

Record of Proceedings



Community Forum Tuesday 9 November 2021

The Community Forum commenced at 6.30pm and was held in the Council Chambers and remotely via zoom Webinar.

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Councillor Lowry opened the Community Forum at 6.36pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Councillors, the 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. 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: Khan (Mayor), Banasik, Briggs, Deeth, Hannan and Lowry.

ALSO PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Gould and Landow.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Deeth declared a Non-Pecuniary (Less than significant) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.3- Draft Planning Proposal – 20 Tyler’s Road, Bargo on the November Council meeting agenda as he is a known friend to the applicants. As the association is not significant he advised he would stay in the meeting while the matter was discussed.

FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

CM 1350

1. Community Safety

Inspector David Williamson of Camden Police Area Command (PAC) addressed the meeting to present the crime data for the portion of Wollondilly in Camden.

The Inspector advised the greatest area of concern was domestic violence. He attributed the increase potentially to the Covid lockdown with a significant increase over the past three months from around 8 last period up to 40 plus. The areas trending highest were Tahmoor, Oakdale, Picton and Bargo.

Major traffic incidents were also highlighted with 18 occurring this period. This is alarming with a number of fatalities on the Hume Motorway. The inspector noted that he suspects with more people getting out and about as restrictions ease attributed to these figures. They will be increasing their proactivity in the near future targeting major roads.

Stolen Motor Vehicle incidents have dramatically risen from 1 in the last period to 10. The inspector advised that this could be linked to a small group of individuals that have either returned to the area or come into the area from hotspots. Of the 10 incidents 8 to 9 charges and prosecutions have been laid.

Drug detections and supply charges remain steady however an increase is expected as the public health order restrictions lift and businesses open back up such as pubs and clubs.

Finally the inspector noted that they utilise a number of resources, roster police 24/7 across Wollondilly including general duties, detectives and proactive teams. Overall Camden's crime rates are trending under our expected numbers, with the crime areas seeing a noticeable jump explainable.

Cr Banasik asked questions which were answered/acknowledged on the night. The inspector noting his concerns.

The Chair thanked the Inspector for his time. He also acknowledged the Police for their great work noting the successful outcome in finding Cleo in Western Australia.

The Chair welcomed Acting Sergeant, Craig Busby of Nepean command to the Forum. The A/Sergeant advised that Wollondilly occupied a very small portion of Nepean command. Highlighted was that Domestic Violence statistics had also risen with 5 noted in Silverdale however they were very minor in nature. Other than that they have a number of trending occurrences yet none that represent a concern in Silverdale, Warragamba or Wallacia. They have had greater involvement in relation to firearm legislation, conducting inspections to ensure compliance once again with no issues in Wollondilly. From his perspective everything is trending quite well. The data which was unavailable on the night is subsequently listed below.

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Formal Community Forum Matters

Silverdale – 35

Assaults	2
Child/YP at risk	4
Deceased	1
Discharge Police Firearm by Police	1
Domestic Violence Episode	5
Firearms Legislation	12
Fraud	1
Mental Health Act	1
Occurrence Only	1
Personal Violence-Not Domestic	1
Public Health Act	4
Traffic	1

Formal Community
Forum Matters

Wallacia – 14

Breach AVO	1
Business Inspection	1
Child Protection Register	1
Child/Young Person at Risk	1
Deceased	1
Domestic Violence Episode	1
Major Traffic Crash	1
Occurrence Only	3
Traffic	4

Warragamba – 8

Business Inspection	3
Miscellaneous	2
Occurrence Only	2
Personal Violence-Not Domestic	1

Questions were asked by Councillors and answered on the night.

Inspector Darren Riley was an apology from Campbelltown PAC.

The Chair thanked the Police for their attendance and the information provided.

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

CM 13084

Ques 1 Daniel Mathew representing Enviro Engineers Australia
Matter raised: 12.2 – Adoption of the On-Site Sewage Management Policy

Mr Mathew addressed the meeting.

Questions were asked and answered on the night.

The Chair thanked Mr Mathew for his address stating that Councillors and staff do take this matter very seriously and that they would be keen to hear what he may have to say on the matter in the future.

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Community Question/Statement Time

CM 11973

Ques 2 Tina Meredith representing Self and L&R Projects Pty Ltd
Matter raised: 12.3 – Draft Planning Proposal 20 Tyler’s Road Bargo

Mrs Meredith addressed the Forum.

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Ques 2 Barry Meredith representing Self and L&R Projects Pty Ltd
Matter raised: 12.3 – Draft Planning Proposal 20 Tyler’s Road Bargo

Mr Meredith addressed the Forum.

Questions were asked and answered on the night.

The Chair thanked Mr and Mrs Meredith for their address advising they would take their points on board and for consideration at the Council meeting.

CM 3771

Ques 4 Mick Hendricks representing Wollondilly Basketball Association
Matter raised: 17.3 – NOM – Indoor Basketball Complex

Mr Hendricks addressed the Forum.

Questions were asked and answered on the night.

The Chair thanked Mr Hendricks for his address and the volunteer work the he does with the Association of sport and stated they would give the matter a lot of consideration.

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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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There were no informal questions.

Informal Question
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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.

Participants were advised that the 2022 Community Forum and Council meeting schedule would be adopted at the November meeting. Adopted dates would be published on Councils website.

About 18 people present.

The Forum closed at 7.32pm.

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Community Forum Dates

COMMUNITY FORUM DATES

Community Forums are proposed to be held on the third Tuesday of each month commencing in 2022 to commence at 6.30pm except in the case of a public holiday when they may be held on the Wednesday.

Dates for upcoming Community Forums in 2022 will be adopted at the 16 November Council meeting. Adopted dates will be published on the website. The first Forum is proposed for:

- Tuesday 15 February