

Record of Proceedings



Community Forum Tuesday 15 February 2022

The Community Forum commenced at 6.33pm and was held in Council Chambers and remotely via zoom webinar.

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr Banasik opened the Community Forum at 6.33pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, Directors and 4 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.

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, senior staff, presenters and registered speakers 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: Gould (Mayor), Gibbs, Rogers, Brandstater, Hannan, Banasik, Spearpoint, and Deeth (joined at 6.43pm).

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director Community and Corporate, Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment, Head of Integrity and Governance, Manager Sustainable Growth, Manager Assets, Transport and Engineering, Chief Financial Officer and one Governance Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillor: Briggs

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mayor Gould declared a non-pecuniary less than significant conflict of interest in Item 17.3 – Notice of Motion – Western Sydney Aerotropolis SEPP as he lives in an area potentially impacted by the SEPP. Mayor Gould advised he would to remain in the meeting.

Councillor Hannan declared a non-pecuniary less than significant conflict of interest in Item 17.3 – Notice of Motion – Western Sydney Aerotropolis SEPP as she lives in an area potentially impacted by the SEPP. Councillor Hannan advised he would to remain in the meeting.

Councillor Spearpoint declared a non-pecuniary less than significant conflict of interest in Item 17.3 – Notice of Motion – Western Sydney Aerotropolis SEPP as she lives in an area potentially impacted by the SEPP. Councillor Spearpoint advised he would to remain in the meeting.

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FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

CM 1350

1. **Community Safety**

The Chair introduced Inspector Craig Busby of Nepean Police Area Command (PAC) to address the meeting to present the crime data for the portion of Wollondilly in Nepean.

Incidents	2021-10	2021-11	2021-12	202201
Assault (DV)	1			
Breach DV Avo			1	2
Break and Enter – Non dwelling		1	1	
Firearms – Safe Storage Inspections	11	13	9	3
Fraud	1		1	1
Injury and Fatal Crashes	1			
Licensed Premises	2		3	1
Malicious Damage	2	1	2	2
Powers – Person Search			1	
Property Crime Boscar	5	2	3	3
Sexual Assault			2	
Sexual Assault (adult)			1	
Sexual Assault (child reported as child)			1	
Sexual touching, act other offences	1	1	1	
Steal from Dwelling	3			
Stolen Vehicles	1	1		

Mayor Gould asked question which was answered/acknowledged on the night. The inspector noting his concerns.

The Chair thanked the Inspector for his time.

The Chair introduced Inspector Paul Kremer of Campbelltown Police Area Command (PAC) to address the meeting to present the crime data for the portion of Wollondilly in Campbelltown.

Inspector Paul Kremer provided the following statistics of the Appin area for the period form 1 November 2021 until 31 January 2022:

Assaults: 4 (increase of 2 from previous quarter)

- **3 Common assaults:**
 - Neighbourhood dispute – Appin residential
 - Appin Skate Park – counter allegations by two school aged children of assault upon each other
 - 1 domestic violence related – Appin residential

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- 1 *Actual bodily harm*:
 - Domestic violence related – Appin residential

Property Offences:

- *Break and Enter*: 0 (stable)
- *Stealing*: 2 (reduction of 4 from previous quarter)
 - Steal from motor vehicle (1) – Bush fire trail Appin, wallet & credit cards stolen with credit cards used for unauthorised transactions at grocery store and service station, Appin
 - Steal from retail store (1) – service station, Appin
- *Fraud*: 6 (increase of 3 from previous quarter)
 - Fail to pay for petrol – 4 offences in Appin service stations
 - 1 online scam – residentially based in Appin
 - Unauthorised use of credit cards – proceeds from above steal from motor vehicle offence. Footage of offender circulated with no identification at this stage.
- *Malicious Damage*: 6 (reduction of 2 from previous quarter)
 - Damage to vehicle tyre – Meadowvale Road, Appin
 - Damage to front lawn – Meadowvale Road, Appin
 - Damage to crash helmet – Appin Skate Park
 - Graffiti – male toilets at Appin Football Showground
 - Damage to vehicle – object thrown Appin Road, Appin
 - Domestic violence related – Appin residential

Other Trends:

Use of Trail bikes in public roads / public spaces causing a nuisance to residents, drivers and pedestrians. The main areas identified for use of these bikes are:

- Between Winton St and Appin Road.
- Between Appin park and Broughton Cres
- Between Market St and Church St
- Between St James Pl and William Woods reserve

Incidences predominantly occurring Saturday's from 8pm-3am.

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Row Labels	2021-11	2021-12	2022-01	Grand Total
Assault			4	4
Breach Avo			2	2
Business Inspection	1	1	3	5
Child/Young Person At Risk	2	2	4	8
Domestic Violence Episode	2	3		5
Drug Detection			1	1
Fire			1	1
Fraud	2	1	3	6
Gic/Receiving		1		1
Judicial Offences			1	1
Licensing Legislation		1		1
Located Person			1	1
Lost Property		1	2	3
Major Traffic Crash	2		1	3
Malicious Damage	2	1	3	6
Mental Health Act	2	1		3
Minor Traffic Crash		1		1
Miscellaneous	1			1
Missing Youth - Aged 11 To 17			1	1
Occurrence Only	5	3	5	13
Offence Against The Pers Other			1	1
Personal Violence-Not Domestic			1	1
Powers - Person Search	3	1	2	6
Powers - Vehicle Search		1	1	2
Public Health Act		1		1
Sexual Offence - Indecent Assault(Pre'21	1			1
Stealing			2	2
Traffic	22	28	49	98

Formal Community
Forum Matters

Cr Deeth and a member of the community asked a question which was answered/acknowledged on the night. Inspector Kremer noted their concerns

The Chair thanked the Inspector for his time.

