## **Community Consultation Meeting**

**Action List** 

Coolah

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Coolah			
16 March 2020			
1 (R2-2019/20) Infrastructure Initiatives     Coolah Historical Arts Tourism Subcommittee (CHATS) is a     subcommittee of Coolah District and Development Group.  Will WSC wave the fee as we are providing a service to the shire  Action: DCCS – Action to investigate fee waiver for use of the hall.	ccs	CHATS have submitted an application for an Annual donation to cover the hall/facility hire. Approval for funding has been granted to the value of \$578 at the Council meeting on 18 June 2020	Completed
<ul> <li>The garden outside the building is in disrepair. We would like to revamp the garden with a replica of the black stump, surrounded by rock and hardy plants. It is a plan</li> <li>Action: DTS – Action to follow up garden project</li> </ul>	TS	No further action taken on this matter until a new access ramp is constructed	Completed
<ul> <li>2 (R2-2019/20) Greg Piper - Emergency disaster zone sign for Bowen Oval (Place of last resort/Emergency muster sign)</li> <li>Advised that they wrote to Council in February to communicate to residents where meeting points are so they know where to go in an emergency as: <ul> <li>More information needs to be displayed so people know the process.</li> <li>Locals may know but visitors and tourists don't.</li> <li>If communication is severed, at least people know where to go.</li> <li>There must be a sign to advise communities about emergency muster point if technology is not available.</li> <li>Sign can be placed at Council or library so easily accessible to all community.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Action: DTS to look into signs for town centre and Bowen Oval</li> </ul>	TS	Emergency muster sign is in place at the entrance to Bowen Oval. Council website has up to date information on Emergency Plans. Matter referred to the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC).  All signage must conform with the correct terms used by emergency services. There is no such term as 'emergency muster' There is a Neighbourhood Safer Place sign at the entrance of Bowen Oval  Council web site has up to date information on Emergency Plans. The EM Plan is revised every few years.	Completed

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<ul> <li>Action: Be provided a hard copy of emergency plans need to be available at the sporting club including a list of relevant contacts, emergency plan.</li> <li>Action: DTS to look into signs for town centre and Bowen Oval</li> <li>Action: Be provided a hard copy of emergency plans which also need to be available at the sporting club including a list of relevant contacts, emergency plan.</li> <li>Action: DTS to discuss options for an evacuation centre to be established.at next meeting.</li> </ul>		The LEMC nominate an Evacuation Centre for each emergency incident and the Sports Club is only one of many options for an Evacuation.  If a 'Evacuation Centre' sign is placed at the Sports Club and the Evacuation Centre is the School, then this immediately creates confusion.  Emergency Plans are not intended to instruct people what to do in an emergency and reading the EM Plan when you attend an Evacuation Centre is far too late.  Contact lists are not for public release. Emergency Agencies have advertised emergency numbers.  Evacuation Centres have already been established in all Towns within the shire and are listed on the Council web site.	
3 (R2-2019/20) Fire risk at the northern part of Coolah,  Western side of Coolah near the hospital, and associated and that no buffer or vehicle access along the border exists. Not sure who is responsible for this?  DTS advised that near the water reservoir is private land. The issue will be discussed at the bushfire management committee meeting.  The RFS is responsible for putting it into the plan.	TS	Matter listed for discussion at the next meeting of the Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC). Item has been provided to the BFMC Sub Committee.  The RFS has agree to mechanically clear Lot 4 DP 875499. A block of land owned by Council.	Completed

