

Community Consultation Meeting

Action List

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<p>Stronger Country Communities Fund Project suggestions were discussed. It was suggested people contact Community Development Coordinator, Sal Edwards, for assistance if required.</p>	CCS	No action required.	No action required
<p>Main Street Cleaning Council was advised that birds are nesting in the trees along the main street. It was requested that Council inspect the footpaths and clean up the droppings.</p>	TS	Footpaths washed. Washing and cleaning will occur as required.	Completed
<p>Rural Fire Service – Equipment Concerns were raised regarding equipment not being upgraded by the Rural Fire Service.</p>	ES	The Rural Fire Service (RFS) has a system of consulting with the brigades in relation to the supply and upgrade of equipment. This is also impacted by the level of funding available to both the RFS and Council.	Completed
<p>Water Leak / Main Break Attendees advised Council that there appears to be a major leak / main break in Yule Street. The issue has been reported to the office. Council advised they would follow this up.</p>	TS	Repairs completed.	Completed
<p>Stronger Country Communities Fund A presentation was made to the meeting on behalf of the Bowen Oval Committee regarding their intention to apply for funding in Round Two of the Stronger Country Communities Fund. The proposal is for new lighting. It was noted that the application has the support of all the user groups as well as the Bowen Oval Committee.</p>	CCS	Funding application submitted. Funding application successful. Tender has been released.	In progress

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<p>Main Street Replacement Trees</p> <p>An enquiry was made regarding the replacement of trees in the main street. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting there were four (4) locations for the trees to be planted. The meeting discussed what variety should be planted with Council to investigate further.</p>	TS	Following botanical advice, it was determined a London Plain tree would be placed on the Northern end of the centre median. A program is in place to replace remaining trees.	Completed
<p>Footpath Maintenance</p> <p>Council was advised that a leak had been fixed in Binnia Street opposite the bus stop approximately four (4) weeks ago but had not been filled in as yet. It was requested that the holed be filled.</p>	TS	Inspection to be undertaken and remedial works undertaken if required. Has been determined that request relates to water leak and appropriate reinstatement is still required.	In progress
<p>Street Trees</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding Kurrajong trees lifting the footpaths in Coolah. Areas noted were Goddard Street in front of NRMA as well as in front of the Bowling Club and old nursery. The meeting also discussed other street trees causing damage to various footpaths as well as low overhanging branches. Further it was noted that Essential Energy had contracted out it tree trimming and it had not been completed properly. Council advised that it has no control or input to these works.</p>	TS	Concerns noted	Concerns noted. No action required.
<p>Coolah Tops – Road</p> <p>The meeting was advised that the road to Coolah Tops was in need of maintenance with large rocks causing damage to vehicles. The NRMA advised that they are considering limiting their service provision to that area due to increased risks. The meeting was advised that the road is the responsibility of the National Parks and Wildlife Service.</p>	TS	The road was to be inspected and prioritised for maintenance. It was determined that maintenance of this road is the responsibility of the National Parks & Wildlife Service.	Completed

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<p>Parking – Long Vehicles</p> <p>Residents indicated that requests have been made previously for signage as to where long vehicles can park in Coolah. Suggestions were made for various locations close the main shopping / business area of Coolah. It was indicated that signs could direct long vehicles to an off street then back to he highway.</p>	TS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This matter was referred to the Traffic Committee where options were explored. However there are constraints on the installation of direction signs and facilities that don't comply with State guidelines and standards. • Signs are currently being designed and will be sent for approval by Roads and Maritime Service (RMS). Other signs will also be used to redirect traffic back on to Black Stump Way. 	In progress
<p>Water Quality</p> <p>Meeting discussed the water quality in Coolah. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, assured the meeting the water was safe to drink and monitored. Meeting also discussed the pressure issue in certain parts of town. It was noted since Council had been informed of a leak at the meeting in Yule Street this may be the cause of the loss in pressure. Council will investigate. Members of the community were requested to follow up with Council if the pressure issue is not resolved.</p>	TS	A preliminary costing report has been received and this report will be considered by Council.	In progress
<p>Skip Bins</p> <p>A question was raised in regards to the return of the skip bins to the Waste Transfer Stations. The meeting was advised that the skip bins will be returning shortly. The contactor is awaiting the manufacture of bins which will be fit for purpose.</p>	DS	Skip Bins returned to Waste Depots in May 2018.	Completed

