

Notice of Community Forum



Wollondilly
Shire Council

Notice of Community Forum Monday 14 September 2015

You are invited to attend the next Community Forum to be held in the Council Foyer,
62-64 Menangle Street Picton on Monday 14 September 2015 commencing at 6.30pm.

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

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NOTE: Community Forum Papers will be available from Council's Foyer or alternatively on Council's website.



Formal Community Forum Matters

FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

COMMUNITY

1. Touched by Olivia Foundation

Touched by Olivia was formed in Australia in 2006 by the Perkins family, following the loss of their baby daughter, Olivia. This inspired a desire to create happier, healthier lives for all children across Australia. At the heart of this concept is a child's right to play. Through play we learn how to be part of society; play is a fundamental part of childhood.

Touched by Olivia has created a unique model based on partnership by bringing together communities, government and corporate Australia to deliver special places that change the way our society plays. Through extensive research, advocacy and guidelines based on the Universal Design Principles, we assist communities to create special places that encourage and invite social inclusion through play.

Many play spaces in Australia do not meet the needs of their community. Physical disabilities, coupled with childhood disorders, and the ever-changing demographic of stay at home carers, means that every detail needs to be considered for a space to be truly inclusive. It's not about installing a liberty swing and a few ramps up to a slippery slide. It means designing and creating custom made, accessible and intergenerational play equipment and amenities, incorporating accessible pathways, passive areas, sensory and tactile play and artworks, graduated challenges, points of recognition and visual cues, fencing, accessible parking and bus drop off zones.

Livvi's Place Inclusive Play spaces provide a unique environment for children of all ages and all abilities to play side by side. Extensive research and community consultation have gone into the development of these Play spaces to make them truly world class facilities. In 2012, Touched by Olivia joined with leading academics, practitioners, not for profit and NGO's and developed a best practice guideline to assist decision makers, advocates and designers looking to create an inclusive playspace.

The 6 principles of inclusive play are:

- Everyone can play
- Access to nature
- Total experience
- A connection to community
- Play independence
- Friendship

Bec Ho, Executive Officer at Touched by Olivia will launch a consultative process with the Wollondilly Shire to establish an inclusive playspace in Warragamba.



Community Question/Statement Time

COMMUNITY QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

Community Question/Statement Time will be for those matters that relate to the Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda.

The person must be in attendance at the Community Forum.

Matters can be submitted to Council up until 12 noon on the day of the Forum.

The Chairperson will read out the matter and will then invite the person to speak. Each speaker's time will be determined by Council's Code of Meeting Practice. There can be two (2) submissions for and two (2) submissions against each issue, with each speaker allowed a maximum of 5 minutes.

All matters will be addressed and the person will either be provided with a direct answer thereby completing the matter or, a response as to how the matter will be dealt with.

In accordance with Council's adopted Community Forum Guidelines the Record of Proceedings will only record the name of the person raising the Question/Statement, whom they are representing and the matter/item for each written question/statement submitted for the night. Any additional documentation handed in on the night will be noted in the Record of Proceedings. No verbal comments from the speaker will be documented.

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Community
Question/Statement
Time



Informal Question/Statement Time

INFORMAL QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

Informal Question/Statement Time will be for any general issues as well as those matters that were not answered during the Formal Community Forum section.

The person must be in attendance at the Forum.

Matters are required to be submitted prior to 12 noon on the day of the Forum, although the Chairperson may accept late items if time permits.

The Chairperson will read out the matter and will then invite the person to speak. Each speaker's time will be determined by the Chairperson.

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Conclusion and Informal Discussions

CONCLUSION

This section of the Forum will allow the Chairperson to provide a summary of the matters discussed and advise that the next Community Forum will be held on Tuesday 6 October 2015.

INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

This section of the Forum will allow time for our community to have a cup of tea or coffee and to speak openly with Councillors and Council Officers about any matter they wish to raise.

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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 in the Council Foyer, 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton.

Dates for the Community Forums for 2015 are as follows:

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