

CM7842

Ques 4 Daniel White representing Bindook Station

Matter raised: 14.5 – Draft Wollondilly Heritage Planning Proposal

Mr Benn Banasik addressed the Forum on behalf of Mr White.

CM7842

Ques 5 Stephanie Vatala representing Mulpha Menangle

Matter raised: 14.5 – Draft Wollondilly Heritage Planning Proposal

Ms Vatala addressed the Forum.

CM7842

Ques 6 Ashleigh Crisp representing Halfpenny Investments Pty Ltd & Mulpha Menangle

Matter raised: 14.5 – Draft Wollondilly Heritage Planning Proposal

Ms Crisp addressed the Forum.

CM7842

Ques 7 Susan Jill Peacock representing Menangle Community Association

Matter raised: 14.5 – Draft Wollondilly Heritage Planning Proposal

Ms Peacock addressed the Forum.

The Chair thanked all speakers on the Heritage Planning Proposal topic for their address and advised that Councillors would consider this matter at the next ordinary Council meeting.

CM 1693

Ques 8 Benn Banasik representing Self  
Matter raised: 16.1 – Draft Social Media Policy  
Mr Banasik addressed the Forum.

CM 1693

Ques 9 Pam Browne representing Self  
Matter raised: 16.1 – Draft Social Media Policy  
Ms Browne addressed the Forum.

Cr Banasik rejoined the meeting at 7.42pm.

CM 2583-17

Ques 10 Sheryl Faulkner representing Gymtastic  
Matter raised: Notice of Motion – Planning for multipurpose sporting precinct at Wilton  
Mrs Faulkner addressed the Forum.



## INFORMAL QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

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The Chairperson stated that this section of the Forum is for general issues which are not on the Council's current Ordinary Meeting Agenda.

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There were no informal questions/statements for this meeting.

## CONCLUSION AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

The Chairperson thanked those present for attending, for the feedback provided and interest shown in the matters discussed.

About 30 people present.

The Forum closed at 7.46pm.

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## COMMUNITY FORUM DATES

Community Forums will generally be held on the third Tuesday of each month and will commence at 6.30pm either in the Council Chambers, Wollondilly Shire Hall 44-62 Menangle Street, Picton or at another specified location across the shire

Dates for the Community Forums for 2024 are as follows:

- Tuesday 20 February 2024
- Tuesday 19 March 2024
- Tuesday 16 April 2024
- Tuesday 21 May 2024
- Tuesday 18 June 2024
- Tuesday 16 July 2024
- Tuesday 6 August 2024
- Tuesday 22 October 2024
- Tuesday 19 November 2024
- Tuesday 3 December 2024