

Record of Proceedings



Community Forum Monday 12 February 2018

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

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OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Cr Gould opened the Community Forum at 6.35pm. The Chairperson welcomed all those in attendance at the Community Forum. The Chairperson introduced the Mayor, Cr Hannan; Councillors, the General Manager 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, Hannan (Mayor), Gould, Banasik, Briggs, Khan, Deeth, Lowry and Smith

ALSO PRESENT

General Manager, Executive Director Community and Corporate, Director Planning, Director Infrastructure and Environment and One Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cr Banasik declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item IN4 relating to Interest in Council Owned Land - Purchase and Right of Way - Menangle Street, Picton. The reason being he owns a business in Picton. Cr Banasik advised that he would leave the meeting during discussion of this Item.

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Cr Khan declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item IN4 relating to Interest in Council Owned Land - Purchase and Right of Way - Menangle Street, Picton. The reason being he owns a business in Picton and the applicant in the matter is his landlord. Cr Khan advised that he would leave the meeting during discussion of this Item.

Cr Landow declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in Item IN4 Interest in Council Owned Land - Purchase and Right of Way - Menangle Street, Picton. The reason being that his mother owns a commercial building in Picton. Cr Landow advised that he would leave the meeting during discussion of this Item.

Cr Deeth declared Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest in Items GR7 and GR8 relating to DCP provisions in Menangle. The reason being he lives in Station Street, Menangle. Cr Deeth advised that he would leave the meeting during discussion of these Items.

Formal Community Forum Matters

FORMAL COMMUNITY FORUM MATTERS

TRIM 1350

1. **Community Safety**

Police officers from the three Local Area Commands (LAC's) covering Wollondilly gave a presentation on current community safety issues within the Shire.

Acting Inspector Dale Abbott from Camden Police Area command opened the presentation and highlighted some statistics for Picton for the previous quarter.

November 2017 to January 2018

26 x Domestic Violence (No Offence)
14 x Fraud
2 x Robbery
31 x Traffic Incidents
155 x Person Searches
43 x Vehicle Searches
15 x stolen cars
1917 x Tickets Highway Patrol

The acting inspector spoke about domestic violence intervention and advised that they are chasing up offenders quicker for immediate apprehension.

He noted that Picton Police Station is open 24/7 although not always physically manned. In the case that there is no officer on duty he advised that people that they can use the eagle phone at the front door. He added that police at Picton have been tasked to have the front door open so people can walk in, and that a police vehicle is to be parked out the front so it's visible.

The acting inspector advised that in The Oaks sector we are engaging shop keepers. He stated that in addition to normal patrols the area is also serviced by police on the trains and by the highway patrol.

The acting inspector spoke about the reengineering of police commands and advised that Camden had remained as a standalone command.

To sum up he stated that the police appreciate and rely on information coming in from the community, and highlighted the crime stoppers website. He encouraged community members to report incidents. It was mentioned that photographs of suspects are put up on the Police Facebook page if they don't know who the person is for community assistance.

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Inspector Paul Kremer from the Campbelltown Police Area Command continued the presentation.

He noted the amalgamation of Campbelltown with Macquarie Fields which began on 1 February 2018. He stated that the amalgamation doesn't affect police response on the ground at Appin, saying that if anything there has been an improvement in response.

The inspector advised that the statistics for Appin over the last period (quarter) remains the same across the board with no major incidents or detections. The only increase being traffic infringements over the Christmas period in response to higher patrols.

Some of the statistics provided were:

- 1 x minor assault
- 0 x Break and Enters
- 4 x malicious damage incidents (Mainly to vehicles)
- 6 x Stealing. (3 x Water meters stolen from construction sites over the Christmas period was noted.)
- 2 x stolen vehicles (1 recovered and the other found in Airds 2 hours later burnt out.)

He stated that proactivity has been good lately with a few person searches and vehicle searches conducted and several people directed to move on.

Inspector Mick Cruickshank from the Nepean Police Area Command advised that the newly formed command of Penrith and St Marys will go through a period of change with a lot of things happening staffing wise.

