

Rural Industry Liaison Committee Minutes of Meeting

Held on 10 November 2015 at 7:00pm

PRESENT:

Cr Simon Landow, Cr Kate Terry, Cr Judith Hannan, Tate Ryan (Chair), Andrew Docking, Joe Grima, Louise Davies, Edgar Downes, Peter Sproule, Jacqueline Chevis, Michael Malone, David Smith, Carolyn Whitten, James Bell, Tony Biffin

APOLOGIES:

Cr Hilton Gibbs, Cr Ray Law, Cr Lou Amato, Sue Gordon, Ed Biel, Ally Dench, Chris Stewart

DESCRIPTION		ACTION
1.	Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Disclosure of Interests Nil	
3.	Apologies Noted Introduction and welcome: Mayor and Councillors, Michael Malone, Peter Conash from Greater Sydney Local Land Services	
4.	Adoption of Previous Minutes Moved: Louise Davies Seconded: Joe Grima The Minutes were tabled and adopted as true and correct Carried	
5.	Notified Items (<i>was item 6.</i>) 1) Michael Malone, Director Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broad presentation regarding Councils current and projected budget projects. - <u>Questions taken:</u> Road- weight tonnage, Issues of lantana, rabbits, general weed control and how does Infrastructure enable/promote agriculture. 2) Peter Conash, Senior Land Services Officer (Mixed Farming Systems) Greater Sydney Local Land Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broad presentation regarding LLS - <u>Questions taken:</u> Major issue of how State Government will attempt to manage weed management and role of LLS and succession management. Any service provided by LLS is paid for. Andrew Docking to provide from DPI information as to who manages weed / fox / rabbit control. 3) David Smith, Manager of Strategic Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning Team Update - Presented the Committees requests to a Councillor Workshop and updated the Committee on Councillors feedback addressing: 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fee reductions, Process Improvements, Poultry pick up hours, Igloos setback, make intensive Horticulture exempt, Tour of Model Farms, and Clarity in GMS – eg no urban development for x years, so land can be used for agriculture. Rural Residential land leasing to farmers. - Additional: More regular phone contact with applicant for DA's to discuss progress, process and issues. 	
<p>6. Matters arising from previous minutes (was item 5.)</p> <p><u>2013/2014 Rural Forum Outcomes Paper Implementation</u> Ongoing</p> <p><u>1/2013 Sydney Catchment Land Rezoning</u> Ongoing</p> <p><u>9/2014 Rates Comparison and 11/2015 - New clause for Policy. 4.34 – Mixed farming uses</u> Completed Finance team has provided all information and included mixed farming uses clause in the Farmland Rating draft document.</p> <p><u>10/2014 Respond to State and Federal engagement opportunities in line with the draft agriculture action plan</u> Ongoing Tate Ryan: Item to merged</p> <p><u>11/2014 Agriculture Standard Conditions</u> Ongoing - Planning</p> <p><u>1/2015 Can SPUN advocate for farming cadetships and traineeships</u> Ongoing - SPUN</p> <p><u>2/2015 Could SPUN look at developing a standard guideline for peri-urban farming.</u> Ongoing - SPUN</p> <p><u>3/2015 Greater Macarthur Investigation Area Report</u> Completed <u>4/2015 Badgerys Creek Airport</u> Completed <u>17/2015 - Email decision about Greater Macarthur Investigation to Committee when received</u> Completed Carolyn Whitten presented the Macarthur Study Area and extension of consultation period plus an Airport for Western Sydney, building Western Sydney's future. Documents made available.</p> <p><u>5/2015 Truck weight limits on Agriculture</u> Completed Addressed by Michael Malone. Michael available for further questions as needed.</p> <p><u>6/2015 Investigate naming of building or site – Lt. Col Astley John Onslow Thompson VD</u> Completed Suggestion submitted to relevant council team for consideration.</p> <p><u>8/2015 – Urban Ecological Systems</u> Completed Tate Ryan has assisted with introducing to multiple sites. Unfortunately nothing suitable is available.</p> <p><u>9/2015 – Feedback on Action Plan</u> Completed Tate Ryan: Action to be merged with <u>2013/2014 Rural Forum Outcomes Paper Implementation</u></p>	

