

# Record of Proceedings

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## Community Forum Tuesday 11 August 2020

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The Community Forum commenced at 6.35pm and was held via zoom webinar.

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### **OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson, Cr Michael Banasik opened the Community Forum at 6.35pm. 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.

### **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, Council Staff, Presenters and registered speakers only. Submissions from registered speakers that do not wish 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: Deeth (Mayor), Landow, Hannan, Gould, Banasik, Briggs, Khan and Lowry

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director Community and Corporate, Director Infrastructure and Environment, Director Planning, Assistant Director People, Legal and Governance, Manager Sustainable Growth and one Governance/Administration Officer.

### **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for this meeting.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cr Blair Briggs later declared a Pecuniary interest in Item 11.2 – 350 Barkers Lodge Road, Picton. He left the meeting when the item was discussed.

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**FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS**

1. **Classification of Rural Land**

CM 9648

Paul Garnett (Agricultural Land Use Planning) from the Department of Primary Industries presented information about the mapping and classification of agricultural land.

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CM 1350

2. **Community Safety**

Police officers from the three Police Area Commands (PAC's) covering Wollondilly presented information to the community on current community safety issues within the Shire.

Highlighted will be what is currently being experienced in the field, operations being undertaken and any messages they would like to convey to the community.

Acting Inspector Dan Bennett of **Camden Police Area Command** was in attendance via audio video link.

Acting Inspector Dan Bennett gave an overview of the several crime categories from the Picton and the Oaks areas between May 2020 and July 2020. He mentioned all crime categories have dropped and this is partly to do with COVID restrictions.

	<b>Picton</b>	<b>The Oaks</b>
<b>Assault</b>	22 DV 12 PV 65 % are DV related 35 % are PV related	2 DV 0 PV
<b>Break and Enter (Dwelling)</b>	7	0
<b>Malicious Damage</b>	21	3
<b>Steal from Motor Vehicle</b>	15	2
<b>Stolen Vehicles</b>	5	1

Acting Inspector Dan Bennett explained that they had increased their proactivity, which helps decrease the rate of crime.

	<b>Picton</b>	<b>The Oaks</b>
<b>Business Inspections</b>	191	29
<b>School Inspections</b>	93	7
<b>Person Search</b>	140	18
<b>Vehicle Search</b>	55	9
<b>Drug Detection</b>	22	3
<b>Traffic</b>	996 Vast majority TINS	109 Vast majority TINS

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**Important messages for the community;**

- Our Licensing Police continually work with the Liquor Accord regarding ensuring licensed premises in the Wollondilly LGA remain a safe venue. General Duty police conduct regular walk throughs of licenced premises.
- Decrease in nearly all crime areas during the period and increase in most proactive areas.
- Picton Police Station operating 24/7. Police vehicle with 2 officers tasked to work out of Picton. Tasked to park out the front of the police station, have door open for access by community members whenever police are at the station. Telephone available that connects to Narellan Station if Picton unattended.
- The policing area is also routinely supported by HWP officers. Supported by Public Transport command on the rail network, and other specialist sections working covertly and overtly when appropriate.

**What I would ask on behalf of the Command**

- Appreciate information provided from the community.
- Report all crimes and suspicious behaviours. The more information we can have, the more effectively we can tackle local issues.
- Reminder of other methods of reporting crime and suspicious behaviour; ie. Community Portal, PAL 13144, Crime Stoppers (1800333000) as opposed to waiting for a police car to attend. We will still attend if you prefer

**Operation Covid**

- Significant staffing provided to Hotels, Airport and Border operations. Has not affected operational resourcing.
- Police workload has increased with checks on recently returning travellers and businesses to ensure compliance with Covid restrictions.
- Encourage community to keep up to date on restrictions and comply with them.

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**Campbelltown (PAC)** was an apology for the meeting and provided a written summary.

Incident Type	2020-05	2020-06	2020-07	Grand Total
Assault			1	1
Break And Enter	1		2	3
Business Inspection		1	7	8
Drug Detection	1			1
Fire	1		1	2
Firearms Legislation	1	1		2
Fraud		1	3	4
Located Property		1		1
Located Vehicle/Vessel	1	1		2
Major Traffic Crash	1	3	1	5
Malicious Damage	2			2
Occurrence Only	3	2		5
Powers - Move On	3			3
Powers - Person Search	5			5
Powers - Vehicle Search	4			4
Public Health Act	2		4	6
Stealing		1		1
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	1	3		4
Traffic	84	74	34	192
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>251</b>

**Incidents of Interest**

**Assaults: 1**

One incident that was domestic violence related.

**Break and Enters: 3**

- Residential in May whereby entry was gained by smashing window next to front door. A couch was slashed nil stolen. Possible personal motive.
- Rear glass sliding door to residential house in July resulting to a fish tank being vandalised. Possible personal motive.
- Window jemmied open after flyscreen removed on residential premises in July. The sleeping occupant awoke with the offender in the house and chased him out. Investigations are continuing.

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**Drug Detection: 1:** 4 x young person's caught smoking marijuana in Appin Park.