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Crown lands need to do their own plan.  If crown land adjoins an asset then it may not be included in the bushfire management plan.  Council land is included in the plan. Treated area is mostly on private.		The block will have to be maintained in the future by Council as it will become an Asset Management Zone (APZ)	
Council land is included in the plan. Treated area is mostly on private lands.  There is a concern about the western end. It needs to be identified as an APZ and it will then be put into a management plan and a treatment assigned to it.		The private farm land to the west and north of the Hospital was inspected by RFS and deemed not to be a fire hazard.  There is no history of fire approaching	
Action: DTS to address issue at bushfire management committee meeting		Coolah downhill from the north or west of the town. Any hazard will most likely come from vegetation within the town	
4 (R2-2019/20) Water cascade to the caravan park from Vinegaroy Road, causing damage.		09.06.20 - More research to be conducted by Regulatory Services	Ongoing
The fence and concrete that got put there by the caravan park has blocked to the natural water course. Is this area on the list?  DTS advised that it is on the list to investigate and a big issue that cannot be resolved quickly but we need a direction as the waterway has been filled in as part of the caravan park development.  Action: MRS to investigate conditions of development for this site.	EDS	30.9.20 The works relating to the fence and concrete fill were undertaken some years prior to development of the caravan park, therefore are not part of the conditions for the development of the site.	
5 (R2-2019/20) Clean up of shared pathway area     After the floods, there is an awful amount of debris over the road.		Debris has been removed from path by Urban Services crews.	Completed
<ul> <li>Will council put a stick rake over the road which is full of broadleaf weeds as well?</li> <li>We are trying to create planting areas and want council to slash occasionally or remove debris on the area from the river to the treatment works as this is council land and not TSR</li> </ul>	TS		

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We were looking to fence it off to develop the area.			
<b>Action:</b> DTS to inspect and identify what can be done to remove the timber. The larger debris may be able to be picked up with a backhoe.			
6 (R2-2019/20) Riverscape/Town beautification projects for Council – for the rural aid work. Repainting bollards along the main street as some paint is coming off. We will need to close off half the street at a time so they can paint each side. Action: DTS to source suitable paint and provide traffic control plan for the work.	TS	Repainting of centre median islands in Binnia Street is scheduled for completion in November.	In Progress
7 (R2-2019/20) Carol Richards notes an email from Mr Roy Cameron who advised that there were flood gauges and is asking if the water gauge is still on the Coolaburragundy River?		No action on this report	In Progress
DTS advised that this was not council responsibility. There are gauging stations that are automatic.	TS		
Action: DTS to enquire if gauges are operational.			
8 (R2-2019/20) Community member raised an issue for the old historical signs	TS	No further action regarding 'Turee' historical sign.	Completed
Greg Piper asked if Council could identify and provide a suitable area for a sign. We can get potentially source funding for the sign.		27/7/20 – Depending where the sign is located will determine the approval	
Action: DTS to identify potential area for a tourist sign.		process	
Action: MRS to investigate the process and advise	EDS	30/9/20 When the details of the sign and position are identified further advise on the application process to be forthcoming.	

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9 (R2-2019/20) Coolah NSW Website  The Info centre has set up a Coolah NSW website with a lot of hits made. If anyone has anyone to advertise, send it in.  Action: Manager Economic Development and Tourism to establish link from Warrumbungle tourism site to Coolah NSW website.	EDS	09.06.20 - Coolah NSW weblink has been added to WSC Tourism pages.	Completed
4 November 2019			
2 (R1-2019/20) Infrastructure Initiatives The Historical Society is hoping to add an attraction focusing on the Centenary to opening of the Coolah railway in April 2020. Part of this would be the publication of Roy Cameron's book.  Action: Manager of Tourism and Economic Development to follow up with Historical Society	EDS	Emailed Coordinator to organise a meeting to discuss how Council can support and or attend Historical meeting in Coolah. Waiting on response.  09.06.20 - MEDT met with Carol Richards in Coolah to discuss project and view train station. Forwarded CR contact details for John Holland to apply for access to railway and station to tidy up for event. Public Liability insurance is an ongoing issue for such community groups. Railway Centenary cancelled due to COVID-19	Completed
<ul> <li>3 (R1-2019/20) Rezoning of land in the Shire         Community concerned that currently the Youth Club is zoned as residential and to build the Men's Shed, the land needs to be rezoned as commercial.     </li> <li>DEDS advised that Council is reviewing to possibly extend the zoning and requires a letter of request to rezone, at which time will look to rezone to Local Centre.</li> </ul>	EDS	The request will be considered as part of the LEP review which is underway 09.06.20 - LEP will be placed on public exhibition in the near future and comments from the public invited at that time.	Completed

