

Record of Proceedings



Community Forum Monday 10 July 2017

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 Deeth opened the Community Forum at 6.33pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Cr Hannan; Councillors, the General Manager, Directors and Acting Director 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. Upon request, consent was granted to Mr Boris Ballango from Tahmoor Public School for the school children to film their presentation to the Community Forum on this occasion.

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, Hannan (Mayor), Gould, Banasik, Khan, Deeth, Law and Lowry

ALSO PRESENT

General Manager, Executive Director Community Services and Corporate Support, Director Planning, Acting Director Infrastructure and Environment, and One Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillor: Briggs

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Acting Director Infrastructure and Environment, Mike Nelson advise the forum of his previously declared Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item PE1 relating to a Development Application for 20 Brundah Road, Thirlmere. The reason for the conflict being a person associated with the application is a close family friend.

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FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

ENVIRONMENT

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1. **Tahmoor Public School - Thirlmere Lakes Project**

Mr Boris Ballango, a teacher from Tahmoor Public School, gave a presentation on the Thirlmere Lakes Project. A summary is provided below:

- ▶ I am a Special Needs Teacher who works with a class of 9 students at Tahmoor Public School in the Support Unit for the last 7 years. My students in my class have Autism, ADHD, and learning difficulties.
- ▶ They have a passion and a goal of wanting to place Thirlmere Lakes back on the map for past, present and future Wollondilly residents.
- ▶ The entire school were asked to choose a specific study and/or research a chosen topic or a focus area of interest. It was easier that my students were guided and supported, so we are doing this as a class enquiry. The students in the Support Unit and myself decided that we wanted to work on something realistic and that everyone could gain from.
- ▶ The students also wanted to choose something they could give back to our community and the Wollondilly Shire as a whole, and turn it into a vital discussion point and ongoing project from a student's perspective and point of view.
- ▶ The project has included my students complete data collection ranging from community walks, survey drops, newsletter surveys, interviews from past and present community members.

Mind Map of Ideas

The students completed a mind map of what they would like to see at the lakes



BBQ and Picnic Sites

Boating and swimming

Horse riding tracks

Education and Historical Centre

Function Venue - weddings, VIP's, formals, conferences

Bike and walking tracks

School excursions

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Our Journey so far.....

- ▶ We have held a number of class discussions and had very productive and realistic talk of what we wanted to put forward.
- ▶ Designed and implemented surveys and completed community walks, handed out to staff and families.
- ▶ Organised Interviews with past and present community members and leaders to provide us with their thoughts on the importance of having a students voice and bringing Thirlmere Lakes National back to life.
- ▶ Invited to Council Community Forum to discuss and showcase our ongoing enquiry into Thirlmere Lakes National Park.
- ▶ Organising Site Visit with class to obtain 'Visual Data' - Photos of current site, flora and fauna study, drawings from students perspective etc

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Data Collection Round 1 - What does community want?

All surveys that were handed out were all returned for Round 1 of Data Collection. Results can be seen below.

- What would you like to see improve in TLNP?
 - Rebuilding and Refurbishment of the Park/Lake 80%
 - Water levels to become higher 78%
 - Plant and lake rejuvenation 66%
- Have you heard about Thirlmere Lakes National Park? YES: 96% NO: 4%
- Do you think Rebuilding/Rejuvenating will attract more visitors to Thirlmere Lakes National Park? YES: 94% NO: 6%
- Would you be interested in seeing a "Proposed Model" at a community exhibition: YES: 92% NO: 8%
- What things would you like access to if TLNP were to be rebuilt?
 - 98% Walking Track
 - 96% Bike Tracks
 - 95% BBQ/ Picnic Areas
 - 90% Wildlife/ Park Tours
 - 88% Swimming and Boating
 - 70% Fishing
 - 68% Accommodation/ Conference Function facilities
 - 65% Information/Educational/Historical Centre
 - 60% Eating/Drinking facilities
 - 52% Souvenir/Gift/ shops

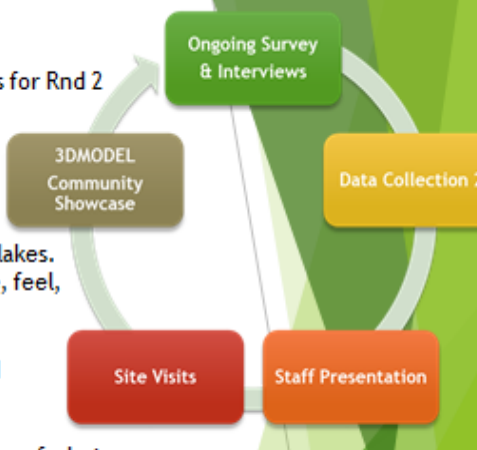
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Where to next.....

1. Ongoing Survey/Interviews and Data Collection
Students will continue in gathering data from interviews and surveys for Rnd 2
2. Presenting to Tahmoor Staff
Part of the project is the students and myself need to present their project and findings to the staff at school.
3. Excursion - Site Visit
The students and I will be organising to go and do a site visit to the lakes. While we are there they will be taking down notes of what they see, feel, hear and think.
4. Designing and making 3D Model.
Students will be making their own 3D models of what they think and would like Thirlmere Lakes to look like again.
4.1 Community Showcase of 3D Models and Project
The students will be able to showcase the 3D models of possible ideas of what Thirlmere Lakes could and may look like with some serious thought and really place an impact on bringing back the lakes to life.



