

# Record of Proceedings

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## Wollondilly Shire Council

### Community Forum Tuesday 9 June 2015

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The Community Forum commenced at 6.32pm and was held in the Council Foyer,  
62-64 Menangle Street, Picton 2571.

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### **OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson, Cr Ray Law opened the Community Forum at 6.32pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Cr Mitchell; Councillors, the General Manager and Directors to the Community Forum participants.

The Chairperson also welcomed The Hon. Bruce Billson, Federal Minister for Small Business; Angus Taylor, Federal Member for Hume and Jai Rowell, Local Member.

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: Mitchell (Mayor), Law, Terry, Amato, M Banasik, B Banasik, Gibbs and Landow.

### **ALSO PRESENT**

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

### **APOLOGIES**

An apology was noted for Councillor Hannan.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

### COMMUNITY

TRIM 1288

#### 1. Minister for Small Business – Bruce Billson MP

Angus Taylor, Federal Member for Hume thanked Council for the invitation this evening. Mr Taylor acknowledged the Local Member, Jai Rowell and introduced The Hon. Bruce Billson, Federal Minister for Small Business. Mr Taylor acknowledged that small businesses are very important in regions like Wollondilly.

Minister Billson thanked the participants for coming out tonight and also acknowledged the Local Member, Jai Rowell. Minister Billson spoke about the recent budget and the positive changes for small business.

As part of his address Minister Billson, whose home base is Frankston stated that access to livelihood is part of a rounded life. The Minister said that the real focus for his government and the budget was the need to look at new opportunities and ways to generate income for the future. The hope is to energise enterprise and private endeavours. He acknowledged the need for more incentives for enterprise to take risk.

The Minister noted that two thirds of businesses in Wollondilly are small businesses such as sole traders and partnerships as opposed to companies. Half of all small businesses are not on the web and the fact is that this is where people go these days if you want to find anything.

Minister Billson said that the plan was to get rid of obstacles for small business so it can thrive. He stated that there were too many regulations which were too complicated and that small businesses are already time poor. He also spoke about incentives and rewards for small business such as in the area of employment.

The Minister asked for questions from the audience, responding to various questions on the night.

Community Question/Statement Time

**COMMUNITY QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME**

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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 Acting General Manager, Ally Dench 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 3138

Ques 1 Greg Kellner representing Michael Brown Town Planning  
Matter raised PE4 Picton Town Centre Traffic Investigation

Mr Kellner addressed the Forum.

Community  
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Time

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Community Question/Statement Time

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TRIM 5473-8

Ques 2      Kelli Meldru representing Self  
Matter raised GO4 – Adoption of the Operational Plan

Ms Meldru addressed the Forum.

TRIM 5473-8

Ques 3      Lynette Styles representing Wollondilly Residents and Ratepayers Association  
Matter raised GO4 – Adoption of the Operational Plan

Ms Styles addressed the Forum.

The Acting General Manager addressed the forum advising on the robust community consultation and engagement process carried out by Council in relation to the Special Rate Variation. It was noted that the questions raised by Ms Meldru would be responded to in writing.

Community  
Question/Statement  
Time

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Informal Question/Statement Time

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The Chairperson stated that this section of the Forum is for matters of concern or general issues which are not on the Council's current Ordinary Meeting Agenda.

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Informal Question  
/Statement Time

TRIM 7400-2

Ques 1 Lynette Styles representing Wollondilly Residents & Ratepayers Association  
Matter raised: Legal Fees

Ms Styles addressed the Forum.

The Acting General Manager responded to Ms Styles address on the night.

TRIM 1125

Ques 2 Mr John Gay representing Help Save Appin NSW Inc  
Matter raised: Development in Appin

Mr Gay addressed the Forum.

The Chairperson advised that Council would provide a response to the matters raised by Mr Gay and Ms Styles shortly.

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Informal Question/Statement Time

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Ques 3 Heather Brown representing Self  
Matter raised: Brundah Road, Development Application

Mrs Brown addressed the Forum.

Additional documentation was handed in on the night.

Informal Question  
/Statement Time



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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 7.50pm.

About 75 people present.

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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 2015 are as follows:

- Monday 13 July 2015
- Monday 10 August 2015
- Monday 14 September 2015
- Tuesday 6 October 2015
- Monday 9 November 2015
- Monday 14 December 2015