



# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

COMMUNITY FORUM  
TUESDAY 18 JULY 2023



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The Community Forum commenced at 6.31pm and was held in the Council Chambers and remotely via audio visual link.

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### OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Mayor Gould opened the Community Forum at 6.31pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Councillors, the Acting 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, Deeth, Brandstater, Hannan, Banasik, Briggs.

**Staff:** Acting Chief Executive Officer, Acting Director Shire Connections, Director Shire Futures, Acting Director Shire Services, Chief Financial Officer, Acting Manager of Governance, Integrity and Ethics, Manager Sustainable Growth and two Governance Officers.

### APOLOGIES

**Councillors:** Rogers and Spearpoint

### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Michael Banasik declared a Non-Pecuniary, Less than Significant Conflict of Interest in Informal Question/Statement 3 – HAEMS Unreleased Study, TAP and fast track process during Informal Question/Statement time due to the speaker being a family member. Councillor Banasik advised he would remain in the Forum during this item.

Councillor Blair Briggs declared a Non-Pecuniary, Less than Significant Conflict of Interest in the Hazard Analysis and Emergency Management Study topic due to being an active member of an RFS Brigade. Councillor Briggs advised he would remain in the Forum during this item.

Councillor Judy Hannan declared a Non-Pecuniary, Less than Significant Conflict of Interest in Informal Question/Statement 3 – HAEMS Unreleased Study, TAP and fast track process during Informal Question/Statement time due to the speaker being an employee at her office as Local MP. Councillor Hannan advised she would remain in the Forum during this item.

Mayor Matt Gould declared a Non-Pecuniary, Less than Significant Conflict of Interest in the Hazard Analysis and Emergency Management Study topic due to being an active member of an RFS Brigade.. Mayor Gould advised he would remain in the Forum during this item.

## FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

There were no Formal Community Forum Matters

### 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 12275

Ques 1      Michael Moxon representing himself  
                 Item 17.1 – Notice of Motion – Careers Expo  
                 Mr Moxon addressed the Forum.

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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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#### CM 12618

- Ques 1      Rowland Ware representing National Parks Association  
                 Tahmoor Canyon/Gorge National Trust NPA and Scenic Assetatio  
                 Mr Ware addressed the Forum.  
                 The Acting Director Shire Services responded on the night.

#### CM 12215

- Ques 2      Michelle Maroun representing herself and Appin Residents  
                 Hazard Analysis and Emergency Management Study  
                 Ms Maroun addressed the Forum.  
                 The Mayor and Director Shire Futures responded on the night.

The redacted Hazard Analysis Emergency Management Study email was tabled.

The Community Forum adjourned for 3 minutes and resumed at 6.58pm

CM 12215

Ques 3 Benn Banasik representing himself

HAEMS Unreleased Study, TAP and fast track process

Mr Banasik addressed the Forum.

The Mayor, Acting CEO and Director Shire Futures responded on the night.

CM 6572

Ques 4 Frank Kaiser-Lauterbach representing Wollondilly Tours

Access to Mushroom Tunnel at night for Walking Tour After Dark

Mr Kaiser-Lauterbach addressed the Forum.

CM DA/2019/719/5

Ques 5 Sue Gay representing herself

Rockford Road Development

Ms Gay addressed the Forum.

The Director Shire Futures responded on the night.



## CONCLUSION AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

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

About 36 people present.

The Forum closed at 7:27pm.

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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 2023 are as follows:

- Tuesday 15 August - Council Chambers, Wollondilly Shire Hall
- Tuesday 20 September - TBA
- Tuesday 18 October - Council Chambers, Wollondilly Shire Hall
- Tuesday 15 November - TBA
- Tuesday 6 December - Council Chambers, Wollondilly Shire Hall