

Record of Proceedings



Community Forum Monday 8 July 2019

The Community Forum commenced at 6.30pm and was held in the Council Foyer,
62-64 Menangle Street, Picton 2571.

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr Khan opened the Community Forum at 6.30pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Councillors, the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Directors 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: Landow, Gould, Briggs, Khan, Lowry and Smith

ALSO PRESENT

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director Community and Corporate, Director Planning, Acting Director Infrastructure and Environment, Community Projects and Events Team Leader and one Governance Officer.

APOLOGIES

Councillors: Deeth (Mayor), Hannan and Banasik

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

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1. Climate Wise Communities

Council's Executive Director Community and Corporate opened the presentation on Council's partnership with Ku-ring-gai Council to launch the **Get Ready Wollondilly** website.

The Executive Director explained that the Get Ready Wollondilly website is part of the award-winning Climate Wise Communities initiative. Council was successful in obtaining funding for the initiative through the Community Resilience and Innovation Program (CRIP). The funding enabled the project to be extended beyond the initial 12 months to 3 years.

Council won a Resilient Australia Award for Activate Wollondilly following the Picton Storm Event to help us prepare for significant events which included the development and/or establishment of a:

- Emergency Management Guide
- Recovery Toolkit
- Resilience Committee
- Review of the Wollondilly Recovery Plan.

The Executive Director stated that this website is the final component of this project.

Climate Wise Communities was developed by Ku-ring-gai Council in consultation with emergency management agencies and government. It has been localised with Wollondilly content to support residents to prepare for natural disasters including bushfire, flood, storm and heatwave.

The key objectives of the website are to:

- Raise awareness of local risk factors
- Promote shared responsibility for extreme weather events
- Build communication/social networks that enable communities to prepare, respond and recover from extreme weather events.

The website has links to emergency Combat Agencies including: NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, NSW Fire and Rescue, Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service, Volunteer Rescue Association and Wollondilly Shire Council.

City of Sydney, Dungog, Ku-ring-gai and Blue Mountains Council's also provide a 'Get Ready' type of Community Service for preparing for emergency situations.

Formal Community Forum Matters

Council's Community Projects and Events Team Leader demonstrated how the website works. He stated that the website is designed to help link people to the service they need.

The Community Projects and Events Team Leader navigated through the various components of the site and stepped participants through the use of the 'ready check tool'. The ready check tool is linked to mapping and allows you to enter your address to receive an indication as to your properties vulnerabilities.

The presenters stated that the aim of the website is to get people talking and thinking about how prepared they are to cope in an emergency situation. Stating that it is a really practical website that offers the preparatory tool, prompts and information to help you in events such as bushfire or flood. If you are a community group you can also request a Workshop for your organisation.

The website also provides a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ's), 'What if' scenarios and the option to send in a question via 'Ask a local expert' where Council will refer your question onto the appropriate agency for a response.

The Executive Director advised that since the sites launch on 1 June 2019 we have had 26 people use the Ready Check tool.

For more information visit <https://getreadywollondilly.com.au> or contact Council's Community Projects Team on 4677 1100.

There were no questions on the night.

The Chairperson thanked the presenters.

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.

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Ques 1 Aaron Baker representing Mirvac
Matter raised – 11.1 Proposed Amendments to Wollondilly Development Control Plan 2016 – Menangle Landscape Conservation Area and the Station Street Site

Mr Baker addressed the Forum.

Additional documentation was handed in on the night.

A second registered speaker was not in attendance.

Community
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Informal Question/Statement Time

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There were no informal questions/statements.

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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 and to speak openly to Councillors about any matter they wish to raise.

The Community Forum closed at 6.54pm.

There were about 6 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:

- Monday 12 August 2019
- Monday 9 September 2019
- Wednesday 16 October 2019
- Monday 11 November 2019
- Monday 2 December 2019