The merger will assist police presence in the Warragamba, Silverdale, and Wallacia areas.

Statistics presented were as follows:

Warragamba

- 2 x assaults
- 1 x break & enter
- 1 x major traffic crash
- 10 x person search
- 2 x move on

The inspector stated that stealing was from retail such as bottle shop type businesses; the frauds were relating to credit cards with the use of tap and go. He advised that break and enters from houses were trending down.

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Silverdale

3 x Break and Enter
7 x Domestic Violence
2 x Frauds
1 x Malicious Damage

Wallacia

2 x Assaults
5 x Domestic Violence
3 x Frauds
2 x Major Traffic Incidents

The inspector stated that the statistics were very low over the last 3 months and overall not too bad.

He advised that the Police residence at Warragamba had been dismantled after being condemned. The Warragamba Police Station is not going anywhere as far as he is aware and officers are continually tasked to work in the area.

A number of questions were asked and answered by the police from each LAC on the night.

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Community Question/Statement Time

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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 General Manager, Luke Johnson read out the Executive Summary from the Council report for each agenda item discussed throughout the night.

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Ques 1 Justin Conway representing Self
Matter raised – GR2 – Development Application for 325 Scroggies Rd, Lakesland

Mr Conway addressed the Forum.

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Ques 2 Richard Benbow representing Benbow Environmental
Matter raised– GR2 – Development Application for 325 Scroggies Rd, Lakesland

Mr Benbow addressed the Forum.

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Ques 3 Jeff Bulfin representing Mr and Mrs Buttigieg
Matter raised – GR2 – Development Application for 325 Scroggies Rd, Lakesland

Mr Bulfin addressed the Forum.

The Chairperson accepted the next question from the floor on the night.

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Ques 4 John Cutijar representing Self
Matter raised – GR3 – Development Application for 294-296 Pheasants Nest Rd, Pheasants Nest

Mr Cutijar addressed the Forum.

TRIM 6930-7

Ques 5 David Manning representing Self
Matter raised – GR5 – Public Exhibition of Wilton (North West Precinct)

Mr Manning addressed the Forum.

TRIM 6930-7

Ques 6 Nigel McAndrew representing Bradcorp
Matter raised – GR5 – Public Exhibition of Wilton (North West Precinct)

Mr McAndrew addressed the Forum.

TRIM 6930-7

Ques 7 Clinton Weaving representing Self
Matter raised – GR5 – Public Exhibition of Wilton (North West Precinct)

Mr Weaving addressed the Forum.

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Community Question/Statement Time

TRIM 9753

Ques 8 Michael Newcombe representing Self and Karen Burgess (other concerned resident)
Matter raised – IN1 – Cubbitch Barta Reserve Embellishment Plan

Mr Newcombe addressed the Forum.

TRIM 9753

Ques 9 Darryl Tuck representing Self
Matter raised – IN1 – Cubbitch Barta Reserve Embellishment Plan

Mr Tuck addressed the Forum.

Director Infrastructure and Environment responded to Mr Tuck on the night.

The General Manager advised that the financial statements are on Council's website.

Councillors Banasik, Khan and Landow left the room due to previously declared Conflicts of Interest in the next matter.

TRIM 9346

Ques 10 John Corbett representing Self
Matter raised – IN4 – Closed Report – Council Owned Land – Purchase and Right of Way – Menangle & Colden Streets, Picton

Mr Corbett addressed the Forum.

Councillors Banasik, Khan and Landow returned to the meeting at 7.47pm.

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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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TRIM 1125

Ques 1 John Gay representing Help Save Appin
Matter raised – History Room Appin

Mr Gay addressed the Forum.

Informal Question
/Statement Time

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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 7.53pm.

About 50 people present.

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Your Councillors

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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 2018 are as follows:

- Monday 12 March 2018
- Monday 9 April 2018
- Monday 14 May 2018
- Tuesday 12 June 2018
- Monday 9 July 2018
- Monday 13 August 2018
- Monday 10 September 2018
- Monday 8 October 2018
- Monday 12 November 2018
- Monday 3 December 2018