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Action: CDDG to provide request to rezone and DEDS will follow up and investigate the request.			
5 (R1-2019/20) Youth Policy The Community is frustrated with a lack of Council Youth Policy and asked will there be a policy or strategic plan and what the estimated cost would be to achieve a Youth Strategy??  Action: DCCS to take on notice and investigate	ccs	April 2019 374/1819 RESOLVED that Council: Identify suitable sources of external funding and make applications for funding for the development of a Youth Strategy; and Progress with the development of a Youth Strategy only if an appropriate level of funding can be secured for this purpose. During remaining 2019 Council pursued unsuccessfully Grant Funding. Feb 2020 Manager Community Services has prepared a draft Youth Strategy that will be prepared for Council's consideration in March/April 2020.  Update: Community Connections Officer facilitated interviews at a youth event in March 2020. The Manager of Community Services has developed a Youth strategy and commenced stakeholder input. In the meantime, a collaborative partnership with Australia Youth Leadership Academy. The planning stage for this is underway.	In progress
6 (R1-2019/20) Rural Aid	TS	Working with the community to facilitate project implementation.	Completed

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Community referred to \$100,000 Rural Aid grant awarded to Coolah with projects yet to be advised. After the \$10,000 for the consultant, \$90,000 will remain. How can Community work with Council to move forward with streetscapes and items on Council land with works potentially including upgrading gardens, giving buildings a facelift and projects along the cycle way, most of which are on Council land. There will also be between 70-100 volunteers turning up and will need to be engaged for a week in April 2020.  Action: DTS to set up consultancy with Community on proposed projects and activities for Rural Aid volunteers.		Coolah District Development Group (CDDG) submitted a Riverside Plan to install trees, sealing and sculptures along shared pathway. Funding for implementation of plan submitted in application for stimulus funding.	
8 (R1-2019/20) Coolah Landcare Group The Landcare group is wanting to consult with Council regarding regulations which will need compliance for projects for the shared pathway by the river.  Action: DTS to meet with Landcare group to discuss proposed additions	TS	Contact has been made with Elly Cook, Sal Edwards and Greg Piper  As above, Coolah District Development Group (CDDG) have submitted a plan for the shared pathway.	Completed
9 (R1-2019/20) State of Togee Grave and Black Stump Rest Area Community member referred to the dreadful state of the areas when taking visitors there, these included: Depletion of Signs Black Stump not black and full of rubbish Community member asked whose responsibility was it to clean these areas?  DTS advised that Council currently cleans on weekdays only.  Cr Capel advised that King Togee's grave is on Council land but National Parks funded the post and Gilgandra Aboriginal Lands Council funded the sign.	TS	Mgr. Econ Development & Tourism has been in contact with Gilgandra LALC and they are taking responsibility for repairs to signage at the site.  Black Stump Rest Area has been cleaned up.	Completed

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<b>Action:</b> DTS to investigate and liaise with relevant groups to initiate whose responsibility it is to maintain the site.			
<ul> <li>11 (R1-2019/20) Plant Operators         Community raised concerns about operators training.     </li> <li>GM advised that on the job training is the only option due to lack of available courses. Supervisors can consult with landholders and an appointment was necessary to do this.</li> <li>Action: DTS to provide contact to supervisors for Community members prior to planned works on request from landholders</li> </ul>	TS	Supervisors advised that they may be approached by landholders regarding road maintenance works when graders are nearby. However, process not in place for Supervisors to advise property owners of upcoming work  Weekly notification provided through social media on the location of road crews.	Completed
14 (R1-2019/20) Banners Community noticed that out of date. Bike Week banners are still up.  Action: Manager Economic Development and Tourism to action change of banners	EDS	28/07/2020 - Banners were replaced in December 2019 and new banners to go up next week.	Complete
<ul> <li>15 (R1-2019/20) Historical sign Community member advised that the historical sign opposite Turee Creek Rd needs replacing.</li> <li>Action: DTS will investigate the signs which were part of a campaign years ago.</li> </ul>	TS	Council not responsible for this sign	Completed
16 (R1-2019/20) Pandora Pass Bicentenary Community advised that in 2023 is the bicentenary of Cunningham discovering Pandora pass and planning needs to be thought out for celebrations.  Action: DEDS to take on Notice	EDS	Emailed Coordinator to organise a meeting to discuss how Council can support and or attend Historical meeting in Coolah. Waiting on response.	In progress

