

# Record of Proceedings

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## Community Forum Monday 10 September 2018

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The Community Forum commenced at 6.31pm and was held in the Council Foyer,  
62-64 Menangle Street, Picton 2571.

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## **OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson, Cr Khan 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 and Directors 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.

## **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, Briggs, Khan, Deeth and Lowry

## **ALSO PRESENT**

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Acting Executive Director Community and Corporate, Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment and one Administration Officer.

## **APOLOGIES**

Councillors: Smith and Gould

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cr Deeth declared a pecuniary interest in ITEM 11.1 as he lives in Station Street Menangle – perceived pecuniary interest but will leave the meeting for this item.

Hannan declared an interest in item 11.2 as she is part of the joint regional planning panel so cannot be present for this particular item.

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Cr Landow also declared an interest in item 11.2

**FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS**

CM 1148-3

1. **Research Study about Potential Impacts of Mining on Redbank Creek**

Dr Ian Wright from Western Sydney University presented the details and findings of a research investigation into Redbank Creek which has been recently disturbed by mining operations. The Research Study monitored the water quality of the stream over a 5-year period.

Dr Wright lectures in water science and management, environmental planning and environmental regulation fields across several degree programs. Ian has worked as a scientist in the urban water industry for more than 25 years, and his research interests include freshwater ecology, water chemistry and water pollution (science and management). He has a long standing interest in the impact of urban development and coal mining on streams and rivers.

Conclusions reached:

Subsidence from coal mining has fractured the stream channel for Redbank Creek.

The fracturing has modified flow and has contaminated water quality in Redbank Creek.

The aquatic ecology of Redbank Creek has been adversely modified and mosquitos were highly abundant (2012 -14)

Low oxygen, salinity and hazardous 'toxic' metals (zinc, nickel) are affecting Redbank Creek.

The fracturing has resulted in upwelling flow from saline groundwater.

Water combined with fresh rock fractures mobilises pollutants.

We are publishing our research – two papers published one in review.

Redbank Creek has the worst water pollution from mine subsidence in the world.

Rehabilitation of the creek channel and recovery of the creek water quality/ecology looks very challenging.

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CM 2089

2. **NSW RFS Community Briefing**

David Stimson from the Rural Fire Service will address the Community and provide information and advice on how to prepare for the upcoming Bushfire Season.

Conditions are tending towards a dangerous fire season. The last time we saw similar conditions where in 1993 in lead up to 1994 fire season, over 800 fires in that season.

The ground is extremely dry. All dams have no water in them. This has a direct impact on RFS as the turnaround time to collect water in a bushfire is increased as there is none in nearby dams.

Chronic conditions that we have at the moment – bush is susceptible to fire.

Hand out - Bush Fire Survival Fire Plan –

Everybody who lives in Wollondilly will be affected by fire. E.G. being stuck on the freeway for five hours due to fire. Family at home. ‘

Sit down and work out what you will do in any number of scenarios that might affect your family in a bushfire. Download Fires Near Me app which will tell you when there are fires in the area.

Already busy – still chasing grass fires from wayward fire burns. Conditions are extremely dry.

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 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ally Dench read out the Executive Summary from the Council report for each agenda item discussed throughout the night.

Cr Deeth left the meeting at 7:12pm.

TRIM 6326

Ques 1 Peter Lee representing Calibre Consulting on behalf of Mirvac  
Matter raised – 11.1 – Proposed Amendments to Wollondilly DCP 2016 – Menangle Landscape Conservation Area and Station Street Planning Proposal Site – Outcome of Public Exhibition.

Peter Lee addressed the Forum.

TRIM 6326

Ques 2 Kate Terry representing Self  
Matter raised – 11.1 – Proposed Amendments to Wollondilly DCP 2016 – Menangle Landscape Conservation Area and Station Street Planning Proposal Site – Outcome of Public Exhibition.

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Community Question/Statement Time

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Kate Terry addressed the Forum.

Cr Deeth returned to the meeting at 7:28pm.

Community Question  
/Statement Time



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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 1125

Ques 1      John Gay representing Self  
Matter raised – Development in and around Appin.

John Gay addressed the Forum.

TRIM 1125

Ques 2      Peter Fairley representing Self  
Matter raised – Noise/Dust on Fairleys Road.

Peter Fairley addressed the Forum.

Informal Question  
/Statement Time

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Conclusion and Informal Discussions

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**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 7:48pm.

About 15 people present.

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Community Forum Dates

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**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 2018 are as follows:

- Monday      8 October 2018
- Monday      12 November 2018
- Monday      3 December 2018