

Record of Proceedings



Community Forum Monday 13 August 2018

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

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr Gould opened the Community Forum at 6.33pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer 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 devices such 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: Landow, Hannan (Mayor), Gould, Banasik, Briggs, Deeth and Lowry

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director Community and Corporate, Director Planning, Director Infrastructure & Environment and one Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillor: Smith and Khan

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Briggs declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item 11.5 – Update on Pre-Gateway Determination Planning Proposals within the Metropolitan Rural Area in regard to the West Thirlmere Planning Proposal. The reason being he manages Mowbray Park Farm and this property borders part of West Thirlmere. Cr Briggs advised he would leave the room during discussion of this Item.

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Cr Gould declared a Non-Pecuniary (Less than Significant) Conflict of Interest in Item 11.5 – Update on Pre-Gateway Determination Planning Proposals within the Metropolitan Rural Area in regard to the Eltondale Planning Proposal. The reason being he is a member of Silverdale Rural Fire Brigade and a member of the brigade owns land within the Eltondale Planning Proposal. Cr Gould advised he would stay at the Forum while the Item is discussed.

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FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

TRIM 1350

1. Community Safety

NSW Police officers from Camden and Campbelltown Police Area Commands (PAC's) presented information to the community on current community safety issues within the Shire.

Chief Inspector, Paul Prior of Camden PAC introduced himself and advised that he had taken over from Superintendent Ward Hanson and that Inspector, Dale Abbot is his alternate for the Camden PAC.

The Chief Inspector presented the following crime and proactivity statistics for Picton and The Oaks from 14 May to 13 August 2018:

	PICTON	THE OAKS
Assault (Non Domestic Violence - DV)	9 (Up)	1 (Up)
Assault (DV)	19 (Down)	2 (Down)
Break and Enter (Dwellings)	9 (Up)	2 (Down)
Break and Enter (Non-Dwellings)	9 (Down)	0
Steal from Dwelling	8 (Down)	1 (Down)
Steal from Motor Vehicle	8 (Up)	2 (Up)
Robberies	1 (Even)	0 (Even)
Malicious Damage (1/3 are DV related)	28 (Down)	5 (Up)
Stolen Vehicles	4 (Up)	3 (Even)
Major Traffic Crashes	18 (Down)	4 (Down)

The Chief Inspector stated that in the Non Domestic Violence category assaults were generally alcohol related occurring in or around a hotel type of establishment. Unfortunately most assaults are Domestic Violence related, and this is the same across the whole of Wollondilly, with around 200 incidents per month.

The Inspector advised that a number of the offences had been committed by 3 offenders from out of area that had gone on a mini crime spree and were now in custody.

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Participants were advised that steal from motor vehicles incidents were more opportunistic due to cars being left unlocked or windows down with valuables being left inside. Rare that a window was smashed or a car damaged to obtain entry. He urged participants to not leave cars unlocked in driveways and to not leave keys in the ignition.

The Inspector spoke of policing levels in the area and reminded participants that Picton Police Station is operating 24/7 with officers tasked to work out of the station. He also stated that Highway Patrol officers and other police units support local police both routinely and as appropriate in the area.

To finish up the inspector told participants that crime statistics in the area are very low and well below state average. He assured them that they are living in a very safe community.

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

The Chief inspector handed over to Inspector Paul Kremer of Campbelltown City PAC. Inspector Kremer advised that his PAC looks after Appin.

The Inspector stated that over the past 3 months there was no major growth in any crime area for Appin. He advised that they have had an increase in proactivity. In particular police trail bike riders had done a patrol and taken 5 trail bikes off the road which have been forfeited to the crown. A number of infringement notices were also issued.

The Inspector also mentioned a Break and Enter that had occurred which was described as a crime of opportunity by someone from out of the area who they were able to identify and charge.

There were no questions.

The Chairperson thanked the police for their service and attendance at tonight's forum.

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Community Question/Statement Time

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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 by 12 noon on the day of 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, Luke Johnson read out the Executive Summary from the Council report for each agenda item discussed throughout the night.

Cr Briggs left the meeting at 6.54pm due to a previously declared Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in tonight's submitted questions.

TRIM 10177

Ques 1 Elizabeth Mackey representing West Thirlmere Progress Association
Matter raised – 11.5 Update on Pre-Gateway Determination Planning Proposals within the Metropolitan Rural Area.

Ms Mackey addressed the Forum.

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Ques 2 Michael Silm representing Self and West Thirlmere Progress Group
Matter raised – 11.5 Update on Pre-Gateway Determination Planning Proposals within the Metropolitan Rural Area.

Mr Silm addressed the Forum.

Community
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Informal Question/Statement Time

INFORMAL QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

There were no Informal Questions/Statements.

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Conclusion and Informal Discussions

CONCLUSION AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

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

The Community Forum closed at 7.04pm.

About 20 people present.

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Your Councillors

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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 2018 are as follows:

- Monday 10 September 2018
- Monday 8 October 2018
- Monday 12 November 2018
- Monday 3 December 2018