

Growth in and around Appin



## WOLLONDILLY WORKSHOPS PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK



Workshops 1 & 2  
10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June  
2015.

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## Overview

**DESCRIPTION/METHODOLOGY**  
TO FACILITATE A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS TO IDENTIFY STAKEHOLDERS AND EXPLORE AND DEFINE STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNS REGARDING GROWTH IN AND AROUND APPIN.

**OBJECTIVES**  
TO ENGAGE RESIDENTS AND OTHER LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS IN A BROADER DISCUSSION ABOUT GROWTH IN AND AROUND APPIN.  
TO INFORM APPIN RESIDENTS ABOUT THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AND WHAT CURRENT PROCESSES AFFECT APPIN.  
TO IDENTIFY THE CONCERNS HELD BY RESIDENTS AND OTHER LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS ABOUT GROWTH IN AND AROUND APPIN  
TO FURTHER EXPLORE KEY IDENTIFIED ISSUES IN FOCUSED WORKSHOP

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<p><b>Growth in and around Appin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WORKSHOPS WERE PUBLICIZES BY COUNCIL AND OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS/STAKEHOLDERS</li></ul> <p>IN TOTAL 81 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE INFORMATION SESSIONS</p> <p>A TOTAL OF 39 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE WORKSHOPS</p> <p>INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY CHRIS STEWART WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL) AND BRENDAN O'BRIEN (WITH DAVID FITZGIBBON) (NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT)</p> <p>WORKSHOPS WERE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS OF 4 OR FIVE</p> <p>WORKSHOP QUESTIONS/TASKS WERE INLINE WITH STANDARD PRACTICE TO MAXIMIZE GROUP DISCUSSION AND EXPLORATION</p>	<p><b>The Workshops</b></p> <p>3</p>
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<p><b>Growth in and around Appin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• INITIALLY ONE WORKSHOP WAS PLANNED TO FIRST IDENTIFY ISSUES AND INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS THOUGH IT WAS RECOGNISED THAT FURTHER SESSIONS MAY BE REQUIRED DEPENDING ON RESPONSE (REGISTER OF INTEREST)</li></ul> <p>ON-THE-NIGHT RESPONSE REQUIRED AN ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP (NON REGISTERED ATTENDEES)</p>	<p><b>The Workshops</b></p> <p>4</p>
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**SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY (ONE)**

**TASK ONE:**  
**WHAT DO MEMBERS SEE AS BEING THE MAJOR GROWTH/PLANNING ISSUES IN AND AROUND APPIN?**

NOTE DOWN AS MANY AS POSSIBLE

CHOOSE FROM YOUR LIST THE TOP THREE ISSUES

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**TOP THREE ISSUES**

ENVIRONMENT	6
INFRASTRUCTURE (PLANNING)	5
RURAL LIFESTYLE (HERITAGE)	4
INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION (TRANSPARENCY)	4
LAND/BLOCK SIZE	3
EMPLOYMENT	3
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION	3
SOCIAL IMPACT STUDY	2
AFFORDABILITY	2
COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS	1

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**RURAL LIFESTYLE INCLUDED**  
HISTORIC VILLAGE  
BLOCK SIZES  
SYMPATHETIC DESIGN (ARCHITECTURE/STYLE)  
HISTORIC PROMISE TO RENOVATE OLD INN  
HERITAGE SITES/MONUMENT  
DESTRUCTION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**INFORMATION COMMUNICATION INCLUDED**  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION  
LACK OF INFORMATION  
TRANSPARENCY FROM COUNCIL  
DEVELOPER NOT FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH VPA'S  
REZONING OF COUNCIL/COMMUNITY LANDS

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<p><b>Growth in and around Appin</b></p> <p><b>OTHER ISSUES</b></p> <p>UNCERTAINTY GROWTH/PROPORTIONALITY SPEED OF CHANGE</p> <p><b>ISSUES OF PROCESS AND PROPRIETY</b> (WOULD NEED TO BE DIRECTED TO THE FORMAL COMPLAINTS SYSTEMS)</p> <p>COMPLIANCE TO EPBC ACT COUNCIL'S TREATMENT OF DEVELOPERS CONFLICT OF INTERESTS</p>	<p><b>The Workshops</b></p> <p>11</p>
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<p><b>Growth in and around Appin</b></p> <p><b>TASK TWO</b> <b>WHAT ARE THE CONSTRAINTS TO COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE GROWTH/PLANNING PROCESS</b></p> <p><b>COMMUNICATION</b> (LISTED IN THE TOP THREE - LACK, TRANSPARENCY, SCOPE, TIMING, METHODS )</p> <p><b>SOLUTIONS</b></p> <p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - MORE EVENTS LIKE TONIGHT. MORE LOCALLY DELIVERED INFORMATION. INVOLVE COMMUNITY AT INITIAL PLANNING STAGE. LETTERBOX DROPS. HISTORY ROOM. USE COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARDS. DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION CENTRE - PERMANENT HERITAGE CENTRE - (TOURIST, OFFICE, WWW, MEN'S SHED) NEWSLETTER, COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD - FOR APPIN IN SHOPS. PLAIN LANGUAGE INFORMATION MINUTES TO COMMUNITY FORUMS. VIDEO COMMUNITY FORUMS. PERSONALIZED RESPONSES TO CONCERNS COUNCILS TO ACT ON CONSENSUS ACHIEVED AT FORUMS</p>	<p><b>The Workshops</b></p> <p>12</p>
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<p><b>Growth in and around Appin</b></p> <p>CONSTRAINS CONTINUED....</p> <p><b>ALSO LISTED</b></p> <p><b>TRUST</b></p> <p><u>IN COUNCIL</u></p> <p><b>SOLUTIONS</b></p> <p>BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNCIL/RESIDENTS – COUNCIL COULD HOLD COUNCIL MEETINGS IN DIFFERENT LOCALITIES.</p> <p>FOCUS GROUPS &amp; FEEDBACK</p> <p>ALL PECUNIARY INTERESTS BE DECLARED BY ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN CONSULTATION PROCESS WITH COMMUNITY</p> <p><u>IN DEVELOPERS</u></p> <p><b>SOLUTIONS</b></p> <p>KEEP PROMISES AND KEEP COMMITMENTS. BE RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS, EMPATHY FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS</p>	<p><b>The Workshops</b></p> <p>13</p>
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**OTHER CONSTRAINTS**

- FINANCES
- FEAR OF COMMUNITY BACKLASH, RIDICULE.
- TIME - LENGTH OF PROCESS
- (AN) ATTITUDE (?) - CANT STOP DEVELOPMENT SO DON'T PARTICIPATE.
- CONFLICTING INFO FROM COUNCIL
- LACK OF REPRESENTATION COUNCIL
- HEALTH EFFECTS DUE TO LONG DRAWN OUT BATTLES WITH COUNCIL.
- COUNCILORS SAY "I WILL ANSWER THAT LATER" AND DON'T."
- SOCIAL DIVISION - OLD VERSUS NEW
- LACK OF SUPPORT FROM STATE AND FEDERAL MP'S.
- PRESSURE FROM DEVELOPERS.
- LACK OF INTEREST BY SOME PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE.

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