

Record of Proceedings



Wollondilly Shire Council

Community Forum Tuesday 11 February 2020

The Community Forum commenced at 6.44pm and was held in the Council Chambers,
62-64 Menangle Street, Picton 2571.

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr Smith opened the Community Forum at 6.44pm. 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.

WEBCAST NOTICE

Members of the public were advised that Council live webcasts this meeting for public viewing on Council's website. Audio and video footage taken is of the Chambers 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: Deeth (Mayor), Landow, Hannan, Gould, Banasik, Briggs, Khan, Lowry and Smith

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director Community and Corporate, Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment, Manager Development Services, Manager Sustainable Growth, and two Governance Officers.

APOLOGIES

Nil

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Deeth declared a Non-Pecuniary (Less than significant) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.5 – Funding Strategy for the Master Plan for the Old Menangle School Site on the 18 February 2020 Council meeting agenda. Cr Deeth advised that he would stay in the meeting if this matter was discussed.

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CM 1350

1. **Community Safety**

Acting Inspector, Dan Bennett of Narellan Police Area Command (PAC); Inspector, Paul Kremer of Campbelltown City PAC and Chief Inspector, Tracy Ford of Penrith City PAC each in turn provided an overview of crime statistics in their respective areas between November 2019 and January 2020.

Acting Inspector Bennett opened the presentation and detailed a number of crime statistics relating to Picton and The Oaks. Of note was:

	PICTON	THE OAKS
Assault	46 83% Domestic Violence (DV) related	8
Break and Enter (Dwelling)	12	0
Malicious Damage	38	3
Steal from Motor Vehicle	16	0
Stolen Vehicles	5	4
Robbery	0	0

Proactivity

Various statistics for both localities were provided in relation to business and school inspections, person and vehicle searches, and drug detections and traffic incidents. Of note was the number of traffic matters with the vast majority being Traffic Infringement Notices:

	PICTON	THE OAKS
Traffic	920	70

Acting Inspector Bennett left participants and the broader community the following important messages:

- Licencing Police continue to work with Liquor Accord to ensure licensed premises in Wollondilly remain safe venues
- Increase in assaults during the period, in particular DV over summer. Police take these offences very seriously and take action where ever possible. Difficult to be proactive as most happens behind closed doors.
- Picton station operates 24/7 with 2 officers tasked out of Picton. They will park out front and have the doors open when in the station. Telephone connects to Narellan station when unattended.

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- The Oaks car crew has 1 shift per week, 12 hours with 2 officers exclusively tasked to The Oaks sector, to engage shopkeepers and the community. Camden crews also conduct patrols in the area and feedback has been very positive.
- The policing is also routinely supported by Highway Patrol officers, public transport command on the rail network and other specialist units working overtly and covertly when appropriate.
- The command appreciates information provided by the community
- Report all crimes and suspicious behaviour to assist in tackling the local issues
- Reports can be made via Community Portal, PAL 13144, Crime Stoppers 1800333000
- Police will still attend if you prefer to wait.

Recent Bushfire Activity

- Camden PAC was heavily involved in the response to the recent bushfires in the area. Significant amount of staff were involved in both reactive and proactive strategies around the fire grounds. Police liaison officer present at Picton Fire Control Centre for a number of weeks.
- Thank you to the Council and community for their support. The vast majority of people heeded warnings and listened to advice. Greatly assisted by Council and members of the community with anything we asked eg: transport for people and animals, evacuation centre at Picton Bowling Club who couldn't have been more accommodating.

Several questions were asked and answered on the night.

Inspector Kremer of Campbelltown City PAC advised of some recent news in his command. They have a new Commander, who has moved across from Camden PAC, Detective Superintendent Griffiths. A three month review of crime data for Appin was provided with no identifying crime trends. The Inspector stating that it has been a fairly stable period.

	APPIN	Comments
Assault	5	
Break and Enter	3	Delta Paint Ball – Food and Drinks Di Mez Real Estate – Cash and Purse Residence – Electronics
Fraud	5	Online Scams
Malicious Damage	5	4 DV related
Stolen Vehicle/Vessel	2	Stolen from side of the Hume Hwy after breaking down – Not recovered Work Van – still outstanding
Fires	2	Vehicle fires – burnt out on Appin Fire Trails
Stealing	7	5 from Motor Vehicles
Traffic	228	

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The Inspector advised that investigations into the Break and Enters were ongoing with no arrests to date.

Fraud

The Inspector advised that 2 of the 5 frauds relates to online scams. One being a lottery scam where the victim paid a 'fee' in order to claim a large cash prize. The other a solicitation by email fraudulently representing as a known company requesting financial details.

The community was advised if it sounds too good to be true then it probably is, so the best action is to ignore them. Any requests for financial details or demand for money should be treated with the utmost caution.

A number of questions were asked and answered on the night. Reference was made to their 'eyewatch' page <https://www.facebook.com/CampbelltownCityPAC> .

Chief Inspector, Tracy Ford of Nepean Police Area Command provided an update for the station and the command and the areas of Silverdale and Warragamba.

