

**MINUTES OF THE BARADINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT  
THE BARADINE BOWLING CLUB ON TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022  
COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.**

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**PRESENT:** Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Denis Todd, Cr Zoe Holcombe, Cr Carlton Kopke, Roger Bailey (General Manager, GM), Kylie Kerr (Manager Roads), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment and Development Services DEDES), Lindsay Mason (Director Corporate and Community Services DCCS), Claudia Knight (Minute Taker), Lauren Harris, Liz Cutts, Louise Johnson, Demi Knight, Patrick Lever, Evelyn Hampton, Irene Worrell, Janet Fitzgerald.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Kathy Rindfleish, Cr Dale Hogden, Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services DTS)

**INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Councilors, the General Manager, Director Environmental and Development Services (DEDES), Director Technical Services (DTS), Director Corporate and Community Services and Minute Taker.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2022**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**Item number 11 Action Plan (Liz Cutts)**

Disabled Toilets – Enquiry made as to if these upgrades were a part of the application made for funding was it made to the Stronger Country Community Fund.

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**1. Connect Five (Lauren Harris)**

Community Member expressed disappointment with Connect 5 Service as it has had a few sessions cut short and cancelled.

DCCS advised the last two term there has ben 2 cancelations and 2 cut short due to staff being flooded in or staff shortages. Licensing requirements and ratios need to be met with children services, particularly Yuluwirri Kids and they become a priority.

**ACTION:** DCCS will take on notice and advise the families as soon as Council is aware of these changes.

**2. Baradine Park (Lauren Harris)**

Community member wanted to know about the progress on the gates on Baradine Park.

Manager Roads advised it is part of the Stronger Country Communities funding for the 2022/2023 financial year subject to being approved.

**3. Baradine Pool (Lauren Harris)**

What has been the delay in the pool opening?

The community requested for more information and more notice about purchasing season tickets and the days they can be activated at the Baradine Pool.

Manger Roads advised that the delay has been the weather and chemical imbalances and pool attendance. Council is struggling to get pool attendance in Baradine and Council will pay for training.

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Members of the public also wanted to bring it to Council attention that members of the public are letting other kids in without a season ticket and no pool attendants are on duty making it a safety concern. They believe they are jumping the fence to let them in. Move the bin to the kerb.

**ACTION:** DTS to investigate unauthorised persons accessing the pool grounds

Member of the public requested that the swimming pool key holder access be extended to 7pm instead of closing at 6pm, same as last year. They are not sure why it has gone back to 6pm.

**ACTION:** DTS to investigate the extension of pool operating hours to 7pm.

**4. Baradine Lions Park installation of security gates at the entrances of (Liz Cutts)**

Answered, as above

**5. Free Gutter cleaning service (Liz Cutts)**

Request that Community Care to provide gutter cleaning service pre-fire service

**ACTION:** DCCS to consider the provision of cleaning roof gutters into Community Care services.

Member of the public advised that the RFS aider program is a one-off service for elderly people to do mitigation activities around their properties for those who can't. Contact the RFS for more information

**ACTION:** DCCS to request RFS to promote the fire mitigation service offered by the RFS.

**6. Placement of concrete wheel stops in Wellington Street, Baradine (Liz Cutts)**

Would like wheel stops to prevent the reversing and causing damage to businesses, the kerb and cars.

Manager Roads advised that the Design Team are putting together a design for the this and it will go to the Traffic Advisory Committee, then it will go to Council for approval and funding allocated.

Concerns raised around damaged property and that the cars are causing this damage. Community member wants to put bollards in place to prevent in the meantime.

Manager Roads advised that if members of the public would like to put anything in place they will need to put it in writing to Council so the council can assess it and get back to you. Anything that changes traffic must go through the Traffic Advisory Committee. The Traffic Committee meets monthly and after that any plans need to go to Council.

Community member suggested that it is changed it to front to kerb parking rather than rear to kerb parking for Shire wide.

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**ACTION:** DTS to investigate front to kerb parking for Baradine and the LGA.

**7. Shire Wide Heritage Trail Project update (Liz Cutts)**

Meeting with Peter Duggen and nothing has happened since then. How does Baradine fit in with the heritage trail?

DEDS advised that Peter Duggen is still working and the community will be advised of any progress in the Baradine area.

**8. Baradine Projects - Stronger Country Communities Funding Application (Liz Cutts)**

Manager Roads advised that under the Stronger Country Communities Funding application Council has included the following for Baradine:

- Pool upgrades
- Sporting amenities upgrades
- Playground upgrade

Council over subscribed for funding under the SCCF.

**COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

**9. Council Road Network and Natural Disaster claim(s)**

DTS advised the current situation with the roads and the three Natural Disaster claims which have been declared across the Warrumbungle LGA. Information regarding the natural disaster claim is on Council's website under the 'Road Updates' tab.

**10. Renewable Energy Zone**

DEDS provided an update regarding the new Renewable Energy Zones across the Central West Orana. This area was chosen as has strong renewable energy resources (wind and sun), and close proximity to electricity networks. There will be impacts on our LGA, and of particular concern is the cumulative impacts of all these developments happening at once.

**11. Inland Rail**

DEDS provided an update to the community about the Inland Rail Project the Warrumbungle LGA is part of the N2N section, or the Narromine to Narrabri section. For WSC, we have been advocating strongly for benefits for our local communities from the project, such as Construction Workers Camp at Baradine/Camp Cypress for (2 years +) with a peak of 500 persons, sealed airstrip at Baradine, opportunities for training, skills and job, opportunities for local contractors and businesses, legacy infrastructure such as bores and housing, sewerage connection to Camp Cypress.

**12. Upcoming calls for submissions (external budget submissions, annual donations, community financial assistance donations)**

DCCS advised the community that external budget submissions and annual donations will be opening in the coming weeks for the community to apply for. Information can be found on Council's website under the 'Have Your Say' tab

**13. Doing Business with Council**

DCCS advised the community about the Doing Business with Council information pack with more information online under the 'Business' tab on Council's website.

**14. Australia Day Nominations**

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DCCS informed the community that the Australia Day award nominations are now open and they will be closing 25 November 2022.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**15. Road Closure Notifications (Liz Cutts)**

Seeking improved description on the road closure notice.

GM advised that we are trying to add extra information. Manager Roads advised that sometimes the whole road is closed. There are moves to included LGA road closures on 'Live Traffic'.

**16. Floodways (Patrick Lever)**

Community member advised that there are some floodways outside the Council Depot and the end of Walker Street. Community member also wants a culvert put in at the crossing on Baradine Road towards Coonabarabran.

**ACTION:** DTS to consider in the coming budget funding for a culvert on the Baradine Road towards Coonabarabran

**17. Road Closure Signage (Evelyn Hampton)**

Request for more early indication signage that roads are closed, prior to getting to the part of the road that is closed.

**18. CWA Conference May 2022 – Item 12 of the previous minutes (Evelyn Hampton)**

Passed unanimously at the CWA Conference to provide hygiene bins in all public toilets.

GM advised that this will be considered in Council's budget.

**19. Airstrip (Patrick Lever)**

Members of the public have been told by a Council employee that the airstrip is only for emergency services.

GM requested that those community members advised that the airstrip is for emergency services only to contact the GM directly.

**ACTION:** Once advise is received from the public the GM is to follow up on claims that staff have advised the public that the airstrip is for emergency purposes only.

Mayor Ambrose Doolan thanked everyone who attended and declared the meeting closed.

**There being no further business, meeting was closed 7:05pm.**