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		Meeting booked with CDDG 02.10.20 to discuss Council's involvement for all initiatives including 2023 bicentenary	
25 March 2019			
17 (R2-2018/19) RV Friendly Coolah Community members want an update on how Coolah becomes an RV Friendly Town. Now that Coolah has a dump point and long vehicle parking they should be eligible to become an RV Friendly Town. The application was through the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee and the Community would like to know where the application is up to.  Action: Director Environmental and Development Services (DEDS) will investigate as to where the applications are up to and will advised to be processed	EDS	Follow-up email sent 18 July 2019 RFS to undertake a Fire Report for consideration. Free camping remains an issue and is being addressed by Coolah residents with Councils assistance Update DA approved. Conditions of consent need to be met before Occupation Certificate can be issued. Awaiting applicant of DA to apply for OC	Completed
18 (R2-2018/19) Traffic cones at the northern end of Main Street Orange traffic cones placed around the northern end of the main street. The community is wanting to know why they are around that tree? Community wanting the orange cones to be changes to a concreate round corner similar to the southern end of the main street. DTS advised that the orange cones were put in as a trail as there were community concerns around that intersection as a crash point.  Action: DTS suggested that Council will take down the orange pillars and mirror the Martin street end of the main street and install a low concrete as a semi circle.	TS	Proposal to replace orange bollards with concrete median has been advertised.  Update Installation of concrete median to replace bollards is scheduled for March/April. Concrete median has been installed.	Completed
19 (R2-2018/19) Pavement Community raised concerns around the pavement outside of Sally's shop and that is has sunk. Requested if they are added to concrete turning	TS	Have undertaken repairs 3 times now. However, ground keeps subsiding due to tree root breaking down. Supervisor	In progress

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circle at the end of the street can Council fix the pavement outside the front of Sally's shop.  Action: DTS will investigate.		suggests that next repair should be sufficient.	
20 (R2-2018/19) Recreational cycle way to the recreational ground The shared path way that joins up with the Cycle way goes over the railway. The community is wanting to join with Council to put in an application to send a letter to the Minister for Transport to gain a lease over the railway so that the cycle way can join the rec ground.  Action: Greg will make contact and send details to the General Manager.	ES	Awaiting advise from Mr Piper. Email sent on 24.1.20. Waiting for a response. GM sent a further follow up email to Mr Piper on 3 June 2020 seeking advice. Mr Piper responded stating that he was following up with local member, Roy Butler MP. Please list it as 'completed'.	Completed
21 (R2-2018/19) Public Toilets behind the VIC and Library The Community would like to see an upgrade on the public toilets as the old toilets are not suitable for the elderly and the toilets need better ventilation.  Action: DTS will Investigate the possibility but the alternative will be to upgrade them and then they will have to be close them at night time or have CCTV on them due to Vandalism. This has been placed as an External Budget submission for the 2019/20 Budget.	TS	\$30,000 allocated in 2019/20 budget for upgrade work. Scope of works yet to be finalised	In progress
20 October 2018		,	
22 (R1-2018/19) Men's Shed A local resident advised Council that they are looking to re-open the Coolah Men's Shed. It was requested that Council provide assistance with this. The resident was asked to get in contact with Council's Director Corporate and Community Services in relation to this.	ccs	Community Development Coordinator (CDC) has advised that The Men's Shed would like to build a Shed on one of the parcels of land currently owned by Coolah Youth Community Inc (rates assessment #10010395) and looking to Council to take on ownership of the land to facilitate both groups operations.	Complete