**Fire: 2:** 2 x Non-deliberate structural fires.

**Fraud: 4:** 1 reported incidents of on-line dating website scam, 1 reported incident of unauthorised transfer of funds, and 2 instances of failing to pay for fuel; 1 at the Mobil, and 1 at the Metro.

**Malicious Damage: 2:** 1 x motorcycle burnouts on football oval – 3 local youths nominated but matter not proved and not pursued by person reporting.

Vehicle damaged after a number of witnesses apprehend an offender who stole a car, and after being pursued, crashed the stolen vehicle in Broughton Pass. A number of other offences, not occurring within Appin, were also prosecuted.

**Stolen Vehicle: 3:** In July, boat and trailer stolen. Owner suspects an old acquaintance. Investigations are continuing.

1 x incident relates to incident described above in 'Malicious Damages'.

In June, CCTV captured 3 x unidentified males attempting to steal a vehicle. A witness gave chase but the offenders escaped in a silver Subaru Forrester (no registration details obtained).

**Stealing 1:** 1 x Steal from Motor Vehicle whereby a set of number plates were taken from a vehicle in June.



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**Nepean (PAC)** was an apology for the meeting and provided a written summary.

Incident Category	May 2020 Actual	Jun 2020 Actual	Jul 2020 Actual	NOTES
ASSAULT (NON-DV)	1	1	2	
ROBBERY	0	0	0	
BREAK AND ENTER - DWELLING	0	0	0	
STOLEN VEHICLES	0	0	0	
ASSAULT (DV)	0	1	2	
BREAK AND ENTER - NON DWELLING	0	0	1	Involved a commercial break and enter – stolen power tools
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	2	0	1	Three instances of malicious damage: One car scratched in car park of Silverdale Shopping centre. Graffiti on commercial premises Damage to vehicle on private property
STEAL FROM DWELLING	1	0	1	
STEAL FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	0	0	0	
STEAL FROM RETAIL STORE	0	0	0	

Important messages for the community;

- Warragamba Police Station is not open 24/7. However, the area is serviced by Nepean PAC, and a response is available 24/7 from the primary Command.

What I would ask on behalf of the Command:

- All information you can provide to police is valuable and appreciated. Report all crime and suspicious behaviour.

This can be reported via:

The online Community Portal Police Assistance Line 131 444,  
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000, or  
Call Nepean Police Area Command 9677 7499.

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.

- Ques 1 Diana Boot representing self  
Matter raised: Item 11.1 – The Oaks North Development Proposal
- The Assistant Director People Legal and Governance read out Diana Boot's questions.
- The Director Planning advised the Manager Sustainable Growth will provide a response directly to the resident.
- Ques 2 Sarah Wellington representing self  
Matter raised: Item 11.1 – The Oaks North Development Proposal
- Sarah Wellington addressed the Forum.
- The Director Planning advised that the Manager Sustainable Growth will provide a response directly to the resident.

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Community Question/Statement Time

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Ques 3 Sarah Mitchell representing self  
Matter raised: Item 11.1 – The Oaks North Development Proposal

Assistant Director People, Legal and Governance read out Sarah Mitchell's address.

The Director Planning advised that council officers will provide a response directly to the resident.

Cr Briggs left the meeting due to a pecuniary interest at 7.27pm and returned at 7.33pm.

Ques 4 Jeff Bulfin representing the landowner  
Matter raised: Item 11.2 – 350 Barkers Lodge Road, Picton

Jeff Bulfin addressed the Forum.

The Director Planning advised that council officers will provide a response directly to Mr Bulfin once his written submission were received.

Cr Lowry left the meeting 7.43pm and returned 7.50pm.

Ques 5 Rowland Ware representing self  
Matter raised: Item 11.3 – LEP Review Program Stage 1 Planning Proposal

Rowland Ware addressed the Forum.

The Director Planning advised that council officers will provide a response directly to Mr Ware.

Ques 6 Geoff O'Brien and Paul Hume representing Bradcorp.  
Matter raised: Item 11.5 – Draft North Wilton Neighbourhood Plan No. 1.

Geoff O'Brien addressed the Forum.

The Director Planning advised that council officers will discuss raised matters directly with the speakers.

Ques 7 Sue Johnson representing Wilton Action Group  
Matter raised: Item 11.5 – Draft North Wilton Neighbourhood Plan No. 1

Sue Johnson addressed the Forum.

The Director Planning later advised that council officers would provide a response directly to Ms Johnson.

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Ques 8      Fiona Bullivant representing self  
Matter raised: Item 11.5 – Draft North Wilton Neighbourhood Plan No. 1

Fiona Bullivant addressed the Forum.

The Director Planning advised that council officers would provide a response directly to Ms Bullivant. The Director Planning also invited Bradcorp to make comments on the issues raised.

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Informal 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.

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.

Ques 1      Sue Johnson representing Wilton Action Group  
Matter raised: 180 Appin Road

Sue Johnson addressed the Forum.

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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 meeting was hosted remotely via zoom webinar. View the recording via: <http://webcast.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/archive/video20-0811.php>

About 25 people present.

The Forum closed at 8.13pm.

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Community Forum Dates

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**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 2020 are as follows:

- Tuesday 8 September
- Tuesday 13 October
- Tuesday 10 November
- Tuesday 8 December