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Thank you

The students from the Support Unit at Tahmoor Public School, would like to thank everyone tonight for giving us the opportunity to be the voice of fellow children and generations coming through the Wollondilly to help a major issue be resolved.

We would also like to thank you for listening to our presentation given by our teacher and Project Coordinator Mr Boris Ballango.

The students requested participants to complete a survey before leaving as part of their ongoing data collection to benefit their findings further.

Anyone interested in having an interview to tell us their thoughts, stories and feelings was asked to contact Mr Ballango to make a booking.

The school children were granted permission to film this presentation; footage of the public was not taken.

TRIM 7598

2. **Menangle Fox Campaign - Greater Sydney Local Lands Services**

Roger Giles from Barragal Landcare together with Dr Alison Towerton from the Greater Sydney Local Land Services gave a presentation on the Menangle Fox Campaign. Summary provided below:

Menangle Fox Campaign

Objective
To protect livestock and domestic animals across the landscape and the native flora and fauna within the remnant Cumberland Plains Woodlands by reducing fox activity within the campaign area.



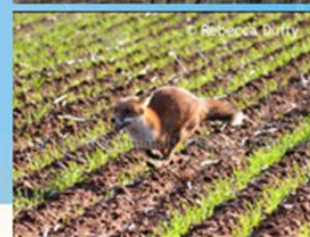
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Foxes are one of Australia's most serious pest animals. Since their introduction to Australia in the 1870s, the fox has contributed to the decline and extinction of a number of native animals and livestock predation and now cost more than an estimated \$227 million annually. A Pest Control Order for foxes has recently been gazetted in NSW, making them a declared pest to be controlled. Foxes may also spread weeds and disease, in winter fox scats can be over 90% African olive seed. Foxes are also great climbers, seen here high up in a tree.

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Agricultural impacts

- Predation on livestock and domestic animals such as poultry, lambs and kids
- Crop damage
 - e.g. Viticulture
 - e.g. Corn



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Environmental impacts

- Predation on native fauna
 - e.g. Common ringtail possum
- Spread weeds
 - e.g. African olive



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Urban foxes



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In high density areas they may also be a health risk to humans and pets, through transmission of diseases such as distemper, parvo virus and mange

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The greatest impact will be when landholders and residents act together twice a year, and their efforts are mapped so that gaps across the landscape can be targeted during following control operations. Foxes won't be eradicated, this is a long-term campaign to reduce and maintain the reduction in the fox population and their impacts.

Campaign workshops are held twice a year before the spring and autumn control operations. Attendees are provided with the latest information on control techniques, disease research and camera trap monitoring results as well as other topics of interest such as fox diet and movements across Sydney.

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Next workshop: 23 August 2017, 7-9pm Cawdor Public School

Visit <https://www.feralscan.org.au/foxscan/menanglefox> for more information.

To receive our newsletter register your interest in the campaign here <http://goo.gl/forms/ahkjaKsBwH> or register for the workshop here <https://goo.gl/forms/1TRJaNFd6lc9ZivQ2>

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Community Question/Statement Time

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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 General Manager, Luke Johnson read out the Executive Summary from the Council report for each agenda item discussed throughout the night.

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Ques 1 Philip and Carol Marks representing Self
Matter raised: PE1 – Application to Modify Development Consent for 20 Brundah Road, Thirlmere

Mr Marks addressed the Forum.

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Ques 2 Heather Brown representing Self and Surrounding Neighbours
Matter raised: PE1 – Application to Modify Development Consent for 20 Brundah Road, Thirlmere

Heather Brown addressed the Forum.

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Ques 3 Michael Doosey representing Owners of Bluegum Lifestyle Resort
Matter raised: PE1 – Application to Modify Development Consent for 20 Brundah Road, Thirlmere

Ms Philippa Major addressed the Forum on behalf of Mr Doosey who was available to respond to any questions.

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Ques 4 Philippa Major representing Owners of Bluegum Lifestyle Resort
Matter raised: PE1 – Application to Modify Development Consent for 20 Brundah Road, Thirlmere

Ms Major addressed the Forum.

TRIM 6346, 106, 582 and 3311

Ques 5 Kelli Meldru representing Self
Matters raised: GO3 – Information Guide Review, GO4 - Code of Meeting Practice Amendment, GO5 – Review of Organisational Structure; and IN2 – Increase to Capital Budget Program 2017/18

Ms Meldru addressed the Forum

Additional documentation was handed in on the night.

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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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TRIM 6267 & DD010.2014.00000588.001P9

Ques 1 Rowland Ware representing National Parks Association
Matter raised: Bargo-Nepean National Park

Mr Ware addressed the Forum.

Additional documentation was handed in on the night.

TRIM 4985

Ques 2 John Gay representing Self
Matter raised: Appin Road and the Old Appin Inn

Mr Gay addressed the Forum.

Additional documentation including photographs were handed in on the night.

Informal Question
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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. The Chairperson invited everyone to tea and coffee and to speak openly to Councillors about any matter they wish to raise.

The Community Forum closed at 8.00pm.

About 35 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 2017 are as follows:

- Monday 14 August 2017
- Monday 11 September 2017
- Monday 9 October 2017
- Monday 13 November 2017
- Monday 4 December 2017