

Record of Proceedings



Wollondilly Shire Council

Community Forum Monday 11 November 2019

The Community Forum commenced at 6.30pm 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 6.30pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Councillors, 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.

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 past, present and emerging.

PRESENT

Councillors: Hannan, Gould, Banasik, Briggs, Khan and Lowry

ALSO PRESENT

Executive Director Community and Corporate, Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment, Assistant Director People, Legal and Governance and one Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Deeth (Mayor), Landow, Smith and the Chief Executive Officer

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chair noted that it was Remembrance Day and requested that all stand to observe one minutes silence in memory of those who had not returned.

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PRE-MEETING BRIEFING SESSION

Prior to the Community Forum the Assistant Director People, Legal & Governance on behalf of the CEO held a pre-meeting briefing session on the Business Paper. No conflict of interest declarations were made at this session.

FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

1. Community Safety

TRIM 1350

Acting Inspector, Dan Bennett of Narellan Police Area Command (PAC); Inspector, Paul Kremer of Campbelltown City PAC and Crime Prevention Officer, Julie Graham of Nepean PAC in turn provided an overview of crime statistics in their respective areas between August and November 2019.

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

- most assaults continue to be domestic violence related
- 9 steal from Motor Vehicle offences on one night at Wilton
- 1 robbery at a Douglas Park business where the person of Interest was apprehended and charged
- a reminder to the community to lock your car doors as many stealing's are opportunistic
- licencing Police continue to carry out regular walk throughs on licenced premises to address alcohol induced crimes and violence.

Also noted was that The Oaks has one crew rostered per week and Picton Station has two staff members in regular attendance, they park out front when present.

The Acting Inspector asked the community to please pass on any reports of suspicious behaviour by contacting Crime Stoppers, a Police Station or online. Businesses or residential homes with CCTV footage were asked to not rewind it so the police can review it.

Inspector Paul Kremer followed and provided an update on Appin. He advised that the overall trend is good with crime on a downward trend with proactivity checks in Appin, particularly in respect of motorbikes continuing.

Inspector Kremer focussed on the Catastrophic Fire Rating for Tuesday 12 November stating that from police perspective there is a lot of work preparing for potential fires, and in making the vulnerable aware.

He reminded all, to do what you need to in preparation for the forecasted conditions. If on a property, ensure you have cleaned up any debris and have a Fire Survival Plan in place.

He mentioned the 'Fires Near Me App' as being the best way to keep informed and know what action you need to take. If you get in trouble ring 000.

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He urged the community not to rely on the fire brigade being able to get there straight away and wished everyone the best for tomorrow.

Please don't call for smoke, but if you see a fire get onto us straight away.

Julie Graham, Crime Prevention Officer at Nepean spoke in regard to Silverdale and Warragamba. She stated that crime has been pretty low in these areas with everything running along well.

She advised of a trail bike issue and that they took part in DamFest last month. There is a lot of community feedback from these communities and they also monitor Community Pages for any information.

A question was asked on the night about suspected incidents at a property. The officer encouraged the participant to report their concerns. She added that every incident needs to be reported to Crime Stoppers. The more information received on a particular property the greater the chance of resources being allocated to investigating it. Areas that have a higher turnover of certain types of activities, such as drugs, will get more police resources and attention.

The Chairperson thanked the Police for attending.

Formal Community Forum Matters

2. **Living with Flying Foxes in a Changing Climate and Managing the Risk of Hendra Virus in Horses**

TRIM 5039 & 10619

Dr Ed Annand, BVSc (Hons) MANZCVS (Equine Surgery) & (Epidemiology) CertAVP (Equine Stud Medicine) PgCertVPS MRCVS - Equine Vet from the University of Sydney gave a PowerPoint presentation on living with Flying Foxes in a changing climate and managing the risk of Hendra virus in horses.

Useful resources for more information are as follows:

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/animal/humans/bat-health-risks>

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/horses/health-and-disease/hendra-virus>

<https://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/our-publications/ausvetplan-manuals-and-documents/>

<http://ausbats.org.au/>

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.

TRIM 179-3

Ques 1 Brian Williams representing Wilton Action Group
Matter raised - 15.7 Presentation of Council's 2018-19 Financial Statements

Mr Williams addressed the Forum.

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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 10491-1

Ques 1 Rowland Ware representing National Parks Association
Matter raised: Draft Wollondilly 2040, the Local Strategic Planning Statement

Mr Ware addressed the Forum.

Additional documentation was handed in on the night.

TRIM 3923

Ques 2 Fiona Bullivant representing Self
Matter raised: Climate resilience and new development

Ms Bullivant addressed the Forum.

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Ques 3 Stewart Bullivant representing Self
Matter raised: Wilton South East Stage 1 Approved DA

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

About 13 people present.

The Forum closed at 7:37pm.

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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 2019 are as follows:

- Monday 2 December 2019