

Record of Proceedings



Wollondilly Shire Council

Community Forum Monday 13 May 2019

The Community Forum commenced at 6.35pm and was held in the Council Chambers,
62-64 Menangle Street, Picton 2571.

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr Noel Lowry, opened the Community Forum at 6:35 pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Councillors, the acting Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Directors and Manager Sustainable Growth 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 both past and present.

PRESENT

Councillors: Hannan, Gould, Deeth (Mayor), Briggs, Banasik and Smith.

ALSO PRESENT

Acting Chief Executive Officer; Executive Director Community and Corporate; Director Planning, Acting Director Infrastructure and Environment, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Sustainable Growth and one Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Crs Robert Khan and Simon Landow

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Noel Lowry declared a Conflict of Interest (Pecuniary) in relation to Item 15.1- Repeal of Advertising Policy as his wife is the owner of The District Reporter and he is the Manager. He advised he would leave the meeting if this Item was to be discussed.

FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

1. Community Safety

TRIM 1350

Inspector Paul Kremer of the Campbelltown City PAC and Acting Inspector Rachael Eagle Camden Police Area Command were in attendance to present information to the community on current community safety issues within the Camden LAC and Campbelltown City PAC part of the Shire. Highlighted will be what is currently being experienced in the field, operations being undertaken and any messages they would like to convey to the community.

The opportunity to exchange information on community safety is provided with community members able to raise issues relating to community safety in their area.

Inspector Kremer Campbelltown City PAC introduced himself and advised he would go through some statistics and was available to take questions at the end of his submission.-

1 Assault (Domestic), 2 Break and enter and 1 arrest drug supply.

There has been an increase in theft of personal property- once again the majority of vehicles targeted were left unlocked – making them easy targets for offenders roaming the areas trying car doors. It is an offence to leave a vehicle unlocked if you are 3m away from it. Make sure your cars is locked and don't leave valuables in sight- this reduces the risk significantly.

Publishing CCTV – there is Facebook page called iWatch please follow the pages of the area you are located in. The Police are able to put forward information through this and get feedback from the community.

Acting Inspector Rachael Eagle Camden Police Area Command introduced herself and provided statistics on crime in the area.

Increase in assault (particularly Domestic Violence), increase in Break and enters (Douglas Park area), decrease in malicious damage.

It was noted that Illuminate festival is coming up and will have increased presence by Police. Reminder again that Police Station is 24-7. Both AM and PM shift and police vehicle with two officers tasked to work out of Picton. Vehicle will not always be there but Police are in attendance when the vehicle is there.

There is increased RBT and Drug testing (new legislation) that the community should be aware of.

Crimestoppers and the Facebook iWatch pages are also available to give and receive information from the LAC and PAC.

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 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Michael Malone read out the Executive Summary from the Council report for each agenda item discussed throughout the night.

Ques 1 Andrew Vukovick representing Self

Matter Raised: Agenda Item 11.1 – Post-Exhibition Report – Minimum Lot Size for the Construction of Dual Occupancies in certain zones – Planning Proposal

Andrew Vukovick addressed the forum.

Ques 2 Ghazi Sangari representing Roy Halabi and OZY Homes

Matter Raised: Agenda Item 11.1 – Post-Exhibition Report – Minimum Lot Size for the Construction of Dual Occupancies in certain zones – Planning Proposal

Ghazi Sangari addressed the forum.

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Ques 3 Juliet Romeo representing Rita Romeo

Matter Raised: Agenda Item 11.3 - Planning Proposal – Argyle Street Business Lands

Juliet Romeo 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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There were no Informal Questions for 13 May 2019.

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

The Community Forum closed at 7.02pm.

About 10 people present.

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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:

- Tuesday 11 June 2019
- Monday 8 July 2019
- Monday 12 August 2019
- Monday 9 September 2019