

Record of Proceedings



Community Forum Tuesday 10 August 2021

The Community Forum commenced at 6.31pm and was held remotely via zoom webinar.

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr Matthew Deeth opened the Community Forum at 6.31pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, Directors and other staff 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 devices such as laptops, mobile phones, tape recorders and video cameras. The Chairperson requested that participants switch off their mobile phones.

WEBCAST NOTICE

Members of the public are advised that this meeting is Webcast live for public viewing on Council's website. Audio and video footage taken is of the elected body, senior staff, presenters and registered speakers only; your image and voice will not be recorded if you remain quietly within the public gallery. Submissions from registered speakers that do not want to be part of the Webcast will be read out by a Council representative.

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: Khan (Mayor), Deeth, Hannan, Banasik, Briggs, and Lowry.

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer, Acting Executive Director Community and Corporate, Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment, Assistant Director People, Legal and Governance, Manager Sustainable Growth, Manager Health & Regulatory Services, Chief Financial Officer and one Governance Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Gould, Landow

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Briggs declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item 12.3 – Events and Visitor Economy Planning Proposal – Outcome of Public Exhibition and Finalisation.

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FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

CM 1350

1. **Community Safety Presentation**

Inspector David Williamson from Camden PAC attended the Forum and provided the below overview of statistics within the Wollondilly LGA within the period of May – July 2021:

CRIME	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	TOTAL
Assault				2
Break, Enter & steal - dwelling				1
Break, Enter & steal – non dwelling				
Business Inspection				13 (11 The Oaks)
Sexual Assault				2
Fraud				
Lost property				
Major traffic Crash				3
Malicious Damage				1
Miscellaneous				
Steal from dwelling				
Offence against the person other				
Personal violence – DV assault				4
Public Health Act COVID				
Robbery				1
SMV				1
SFMV				1
SFRS				3
Traffic	The Oaks	The Oaks	The Oaks	158
Drug detection & Supply				2

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Proactivity:

Significant increase in proactivity in Southern sector of the command, particularly within The Oaks, The Oaks Hotel and surrounding roads, Picton, Werombi and Tahmoor.

COVID restrictions regarding the lockdown and movement orders have had an impact on crime rates in a positive way. This was observed in a similar period last year when people are at home 24/7 so BE&S offences, frauds, stealing's etc are significantly reduced as a result of a change to people's movement from their home.

During this 3-month period, a continued & significant focus on road related trauma, manner of driving and traffic related offences remained. It became apparent a number of local roads were being used by motorists for the purpose of burn outs and negligent driving and other criminal related activities.

PAC intelligence and a review of CAD data supported an increase in driving complaints in the southern and western suburbs of the PAC. **The Oaks saw 92/158 infringements issued within the district and Werombi with 32.**

Wed- Fri are critical days between 6am and 6pm.

As a result, Inspector David Williamson asked Camden PAC to use the following strategies:

- Police in the Camden PAC will continue to target this activity/crime and enforce road rules to their fullest extent should you be caught or reported performing these acts of negligence behind the wheel.
- Targeted & heightened police vigilance and increased patrols in Bargo, Tahmoor, Douglas Park near Moreton Park Rd and Prince St and Stevey's Forest Rd at Oakdale, Montpellier Dr, The Oaks, Burragorang Rd, The Oaks, Werombi Rd, Theresa Park, Silverdale Rd, Orangeville and Barkers Lodge Rd, Oakdale.
- Significant numbers of RBT/RDT conducted within the area and ongoing traffic operations conducted utilising THPC staff and Camden PAC staff on cancelled rest days to target road related trauma, driving matters, alcohol related traffic matters.
- Random Breath & Drug testing to continue in the area.

This is achieved by the use of THPC staff to target known and suspected location as taskings - the majority occurring between 6am and 6pm during the period.

- 92 incidents The Oaks
- 32 incidents Werombi

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The command continues to roster police to work in and around Picton, The Oaks, Bargo and Tahmoor on a 24hr/daily basis. This will continue to happen daily to provide Wollondilly residents with the best possible policing response capable under the current organisation structure. The Customer Service Duty Officer continues to monitor jobs/taskings/results in conjunction with the Crime Manager.

Nil significant spikes in crime across the district overall, in fact there has been a reduction in all areas of crime across the Wollondilly Shire for the reporting period. This can be attributed to an increase in prevention focussed crime strategies, increased HVP, a number of criminal enterprises disrupted with the execution of search warrants and the impact of Public Health Orders (COVID-19) restrictions in place during lockdown.