The Chief Inspector advised that the last 18 months has been a reengineering period for her command with the replacement of the Commander, Crime Manager and the majority of the senior management team. They have been looking at different ways of doing things which includes the development of her role.

Her role comes under Customer Service, Vulnerable Persons and Police Operations which covers three distinct areas. She works with communities to help them with their vulnerable people such as the homeless to coordinate with other organisations to prevent further crime. There is also a focus on Mental Health which is a problem in the Silverdale and Warragamba areas. Currently Police are involved in mental health issues while waiting for ambulances to arrive. In conjunction with NSW Ambulance and Nepean Hospital they are working on a joint project in an attempt to obtain a mental health car similar to what operates out of Liverpool and Campbelltown.

The Inspector addressed crime in the area, advising that the majority of incidents include break and enter (dwelling), Domestic Violence and Steal from Motor Vehicles.

She predicts that in another 6 to 8 months stealing of large portable items such as stoves, baths, and air conditioners in new development areas when houses are at lock up stage is likely to occur. It occurred in Glenmore Park and Jordon Springs when they went up. What they did in the other locations was work with state crime command, and crime units with a few unmarked cars. At Glenmore Park they caught a number of offenders who were from the inner city.

Warragamba Police Station is not 24 hrs, it is tasked according to first response agreements based out of Nepean command and it is not a first response unit. The community was encouraged to still report crimes.

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The Inspector advised they are currently looking at planning and operational orders for an upcoming festival.

She also advised that they haven't had any recent issues with Motorbikes in the Water Board land at the back of the catchment area. However, what they do is use PolAir and the bike squad out at Londonderry and Luddenham. Having an operation this weekend and will look at running a big operation across all of the commands.

The Police Station at Warragamba has been refurbished. It was below standard and identified as critically vulnerable for Work Health and Safety especially after the shootings at Penrith and St Marys Stations.

Quite a few issues with Bushfires and now flooding.

Questions were asked and answered on the night.

The Chair thanked the presenters.

Community Question/Statement Time

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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 10177

Ques 1 Brian Williams representing Self
Matter raised Extraordinary Meeting Item 9.1- Final Draft Wollondilly 2040 Local Strategic Planning Statement

Mr Williams addressed the Forum.

CM 10177

Ques 2 Nicole Topples representing Walker Corporation
Matter raised Extraordinary Meeting 9.1- Final Draft Wollondilly 2040 Local Strategic Planning Statement

Ms Topples addressed the Forum.

Additional documentation was provided to Councillors on the night.

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Ques 3 Sue Johnson representing Self
Matter raised: Local Planning Panel Meeting 13 February 2020 - Agenda Item 7.2 – Hornby Street; Extraordinary Council Meeting 11 February 2020 - Agenda Item 9.1 - Final Draft Wollondilly 2040 Local Strategic Planning Statement; and Ordinary Council Meeting 18 February 2020 - Agenda Item 11.3 - The Proposed Water Symposium.

Ms Johnson addressed the Forum.

In relation to questions 1 to 3 the Chair advised that a response would be provided in writing.

CM 6984

Ques 4 Michael Gordon (John M Daly) representing Land Owner
Matter raised 11.1- Draft Planning Proposal – Brooks Point Rd, Appin

Mr Gordon addressed the Forum.

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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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Ques 1 Paul Grierson representing Self
Matter raised: Cemetery Proposal Douglas Park Drive

Mr Grierson addressed the Forum.

The Mayor responded to the address and advised that they would consider the matter as an urgent item of business at tonight's Extraordinary Council meeting.

CM 5473-11

Ques 2 Stewart Bullivant representing Self
Matter raised: Resilience Planning

Mr Bullivant addressed the Forum.

The CEO responded to Mr Bullivant's suggestion that grants are not being allocated correctly by Council requesting that he provide evidence to support this as it is a very serious statement. He added that it is part of Council's role as an organisation is to ensure that grant funding is correctly allocated for the purpose for which it was granted and the Chief Financial Officer oversees this.

INFORMAL QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

The CEO also advised that Council is absolutely planning for the growth that is coming in the Shire. Through our Integrated Planning and Reporting process we review what future projections are and build sustainable budgets around those projections to ensure services are delivered to the quality the community expects and assets are maintained. He added that Council also has oversight by the Office of Local Government through financial benchmarks and that the upcoming budget will outline how we will do that over time.

CM 8529

Ques 3 Sue Gay representing Self
Matter raised: Appin

Ms Gay addressed the Forum.

CM 1125

Ques 4 Fiona Bullivant representing Self
Matter raised: Sustainable and Balanced Growth

Ms Bullivant addressed the Forum.

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CONCLUSION AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

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

About 23 people present.

The Forum closed at 7.55pm.

A webcast of this meeting is available on Council's website:
<http://webcast.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/archive/video20-0211.php>

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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 2020 are as follows:

- Tuesday 10 March
- Tuesday 14 April
- Tuesday 12 May
- Tuesday 9 June
- Tuesday 14 July
- Tuesday 11 August
- Tuesday 8 September
- Tuesday 13 October
- Tuesday 10 November
- Tuesday 8 December