

**MINUTES OF THE MULLALEY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN
SPORTSGROUND SHED, MULLALEY ON MONDAY
20 MARCH 2023 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cr Jason Newton (Chairperson), Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Zoe Holcombe, Cr Denis Todd, Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment and Development Services, DEDES), Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services DTS), Lindsay Mason (Director Corporate and Community Services DCCS), Andrew Craig, Garry O’Gorman, Greg Morris, Jade Bowen, Shaye Lancaster and Georgie Gavel

APOLOGIES: Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), CI Dale Hogden, Roger Bailey (General Manager) and Don and Belinda Makim.

INTRODUCTION:

CI Jason Newton welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced councillors, the Acting General Manager and Director Environment and Development Services (DEDS & Minute Taker), Director Technical Services (DTS), Director Corporate and Community Services (DCCS & Minute Taker).

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BUSINESS ARISING

COMMUNITY MATTERS

No community agenda items received.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Budget

The Director Corporate and Community Services provided an update on the Budget.

2. Renewable Energy Zone

The Director Environment and Development Services provided an update on the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ).

3. Inland Rail

The Director Environment and Development Services provided an update on the Inland Rail project.

4. Roads / Natural Disaster Claims

The Director Technical Services provided an update on Roads and the Natural Disaster Claims.

5. TRRRC

The Acting General Manager / Director Environment & Development Services provided a brief update on TRRRC.

General Business

- 6. Road Works on Local Road** – a query was made regarding where property owners legally stand if they carry out road works on a council road (without Council’s approval) in the event there is an accident or a mishap?

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ACTION: DTS to provide information.

7. **St Johns Wort** – concerns were raised regarding the presence of the plant community St Johns Wort being present in the local district and what controls measures can be taken so it doesn't spread? Local persons had reported to Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (CMCC) during 2022, however there has been no response or action. Request for Council to assist.

ACTION: DEDS to follow up with CMCC.

8. **Community Events Funding \$5,000** – Goolhi Community thanked Council for the \$5,000 funding received. A family day/evening was held in 2022, and was a very successful event. With the remaining funding of \$3,200 a further event will be held (date yet to be announced), and Councillors will be invited to attend.
9. **Coal Seam Gas** – is still a big issue for the area. Asked what is Council's position on CSG? DEDS provided a response. Local community members will keep Council informed on this matter as time progresses.
10. **Goolhi Hall** – it was noted that the tank and pump at Goolhi hall still need replacing.

Cr Newton thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business, meeting was closed 6.30pm.