

MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT MENDOORAN HALL ON THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM

PRESENT: Denis Todd (Mayor), Cr Wendy Hill, Jenny Lloyd, Wendy Hobbs, David Cook, Danielle Seville, Genise Hollingworth, Brian Hollingworth, Emma McDonald, Phillip McCormack, John Yeo, Lynette Yeo, Sydney Sauls, Val Walie, Bev Bush, Fred Schberras, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Shane Weatherall (Acting Director Technical Services), Louise Johnson (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services), Claudia Westoby (Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Cr Capel, Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Iannuzzi, Cr Doolan, Cr Lewis, Michael Ascher Leslie Saul, Carlton Kopke, Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference for the Community Consultation Meetings were provided to attendees. Terms of Reference have been endorsed by Council.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Mendooran on Thursday, 8 November 2018 were discussed. Minutes were tabled at the May 2018 Council and are on Council's website.

BUSINESS ARISING

Dalgliesh and Abbott Streets

A resident mentioned that they felt that Council trucks travelling on these roads were still causing dust. Acting Director Technical Services indicated that staff had been spoken to about this but that he would speak with them again. Other residents indicated they felt it was not an ongoing issue.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mendooran Swimming Pool

Concerns were raised about the Mendooran Pool, including:

- opening later than scheduled
- being shut for a week
- being shut on certain days at short notice
- progress of the disabled toilet
- no hot water in the showers
- whether or not the pool is still leaking
- opening hours of the pool

Acting Director Technical Services advised:

- that there had been some staffing issues early in the season but there are now staff available
 - there was also a day where there were mechanical issues and the pool had to be closed at short notice while these were fixed
 - the disabled toilet is functional, however it still needs to be painted. It was noted that there is not room for a shower in the disabled toilet.
 - the swimming pool is still having to be filled up with the hose as it is still leaking. Council has fixed one (1) leak and is now looking into fixing the other leaks.
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Driver Reviver

A Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) Member raised concerns around lack of signage for the Driver Reviver. It was requested that signage be provided.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate sourcing and installation of Driver Reviver signs.

MENDOORAN & DISTRICTS DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Mendooran Sports Oval

A request was raised for fencing around the sporting oval. The community has requested a square fence not an oval fence as it will allow for touch football to still be played on the oval. The Acting Director Technical Services advised that funding has been applied for the installation of a fence at the oval however it had not been successful. There is currently a funding application being considered for this project.

Action: Mendooran & Districts Development Group to be advised if funding for fencing for the oval is successful.

Council Staffing Levels

Concerns were raised about the staffing levels in Mendooran. The General Manager advised there had been no reduction in staffing levels in Mendooran however some responsibilities had changed. It was requested that Council employ local people in Mendooran. Council advised that it is unable to specify where an employee comes from and that employees are appointed through a merit based recruitment process.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 2

Acting Director Corporate & Community Services provided feedback in relation to projects funded under Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund, noting that Mendooran will be receiving funding for works at the Mendooran Mechanics Institute and the Mendooran Turf Club.

Financial Assistance Donations

Acting Director Corporate & Community Services advised attendees that Round One Councils 2018/19 Financial Assistance Donations are now open with applications closing on Friday, 23 November 2018. A member of the local Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) requested information on the funding program and was encouraged to contact the local Community Development Coordinator in relation to this information.

Drought Communities Programme – Extension

Acting Director Corporate & Community Services provided an update on funding being provided under the Drought Communities Programme – Extension. A proposal will be considered by Council at the November Council Meeting being held on Thursday, 15 November 2018.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Watering System – Oval

It was requested that Council check the watering system at the oval.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate the watering system at the oval.

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Main Street

It was requested that Council maintain the park in the Main Street better in order to invite people to stop in the town.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate maintenance of the park in the Main Street.

Water Tower

Concerns were raised about overflows at the water tower. The Manager Warrumbungle Water advised that Council did investigate this and the issue has been resolved. Members of the community were asked to contact Council if they see this happening.

Thank You

A resident commended the local lifeguard on the work they have been doing at the pool and asked for this thanks to be passed on.

Action: Director Technical Services to pass on thanks to local lifeguard.

Main Street – Stake Park

It was requested that Council consider the installation of a basketball hoop near the skate park in the Main Street with a view to attracting families to stop in the town.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate funding options for the installation of a basketball hoop in the park in the Main Street.

Hydrant Points

It was requested that Council spray or mow around the hydrant points in town. Residents raised concerns about not being able to find hydrant points if the grass is not kept down.

Action: Director Technical Services advised that Council will investigate and spray around the hydrant points as required.

Parking Signs

Concerns were raised about parking signs in Mendooran. It was also requested that more parking signs be installed.

Action: Director Technical Services advised that Council will investigate the parking signs.

Kerbside Clean Up

Members of the community requested a kerbside clean for Mendooran.

Action: Director Development Services advised that she will look in to when the next kerbside pickup will take place and advertise accordingly.

Overgrown Blocks

A resident raised concerns about an overgrown block in town.

Action: Director Development Services advised that Council would look in to overgrown blocks in town and take action as appropriate.

Pot Holes

It was requested that Council investigate and repair pot holes in roads in the town.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate pot holes and have repaired as appropriate.

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Traffic Counter – Bandulla Street

It was requested that Council to consider putting a traffic counter on Bandulla Street where people are accessing the campground with a view to gathering data to inform decisions around sealing the road.

Action: Director Technical Services to consider installation of traffic counter on Bandulla Street near the campground.

Dump Point

It was requested that Council consider installation of a dump point at the campground.

Action: Director Development Services to investigate viability of installation of dump point at the campground.

Campground

Concerns were raised about garbage bins overflowing at the campground. It was requested that the size of the bins be increased. Council advised that they will investigate the installation of larger bins however they are aware that this may increase the use of these bins by people in town.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate installation of larger bins at the campground.

Cemetery

Requests were received to mow between the graves and also install a bin at the entrance to the cemetery. Council advised that they have sprayed the edges of the graves and will continue to do this as required. Council will also look into installation of a bin at the entrance to the cemetery.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate installation of bin at the entrance to the cemetery.

Mowing the town

Questions were asked about mowing around town. Residents were reminded that there is a mowing schedule available at the Mendooran Post Office. A community member raised concerns regarding only one side of Brambil Street being mowed.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate mowing in Brambil Street.

MEETING CLOSED: 6:34PM
