



Rural Industry
Community Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes of Meeting



Held on 5 December 2018 at 7:00 pm
in the Board Room, Wollondilly Shire Council

PRESENT: Phil Bartolo, James Bell, Ed Biel, Stephen Gardiner (WSC), Cr Matt Gould, Vincent Hewson, Cr Noel Lowry (*arrived 8.42pm*), Sue Mossman, Joe Vella, John Galea (DPI), Carolyn Whitten (WSC) (Chair), Mia Hallowell (WSC) (minute taker).

APOLOGIES: Andrew Docking (DPI), Will Davies, Cr Matthew Deeth, Andrew Pace, Louise Davies, Ally Dench (WSC), Edgar Downes,

DESCRIPTION		ACTION
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Meeting commenced at 7:10 pm. Carolyn welcomed those in attendance and noted Cr Lowry may arrive late. An apology was also received from Ally Dench prior to the meeting.	
2.	Minutes of Meeting 12 September 2018 The Minutes of Meeting for 12 September 2018 were circulated to the Committee on 5 December 2018. Further discussion was held around actions from the previous Minutes, including FAQs for website on dams, a recent NOM relating to harvesting, conflicting information between planning and compliance, and clarify around roles. The Minutes of Meeting for 12 September 2018 are to be circulated by email following the meeting to provide members with an opportunity to review fully.	Confirm if NOM relating to harvestable use rights for water has been actioned (Carolyn). Seek regular attendance by Compliance at future RICAC meetings (Carolyn).
3.	Outcome of FIAL Innovation Inspiration Workshop for local producers/food manufacturers FIAL Innovation Inspiration Workshop was held on 24 October 2019 and was well attended. The next stage will involve scoping further opportunities for partnerships and collaboration with Council.	

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4.	<p>Review of Council's Scare Gun Policy</p> <p>The committee discussed the Scare Gun Policy and provided the following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policy was set up when there were significantly more orchards in the area. Apparently in response to complaints many years ago in the Thirlmere area. • The policy is still relevant because of the potential nuisance caused by ducks, deer's and wallabies. Due to the growth Wollondilly is facing there is potential for land use conflict into the future. Subsequently, a policy should be retained rather than a fact sheet type format. • In terms of definitions; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fruit Season; If this definition is retained there should be an acknowledgment of other crops. For example, the definition should be changed to 'crop or edible produce' rather than 'fruit'. The heading would also need to be updated to reflect this point. - Sunrise Time and Sunset Time; some allowance is required, particularly at dusk or when there is a full moon. • Objective; Considered reasonable • Legislative Provisions; may need to review wording. Particularly as birds are not the only fauna which are targeted from gas scare guns, • Where ever 'fruit' is used throughout the policy this should be changed to refer to 'crop'. • General Requirement number 1; this should be updated to refer to crop. • General Requirement number 3; is not considered feasible as it doesn't consider the house on the land on which the gas scare gun is being used. Suggested amending wording to '<i>within a 200 metre radius of any neighbouring property or dwelling.</i> • General Requirement number 4; needs to recognise other crops • General Requirement number 5; considered reasonable, • Savings; Should be updated to reflect current relevant legislation. • No other provisions considered necessary. <p>Feedback to be provided to Council's compliance staff.</p>	<p>Provide Committee feedback to Council's compliance staff (Carolyn).</p>
5.	<p>Local Environmental Plan Review Project</p> <p>Carolyn provided a presentation on the Local Environmental Plan Review Project to be undertaken over the next two years.</p> <p>The presentation included an overview of the relationship between the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and other Council policies.</p> <p>Work to date has focussed on how closely aligned the local environmental plan is with the Western City District Plan and identifying gaps where further work is required.</p> <p>Cr Lowry emphasised the time constraints Council has with public involvement.</p> <p>Carolyn noted she would distribute relevant documents to the Committee and provide regular updates at future meetings.</p>	<p>Distribute presentation, Destination Management Plan and guideline regarding LSPS to Committee (Carolyn).</p>

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6.	<p>Current Planning Matters</p> <p>Stephen Gardiner noted the premature announcement by the State Government regarding plans for Appin and Wilton.</p> <p>Reports will be considered by Council at its Ordinary meeting in February 2019 addressing concerns around services for water and sewage.</p>	
7.	<p>General Business:</p> <p>a. Development Applications</p> <p>General discussion about an upcoming development application in the Oakdale area.</p> <p>b. Local Planning Panel (LPP)</p> <p>Clarification was sought around Councillor input into the Local Planning Panel process. It was noted Councillors can address the Panel as a member of the community but not as a Councillor.</p> <p>There was also further discussion around the difference between LPPs and Joint Regional Planning Panels (JRPP). JRPPs determine development applications with a capital investment value over \$30 million.</p> <p>Two rezoning proposals were considered by the recent LPP. The minutes will be published tomorrow.</p> <p>c. Small Farms</p> <p>Sue Mossman proposed Council put forward an application for a smart farm grant to look at small farming opportunities for local residents. The fund would assist in administration costs including set up and ongoing assessments of a local small farmer who would be willing to offer their small farm as part of trial.</p> <p>Cr Lowry noted he may know of someone who may be interested in offering their farm. Sue will touch base with Cr Lowry at a later date.</p> <p>d. Intensive Vs Extensive</p> <p>Question raised in relation to two properties performing the same form of agriculture and the significant cost to run one, as a result of development classification; intensive vs extensive. The explanation might be historical, relate to the consent or a decision set by the State Government.</p> <p>e. Volunteer Service Awards</p> <p>Carolyn noted a recognition certificate and gift will be presented at the Mayor and Councillors Christmas Function for those who have served on the Committee for five and 15 years. Those who</p>	

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	are unable to attend the function will receive their items in the post. f. Next Meeting Wednesday, 6 March 2019 at 7.00pm.	
	Meeting closed at 11:04pm.	