

# Record of Proceedings

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# Wollondilly

## Shire Council

### Community Forum Monday 10 October 2016

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The Community Forum commenced at 6.38pm 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 6.38pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Cr Hannan, Councillors, the General Manager and Directors 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.

## **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: Hannan (Mayor), Landow, Gould, Banasik, Briggs, Khan, Deeth, Law and Lowry

## **ALSO PRESENT**

General Manager, Executive Director Community Services and Corporate Support, Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment, Manager Financial Services and One Administration Officer.

## **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cr Law declared a Non Pecuniary (Less than Significant) Conflict of Interest in Item PE5 – Development Application for 115 Kelsalls Road, Lakesland relating to poultry sheds. The current manager of the farm subject to the Development Application is a former neighbour of his. Cr Law advised that he would remain present during the discussion of this matter at the forum.

Formal Community Forum Matters

**FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS**

**GOVERNANCE**

TRIM 234-11

1. **Presentation of Audit Report and 2015/16 Audited Financial Statements**

The Chairperson welcomed Council's Auditor, Mr Phillip Webster to the Community Forum. The Chairperson acknowledged and thanked Mr Webster for his service to Council over a number of years noting that this would be his final presentation due to changes in the Local Government Act.

Mr Webster thanked the Chair and explained that the change to the Local Government Act meant that Council Audits will be conducted by the Auditor General as of next year.

Mr Webster gave the following summary of the audit of Council's financial records for the year ended 30 June 2016. Mr Webster expressed his opinion of the financial accounts as fairly represented and stated that he was happy to provide his opinion without qualification.

In relation to the Audit report Mr Webster advised that he examined various performance indicators, listed below, in order to form his opinion of Council's financial position over 2015/16.

- The level of working funds
- The amount held as Internal Restrictions (Reserves)
- The Debt Servicing Cost to Council
- The Level of Rate Arrears, Annual Charges and Other Debts due to Council.

Mr Webster reported that the income statement shows a Net Operating Result (surplus) for the year of \$13,884,000 up on 2014/15.

In regard to the level of working funds Mr Webster stated this is an important measure of Council's position. A healthy balance ensures you can meet all the day to day commitments and put money aside in reserve. Mr Webster reported that Council's available working funds as at 30 June 2016 was just under \$1.7 million and that the ratio of current assets to current liabilities exceeds the industry benchmark. Overall Council's working funds was described as adequate.

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Mr Webster advised that the reserves held at 30 June 2016 totalled just over \$21 million which had increased over the year. He explained that the creation of reserves to plan for future major expenditure is highly recommended and advised that Council had the \$21 million earmarked to meet capital expenditure.

In terms of debt service commitment Councils percentage had decreased over the year to a level below the industry benchmark of 10%. The collection of rates and charges represented 99.04% of rates and annual charges revenue for the year. Mr Webster advised that the outstanding rates and charges figure of \$2.2 million had been impacted by the Picton Storm Event otherwise he felt it fair to say the net arrears would likely have decreased had it not been for this event.

Mr Webster reported Councils current short term financial position as very sound indeed and well within acceptable benchmarks. He stated that Council's Long Term position needs to be constantly monitored particularly in relation to its infrastructure assets. He advised that Council had set aside as at end of June 2016 \$7.95 million for future replacement of infrastructure and asset management which was pleasing. He also noted the special rate variation which enable assets to be brought up to a more satisfactory standard.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Webster for the presentation. No questions were received on the night.

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Community Question/Statement Time

**COMMUNITY QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME**

In accordance with Council's adopted 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 raising the Question/Statement, whom they are representing and the matter/item discussed. Any additional documentation handed in on the night will be noted in the Record of Proceedings. No verbal comments from the speaker will be documented.

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.

TRIM 1150

Ques 1 Joe Grima representing Wollondilly Poultry Industry  
Matter raised – PE1 Draft Good Neighbour Charter

Mr Grima addressed the Forum.

