

**MINUTES OF THE BINNAWAY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN
THE BINNAWAY BOWLING CLUB ON MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2021 COMMENCING
AT 5.30PM.**

PRESENT: Mayor Ambrose Doolan (Chair) Cr Denis Todd, Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Wendy Hill, Ray Lewis, Aniello Iannuzzi (from 5.38pm), Roger Bailey (General Manager, Leeanne Ryan (Director Environmental and Development Services), Gary Murphy (Acting Director Technical Services), Jennifer Maundrell (Manager Corporate Services and minute taker), Jodie Henley, John Irons, Tim Kemp, Carlton Kopke, Jim Larkin, Bernie McBain, Sandra McCaw, Danielle Meyers, Melissa Meyers, Natasha Noakes, Jane Phillips, Kathy Rindfleish, Bill Tatt, and D Thomas

APOLOGIES:

Cr Capel, Cr Clancy and Sally Edwards

INTRODUCTION:

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING TUESDAY 4 MAY 2021
BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Stormwater drainage at Binnaway Showground – Jim Larkin

Request for an update on stormwater drainage off Cypress Street entering into the Binnaway Showground. The Mayor and Director Technical Services met on site approximately 12 months ago, and advised the problem was being investigated. Since then a survey has been completed.

A/DTS advised the survey revealed an open drain will not be effective, and Council now looking at options for a pipeline. A/DTS requested an on-site inspection; to liaise with Jim Larkin after the meeting to make arrangements.

ACTION: A/DTS to arrange for inspection of Binnaway Showground, in particular the areas affected by stormwater runoff.

2. Mowing at Binnaway Showground – Jim Larkin

Jim Larkin congratulated Council staff on their efforts in maintaining the Binnaway oval, footpaths, and street edges, and for the mowing that takes place at the Binnaway Showground. Normally there is one event per year at the Showground, but there has been eight (8) events held there in recent months. Due to the increased usage, Mr Larkin requested that more regular mowing at the Binnaway Showground be included in Council's works program.

GM advised that budgetary impacts of extra mowing would need to be assessed, including what other services may need to be reduced.

A/DTS advised that the Urban Services works schedules across the LGA are being reviewed.

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ACTION: A/DTS to review the schedule of works for Urban Services, and to consider including the Binnaway Showground and cemetery maintenance in the review.

3. Binnaway Swimming Pool Season – Sandra McCaw

Sandra McCaw addressed the meeting and spoke about the swimming pool season at Binnaway, as published on Council's website, being 6 weeks shorter than other pools; now 7 weeks shorter due to delays in opening the Binnaway pool. Ms McCaw requested a reduction in the cost of season tickets for the Binnaway pool to reflect the shorter swimming season.

GM advised that each year Council puts out proposed Fees and Charges on exhibition, with submissions from the public invited.

There was discussion about pool usage per capita throughout the LGA; regular pool closures last season due to staff shortages; and that the published timetable shows Binnaway is the only pool scheduled to open with a pool attendant only from 3:00pm to 6:00pm during school holidays instead of also offering a morning session.

There was a suggestion that Council register for Active Kids Vouchers so that families can use those vouchers towards season tickets.

A/DTS acknowledged that the pool was not ready to open at the scheduled time, and apologised to the community.

ACTION: A/DTS to investigate registering Council to receive Active Kids Vouchers towards the cost of family season tickets.

4. Binnaway Swimming Pool – Danielle Meyers

Already discussed at Item 4.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

5. Vacant Land

DEDS advised that, following a Notice of Motion by Cr Todd at the October Council Meeting, Council is encouraging owners of vacant blocks to consider offering them for sale.

6. Local Government Elections

GM advised that local government elections are being held Saturday 4 December, and nominations to stand as a councillor close at midday, Wednesday 3 November 2021.

General Business

7. Centre line on New Mollyan Road. Approximately 75% of the road to New Mollyan has had the centre line painted, query when the remainder will be painted.

ACTION: A/DTS to investigate and action painting the remainder of the centre line on New Mollyan Road.

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8. Leaders Road. The first causeway on Leaders Road was recently cemented, but has reopened after rain – other side of causeway now needs cementing.

ACTION: A/DTS to investigate the first causeway on Leaders Road.

9. Ropers Road. There was a request to seal remaining unsealed section of Ropers Road.

ACTION: A/DTS to consider the extension of the seal for Ropers Road in the coming budget deliberations.

10. Railway Crossing. There was a request to install a ‘Concealed Driveway’ warning sign on Warrumbungle Way near the railway crossing.

ACTION: A/DTS to action a request to install a ‘Concealed Driveway’ warning sign on Warrumbungle Way near the railway crossing.

11. Trees on northern end of Warrumbungle Way. There was discussion about trees on Warrumbungle Way leaning over the road, and a question about liability should a tree fall onto a vehicle.

GM advised that individual circumstances regarding liability are considered on a case by case basis, that Council does not have the resources to remove the large number of trees on the side of Warrumbungle Way, and encouraged community members to report the location of dangerous trees.

12. Sides of road on southern end of Warrumbungle Way. There was discussion about the condition of roads on the Warrumbungle Way between Binnaway and Coolah, and reports that some motorists are driving in the centre of the road to avoid soft or rough road edges.

GM acknowledged that maintenance works are required.

13. Neilrex Road. Request for speed advisory sign near corner at bottom of hill.

A/DTS to discuss further after the meeting to determine location of requested sign.

ACTION: A/DTS to consider the request for the speed advisory sign on the Neilrex Road.

14. Heated pad at swimming pool. Query about why heated pad, purchased by local swimming club after raising funds of \$15,000, has never been used.

ACTION: A/DTS to investigate the use of the heat pad at the Binnaway Pool.

15. TRRRC. Request for update on the TRRRC project.

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GM advised court action is proceeding after unsuccessful mediation. There is a resolution of Council to try to build some units on the site. The legal action is restricting options for remediation, Council is not in a position to remove what is on the site.

16. Chinamans Gully. The causeway at Chinamans Gully was brought up at a previous meeting and members of the community felt they had been ignored on the issue.

GM advised that the then DTS was familiar with the causeway and that it was not currently a high priority on the program to replace. It was also acknowledged that there were significant issues with sound at the last community consultation meeting held at Binnaway due to a storm and poor acoustics at the hall, which may have contributed to poor communication at the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6:15pm.