Social media strategy/reminder

- COVID 19 safety messaging provided daily in recent times with a focus on public health order education & enforcement for people and businesses alike.
- Continue to remind residents to secure residential properties, commercial premises as-well as vehicles.
- People are reminded that Facebook is not the place to report crime. Our Intelligence staff continue to monitor Facebook pages, however if the crime is not reported to police the response times are delayed or significantly impacted.

Acting Inspector Darren Riley from Campbelltown Police Area Command was an apology, however provided the following information on the Appin area for the period of May 2021 – July 2021:

Row Labels	2021-05	2021-06	2021-07	Grand Total
Assault	6	3	1	10
Business Inspection		1	8	9
Fraud		1	1	2
Lost Property	1			1
Major Traffic Crash	2	2		4
Malicious Damage	1	1	7	9
Break and enter			1	1
Occurrence Only	4	5	2	11
Offence Against The Pers Other	3		1	4
Personal Violence-Not Domestic		1		1
Public Health Act			5	5
Stealing	5			5
Traffic	33	50	21	104
Grand Total	55	64	47	166

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Incidents of Interest

Assaults: 7

- 3 x DV related assaults. 1 x DV assault relates to 4 x incidences.
- 4 x Personal related assaults.

Break and Enters: 1

- The dwelling was vacant and it appeared that a homeless man was squatting at the location.

Fraud: 2

- 2 x fail to pay for fuel. One incident has a current suspect.

Malicious Damage: 9

- Damage statue at the Appin Skate Park, 3 YP's identified.
- Destroyed letter box by firework.
- Damage to a vehicle at the Delta Force paintball at Appin. This incident also relates to a personal violence assault.
- 6 buses had windows damaged. Location is a storage yard (North Sydney Bus Charters) located 3 Appin Rd, Appin. No suspects.
- 3 x DV related.

Stealing: 5

- 4 x SFMV incidents entry to vehicle via unknown means or vehicle left unlocked. No current suspects.
- Stolen golf equipment from the front yard of a residential premises.

During this 3-month review there were no identified crime trends.

Inspector Jacob Player from Nepean PAC was an apology.

Community Question/Statement Time

COMMUNITY QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

In line with the Community Forum Guidelines matters must be submitted on the *Community Forum Question/Statement Form* in order to be addressed. The Record of Proceedings will only record the name of the person who raised the Question/Statement, who they represent and the topic discussed. Any additional documents handed in on the night will be noted. No verbal comments from the speaker will be documented.

A copy of all questions submitted by the cut off time is given to Councillors to consider regardless of whether they are addressed during the proceedings.

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. There will be a maximum of 2 speakers for and against a matter with each speaker limited to 5 minutes.

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 them and Councillors on all occasions, to stay on the subject matter and avoid making personal remarks about individuals.

The Chief Executive Officer or the appropriate Director provided an overview of the Council report for each agenda item discussed throughout the night.

CM 1125

Ques 1 Mr David Eden representing himself
Matter raised: Item 12.3 – Events and Visitor Economy Planning Proposal –
Outcome of Public Exhibition and Finalisation

Mr Eden addressed the Forum.

Ques 2 Ms Pania Gregson representing herself
Matter raised: Item 12.3 – Events and Visitor Economy Planning Proposal –
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Ms Gregson addressed the Forum.

The Director Planning responded on the night.

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Community Question/Statement Time

Ques 3 Mr Kevin King representing himself
Matter raised: Item 12.3 – Events and Visitor Economy Planning Proposal –
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The Assistant Director People, Legal and Governance read out Mr King’s
address to the Forum.

Community
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Informal Question/Statement Time

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The Chairperson stated that this section of the Forum is for general issues which are not on the Council's current Ordinary Meeting Agenda.

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There were no informal questions.

Conclusion and Informal Discussions

CONCLUSION AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

The Chairperson thanked those present for attending, for the feedback provided and interest shown in the matters discussed.

About 22 people present.

The Forum closed at 7.06pm.

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Community Forum Dates

COMMUNITY FORUM DATES

Community Forums will generally be held on the second Tuesday 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 Wednesday.

Dates for upcoming Community Forums in 2021 are as follows:

- Tuesday 14 September
- Tuesday 12 October
- Tuesday 9 November