The Chairperson requested Mr Grima to submit a copy of his address to staff for distribution to all councillors.

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TRIM 1150

Ques 2 Peter Van Vliet representing Inghams Enterprises Pty Ltd  
Matter raised – PE2 Noise Mitigation Measures for the Wollondilly Poultry Industry

Mr Van Vliet addressed the Forum.

TRIM 1150

Ques 3 John Cordina representing Cordina Chicken Farms P/L  
Matter raised – PE2 Noise Mitigation Measures for the Wollondilly Poultry Industry

Mr Cordina addressed the Forum.

Additional documentation was handed in on the night.

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Ques 4 Jeff Bulfin representing Precise Planning  
Matter raised – PE3 – Application to Modify Consent – 325 Scroggies Road, Lakesland

Mr Bulfin addressed the Forum.

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Ques 5 Peta Noakes representing Lakesland Road Residents  
Matter raised – PE4 – Development Application – 325 Scroggies Road, Lakesland

Ms Noakes addressed the Forum.

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Ques 6 Monica Constable representing self  
Matter raised – PE4 – Development Application – 325 Scroggies Road, Lakesland

Ms Constable addressed the Forum.

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Ques 7 Justin Conway representing self  
Matter raised – PE4 Development Application – 325 Scroggies Road, Lakesland and PE5 Development Application – 115 Kelsalls Road, Lakesland

Mr Conway addressed the Forum.

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Ques 8 Bob Lander representing Tattersall Lander  
Matter raised – PE5 Development Application – 115 Kelsalls Road, Lakesland

Mr Lander addressed the Forum.

DA09\8777P2

Ques 9 James Johnson and Paul McDonald representing self  
Matter raised – PE6 – Development Application – Modification of consent – Poultry Farm at 430 Arina Road, Bargo

Mr Johnson addressed the Forum.

DA10\7652P2

Ques 10 Jeff Bulfin representing Precise Planning  
Matter raised – PE8 – 275 Bargo Road, Bargo – Intensive Plant Horticulture

Mr Bulfin addressed the Forum.

TRIM 6930-5

Ques 11 Gerry Beasley representing Walker Corporation  
Matter raised – PE10 – Wilton New Town Project

Mr Beasley addressed the Forum.

The Director Planning and the General Manager responded on the night.

The Chairperson accepted the following additional questions on the night.

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### Community Question/Statement Time

TRIM 6930-5

Ques 12 Steven McMahon representing Governor's Hill – Land Owner of New Wilton Junction Town Centre  
Matter raised – PE10 – Wilton New Town Project

Mr McMahon addressed the Forum.

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Ques 13 Katherine Faulkner representing self and Lakesland community  
Matter raised – PE3 and PE4 – DA's 115 Kelsalls Rd, Lakesland

Ms Faulkner addressed the Forum.

TRIM 5298

Ques 14 Ross Minici representing self  
Matter raised – PE13 – Thirlmere Car Park

Mr Minci addressed the Forum.

TRIM 5298

Ques 15 Jeff Bulfin representing Precise Planning  
Matter raised – PE13 – Thirlmere Car Park

Mr Bulfin addressed the Forum.

TRIM 7164

Ques 16 Sandra Harlor representing Warragamba All Abilities Playground Committee  
Matter raised – IN2 – Warragamba Inclusive Playground

Ms Harlor addressed the Forum.

Additional documentation was handed in on the night.

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Community Question/Statement Time

TRIM 6041

- Ques 17      Roy White representing Greyhound participants of Wollondilly Shire  
Matter raised – Notice of Motion No. 2 regarding Greyhound Racing in NSW
- Mr White addressed the Forum.

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### Informal Question/Statement Time

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#### **INFORMAL QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME**

There were no informal questions/statements.

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Conclusion and Informal Discussions

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**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 8.21pm.

About 70 people present.

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### Your Councillors

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Community Forum Dates

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**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:

- Monday 14 November 2016
- Monday 12 December 2016