

**MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD
AT MENDOORAN MEMORIAL CLUB ON TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2020
COMMENCING AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT: Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Roger Bailey (General Manager, GM), Kumar Satkumaran (Acting Director Technical Services, DTS), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment Development Services, DEDES), Kim Parker (Director Corporate Community Services DCCS), Margaret Anderson (Manager Community Services), Randall Michael (Acting Manager Urban Services), Kira Alexander (Minutes), Emma McDonald (COVID-Marshall), Fred Sciberras, Christine Bayly, Val Dries, Carlton Kopke, Elizabeth Ascher, Michael Ascher, Wendy Hobbs, Jenny Lloyd, Jenny Moore, Cliff Carter, Cameron Hill, Cameron Walden.

APOLOGIES: Cr Kodi Brady

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Councillors, the General Manager (GM), the Acting Director Technical Services (ADTS), the Director Corporate and Community Services (DCCS), the Director of Environment & Development Services, Manager Community Services (MComms), Acting Manager Urban Services (MUS) and Minute Taker.

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BUSINESS ARISING

Brambil Street

Val Dries is concerned with the high grass and septic tank smell near her property at 22 Brambil St.

Action: DEDES to contact Val to organize inspection of high grass and odour complaint.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Beni Crossing black soil hazardous section

ADTS advised that works are programmed to start November 2020 for a gravel section on that part of the road.

2. Out of order toilets at camp ground and dog area needs mowing

AMUS advised Council manages the site for Crown Lands. It is classed as a primitive campground and the toilets were not designed to handle the amount of use and caravan cannisters.

The AMUS advised the work planned (December 2020) however, updated as below –
Funding has been obtained from Crown Lands to replace the existing septic system, which has failed, with a new on site wastewater treatment system. A Contractor has been engaged to install the treatment system. A caravan Dump Point will be installed at the same time as installation of the treatment system. The two systems are not connected and effluent from the Dump Point will need be pumped out when the tank is full. The works are expected to be completed by mid February 2021.

3. Railing at Park on Bandulla Street is broken and needs repair.

Action: AMUS Railing to be repaired.

4. Pool opening hours

Concern that the Mendooran pool was not opened in October this year.

GM advised that that pool attendants are hard to get and this has been the case with other

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pools as well. He encouraged people to apply for positions as pool attendants with Council. Season pass holders can use the pool without supervision but it is otherwise dependent on staff.

Community member asked about the recent funding for pools in the shire and what improvements are scheduled for Mendooran pool.

Action - AMUS to investigate and let Carlton know what improvements are to be made at Mendooran pool.

5. Update on remaining Oval fence funding.

Council was thanked for the fence installation.

ADTS advised that the Drought Communities funding program is currently being monitored and if there is a shortfall on other projects, funds will most likely be used for those however, if funding is available then an application for a variation may be made to the funding body.

6. Update on sealing of Bandulla Street

ADTS advised that funding had been allocated to seal the road with works to be completed by May 2021.

Action: DTS to confirm which parts of the road are to be sealed

7. Renaming Sportsground - not an agenda item

8. Driveway Work excessive delay in obtaining a Council quotation

GM apologised and advised that Council is not looking for an extra income stream. The private works initiative was mainly put in place to perform works for community if machinery was already in the area.

9. State of Cobbora Rd -concerns on condition and safety of the road.

Requested signage for the Cobbora Road and roadside vegetation concerns from Three Mile Creek to the Golden Hwy which has presented more safety issues.

Action - GM to ask staff to look at load limit and speed limit signs for the road

COUNCIL UPDATES

1. Evacuation Centres

ADTS advised that LEMC listed evacuation centres for each town are published on Council's website. For Mendooran there is the Community Hall, RSL Club and the Central School depending on the emergency identified.

2. Rural Addressing

ADTS advised that this was a pilot project in the last 3-4 years which changed boundaries in a variety of Council areas. The project is now complete.

3. Libraries

Manager of Community Services advised that Council is currently seeking feedback from Community in the form of a survey to know how locals use the library service. Council is investigating a variety of Library models that may suit Warrumbungle including Regional, Stand alone and Cooperative models.

GENERAL ITEMS

1. House in Farnell Street – concern over derelict house that was half erected and the

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grass is extremely high noted. Also, a person lives there in a caravan.

DEDS advised that issue has been going on for some time and is in a lengthy process of legal proceedings which are still in progress.

2. Response time from Director

An example of a response time of 9 weeks from DTS on an access issue in the Memorial Club is excessive.

3. Good Work by Council

Carlton Kopke acknowledged Dan Sternbank and his crew for checking on a woman who had been in a car accident potentially saving her life. He also acknowledged Council Rangers Demi Knight and Terry Hadfield who performed very well in a difficult dog situation recently.

4. Blood Tests in Mendooran – lack of pathology services noted.

Would use of the Community Centre facilitate interest from outside providers and what might the costs involved.

Cr Iannuzzi advised that the main concern here is staffing rather than rent and how to get samples to the lab for testing as couriers and transport will need to be paid.

5. Thanks to Carlton

Manager of Community Services thanked Carlton Kopke for his ongoing work and commitment to the Youth of Mendooran.

Mayor Ambrose Doolan thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed 6:45pm