

PRESENT: Tate Ryan (Chair), Andrew Docking (DPI), Joe Grima, Louise Davies, Jacqueline Chevis, Carolyn Whitten, James Bell, Tony Biffin, Ed Biel, Sue Gordon,

APOLOGIES: Cr Hilton Gibbs, Cr Ray Law, Cr Lou Amato, Chris Stewart, David Smith, Edgar Downes, Cr Judith Hannan, Ally Dench, Cr Kate Terry

DESCRIPTION		ACTION
1.	Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Disclosure of Interests Nil	
3.	Apologies Noted	
4.	Adoption of Previous Minutes Corrections required: Jacqueline Chevis should have been an apology for the last meeting and Ed Biel and Sue Gordon were present. Edgar in both present and the apologies but was present. Moved: Ed Biel Seconded: Sue Gordon The Minutes were tabled and adopted as true and correct Carried	
5.	Matters arising from previous minutes <u>2013/2014 Rural Forum Outcomes Paper Implementation</u> Tate Ryan provided an update: The SPUN Action Plan was adopted by Council this month and in a large part influences the Rural Action plan particularly for the Advocacy items. The concept of 'Peri-urban' is kicking in. We're doing the best we can in terms of the items in the Action Plan. Limited resources at the moment due to staff constraints. Sue Gordon raised an issue about not knowing the outcome when issues are raised (for example people coming together for the forum) and suggested a further forum. Communication could be improved. Sharing the good news, particularly what SPUN has achieved. Challenges with reporting and delivering outcomes	Ongoing

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<p>discussed (particularly in terms of whose responsibility it is within Council and the administration associated with reporting). Suggested an Agenda item for SPUN.</p> <p>Discussion also extended to how agriculture sits within a wider caseload of economic development and creating jobs.</p> <p><u>1/2013 Sydney Catchment Land Rezoning</u> No update</p> <p><u>10/2014 Respond to State and Federal engagement opportunities in line with the draft agriculture action plan</u> No update</p> <p><u>11/2014 Agriculture Standard Conditions</u></p> <p>Talked about recent discussions around issues with local poultry industry.</p> <p>An update on the poultry industry was provided by Joe Grima.</p> <p>On 8 June 2016 there will be a Community Forum to discuss Poultry Farming in the Wollondilly Shire from 5pm-8:30pm at the Bargo Sports Club. This Forum will provide an opportunity for the community to express their view.</p> <p>It is understood that key issues held by community are around traffic, night time pickup and odour.</p> <p>The following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there an opportunity to inform community on the reason for industry practices & economic benefits, animal welfare. - Include advocates to explain the need for poultry farm operations. - Inviting industry employees (for example, Inghams). - DPI should be consulted on questions for forum. - Opportunity for presentations. <p>Particular concern that the community will not understand that poultry industry practices are based on animal welfare.</p> <p>RILC should be consulted on the scope of the proposed community forum on the poultry industry prior to the issues paper being released.</p> <p>Moved: Louise Davies Seconded: Ed Biel</p> <p>Tate Ryan commented that due to the speed in which the Forum is progressing, consultation will not be able to take place however he will assist the Community Services team to help make the Forum a success.</p> <p>Suggestion that RILC should focus on the solutions and how the concerns could be mitigated in a 'no curfew' environment.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>Request for Joe Grima to send out statistics related to industry so that other RILC can forward these on.</p> <p><u>24/2015 - Planning section to explore potential for criteria to enable extensive horticulture as exempt development within the WLEP 2011</u> No Update</p> <p><u>2/2016 - Look at the possibility of facilitating a workshop with Councillors on agricultural development consents. – Planners and DPI to attend.</u> No Update</p> <p><u>3/2016 - Council to write to Director Bio Security on the issue of the apple orchard on Steveys Forest Road. Contents of letter to be guided by Ed Biel.</u></p> <p>Even though there is a Biosecurity Act enacted it hasn't come into force yet.</p> <p>Sampling has been undertaken on the orchard and there was nothing found. Ed Biel indicated that this wasn't in accordance with the Plant Diseases Act 1927 which refers to abandoned orchards and pests. The orchard is also full of noxious weeds including blackberries. Noxious weeds aren't the responsibility of DPI.</p> <p>Ed Biel hasn't had a response from the Minister. The letter was sent 3 years ago.</p> <p><u>4/2016 - Carolyn Whitten to forward report and minutes to RILC on Assisting Agriculturalists and Thanks from Councillors.</u> Completed</p> <p><u>5/2016 - DPI to distribute discussion paper.</u> Completed</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Andrew Docking to follow up and communicate with Tate Ryan</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>6. Notified Items</p> <p>6.1 Planning Team Update Council initiating a planning proposal to introduce a clause within the Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan 2011 to enable boundary adjustments for rural properties.</p> <p>No particular issues raised</p> <p>6.2 Meeting held with poultry farming representatives, inspection of poultry farm and preparation of Poultry Discussion Paper Discussed previously during Action 11/2014 Agriculture Standard Conditions</p>	

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<p>6.3 DPI Update – Provided by Andrew Docking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Right to Farm project is continuing. Currently undertaking surveys with Councils to understand how they manage land use conflict. Wollondilly Council is one of the Councils being targeted for this consultation. UTS is doing some work on how to maintain agriculture in a peri-urban area. - Coming Up – Metropolitan Commissioner is having workshops for Agency’s at this stage for the District Plans. There may be some opportunities in the future to be involved with consultation. <p>6.4 Dissolution and Renewal of Rural Industry Liaison Committee Term (was item 6.3) The Committee will officially dissolve after the Council election so there will be one further Committee meeting before the committee dissolves.</p>	
<p>7. General Business</p> <p>7.1 Committee Member Contact Details Louise Davies has asked that the Committee have an open email list of all members. Do any members object to having their personal email addresses shared with other Committee members?</p> <p>No objections were raised.</p> <p>7.2 Line of the M9 Outer Orbital James Bell indicated that University of Western Sydney campus is looking to expand in Wollondilly and needs to know the line of the M9 so that they can make expansion plans.</p> <p>7.3 Careless Tree removal on Barkers Lodge Road Louise Davies sent a photo out to RILC members of trees that were illegally cleared on Barkers Lodge Road. The work was RFS funded to clear for bushfire.</p> <p>Why have they left the Lantana under the trees. She has spoken with Luke Johnson. The works were under the instruction of Council and the operators had no care for the trees. Suggested that Council donate some trees to replace the destroyed trees.</p> <p>Ed Biel noted that he was happy with the works in another area of the Shire.</p> <p>7.4 Foxes Sue Gordon advised that Local Land Services have a programme to remove foxes. They have traps, cameras.</p> <p>7.5 Small Farms Sue Gordon noted that someone from LLS has a project on this. Can we invite them to the RILC.</p>	

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8.	WHS	
9.	Next Meeting Meeting closed at 7.15pm. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 2 August at 5pm	

**WOLLONDILLY RURAL INDUSTRY LIAISON COMMITTEE
OPEN ACTIONS AS AT 18 May 2016**

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
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
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4/2016	Carolyn Whitten to forward report and minutes to RILC on Assisting Agriculturalists and Thanks from Councillors.	Carolyn Whitten	COMPLETED
5/2016	DPI to distribute discussion paper.	Andrew Docking, DPI	COMPLETED