

Community Consultation Meeting

Action List

15 November 2017

20 March 2018



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<p>Water Quality</p> <p>A resident enquired as to the quality of the water as they had noticed a strong odour that smelled like chlorine. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that the water at present is of good quality and there are no current concerns. It was also stressed that when there is an issue with the water, for example, please contact Council as soon as possible so the matter can be investigated whilst the problem is occurring.</p>	TS	Water quality, including chlorine residual, is monitored daily.	Completed
<p>Cemetery</p> <p>A resident advised that there is still a portion of the cemetery that has not been mowed. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, committed to investigate this matter.</p>	TS	Mowing works completed.	Completed
<p>Dalglish and Abbott Streets</p> <p>Concerns were raised about Council trucks travelling on these roads at a speed which is causing increased dust. It was requested that Council remind truck drivers to be aware of their speed and to try and reduce dust.</p>	TS	Staff have been advised about the nuisance caused by dust.	Completed
<p>Water Pump – Mendooran Park</p> <p>Attendees enquired about the progress of the water pump for the park. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting the pump would be installed with the next month.</p>	TS	The scheduled work was abandoned when quotations exceeded budget allocation. A new irrigation design is being developed.	In progress

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<p>Recycling Bins</p> <p>A resident enquired about recycling and what was required for people with bins versus those who took their recycling to the Waste Transfer Station. It was suggested that the resident speak to the Acting Director Development Services, Robert Jehu, following the meeting.</p>	DS	Recycling is collected from kerbside co-mingled. Opportunity of comingled recycling to be dropped at recycling centres in the future.	Completed
<p>Stronger Country Communities Fund</p> <p>Project suggestions were discussed. It was suggested people contact Community Development Coordinator, Jenny Lloyd, for assistance if required.</p>	CCS	No action required.	No action required
<p>Abbott Street Sealing</p> <p>Residents enquired when would the sealing of Abbott Street be completed. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting it is on the list to be completed along with Bandulla Street.</p>	TS	No budget allocation in 2018/19 for sealing works. Submissions will be made for funding in 2019/20.	In progress
<p>Cobbora Road</p> <p>A resident advised the meeting that Cobbora Road is in need of grading due to corrugations. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that due to the shortage of water it is difficult to complete some maintenance on roads. An inspection of Cobbora Road will be undertaken.</p>	TS	Maintenance grading is being undertaken as required.	Completed
<p>Watering System – Mendooran Park</p> <p>Enquiries were made regarding the watering system for the park. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised that the irrigation system will be connected to the Council mains system and if there is a water pressure issue a pump can be installed.</p>	TS	Design has been received, purchase order provided, and Aquawest are scheduled to arrive on site week ending 2/11/2018 for installation.	In progress

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<p>Communication</p> <p>The meeting discussed issues with communication with Council. Residents raised concerns about correspondence is not being acknowledged and some other issues. Attendees were advised that Council does have a Customer Service Charter which was currently being reviewed. Acting Director Corporate and Community Services, Louise Johnson, advised the meeting the matter was being taken on notice and will be investigated.</p>	CCS	Concerns noted. Council will be commencing a review of customer service, including Council's Customer Service Charter.	Concerns noted. No action required.
<p>Mechanic Institute Hall</p> <p>The meeting was advised that two (2) requests have been made to Council requesting \$30,000 to refurbish the hall. These funds were originally to be used to on upgrading the kitchen however the situation has now changed and the funds would be better spent on the floor. Manager Property and Risk, Jennifer Parker, had attended a meeting and indicated she would follow up on the reallocation of funds for this purpose. Acting Director Development Services, Robert Jehu, advised the meeting he would take the matter on notice and follow up with the Manager Property and Risk.</p>	DS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,000 has been allocated in 2018/19 budget. • Grant funding has been obtained for new toilet block and on site sewerage management system. • Council has also applied for a grant to upgrade the stage 2018/19 as kitchen cannot proceed until new toilet block is installed. 	In progress
<p>Mendooran Park – Upgrades</p> <p>Residents enquired as to any progress on upgrade works at the park. Proposed works included upgrading the play equipment and painting of the amenities. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the painting of the amenities project was a two (2) phase project. First was the water connection (which will be shortly completed) and then the painting of the amenities – which will be completed once there is budget available.</p>	TS	Maintenance works undertaken. No funding available for new equipment.	Completed

