

Record of Proceedings



Wollondilly Shire Council

Community Forum Monday 8 August 2016

The Community Forum commenced at 6.33pm 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 6.33pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Cr 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: Landow (Mayor), Hannan, Gibbs, Law, Terry, B Banasik, Mitchell and M Banasik.

ALSO PRESENT

General Manager, Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment, Manager Infrastructure Planning, Facilities & Recreation Planner and one Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted for Cr Amato and the Executive Director Community Services and Corporate Support.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Luke Johnson declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item GO7 – General Manager's Performance Review as the matter relates directly to himself as the General Manager.

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Chris Stewart declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item GO7 – General Manager's Performance Review as the Community Forum Question received asked about the salaries of senior staff which relates to him as the Director Planning.

Michael Malone declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item GO7 – General Manager's Performance Review as the Community Forum Question received asked about the salaries of senior staff which relates to him as the Director Infrastructure and Environment.

FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

COMMUNITY

TRIM 1350

1. Community Safety

Police officers from two of the three Local Area Commands (LAC's) covering Wollondilly presented information to the community on current community safety issues within the Shire as follows:

Inspector Mick Pearsall, of Camden LAC opened the presentation. The inspector advised that he has worked in this area for over 12 years and that overall crime is quite low in the Wollondilly area of his LAC.

In the past quarter he advised that police had attended around 2400 incidents across his whole LAC of which 555 or approximately 25% were attending to incidents in what he refers to as the Picton sector of his LAC.

Inspector Pearsall advised that the areas of concern that they are looking at more closely of late are malicious damage and domestic violence assaults. He stated that there was no real spike though rather more like seasonal differences in the categories of crime.

Compared to the State Inspector Pearsall advised that Wollondilly is doing well and that they are keeping a firm fist on crime in this area.

Several questions were asked and answered on the night.

Suzie Schwass, Sergeant, General Duties Supervisor, Campbelltown Local Area Command then spoke in regards to her LAC which covers Appin. An apology for Inspector Tara Norton who would normally attend was noted.

Sergeant Schwass stated that the area isn't really that much of a problem for her LAC. In regards to Appin Road there had been four (4) major accidents in the last quarter and it is patrolled regularly. In July there had only been 3 traffic incidents in Appin compared to 92 in June. Generally Appin is a small peaceful spot and the police patrol is proactive.

Current issues highlighted were a few more incidents of stealing in the last month and reports of rumblings heard at night on remote properties by the occupiers around their homes. It was noted that with only 1 or 2 occupiers they were often too frightened to investigate further. The Sergeant encouraged the participants to look into their own security and encouraged neighbourly support in swapping phone numbers if needed to call for assistance.

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Both officers advised of a service offered by crime prevention officers where they will come out to your property and provide a security inspection and offer advice. These officers are often trained in safer by design principles and have the knowledge to suggest options for you to look at to improve your homes security. Participants were urged to make use of this service.

Sergeant Schwass advised that the police are aware that Appin Hotel has been a bit of a problem and that they are working with the Department of Community Services to find a solution.

Further questions were asked which were answered on the night.

The Chairperson that the officers for their time and introduced the next presenters.

INFRASTRUCTURE

TRIM 3915 & 4815-2

2. **Master Plans for Douglas Park Sportsground and Wilton Recreation Reserve**

Council's Facilities & Recreation Planner and Manager Infrastructure Planning gave the following Power Point presentation in regards to the Master Plans for Douglas Park Sportsground and Wilton Recreation Reserve.

The Planning Process

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT MASTER PLANS 1-28 JUNE 2016

- Website Engage.Wollondilly – on line survey
- Stakeholder group notification
- 355 Management Committees presentation
- The Wollondilly Advertiser – 8 and 22 June
- The District Reporter – 10 and 24 June
- Council's Facebook page
- Media release on 14 June 2016 (radio 2ST)
- Flyer letter box drop to surrounding houses
- Flyers - local shops, Customer Service, Library
- Onsite engagement kiosks
- Post-exhibition 355 Management Committee presentation

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Community Feedback – Douglas Park

Issue Raised	Amendment/Response in Master Plan
Keep the existing car parking capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing amount of car parking will remain and be formalised for better use of the space Additional areas for car parking have been identified.
Maintain access for vehicles to the field for equipment set up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access for vehicles is maintained at the northern end of the sportsground.
Public toilets block to be separate to the Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The existing public toilet block will be removed and replaced with a new public toilet block with shelter. This will be separate to the Community Centre.
Do not construct a skate park at Douglas Park Sportsground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed skate park has changed to a multi-purpose terraced space with skate and scooter friendly elements.
Keep the long jump pits on the inside perimeter of the field fence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The long jump pits are now shown within the fenced field area.
Provide storage space for the Little Athletics Club equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A storage facility will be located near the tennis clubhouse, close to the sportsground vehicle access point. Storage also identified as extension to Community Centre.
Keep the tennis courts in their current location and include an additional court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocate the north-western tennis court at the end of its useful life with a new tennis court beside the existing northern court. Build a new clubhouse.
Move the proposed older children's playground from the southern end of the field.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The older children's playground has been moved to a more central location next to the terracing for better natural surveillance.
Ensure the proposed dug out locations do not conflict with the athletics track.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dug outs now shown outside of athletics track and the separate perimeter walking track. Walking track within fencing for vegetation protection and public safety.