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<p><u>10/2015 - NOM to lobby the Valuer General in relation to farmland rating</u> Tate Ryan: found it complex and no value adding found, to be now closed.</p> <p><u>12/2015 - Staff to meet to discuss issues raised in the Committee meeting</u></p> <p><u>13/2015 – Presentation at Councillor Workshop on 28th September to raise the issue for poultry farms</u> <i>Councillor Workshop rescheduled to 26 October.</i></p> <p><u>14/2015 - Raise with SPUN the issue of consistent conditions of consent and requirements for agricultural land used across the Peri-Urban areas. This fits in with the SPUN action plan in Action 1 – under VALUE.</u></p> <p><u>15/2015 - Tate Ryan to meet with David Smith to look at issues raised to discuss.</u></p> <p><u>16/2015 - Add dog/cat issues onto Fact Sheets for new residents</u></p> <p><u>18/2015 - Invite Director Infrastructure to attend next Committee meeting.</u></p> <p><u>19/2015 - Cr Kate Terry to raise a NOM to Lobby the State Government for a policy exemption or change</u></p> <p><u>20/2015 - Tate Ryan to liaise with Mark Wright to word a NOM.</u> <u>21/2015 – Tate Ryan to raise issue with State Member at his next meeting with Council</u> Tate Ryan: Followed up, helpful but extremely challenging and lots of testing. No further action to needed by the Committee.</p> <p><u>22/2015 - Wollondilly Community Nursery new prices will be raised with Council staff</u> Issue has been raised and responded to.</p> <p><u>23/2015 - Council to provide advice about the abandoned Apple orchard on Steveys Forest Road; with fruit fly; pestilence; disease prevalent</u></p> <p><u>24/2015 - Planning section to explore potential for criteria to enable extensive horticulture as exempt development within the WLEP 2011</u></p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing - SPUN</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>7. General Business</p> <p>Tate Ryan discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Berrigan Council: letter received regarding Queensland fruit fly seminars and will be running information sessions. - Attended Cows Create Careers: dairy industry stepping up and being proactive engaging the community. Tate to recommend support for program within council. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Industry Networking: Value of local business and industries getting to know their neighbours. Tate identified as agriculture as a potential for further networking and will request feedback from RLIC. Tony Biffin mentioned Camden Show and invited WSC/ RILC to take an interest. Again, need for separate body to form outside of the RLIC. - Small Business Commissioner starting to focus on Agriculture, Tate to research further. - WTAI: Stage 1 of commissioned tourism Report completed. Highlighted the opportunity and value of agriculture tourism. Tate to further explore and bring back to discuss with committee. James Bell mentioned Chinese tourism potential and recommended WTAI to explore. Tate encouraged individual farmers to explore their own potential. DA requirements potentially an issue. - Wollondilly Events Forum Invitation: circulated to committee and please forward to any large landholders. Issues to be identified eg. Public Liability Insurance, however, covered by Event Organisers. <p>James Bell: Thanks and appreciation from committee, Fit for Future congratulations WSC and continuation of the work and momentum of Rural Industry Liaison Committee by Council. Request to look at recent positive DA's. ie Hatchery.</p> <p>Tony Biffin: Leppington Land Release - Loss of active farms, where are they going to relocate? What does that mean for us?</p>	
8.	WHS Nil	
9.	Next Meeting Next meeting to be advised. Meeting closed at 10.00pm.	

**WOLLONDILLY RURAL INDUSTRY LIAISON COMMITTEE
OPEN ACTIONS AS AT 3 JUNE 2015**

Action	Description	Responsible Person(s)	Update/Status
2013/2014	Rural Forum Outcomes Paper Implementation.	Ec Dev	ONGOING
1/2013	That the RILC be kept informed in the upcoming review of the Sydney Catchment Land Rezoning.	Planning	ONGOING
9/2014	Look at rates in comparison to nearby Councils.	Ec Dev	COMPLETED
10/2014	Respond to State and Federal engagement opportunities in line with the draft agriculture action plan.	Ec Dev	ONGOING
11/2014	RILC would like to review standard conditions imposed on agricultural development consents.	Planning	ONGOING
1/2015	Can SPUN advocate for farming cadetships and traineeships?	SPUN	ONGOING
2/2015	Could SPUN look at developing a standard guideline for peri-urban farming. This will be an important industry for food security and for Australia adapting to climate change.	SPUN	ONGOING
3/2015	Could the Greater Macarthur Investigation Area Report come to RILC when it is exhibited.	Planning	COMPLETED
4/2015	Could more information about the Badgery's Creek Airport come to RILC?	Planning	COMPLETED
5/2015	Add issues relating to truck weight limits on agriculture to investigation into traffic issues facing business in Wollondilly.	Ec Dev	COMPLETED
6/2015	Could Council investigate naming a building or site after Lt Col Astley John Onslow Thompson VD.	Ec Dev	COMPLETED
8/2015	Urban Ecological Systems.	James Bell & Tate Ryan	COMPLETED
9/2015	To provide feedback on Action Plan at next meeting.	Tate Ryan	COMPLETED
10/2015	Councillor to support the Committees concerns by raising a NOM to lobby the Valuer General in relation to farmland rating.	Tate Ryan	COMPLETED
11/2015	Add a new clause to the policy. 4.34 – Mixed farming uses.	Ashley Christie	COMPLETED
12/2015	Staff to meet to discuss issues raised in the Committee meeting.	Ashley Christie	COMPLETED
13/2015	At the 28th September Councillor Workshop will draft into the presentation to Councillors to raise the issue for poultry farms.	David Smith	COMPLETED <i>Workshop rescheduled to 26 October</i>
14/2015	Raise with SPUN the issue of consistent conditions of consent and requirements for agricultural land used across the Peri-Urban areas. This fits in with the SPUN action plan in Action 1 – under VALUE.	Ally Dench	ONGOING
15/2015	Tate Ryan to meet with David Smith to look at issues raised to discuss.	Tate Ryan / David Smith	COMPLETED
16/2015	Add dog/cat issues onto Fact Sheets for new residents.	Carolyn Whitten	ONGOING

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17/2015	Email decision about Greater Macarthur Investigation to Committee when received.	Tate Ryan	COMPLETED
18/2015	Invite Director Infrastructure to attend next Committee meeting.	Tate Ryan	COMPLETED
19/2015	Cr Kate Terry to raise a NOM to Lobby the State Government for a policy exemption or change.	Cr Kate Terry	ONGOING
20/2015	Tate Ryan to liaise with Mark Wright to word a NOM.	Tate Ryan	COMPLETED
21/2015	Tate Ryan to raise issue with State Member at his next meeting with Council.	Tate Ryan	COMPLETED
22/2015	Wollondilly Community Nursery new prices will be raised with Council staff.	Ally Dench	COMPLETED
23/2015	Council to provide advice about the abandoned Apple orchard on Steveys Forest Road; with fruit fly; pestilence; disease prevalent.	Carolyn Whitten	ONGOING
24/2015	Planning section to explore potential for criteria to enable extensive horticulture as exempt development within the WLEP 2011.	Carolyn Whitten	ONGOING