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<p>The meeting also discussed possible funding opportunities for the new play equipment with the Community Development Coordinator, Jenny Lloyd, following this up.</p>			
<p>Mendooran Cricket Ground and Fencing Attendees requested an update on fencing for the Mendooran Cricket Ground. Acting Director Corporate and Community Services, Louise Johnson, advised the meeting that at present the no funds had been allocated in the budget for these works – however these works would meet the criteria for the Stronger Country Communities Fund and it would be advisable to get costings completed ready for an application. It was also suggested that user groups could consider a staged approach based on the development of concept plans that the community could have input in to.</p>	DS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding application was made under Round 2 of the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund for fencing and seating. • Funding application was not successful. 	Completed
<p>Mendooran Tennis Club Mendooran Tennis Club indicated that they would like to put forward a submission for the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two. It was suggested that the Tennis Club discuss their project with the Community Development Coordinator, Jenny Lloyd.</p>	TS	Information noted.	No action required
<p>Recycling Bins Resident advised that the new recycling bins were being delivered but no instructions on when the service would commence and what can be placed into the bins was available. Acting Director Development Services, Robert Jehu, advised the meeting that there should have been either a sticker or leaflet delivered with every new recycling bin. Council had also used local papers and Facebook to advise residents of the changes.</p>	DS	Recycling brochure produced and media article published in April 2108.	Completed

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<p>Council were asked to consider a letter box drop with this information and encouraged to consider alternative communication methods in the future including posting directly on the Mendooran Classifieds Facebook and reinstatement of Council's quarterly newsletter.</p>	CCS	<p>Council has conducted a letterbox drop in Mendooran to promote the Community Consultation Meeting. Council is also posting information directly on the Mendooran Classifieds Facebook as well as considering reinstatement of Council's quarterly newsletter.</p>	In progress
<p>Stormwater Levy Residents enquired as to when stormwater works were going to be completed in Mendooran. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that there are works planned for the future in Mendooran and each town is assessed on a needs basis. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, assured the meeting Mendooran is on the list and Council is working through the list.</p>	TS	<p>An allocation of \$31,000 has been included in the 2018/19 budget for installation of stormwater drainage pipes in Cobra Street</p>	Completed
<p>Sewerage System for Mendooran The meeting also discussed other infrastructure installation for Mendooran such as sewerage connection. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting Council had submitted and Expression of Interest (EOI) for funding under the NSW Governments Safe and Secure Water Funding. If Council progresses to the next stage they will need to complete a full application.</p>	TS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Expression of Interest has been lodged. Awaiting outcome. • An invitation was received to submit a detailed application, which was lodged in April 2018. 	In progress

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<p>Mowing</p> <p>Attendees advised Council that there appears to be some areas that are either being missed when mowing happens or need the frequency increased. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting there is a mowing schedule in place and this is available to be viewed at the Post Office. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, also asked those in attendance at the meeting that should an area appear to be missed, please contact the office so Council is aware that this is happening.</p>	TS	Information noted.	Completed
<p>Swimming Pool</p> <p>Meeting asked about the progress in works to enable access to the pool for people with a disability. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised that the works would be completed during the off season and should be completed for the start of the 2018/19 pool season. It was also raised that there appears to be a leak in the pool. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that unfortunately cannot apply for or allocate funding until the problem has been detected, investigated and a solution has been found.</p>	TS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works in progress to complete disability access to amenities building. • Resources being allocated elsewhere have prevented scheduled completion. Scheduled completion is now week ending 09/11/2018. • Leak repairs to pipework have been carried out. 	<p>In progress</p> <p>Completed</p>

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<p>Bandulla Street – Request for Speed Restriction Signs</p> <p>Residents raised concerns about travellers not appearing to be adhering to the town speed limit of 50km in Bandulla Street near the river and campground. Council advised that speed zones are not under Council jurisdiction and are set by the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS). Council will discuss with the RMS and, if appropriate, raise in the Traffic Committee.</p>	TS	Reviews have been undertaken. No action to be taken.	Completed
<p>Storm Water Levy</p> <p>A question was raised regarding the storm water levy. Council took the question on notice and will investigate further the charging of the levy to Rural Residential and Rural Ratepayers. Residents provided feedback on areas in town where works in relation to this could be undertaken.</p>	TS	<p>Under investigation.</p> <p>The governing of the Levy is legislated in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Section 125AA, the maximum annual charge for stormwater management services levied in respect of a parcel of rateable land is for land categorised as urban residential land at \$25 and for businesses up to \$25 per 350m².</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>Completed</p>