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		Requested formal submission and details. DCCS Update: Waiting on DED's consideration of the need for rezoning (see 3. Above) and the progress of the Drought Communities Grant (\$1mil) application which includes improvements to the Community Hall. Note: A grant of \$114,000 has been successful for upgrade to the hall.  Contacted CDC and was advised to contact Men's Shed President.  09.06.20 - The LEP will be placed on public exhibition in the near future and comments from the public invited at that time.	
23 (R1-2018/19) Jump the Stump (Skate Park) Committee An update on the Jump the Stump (Skate Park) Committee was provided. It was requested that Council provide contacts to assist with the development of this facility. The Committee Representative was advised that all directorates within Council would need to assist with different aspects of the project. The Committee was encouraged to contact relevant Directors as required.	ALL	DTS advised has been in contact with Katie Burgess from the Committee. The committee has lodged a funding application. They required Council approval to use the land and approval was also needed from Crown Lands. The project is on the SCCF list of 'possible and probable's Funding has been secured. Site survey completed. Project being managed by Technical Services.	Completed
25 (R1-2018/19) Extension of Pathway to the Recreation Grounds			

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Discussion took place regarding the extension of the pathway to the Coolah Recreation Grounds. It was requested that a letter be sent to Council to request assistance and support from Council to advocate for the closing of the railway.	TS	At this stage no correspondence has been received by Council. A 250-metre extension of shared path along Binnia Street is included in drought stimulus funding application.	Completed
26 (R1-2018/19) Hall Hire Fees Concerns were raised regarding the hall hire fees being charged for Pandora Gallery. It was noted that volunteers run Pandora Gallery as well as provide tourist information. It was noted that currently the volunteers are being asked to pay an annual fee of \$550. Councils Director Development Services committed to investigating this matter.  Action: Director Development Services to investigate the charging of hall hire fees for Pandora Gallery.	TS	Previously reported: Matter has been referred to Acting Manager Property and Risk who is investigating the matter. Update: MOU between Coolah District Development group and WSC for use of the gallery to be reviewed: with fees considered under this review.	Completed
27 (R1-2018/19) Stand Pipes Council was asked whether or not they are providing free water to the	EDS	CDDG manage bookings at Pandora Gallery. Annual fee charged in accordance with fees and charges adopted at budget time by Council.  In the current drought situation, Coolah is considered the only town where free	Completed
community, as per other Council's in the region. Attendees were advised that Council is not yet providing free water but this could be considered in the future under certain conditions. Residents were advised that Council does have a standpipe at the Coolah depot.		water could be provided from a supply point of view. Should this be considered a cap per use over a certain timeframe would be required.  Update Not providing free water at this stage. Council does have standpipe at Depot and residents can purchase potable water from Council.	Completed

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26 March 2018			
29 (R2-2017/18) Water Quality Meeting discussed the water quality in Coolah. Director Technical Services 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.	EDS	A preliminary costing report has been received and this report will be considered by Council.  A report on Water Softening Options for the Coolah Water Supply was presented to Council in August 2018.  It was resolved that Council makes an application for grant funding for softening of the Coolah Water Supply when funding opportunities become available.  There are currently no funding opportunities and not expected to arise in the near future.  09.06.20 - Report brought to Council and it was resolved that due to lack of available funding to address water softening options for Coolah Water Supply the matter be closed and listed for consideration as a long-term project under Councils Community Strategic Plan review.	Completed
30 October 2017			
30 (R1-2017/18) Coolah Library – Security It was advised that Pandora Gallery has received funding for security cameras. The cameras are yet to be installed.	TS	Investigations undertaken. No budget allocation for Council to install.  To be included in budget for 2019/2020.  Update:Installation of security cameras included in the capital works budget for upgrades to Pandora Gallery / Coolah Library building.	In progress