

# Record of Proceedings

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## Community Forum Tuesday 8 June 2021

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The Community Forum commenced at 6.34pm and was held in the Council Chambers and remotely via zoom Webinar.

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### **OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson, Cr Banasik opened the Community Forum at 6.34pm. 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 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: Khan (Mayor), Banasik, Deeth, Hannan, Gould and Lowry.

### **ALSO PRESENT**

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

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor: Briggs and Landow

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**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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Formal Community Forum Matters

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**FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS**

There were no formal Community Forum matters.

Formal Community  
Forum Matters

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 or Manager provided an overview of the Council report for each agenda item discussed throughout the night.

CM 12506

Ques 1 Chris Neilsen representing Self  
Matter raised: Item 12.2 – Outcome of Public Notification of Draft Planning Agreement for Bingara Gorge No. 2

Mr Neilsen addressed the Forum.

Additional documentation was handed in with Mr Neilsen's submission.

The Director Planning thanked the speaker for her specific questions and advised they would be taken off line and detailed advice provided to her soon after the meeting via the email provided.

The CEO advised that Crs would also receive a copy of the responses.

Community Question /Statement Time

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Community Question/Statement Time

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CM 10730

Ques 2      Ian Tait representing Self  
Matter raised: Item 13.2 – Picton Parklands – Exhibition of Master Plan and Draft Plan of Management

Mr Tait addressed the Forum.

The Director Infrastructure and Environment advised that this report was to place the Master Plan and Draft Plan of Management on public exhibition not for adoption of these plans. He requested Mr Tait send in a copy of his documents which could form the first submission to the exhibition process.

CM 12902-1

Ques 3      John Fairley representing Self  
Matter raised: Item 16.1 – Adoption of 2021/22 Financial Budget and Operational Plan

Mr Fairley addressed the Forum.

The CEO responded to advise that Council is in the process of creating the Dairy Land Rating Category which will be further considered next week at the Council meeting.

CM 12902-1

Ques 4      Tony Biffin representing Self  
Matter raised: Item 16.1 – Adoption of 2021/22 Financial Budget and Operational Plan

Mr Biffin addressed the Forum.

Community Question  
/Statement Time

Informal Question/Statement Time

**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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Cr Lowry left the meeting at 7.11pm.

CM 11259-3

Ques 1 Louise Davies representing Self and Rural Industry Community Advisory Committee (RICAC)  
Matter raised: Scenic Lands Study

Ms Davies addressed the Forum.

The CEO responded on the night to explain what Council had resolved to date in regard to the Farm Land Rating Category and new Dairy Land Sub category. He advised that the final decision in regard to the Budget and Operational Plan would be made at the next Council meeting.

The CEO clarified Council's previous resolution from the April Council meeting reading directly from the Minutes.

Cr Lowry returned to the meeting at 7.13pm.



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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 16 people present.

The Forum closed at 7.14pm.

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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 Wednesday.

Dates for upcoming Community Forums in 2021 are as follows:

- Tuesday 13 July
- Tuesday 10 August
- Tuesday 14 September
- Tuesday 12 October
- Tuesday 9 November
- Tuesday 7 December