

Record of Proceedings



Community Forum Tuesday 9 March 2021

The Community Forum commenced at 6.37pm and was held in the Council Chambers and remotely via Zoom webinar.

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr Matt Gould opened the Community Forum at 6.37pm. 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 Gundangarra and Dharawal people who are the traditional owners of the Shire and recognise that this meeting takes place on Dharawal country. I also pay respect to Elders both past, present and emerging.

PRESENT

Councillors: Khan (Mayor), Hannan, Gould, Deeth, Banasik, Briggs 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, Head of Integrity, Manager Sustainable Growth and one Governance Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillor: Landow

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Lowry declared a Non-Pecuniary (Significant) Conflict of Interest in Item 12.6 - Wollondilly Local Housing Strategy as his wife's business has a long term customer who are property owners that will take part in the discussions tonight. Cr Lowry advised he would leave the meeting during discussions on this Item.

Cr Deeth declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item 12.4 Planning Agreement – Station Street, Menangle and a Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item 13.2 Building Better Regions Fund (Infrastructure) and NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program Project Applications in regard to the Old Menangle School Site as he lives in Station Street Menangle. Cr Deeth advised he would leave the meeting during the discussion on these Items as they were being raised together.

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Formal Community Forum Matters

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

Cr Deeth left the meeting at 6.41pm due to a previously declared Conflict of Interest in the next Item.

CM 9275 & CM 9692

Ques 1

Jason Doust representing Menangle Community Group.
Matter raised: Item 12.4 - Planning Agreement – Station Street, Menangle and Item 13.2 - Building Better Regions Fund (Infrastructure) and NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program Project Applications

Mr Doust addressed the Forum.

Cr Lowry left the meeting at 6.52pm due to a previously declared Conflict of Interest in the next Item.

Cr Deeth returned to the meeting at 6.53pm.

Community
Question/Statement
Time

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Community Question/Statement Time

- CM 10491-4
- Ques 2 Jeff Bulfin representing Landowners of Darley Street Thirlmere Precinct.
Matter raised: Item 12.6 - Wollondilly Local Housing Strategy
- Mr Bulfin addressed the Forum.
- CM 10491-4
- Ques 3 Matthew Ramaley representing Ingham's.
Matter raised: Item 12.6 - Wollondilly Local Housing Strategy
- Mr Ramaley addressed the Forum.
- Cr Deeth addressed the meeting requesting participants forward a full copy of their statements/questions to Council.
- Cr Lowry returned to the meeting at 7.11pm.
- CM 6917
- Ques 4 Sam Davis representing Animal Care Australia Inc, and Canary and Cage Bird Federation of Australia Inc.
Matter raised: Item 17.4 NOM – Animal Breeding.
- Mr Davis addressed the Forum.
- CM 6917
- Ques 5 Hugh Gent representing Dogs NSW & Wollondilly Dog Breeders.
Matter raised: Item 17.4 NOM – Animal Breeding.
- Mr Gent addressed the Forum.
- CM 6917
- Ques 6 Elizabeth Gunter representing Dogs NSW members.
Matter raised: Item 17.4 NOM – Animal Breeding.
- Mrs Gunter addressed the Forum.

Community
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Community Question/Statement Time

CM 6917

Ques 7 Matthew Morris representing Self.
Matter raised: Item 17.4 NOM – Animal Breeding.

Mr Morris addressed the Forum.

A PowerPoint Slideshow was shown depicting Mr Morris's family dogs.

The Chair noted the concerns of breeders within the Shire and amongst Councillors and handed over to the CEO and Director Planning for a response.

The CEO thanked the community members that had come along to speak about this matter.

The CEO acknowledged Council's common sense approach to how we work with Animal Breeders across the Shire but noted his disappointment in what he hopes is a misunderstanding of this issue amongst breeders. He voiced his concern at the stress this has caused them, particularly given other actions at a State level with the RSPCA.

The CEO advised that Mr Morris's question would be addressed offline and handed over to the Director Planning to provide a more detailed update on the approach Council takes to Animal Breeding.

The Director thanked the participants for raising their concerns stating our continued support for companion animals across the Shire. She noted that Council's involvement in these land use matters are complaint driven where we have a statutory obligation to deal with them. She spoke about the difference between a hobby and commercial use and voiced our commitment to advocate for a clear definition of 'commercial'. She advised we would continue to raise this matter with the Department of Planning with a view to preparing a Practice Note common to all Council's.

She also spoke in detail about the implications of the size of the structures used for kennels and the considerations Council base their assessment on.

The Director noted the meeting she and her officers had with Dog Breeders the day before and the further outcomes that may be possible through referrals to the Animal Advisory Committee.

The Directors full response can be heard by viewing the Community Forum Webcast on Council's website. The link is available on page 10.

The Chair advised that participants would have an opportunity to talk to Councillors at the close of the forum.

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 3522

Ques 1 Ray Smith representing Moreton Park Owners Group
Matter raised: Employment Lands Moreton Park Road

Mr Smith addressed the Forum.

CM 9081-2 & 12060

Ques 2 Sue Gay representing Self
Matter raised: Home Eviction and Lobbying for Koalas

Mrs Gay addressed the Forum.

Ques 3 John Gay representing Self
Matter raised: Home Eviction and Lobbying for Koalas

CM 9081-2 & 12060

Mr Gay addressed the Forum.

Mr and Mrs Gay handed out additional information on the night.

The Chair and the Director Infrastructure and Environment responded to Mr Gay's question.

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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.

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers as well as remotely via zoom webinar. View the recording on Council's website or via: <http://webcast.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/archive.php>

About 45 people present.

The Forum closed at 8.00pm.

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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 Wednesday.

Dates for upcoming Community Forums in 2021 are as follows:

- Tuesday 13 April
- Tuesday 11 May
- Tuesday 8 June
- Tuesday 13 July
- Tuesday 10 August
- Tuesday 14 September
- Tuesday 12 October
- Tuesday 9 November
- Tuesday 7 December