Community Feedback – Wilton

Issue Raised	Amendment/Response in Master Plan
New amenities building attached to proposed Field 3 is too small.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The three small buildings shown on the draft plan have now been combined to create one large amenities building.
Spectator and warm up space is required around proposed Field 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warm up and spectator space is now shown on the plan.
Keep access for vehicles to park along the edge of the oval to allow people to watch AFL games from their cars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two parking areas are now shown on the plan for parking close to the oval edge. Unable to provide complete vehicle access around oval due to issues with pedestrian safety.
Keep public toilets open to all park users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing toilet block will be kept until new public toilets are incorporated within the new amenities building.
Keep the fenced area behind the Community Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The existing fenced play area and small playground attached to the Community Centre will be retained.
Upgrade the existing AFL amenities building.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan shows an upgrade to the existing AFL building.
Ensure space is provided for a tennis clubhouse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A tennis clubroom to be provided within the new amenities building next to proposed Field 3.
Build an indoor cricket/basketball centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An indoor sports facility is best considered in the planning of Wilton Junction.

Design Principles

FACILITIES AND USE

- Minimising conflict of uses/spaces through layout
- Providing adaptable spaces that meet a range of needs and activities

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- Develop hierarchy of pedestrian paths
- Car parking efficient and easy to navigate

ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

- Retain and protect significant trees
- Honour semi-rural character of the area through sensitive design

IMAGE AND CHARACTER

- Enhance sense of arrival at main entry points
- Create comfortable and sociable spaces that encourage users to stay longer
- Retain significant view corridors

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LEGEND:

- ① Car parking - numbers, location
- ② Vehicular access to field
- ③ Public toilet block
- ④ Long jump pits
- ⑤ Storage shed
- ⑥ BMX facility
- ⑦ Dugouts
- ⑧ Shot put and discus - location and orientation
- ⑨ Community centre - landscaping
- ⑩ Community centre - potential internal reconfiguration to provide additional storage and amenities (change rooms and toilets)
- ⑪ Interpretive signage
- ⑫ Tennis courts
- ⑬ Additional fitness station
- ⑭ Older children's playground relocated to here
- ⑮ Potential location for 100m running track
- ⑯ Redesign of picnic area around heritage rotunda

Client: Wollondilly Shire Council

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS: CLAYTON ASSOCIATES

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Douglas Park Sportsground Master Plan • Douglas Park DRAFT

KEY AMENDMENTS FROM PUBLIC EXHIBITION

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Where To From Here

In delivering this project to works on the ground, the following will be the next critical steps:

- ❏ Council adoption of master plans
- ❏ Finalisation of Review of Environmental Factors (REF)
- ❏ Fund sourcing
- ❏ Detailed design and construction



A number of questions were asked and answered on the night.

The Chairperson thanked the staff for the presentation.

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 Council's current business paper to assist in helping those present understand matters raised throughout the proceedings. The Mayor read out the executive in relation to Item GO7 in which the General Manager had a Pecuniary Interest.

TRIM 8520

Ques 1 Gerry Beasley representing Walker Corporation
Matter raised – PE1 Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area

Mr Beasley addressed the Forum.

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TRIM 8520

Ques 2 Deidre D'Arcy representing self
Matter raised – PE1 Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area

Mrs D'Arcy addressed the Forum.

The General Manager, Director Planning and Director Infrastructure and Environment left the meeting at 7.23pm due to previously declared interests in the Item GO7.

TRIM 5236

Ques 3 Kelli Meldru representing self
Matter raised –GO7 General Manager's Performance Review

Ms Meldru addressed the Forum.

The Mayor responded on the night.

The General Manager, Director Planning and Director Infrastructure and Environment returned to the meeting at 7.28pm.

TRIM 4815

Ques 4 Christine Towndrow representing Douglas Park Reserve 355 Committee
Matter raised –IN2 Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground

Mrs Towndrow addressed the Forum.

The General Manager responded on the night.

The Chairperson advised that due to an Extraordinary Meeting of Council to follow tonight's proceedings only a five minute break would follow tonight's Community Forum.

Cr Gibbs left the meeting at 7.29pm and returned at 7.32pm.

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TRIM 4815

Ques 5 Keith Robert Dowel representing Douglas Park Tennis Club Inc.
Matter raised –IN2 Master Plan for Douglas Park Sportsground

Mr Dowel addressed the Forum.

The Councillors asked further questions on the night.

TRIM 3915

Ques 6 Anthony Towndrow representing Wilton Reserve Committee
Matter raised –IN3 Wilton Reserve Master Plan

Mr Towndrow addressed the Forum.

The Director Infrastructure and Environment responded on the night.

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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.

The Chairperson announced that all Questions must be submitted in writing by 12 noon on the day of the Forum and there will be 2 speakers for and 2 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.

Cr Mitchell left meeting the meeting at 7.50pm.

TRIM 6267

Ques 1 Rowland Ware representing National Parks Association, Macarthur
Matter raised – The Tahmoor Gorge

Mr Ware addressed the Forum.

Additional documentation was handed in on the night.

TRIM 9297

Ques 2 John Gay representing Help Save Appin Inc.
Matter raised – Broughton Pass Update

Mr Gay addressed the Forum.

The Director Infrastructure and Environment and the General Manager responded on the night.

Additional documentation was handed in on the night.

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Cr Mitchell left meeting the meeting at 8pm.

TRIM 4985

Ques 3 Aaron Williamson representing self
Matter raised – The Heritage of Appin Inn

Mr Williamson addressed the Forum.

Informal Question
/Statement Time

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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 8.15pm.

About 45 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 2016 are as follows:

- Monday 10 October 2016
- Monday 14 November 2016
- Monday 12 December 2016