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		Towns and villages the levy is applied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baradine • Binnaway • Coolah • Coonabarabran • Dunedoo • Mendooran • Cobbora • Coolabah Estate • Neilrex • Bugaldie • Ulamambri • Rocky Glen • Purlewaugh • Kenebri • Merrygoen • Uarbry • Leadville 	
<p>Repair or Replacement – Play Equipment</p> <p>Residents requested the repair or replacement of the play equipment in the park. Council advised that the damaged area had been sectioned off. Council also advised that there were no funds in this year’s budget to replace the equipment. A representative from Mendooran District Development Group advised the meeting that funding has been applied for new play equipment, including two (2) smaller play units suitable for children with a disability.</p>	TS	Dangerous play equipment has been removed. Repairs have been carried out on remaining equipment.	Completed

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<p>Watering System – Mendooran Park</p> <p>A question was asked about the watering system in the park. Council advised that the pump had been ordered and the new watering system should be in operation in early 2018.</p>	TS	Refer to actions from 20/3/2018 meeting.	Refer to 20/3/2018
<p>Water Quality</p> <p>Residents discussed the quality of the water in Mendooran, including questions about the purity of the new bore. Council advised that water from the bore had been tested and results had shown that there was no contamination of the water. Residents also expressed concerns regarding the lack of water pressure during the summer months when demand is higher.</p>	TS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about water pressure noted. Funding is being sought for installation of a pressure booster. • A detailed application has been submitted in September 2018. 	In progress
<p>Request for Information</p> <p>An issue was raised regarding a specific request made to Council. Council requested that the resident provide details of the request and their contact details after the meeting so that this could be followed up.</p>	ES		
<p>Sand Creek</p> <p>A resident raised concerns regarding Sand Creek Crossing, including the width of the crossing. Council advised that the concerns had been noted and mentioned that Council had previously taken plans to the Traffic Committee in relation to this. This plan included installation of a Give Way sign. The Traffic Committee determined that the installation of a Give Way sign would increase rather than reduce the risk. Council has placed a traffic counter near the bridge to record the levels of traffic as well as the size of the vehicles. Options to improve the situation were discussed. The matter will be raised again at the Traffic Committee meeting.</p>	TS	<p>Plan has been forwarded to Manager Road Operations for action when suitable.</p> <p>Signage was approved by the Traffic Committee and has been erected.</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>Completed</p>

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<p>Recycling</p> <p>A rural resident made an enquiry regarding recycling. They noted that the town residents are able to place mixed recycling into the recycling bins, from which materials are returned to the Waste Transfer Station and sorted. However rural residents who wish to recycle must sort all materials before taking them to the Waste Transfer Station otherwise they are charged for their recycling. This question was taken on notice with the matter to be investigated further.</p> <p>A further question was raised in regards to recycling as some residents have not received the new recycling bins. Residents were advised to either contact Council or provide their details following the meeting so the bins can be delivered.</p>	DS	<p>Provision for co-mingled recycling to be dropped at recycling centres is available.</p> <p>All bins have been distributed.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>Pump Station River Street</p> <p>A resident reported that ground tank gates had been left unlocked. It was also noted that the outside area is overgrown with long grass. Council will investigate and take appropriate action.</p>	TS	The gates are now locked.	Completed
<p>Cemetery</p> <p>It was noted that only part of the cemetery has been mowed. It was requested that the full cemetery be mowed. Council will investigate and take appropriate action.</p>	TS	Completed.	Completed
<p>Denmire Road</p> <p>A resident advised Council of damage to their vehicle which they believe had been caused by the road. They requested that signs be placed on the road to warn / advise motorists of any risks.</p>	TS	Have arranged for 'gravel road' sign at start of road.	In progress

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		The site has been inspected and advance warning signs installed as per the condition of the road.	Completed
<p>Signs – Mendooran Central School</p> <p>Residents noted that they believed there had been insufficient consultation with local residents regarding the erection of traffic signs outside Mendooran Central School. Council advised that the matter would return to the Traffic Committee.</p>	TS	Completed. Phone call of thanks received from Mendooran Central School.	Completed
<p>Daglish and Abbott Streets</p> <p>Residents raised concerns about the dust along this road, due to speed, and requested that the speed limit be reduced. Council advised that speed zones are not under Council jurisdiction and are set by the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS). Council will discuss with the RMS and, if appropriate, raise in the Traffic Committee.</p>	TS	Matters raised at Traffic Committee. No further action to be taken.	Completed