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<p>Internet</p> <p>The meeting was advised about an online survey regarding the provision of better internet services for rural and regional Australia. People were encouraged to complete the survey.</p>	CCS		
<p>Recycling</p> <p>Questions were asked about the Container Deposit Scheme, including whether or not there is the possibility of having a place to return containers in Coolah. The meeting was advised that currently, people can return containers in Coonabarabran and Dunedoo. Council is looking at expanding the program with the potential for Coolah to be a site in the future.</p>	DS	No new sites at this stage. Contact has been made with Container Deposit Scheme representatives seeking additional sites across the Shire. At this stage, no new sites are proposed.	In progress
<p>Rural Fire Service – Community Input</p> <p>Concerns were raised by a resident regarding a perception of a lack of community input in to the Rural Fire Service and their operations, and a lack of recognition of local volunteers.</p>	ES	The Rural Fire Service (RFS) has a system of consulting with the brigades in relation to the supply and upgrade of equipment.	Concerns noted. No action required.
<p>Roads</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding current road works being completed and the potential impact on other roads in the Shire. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that there is a process in place for monitoring roads in the Shire, including in regarding to weight and size limits of trucks. Attendees were asked that if they were aware of any issues to contact Council in the first instance.</p>	TS	Noted for information.	Concerns noted. No action required.
<p>Supplementary Bore</p> <p>A question was raised regarding the supplementary bore and if the water had been tested and is suitable for consumption. Director Technical</p>	TS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works completed to install pumping equipment. Initial licence secured. 	In progress

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<p>Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting it had been tested and was suitable for human consumption. Council is currently still waiting for the Bore Licence to be approved. It was also explained the site was chosen by a hydro-geologist as the most suitable location. The bore, once approved, would be tested regularly to ensure the water quality is sufficient.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pump shed and rising main have been installed. Works to be completed are pump, headwork and chlorine dosing installation, access licence and power connection. 	
<p>Wind Farm A question was asked about the wind farm development and Council's role in the Community Enhancement Fund. Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, advised that the Community Enhancement Fund will be implemented under and Voluntary Partnership Agreement with the Community Consultation Committee and will be a Section 355 Committee. Attendees were advised that if this process is implemented, members of the community would be able to propose projects to the Committee.</p>	DS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement was placed on public exhibition from 12 July – 10 August 2018. Submissions have been received, Business Paper report to be presented to future Council Meeting. 	In progress
<p>General Manager Members of the Coolah community welcomed new General Manager, Roger Bailey.</p>	ES	No action required.	No action required
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<p>Town Water – Cemetery Residents sought an update as to whether or not the request to install a town water tap in the Anglican section of the cemetery had been completed. Council indicated that it would investigate whether or not this had been completed.</p>	TS	Completed.	Completed
<p>Stump 133 Coolah District Historical Society have secured a grant, with the</p>	DDS	Plaque has been mounted.	Completed

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assistance of Council's Heritage Advisor. A plaque has been purchased but is yet to be mounted.			
Vinegaroy Road Residents enquired as to when works on Vinegaroy Road would commence. Council indicated that signs were to be erected this week and preliminary works would commence soon after.	TS	Work has been completed.	Completed
Coolah Library – Security It was advised that Pandora Gallery has received funding for security cameras. The cameras are yet to be installed.	DS	Investigations undertaken. No budget allocation for Council to install.	In progress
Update on Shared Bike Path Residents sought an update on the shared bike path. Council indicated that they don't have funds to complete this work at this stage and any further work would be subject to funding. Council indicated that they will consider improvements to the dirt section. A request was made to Council to consider allocating a small amount of funding to assist with funding applications.	TS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding request was to be considered for new financial year budget. Funding was allocated in 2018/19 budget. 	In progress
Water Quality – Drinking Water Concerns were again raised regarding the quality of the drinking water in the town. Council indicated that investigations can be undertaken in to this, however indicated that the water meets water quality standards.	TS	Refer to actions from 26/3/2018 meeting.	Refer to 26/3/2018
Main Street Trees There was extensive discussion around the trees in the main street. Council indicated that professional advice has been sought in relation to the trees. Residents indicated that they felt that if trees were removed that they should be replaced. Council indicated that the stump cannot be removed until it rots a bit more, otherwise it will disturb the road pavement. Residents requested that a report be sent to the local paper	TS	Trees are okay, not being removed.	Completed

