

# Record of Proceedings

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## Wollondilly Shire Council

### Community Forum Tuesday 17 May 2022

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The Community Forum commenced at 6.31pm and was held in Council Chambers and remotely via zoom webinar.

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### **OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson, Cr Gibbs 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, 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.

### **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: Gibbs, Rogers, Deeth, Brandstater, Banasik and Spearpoint.

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer, Director Customer and Corporate Services, Acting Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment, Head of Integrity and Governance, one IT Officer and one Governance Officer.

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor: Hannan, Briggs, Gould (Mayor)

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**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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**FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS**

CM 1350

1. **Community Safety Presentation**

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

**February 2022**

Nepean PACC total COMPASS incidents – 6931

- Silverdale – 37 (0.5%) – nil significant
- Warragamba – 10 (0.1%) – nil significant
- Wallacia – 55 (0.8%) – licensing (x14)
- Mulgoa – 53 (0.7%) – steal from motor vehicle incidents (x6) between 3-6pm midweek.

**March 2022**

Nepean PACC total COMPASS incidents – 6705

- Silverdale – 52 (0.7%) – nil significant
- Warragamba – 20 (0.2%) – nil significant
- Wallacia – 29 (0.4%) – nil significant
- Mulgoa – 97 (1.4%) – nil significant.

**April 2022**

Nepean PACC total COMPASS incidents – 6422

- Silverdale – 50 (0.7%) – nil significant
- Warragamba – 16 (0.2%) – nil significant
- Wallacia – 23 (0.3%) – nil significant
- Mulgoa – 22 (0.3%) – nil significant.

Notes:

- Data for Wallacia and Mulgoa included for comparative purposes.
- Silverdale and Warragamba consistently account for less than 1% of Nepean PAC workload overall.
- Nepean PAC maintain an operationally-ready police station at Warragamba which is stood-up as required.
- Nepean PAC and Nepean Highway Patrol conduct overt/covert patrols as part of routine taskings, reflected in COMPASS data under the incident category 'Traffic Stop' which accounts for the majority of all interactions.
- Data analysis suggests there are no statistically significant recurring crime issues or emerging trends in the area.
- Please also note that the new Commander of Nepean PAC is Supt Trent KING, and that Police Area Command boundaries are scheduled for review.

The Chair thanked the Chief Inspector for his time.

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The Chair introduced Acting Inspector Brendan Plummer from Campbelltown PAC to address the meeting and present the crime data for the portion Campbelltown PAC that represents Wollondilly.

**Assaults: 3**

- 2 x Assault occasion actual bodily harm:
  - Victim assaulted after the POI opened a car door hitting the victim's vehicle. Incident under investigation. E86083944
  - DV related POI charged.
- 1 x Wounding DV related POI arrested and charged.

**Break and Enters: 0**

**Fraud: 4**

- 1 x Appin chemist unknown male attempted to get prescribed medication fraudulently but was unsuccessful. E324271198
- 1 x fail to pay. Vehicle obtained \$147 worth of fuel leaving the location without paying. Investigations still continuing. E86611006
- 1 Scam related victim was scammed a total of \$39500 from bank account after supplying details over the phone. POI claimed to be from Amazon. E87970762
- 1 x unauthorised access of funds, victim lost wallet at Campbelltown Railway Station and was alerted to his credit card being used. Under investigation E88068776.

**Malicious Damage: 3**

- 1 x damage tiles to a roof (residential) rock thrown. E322826798
- 1 x damage to letterbox unknown means E337580796
- 1 x lock and chain removed allowing illegal vehicle access to Dharawal National Park. E86809424.

**Stealing: 4**

- 1 x front registration plate taken off a vehicle E86165406
- 1 x stealing from Mobil Service Station, POI charged E87038418
- 1 x stealing Mobil Service Station chocolates CCTV has been requested. E87790264
- 1 x stealing of a mobile phone personal violence related 3 x POI's charged E89498186.

**Trends:**

No other identifiable trends.

The Chair thanked the Acting Inspector for his time.

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The Chair introduced Inspector Dave Williamson from Camden PAC to address the meeting to present the crime data for the portion of Wollondilly in Camden.