2. **Picton Town Centre Transport Masterplan 2026 – Status update and proposed Prince Street Signalisation**

The Chair introduced Council's Manager Assets, Transport and Engineering, Mike Nelson to provide an update on the Picton Town Centre Transport Masterplan 2026.

Mr Nelson provided an update on the traffic study which commenced in 2017 and is now known as the Picton Town Centre Transport Master Plan 2026. The study area covered the intersections of Menangle Street and Argyle Street, Colden Street and Margaret Street between Menangle Street and Argyle Street, Prince Street and its intersections with Menangle Street and Argyle Street, the Argyle Street/Barkers Lodge Road intersection (with consideration given to its impact on the adjacent Coull Street/Picton Avenue intersection) and Lumsdaine Street around Picton Primary School.

Key findings from the study have shown:

- All main intersections around the Picton town centre loop will suffer congestion issues in the future
- Issues on Prince Street lead to broader network issues with, in effect, intermittent closure of Prince Street caused by queuing across the bridge
- Menangle St is a main road (State) owned, however the issues are on Prince Street (local road)
- Upgrades to the network including the signalisation of Prince Street has previously been identified in 2004 and the project adopted under Council's Development Contributions Plan 2011

The Picton Town Centre Masterplan was adopted in 2019 and some of the works as a result of this have already been achieved. This includes the reallocation of the pedestrian crossing on Argyle Street, implementation of "no right turn" at the intersection from Menangle Street to Argyle Street with the way around via Colden Street and Margaret Street and some upgrades to the intersection of Argyle Street and Barkers Lodge road to improve sight and visibility.

Mr Nelson explained that modelling of future traffic predictions is done under region wide modelling in conjunction with Camden Council and Campbelltown City Council which includes LEP zonings, traffic count data, expected development & growth, Census population data, existing and proposed road layouts. Further detailed levels of modelling is conducted to ensure the most accurate predictions can be achieved.

The possible options for improvement of the Prince Street and Menangle Street intersections are the installation of a roundabout, reducing Prince Street to one way or signalisation. Reducing Prince Street to one way would not be practical. In comparing a roundabout to signalisation, a roundabout offers similar vehicle performance, poorer pedestrian connectivity, larger footprint resulting in significant impact to private property, significantly more works involved resulting in a higher cost, no better for on street parking and due to the close proximity of the Station Street intersection, the design of a roundabout is difficult.

In December 2019 Council resolved to pursue the detailed design of signalisation of the Prince Street and Menangle Street intersection. An image was shown of an artist's impression of how the proposed design would look.

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Also included in the Masterplan are:

- Improvements to the Prince Street and Argyle Street intersection to a dedicated left and right turn lane into Prince Street
- Improvements to pedestrian safety around Picton Primary School and potential upgrades to the intersection of Lumsdaine Street and Argyle Street. A concept design has been developed and principle approval from Transport for NSW has been received to signalise this intersection which would increase pedestrian access and safety.

Further information on this matter can be found on [Council's website](#).

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.

CM 1252-17

Ques 1 Sue Johnson representing herself
Item 17.1 – NOM – 180 Appin Road, Appin

Ms Johnson addressed the Forum.

Ques 2 Sue Gay representing herself
Item 17.1 – NOM – 180 Appin Road, Appin

Ms Gay addressed the Forum.

Community
Question/Statement
Time

Community Question/Statement Time

Ques 3 Jordan Race representing Sustainable Traffic Options for Picton (STOP)
17.2 – NOM Consultation on proposed changes to Picton roads and Victoria Bridge

Mr Pace addressed the Forum.

Ques 4 Sam Davis representing himself
17.2 – NOM Consultation on proposed changes to Picton roads and Victoria Bridge

Mr Davis addressed the Forum.

Ques 5 Pam Browne representing Wollondilly Community First
17.3 – NOM Western Sydney Aerotropolis SEPP

Ms Browne 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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CM 1252-17

Ques 1
Street Guy Adamson representing residents on corner of Argyle and Lumsdaine

Proposed signalised and realigned intersection on the corner of argyle Street
and Lumsdaine Street

Mr Adamson addressed the Forum.

Ques 2 Rowland Ware representing National Parks Association
Tahmoor Gorge and the Bargo Nepean National Park Proposal

Mr Ware addressed the Forum.

Informal Question
/Statement Time

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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.

About 50 people present.

The Forum closed at 8.07pm.

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Community Forum Dates

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 Tuesday.

Dates for upcoming Community Forums in 2021 are as follows:

- Tuesday 15 March
- Tuesday 19 April
- Tuesday 17 May
- Tuesday 21 June
- Tuesday 19 July
- Tuesday 16 August
- Tuesday 20 September
- Tuesday 18 October
- Tuesday 15 November
- Tuesday 6 December