

Record of Proceedings



Community Forum Monday 9 May 2016

The Community Forum commenced at 6.33pm and was held in the Council Foyer,
62-64 Menangle Street, Picton 2571.

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr M Banasik opened the Community Forum at 6.33pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Cr Landow Councillors, the General Manager, 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 such devices as laptops, mobile phones, tape recorders and video cameras. The Chairperson requested that participants switch off their mobile phones.

The Chairperson handed over to the Mayor who spoke briefly about media reports regarding a jail in Wollondilly. He advised that we have no information at present however Council had spoken to the Department of Planning and were setting up a meeting with the Minister. He assured the participants that Community Consultation would be undertaken on the matter as more information comes to hand.

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: Landow (Mayor), Hannan, Law, Mitchell, Amato and M Banasik.

ALSO PRESENT

General Manager, Acting Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment and One Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES

Cr B Banasik, Cr Terry, Cr Gibbs and Executive Director Community Services and Corporate Support.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Amato left the meeting ahead of Community Question/Statement time due to a Non-Pecuniary (Less than Significant) Conflict of interest in relation to the Rescission Motion relating to the Macquariedale Road, Appin Planning Proposal. The reason being that as a member of the State Legislative Council it may be perceived that he has a conflict of interest.

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Formal Community Forum Matters

FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

COMMUNITY

TRIM 1350

1. **Community Safety**

Police officers from two of the three Local Area Commands (LAC's) covering Wollondilly presented information to the community on current community safety issues within the Shire as follows:

Inspector Tara Norton, Customer Service duty officer, Campbelltown LAC provided a breakdown of statistics for the previous three months for Appin. Highlights of the statistics noted are listed below:

- 2 Assaults
- 4 Break and Enters
- 6 Business Inspection (In the last 2 months)
- 1 Breach of an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO)
- 1 Fire
- Several frauds (fuel drive offs)
- 2 locations of stolen property
- 4 drug offences
- 2 stolen vehicles located
- 7 traffic accidents
- 3 people scheduled under mental health legislation
- 1 minor traffic incident
- 3 'move on' directions
- 8 person and 8 vehicle searches
- 1 sexual assault

In relation to Appin Road which was described as going as far as the intersection near the top of Bulli Pass, the accident statistics given were as follows:

| Year | Injuries | Non Injuries |
|------|------------------|--------------|
| 2015 | 9 (1 Fatality) | 8 |
| 2016 | 7 (2 Fatalities) | 3 |

The number of fatalities in total dating back to 2011 was reported as 8.

A number of questions were asked and answered on the night.

The Chairperson thanked Inspector Norton and introduced the next speaker.

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Duty officer, Phil Gornall of Camden LAC made an apology for Inspector Mick Pearsall who was unable to attend tonight. Inspector Gornall advised that he was the Crime Co-ordinator at Camden and in this role he was in charge of the crime prevention officers, licencing and community events to name a few and he appreciated the opportunity to introduce himself to the community.

The following information was provided:

- Break and Enters (Non dwelling) - 2014 were 86 and 2015 were 36, significant drop
- Domestic Violence - There has been an increase in reports however this is not necessarily seen as a bad thing but rather a sign of greater levels of reporting occurring
- AVO's being changed to be more stream lined
- St George LAC is part of a pilot program, the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme which allows individuals at risk to be informed of their partners background
- The other area of concern was Fraud which was broken down into fail to pays, internet fraud and tap and go fraud (card misuse).

Inspector Gornall encouraged that minimal amounts of money be kept in your predominant accounts, especially if you have tap and go because a large number of purchases can be made in a short space of time before a stolen card can be deactivated.

A number of questions were asked which were answered on the night.

The Chairperson thanked both officers for their attendance.

Formal Community Forum Matters

PLANNING AND ECONOMY

TRIM 4985

2. **Help Save Appin Incorporated**

A presentation depicting the history of Appin and the communities concerns regarding development in Appin was shown. Highlights of the presentation are shown below:

Appin – Historic Township (c1811)



- Home to people who shaped our nation (Broughton, Hume and Morgan (The Bushranger))
- A town filled with history

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Formal Community Forum Matters

Formal Community
Forum Matters



- With irreplaceable old treasures many of which are under threat



- Set to be bulldozed...Gone forever

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- Appin, the town we love.



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- The home we want to protect



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■ Our Playground



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- A community that supports each other through the good times and the bad



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- A Community under threat
 - Threatened with compact housing that we cannot support
 - Our roads are stretched to their limits
- Haven't we lost too many sons and daughters?



- Mums and dads



- and friends....

Formal Community Forum Matters

- Already we have irreversible environmental damage



Mahoney's Hole

- Air Pollution



Formal Community Forum Matters

- Appin, Supplying Sydney with drinking water



- Mine Subsidence
- Human impact
 - Illegal dumping behind Appin Oval
 - Police and Council not interested because it is private property. Developers land.



