

**MINUTES OF THE BARADINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT THE BARADINE BOWLNG CLUB ON TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.33PM.**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Ambrose Doolan, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi (Deputy Mayor), Cr Peter Shinton, Leeanne Ryan (Acting General Manager and Director Environmental and Development Services), Gary Murphy (Acting Director Technical Services), Erin Player (minutes), Jennifer Hotchkiss, Liz Cutts, Ted Hayman, Suzanne Fuller.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Denis Todd, Roger Bailey (General Manager).

**INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Councillors, the Acting General Manager and Director Environmental and Development Services (DEDS), Acting Director Technical Services (DTS) and Minute Taker.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2021**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**1. Item 4 in minutes**

Community member said there was a Give Way sign on the other side of the Waste Depot but a Give Way sign needed to be installed coming out of the Waste Depot.

A/DTS advised that the Traffic Committee did not warrant the need for a sign to be installed there.

**ACTION:** DEDS and A/DTS to investigate installing a sign on the inside of the Baradine Transfer Station to caution ongoing traffic.

**2. Item 5 in minutes**

Community member noted that any seat can be installed, does not have to be timber. Also mentioned that the CWA was successful in the last round of Financial Assistance Grants for a commemorative seat to be installed in the Baradine Lions Park.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to discuss with the Baradine CWA on where the location of the seat will be.

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**3. Rail Trails, the perception that it is a dead issue – Suzanne Fuller**

Community member noted that the possibility of Rail Trails is difficult to introduce. Another idea to get people to visit the area was a 20/20/20 bike event to be held to encourage cyclists and tourists to visit the region.

**ACTION:** DEDS offered to help with promoting the event and signage and to include the topic on the agenda for the next EDT Committee meeting.

**4. Possible concert for Australia Day weekend – Suzanne Fuller**

Community member advised they would like to close Wellington Street to hold a concert on Australia Day. They will be applying for a grant for the event – the Summer Nights Festival Grant – the application needs to be in partnership with Council.

Application will be submitted to Council for consideration.

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**5. Market being held in Baradine on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December and utilising the street for this, unsure why we need 3 months notice to close of the street for a day - Suzanne Fuller**

Community member advised that they would like to hold a market day in Wellington Street and close the street from Freckles Café to the Chemist from 6pm – 10pm.

A/DTS advised that a letter is required to the Traffic Committee to advise the type of event, how many stalls, hours and section of the road to be closed.

**6. Concerns regarding the bird droppings on the pavement outside empty shops on the southern side of Wellington Street, request for Council to clean pavement – Liz Cutts**

A community member showed a picture of bird droppings in front of an empty shop. Advised that a few local businesses are using bird spikes to control birds.

A/DTS advised that Council will clean it up but the owners of the shop need to take responsibility.

**ACTION:** DEDS to contact owners of the vacant shop to seek a solution for the roosting birds.

**COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

**7. Australia Day Awards**

Minute Taker advised that the nominations for the 2022 Australia Day Awards close Friday 29 October and to consider nominating anyone in the community that deserves recognition for their work in the community.

**8. Vacant Land**

DEDS spoke about a resolution from the October 2021 Council Meeting encouraging owners of vacant blocks to offer them up for sale. There is a demand for building blocks across the shire.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**9. Upcoming storm season**

Community member spoke about the upcoming storm season and how bad it will be. Asked if Council could undertake an audit of dead trees overhanging the road from the drought.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to investigate dead trees that require removing.

**10. Hotchkiss Road**

Community member advised that the road has started to deteriorate near the culvert and requires patching; there is also a pothole on the culvert.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to investigate and action patching of the road.

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

**There being no further business, meeting was closed 6:06pm.**