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to let the community know what is happening with these trees.			
<p>Parking – Long Vehicles</p> <p>Residents indicated that requests have been made previously for signage as to where long vehicles can park in Coolah. The request relates to signage to indicate to people with long vehicles where it is most appropriate for them to park. It was indicated that people feel that tourists / visitors with long vehicles are either parking in inappropriate areas or are not stopping in the town.</p>	TS	Refer to actions from 26/3/2018 meeting.	Refer to 26/3/2018
<p>Snake Safety Workshop</p> <p>A resident raised concerns about parents who are concerned about snakes and enquired about whether or not a workshop could be held for parents and children about snake safety.</p>	DDS	National Parks and Wildlife may be able to assist with this. No further action to be taken.	Completed
<p>Goddard Street</p> <p>An update was requested on works in Goddard Street. Council indicated that the works are progressing now and they hope to be finished by Christmas.</p>	TS	Kerb & Guttering and footpath completed. Roadworks now also completed.	Completed
<p>Sir Ivan Fire Recovery</p> <p>Council enquired as to how people are going following the Sir Ivan Fire and asked whether or not there is anything Council can provide assistance with at this time. Discussion around local events to say thank you and a local event around recovery and art. Concerns raised regarding mobile phone coverage both during and after the fire, including in relation to the BlazeAid volunteers working on properties with no mobile phone coverage. Residents indicated that anonymous letters were still being sent to people affected by the fire, and those who have</p>	CCS	Enquiry was passed on to the Mayor's Bushfire Appeal Advisory Committee who are overseeing the allocation of funds collected and who act as one of the focal points for recovery efforts.	Completed

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provided assistance to those affected by the fire. Residents raised a number of concerns for Council to follow up with the Rural Fire Service and NSW Police.			
<p>Learn to Ride Track</p> <p>Coolah District Development Group (CDDG) has established a Sub-Committee to work on the establishment of a multipurpose park, including Learn to Ride bike track, skate park, basketball court, playground equipment and BBQ facilities. Further discussion to occur with Council regarding this.</p>	CCS	Agenda item for 29/10/2018 meeting.	In progress
<p>Uarbry</p> <p>Concerns regarding Uarbry were tabled via an email received from a local resident. Concerns raised in the email will be dealt with via Council and also the Sir Ivan Fire Recovery Committee.</p>	CCS	These concerns were passed on to the Mayor's Bushfire Appeal Advisory Committee.	Completed
<p>Footpaths</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the state of some of the footpaths in Coolah. This will be investigated and rectified as appropriate.</p>	TS	Concerns noted. Action to be taken as appropriate in course of regular works.	Completed
<p>Coolah Home Base</p> <p>Multiple concerns were raised regarding Coolah Home Base, including drainage, fire risk and the Coolaburragundy River. Council to investigate further and work with relevant Departments and Services to address these issues, where appropriate.</p>	DS	Relevant approvals and permits issued in relation to Coolah Home Base as necessary. Individual State Government agencies are aware of matters that have been raised and will address these independent of Council.	Completed
<p>Bowen Oval – Playground Equipment</p> <p>Residents requested that the playground equipment at Bowen Oval have lights installed to provide light in the playground at night. Residents indicated that they believed there was regulation and standards that</p>	TS	Regulations and standards have been investigated. No further action required.	Completed

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required lighting of covered play equipment. Council indicated this will be investigated and appropriate action taken.			
<p>Lack of Communication – Removal of General Manager</p> <p>Residents indicated that the community feel that they haven't been given an explanation as to why Council's General Manager was removed. Residents indicated that the community would like an explanation and felt that they deserved one. Council indicated that they were not in a position to provide this explanation but that this request would be passed on to Mayor Peter Shinton.</p>	ES	Referred to the Mayor.	
<p>Go To Place – Community and Government Services</p> <p>Members of the community suggested a 'go to place' to help people access and navigate community and government services.</p>	ES	Most services are available online, but Council acknowledges that many residents do not use the internet. Idea noted. This is primarily a matter for State Government.	Completed
<p>Local Infrastructure</p> <p>Residents indicated their desire to focus on getting existing and planned local infrastructure sorted. The group indicated that a number of plans have been developed specifically for Coolah.</p>	ES	No specific action required in relation to this matter.	Completed
<p>Large Items Pick Up Day</p> <p>Enquiries were made as to when the next large items pick up day would be held. Council indicated that this will be scheduled for December.</p>	DS	Completed for 2017/18. Dates for 2018/19 not yet available.	Completed
<p>Meeting Follow Up</p> <p>Residents enquired as to how will people know about what happened at, and as a result of, this meeting. Council indicated that this will be discussed and considered by Manex as Council agreed that it is too long before the next meeting, in terms of providing updates and reporting</p>	CCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This document is the response to this query. Council will be working through a media / communications plan as an ongoing process. 	Completed

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back.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference have been developed and endorsed by Council. 	