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- Noise pollution



- Traffic congestion
- Road blocks



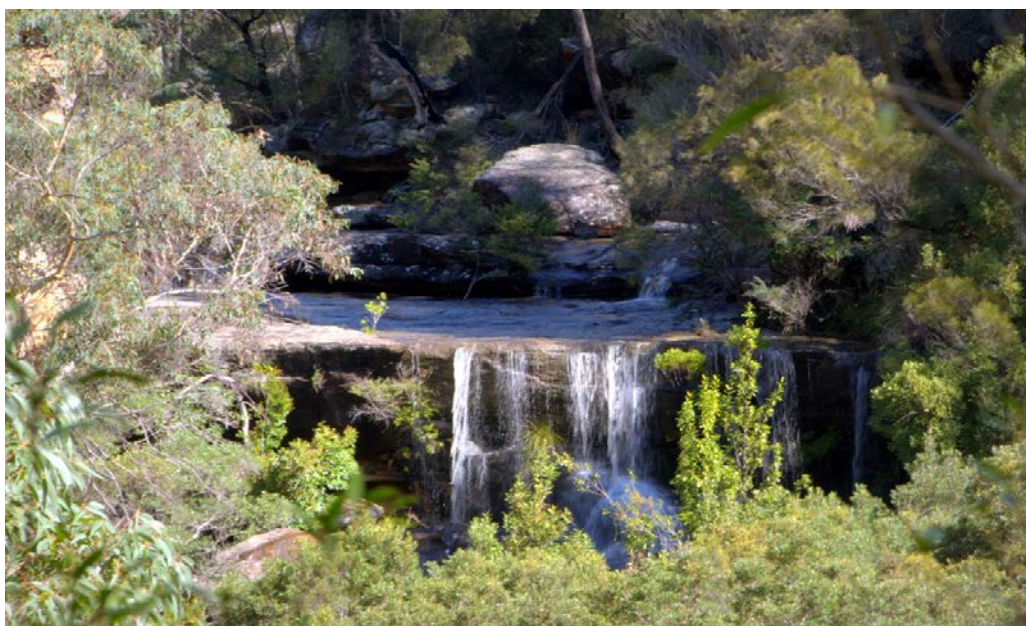
- Catastrophes in the making

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Formal Community Forum Matters

- For us, this isn't about money
- This is about saving
 - OUR TOWN
 - OUR HOME
 - OUR HERITAGE

APPIN



The Chairperson thanked the presenters for their presentation.

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Community Question/Statement Time

COMMUNITY QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

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A copy of all questions submitted by the cut off time is given to Councillors for their consideration regardless of whether they are addressed during the night's proceedings.

The Chairperson announced the next part of the Community Forum is Community Question/Statement Time. 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 by 12 noon on the day of the Forum and there will be 2 speakers for and against a matter with a maximum of 5 minutes for each speaker.

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 the Chairperson and Councillors on all occasions, confine remarks to the subject matter and avoid casting personal reflections on individuals.

The Chairperson announced that the General Manager, Mr Luke Johnson would outline each Agenda item from the Executive Summary within Council's current business paper to assist in helping those present understand matters raised throughout the proceedings.

Cr Amato left the meeting due to a conflict of Interest in the upcoming matter.

TRIM 4985

Ques 1 Michelle Maroun representing Help Save Appin NSW Inc.
Matter raised – Rescission Motion 1 – Macquariedale Road, Appin Planning Proposal

Ms Maroun addressed the Forum.

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Ques 2 John Gay representing Help Save Appin NSW Inc.
Matter raised – Rescission Motion 1 – Macquariedale Road, Appin Planning Proposal

Mr Gay addressed the Forum.

A 7000 signature petition was handed to the Mayor.

The Mayor responded on the night regarding the petition relating to Appin Road.

TRIM 4985

Ques 3 Gerry Beasley representing Walker Corporation
Matter raised – Rescission Motion 1 – Macquariedale Road, Appin Planning Proposal

Mr Beasley addressed the Forum.

Community
Question/Statement
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The Chairperson stated that this section of the Forum is for matters of concern or general issues which are not on the Council's current Ordinary Meeting Agenda.

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Informal Question
/Statement Time

TRIM 265.320

Ques 1 Patrick Briscoe-Hough representing Self
Matter raised – Development Plan of The Oaks

Mr Briscoe-Hough addressed the Forum.

The Acting Director Planning David Smith responded on the night and a map depicting current and future planning proposals for The Oaks was shown.

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Conclusion and Informal Discussions

CONCLUSION AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

The Chairperson thanked those present for participating in the Community Forum, for the feedback provided and for the interest shown in the matters discussed. The Chairperson invited everyone to partake in tea and coffee and to speak openly to Councillors about any matter they wish to raise.

The Community Forum closed at 7.28pm.

About 55 people present.

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Community Forum Dates

COMMUNITY FORUM DATES

Community Forums will generally be held on the second Monday of each month and will commence at 6.30pm except in the case of a public holiday when it will be held on the second Tuesday.

Dates for upcoming Community Forums in 2016 are as follows:

- Tuesday 14 June 2016
- Monday 11 July 2016
- Monday 8 August 2016
- Monday 10 October 2016
- Monday 14 November 2016
- Monday 12 December 2016