Record of Proceedings



Community Forum Tuesday 15 March 2022

The Community Forum commenced at 6.32pm and was held in Council Chambers and remotely via zoom webinar.





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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr Brandstater opened the Community Forum at 6.32pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, Directors and 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, present and emerging.

PRESENT

Councillors: Gibbs, Rogers, Brandstater, Hannan, Banasik, Spearpoint, Briggs and Deeth.

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director Customer and Corporate, Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment, Head of Integrity and Governance, Manager Sustainable Growth, Chief Financial Officer, one Governance and one IT Officer.

APOLOGIES

Mayor Gould



DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Matthew Deeth declared a Pecuniary or Perceived Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item 15.1 – Menangle Community Association Inc. (MCA) – Request for Financial Assistance. The reason being his former association with MCA. He advised he would leave the room while the matter was discussed.



Formal Community Forum Matters

FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

There were no Formal Community Forum matters.

Formal Community Forum Matters



Community Question/Statement Time

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

 Ques 1
 Brian Williams representing WAG Item 12.5 Infrastructure Contributions Reform Submission Mr Williams addressed the Forum.

 Ques 2
 Sue Johnson representing Self Item 14.1 Status of Koalas and their Habitat in Wollondilly LGA speaking on the Cumberland Plain Plan Priorities Ms Johnson addressed the Forum.

 Ques 3
 Sue Gay representing Self Item 14.1 Status of Koalas and their Habitat in Wollondilly LGA Ms Gay addressed the Forum.



Community Question/Statement Time

At 6.58pm Councillor Matthew Deeth left the room due to a previously declared Conflict of Interest in item 15.1.

Ques 4Susan Peacock representing Menangle Community Association Inc (MCA)15.1 Menangle Community Association Inc. - Request for Financial Assistance

Ms Peacock addressed the Forum.

Ques 5James McFarlane representing MCA15.1 Menangle Community Association Inc. - Request for Financial Assistance

Mr McFarlane addressed the Forum.

- At 7.03pm Councillor Matthew Deeth returned to the meeting.
- Ques 6Andrew Fell representing The Oaks Public School17.7 The Oaks Public School Pedestrian Crossing



Informal Question/Statement Time

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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Ques 1 Sue Johnson representing Self Long Term Financial Plan

Ms Johnson addressed the Forum.

Ques 2 Fiona Bullivant representing Self Wollondilly Traffic and Planning

Ms Bullivant addressed the Forum.

Ques 3 Sue Gay representing Self Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

Mrs Gay addressed the Forum.

The CEO responded to Mrs Gay's question on the night to advise that Council's resolution on the matter raised had been enacted and the relevant parties notified of Councils resolutions. This included writing to the Minister on numerous occasions so he was at a loss to why she had received the feedback she had from the state government representative.



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.

About 13 people present.

The Forum closed at 7.22pm.



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Community Forum Dates

COMMUNITY FORUM DATES

Community Forums will generally be held on the second Tuesday 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 2022 are as follows:

- Tuesday 19 April
- Tuesday 17 May
- Tuesday 21 June
- Tuesday 19 July
- Tuesday 16 August
- Tuesday 20 September
- Tuesday 18 October
- Tuesday 15 November
- Tuesday 6 December

