# Record of Proceedings



# Community Forum Monday 10 August 2015

The Community Forum commenced at 6.30pm and was held in the Council Foyer, 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton 2571.



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#### **OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson, Cr Benn Banasik opened the Community Forum at 6.30pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Deputy Mayor, Cr Simon Landow, Councillors, the General Manager 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 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: Law, Terry, M Banasik, B Banasik, Hannan and Landow.

# **ALSO PRESENT**

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

#### **APOLOGIES**

Councillors: Mitchell, Amato and Gibbs were apologies.

# **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.



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#### Formal Community Forum Matters

#### FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

#### **COMMUNITY**

TRIM 1350

# 1. Community Safety

The Chairperson welcomed and introduced Inspector Mick Pearsall, Duty Officer representing Camden LAC and Inspector Jason Inkster representing Campbelltown LAC.

Inspector Pearsall spoke to the Forum. He noted that Camden LAC is a very good area to live in, where crime rates are stable and staffing numbers are sufficient.

Concerns were raised regarding the level of patrols in The Oaks. The Inspector advised that there are not a lot of issues in The Oaks. Generally it is a good area and a quiet community. He stated that there are some issues with graffiti and youth activity in park areas. Although, it is patrolled regularly, but not many calls out to the area for jobs so therefore it's considered to be a quiet area. Police have a priority system so if called out to a job, the more important or urgent are attended to first.

Inspector Pearsall stated that patrols would be increased out to The Oaks due to the matters raised above. This has been placed on the 'tasking list' which means a regular patrol out there as part of the tasking matters. This will only be interrupted if there is a priority job.

The Chairperson noted that the report of violence reported in The Oaks Park was not pertaining to young persons.

Inspector Jason Inkster representing Campbelltown LAC addressed the forum to give the crime review for Appin.

Inspector Inkster stated that Appin was also considered a relatively quiet area. Stealing being the main category of crime in Appin with 25 occurrences in a 12 month period, most of which are from retail businesses.

A breakdown of crime statistics for the previous three months for Appin was given:

- 2 stealing
- 9 Assaults (3 in local pub, 6 domestic)
- 2 Thefts
- A handful of Trail Bike issues

The participants were reminded that the reporting number for the community is 000.



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A number of the participants made requests for various actions. The main message from the Inspector was if you see something report it.

The Chairperson thanked the Inspectors for attending.



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# 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 General Manager, Mr Luke Johnson would outline each Agenda item from the Executive Summary within Councils current business paper to assist in helping those present understand matters raised throughout the proceedings.

D525-05P7

#### Ques 1 Ted Rixon representing self

Matter raised PE1 – Development Application No. D525-05 – Alterations and Additions to Existing Commercial Building, to create Eight (8) Ground Level Shops, Nine (9) units of Shot-top housing Dwellings over new shops and Landscaping and a Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA).

Mr Rixon addressed the Forum.



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# Community Question/Statement Time

TRIM 3522-2

Ques 2 Michelle Maroun representing self

Matter raised PE5 – Greater Macarthur Investigation Area – Impact on current Planning Proposals

Ms Maroun addressed the Forum.

Mr Maroun handed in additional documentation on the night.

TRIM 3522-2

Ques 3 John Gay representing Help Save Appin Inc.

Matter raised PE5 – Greater Macarthur Investigation Area – Impact on current Planning Proposals

Mr Gay addressed the Forum.

Mr Gay handed in additional documentation on the night.

TRIM 3522-2

Ques 4 Gerry Beasley representing Walker Corporation

Matter raised PE5 – Greater Macarthur Investigation Area – Impact on current Planning Proposals

Mr Beasley addressed the Forum.

The General Manager responded to questions regarding Item PE5.



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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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Ques 1 Wayne Benson representing Lakesland RAG
Matter raised - Poultry Farm Development Applications in Lakesland x 2

Mr Benson addressed the Forum.

Mr Benson handed in additional documentation on the night.

The Director Planning responded to Mr Benson's question.

**TRIM 6267** 

Ques 2 Rowland Ware representing National Parks Association Matter raised – Bargo River Gorge

Mr Ware addressed the Forum.

Mr Ware handed in additional documentation on the night.



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# Informal Question/Statement Time

**TRIM 5512** 

Ques 3 Kelli Meldru representing self
Matter raised – Annual Financial Statements and Staff KPI's

Ms Meldru addressed the Forum.

The Executive Director Community Services and Corporate Support thanked Ms Meldru for her questions and responded on the night.



# Conclusion and Informal Discussion

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Conclusion and Informal Discussions

# **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 7.43pm.

About 50 people present.

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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 2015 are as follows:

Monday
Tuesday
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Monday
14 September 2015
6 October 2015
9 November 2015
14 December 2015