Overview of crime statistics within the Wollondilly LGA for the period March 2022 – May 2022:

CRIME	TOTAL
Assault	4
Break, Enter & steal - dwelling	2
Break, Enter & steal – non dwelling	1
Business Inspection	5
Sexual Assault	-
Fraud	-
Lost property	-
Major traffic Crash fatal/injury	1 @ The Oaks Burragorang Rd X Dairy Rd
Malicious Damage	1
Miscellaneous	-
Steal from dwelling	1
Offence against the person other	
Personal violence – DV assault	5
Public Health Act COVID	-
Robbery	-
SMV	1
SFMV	1
SFRS	-
Traffic	64
Drug detection & Supply	-

**Suburb breakdown: Crime statistics**

The Oaks - 55 incidents

Oakdale - 12 incidents

Orangeville – 1

Werombi – 3

**PROACTIVITY:**

Continued focus on proactivity across Wollondilly sector, particularly within The Oaks, Oakdale, Bargo, Picton and Tahmoor. Most proactive engagements occur on Thursday - Sunday between 3:00pm and 4:00am. This includes person searches, vehicle searches, Move on directions and Intelligence Reports.

Tahmoor 9

Picton 13

Pheasants Nest 1

Orangeville 5

Menangle 3

Douglas Pk 5

Bargo 7

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Licensed premises will continue to be monitored by Licensing Police and General Duties tasked for Business Inspections. Various operations and taskings have been implemented during this period at all LP across the Wollondilly LGA.

On 12 – 14 May there was a Domestic & Family Violence (DV) Operation to enforce compliance for DV offenders, bail compliance, AVO compliance and also targeted DV offenders across the Wollondilly LGA. The aim of the operation was to promote victim safety and enforce compliance/conditions on DV offenders.

THPC have continued to focus on road related trauma, manner of driving and traffic related offences. Still a significant number of speed related offences occurring in the municipality (64) however this is down slightly when compared with the previous reporting period. This is a great result and has seen a significant reduction since Nov 2021 where we saw 198 incidents actioned by Police. This is due to the proactivity and increase in resources used to target hotspots through Intelligence based policing and crime prevention strategies.

A number of local roads still used by motorists in a negligent manner (speed) however Camden PAC & THPC staff will continue to educate road users through compliance strategies and enforce the message of 'slow down' and travel at the designated speed limit by using HVP methods.

**Thurs- Sunday are critical days between 9am and 12m and 3:00pm to 6:00pm.**

As a result, we utilise the following strategies:

- Police in the Camden PAC will continue to target this activity/crime and enforce road rules to their fullest extent should you be caught or reported performing these acts of negligence when driving.
- Targeted & heightened police vigilance and increased patrols in Bargo, Tahmoor, Douglas Park (Moreton Pk Rd and Prince St), Stevey's Forest Rd at Oakdale, Montpellier Dr The Oaks, Burragorang Rd The Oaks, Werombi Rd Theresa Pk, Silverdale Rd Orangeville, and Barkers Lodge Rd Oakdale.
- Random Breath & Drug testing to continue in the area.

This is achieved by the use of THPC staff to target known and suspected location as taskings - the majority occurring between 6am and 6pm during the period, with Friday being a day of interest.

The command continues to roster police to work across the Wollondilly LGA on a 24hr/daily basis. This continues to provide Wollondilly residents with the best possible policing response capable under the current organisation structure. The Customer Service Duty Officer continues to monitor jobs/taskings/results in conjunction with the Crime Manager and implement prevention and disruption strategies to deter/reduce crime.

Proactive Crime Team staff continue to target Tahmoor, Bargo and The Oaks for property and drug related offences. There has been no significant spikes in crime across the district overall, with crime categories remaining low across the Wollondilly for the reporting period.



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This is attributed to an increase in prevention focussed crime strategies, increased HVP, and a number of criminal enterprises disrupted with the execution of search warrants and targeted disruption over the past several months by Police Units attached to Camden PAC.

**Social media strategy/reminder**

- Continue to remind residents to secure residential properties, commercial premises as well as vehicles when unattended.
- People are reminded that Facebook is not the place to report crime. Our Intelligence staff continue to monitor Facebook pages, however if the crime is not reported to police the response times are delayed or significantly impacted.
- Safety messaging regarding road trauma and traffic related matters on rural feeder roads.
- Covert traffic strategies to be used to monitor 'meets' and advertised gatherings with HVP then used to target offending drivers.

The Chair thanked the Inspector for his time.

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Community Question/Statement Time

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**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 5520

Ques 1 Elizabeth Gunter representing hobby breeders  
Item 17.3 – Notice of Motion – Hobby Dog Breeders

Ms Gunter addressed the Forum.

Community  
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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 4193

Ques 1 Paul Hume representing himself  
Picton Botanical Gardens entry from Bowling Club

Mr Hume addressed the Forum.

The Director Infrastructure and Environment responded on the night.

Ques 2 Rowland Ware representing National Parks Association  
Ingham's, Tahmoor Canyon and the need for a buffer.

CM 1252

Mr Ware 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.

About 27 people present.

The Forum closed at 7.27pm.

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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 Tuesday.

Dates for upcoming Community Forums in 2021 are as follows:

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