

**MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN  
MENDOORAN MEMORIAL CLUB ON MONDAY  
4 APRIL 2022 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.**

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**PRESENT:** Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Denis Todd, Cr Jason Newton, Cr Carlton Kopke, Roger Bailey (General Manager, GM), Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services, DTS), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment and Development Services, DEDS), Shereena Tattersall (Minute Taker), Clem Chapman, Jenny Lloyd, David Cook, Lyn Scibberas, Mary Fleming, Alan Fleming, Val Dries, Nicole Kalergis, Denise Male, Dianne Mulligan, Debra Bell

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Dale Hogden, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Zoe Holcombe, Beverly Bush, Lucy Pickering, Lesley Sauls

**INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked them for attending the meeting. Mayor Doolan introduced Cr Kopke to open the meeting. Cr Kopke introduced the Councillors in attendance, General Manager (GM), Director Technical Services (DTS), Director Environment and Development Services (DEDS) and the Minute Taker and outlined how the meeting will be run.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING MONDAY 25 OCTOBER 2021**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**1. Footpath 70 Bandulla Street Mendooran (Scott Sciberras) –**

Mr Sciberras was unable to attend the meeting. Cr Kopke spoke on his behalf.

DTS advised he is unsure of the cause and an investigation into the problem will be needed to diagnose the issue. In the interim, it will need to be repaired to reduce the trip hazard.

**ACTION:** DTS to organise temporary repair to footpath at 70 Bandulla Street Mendooran and investigate a permanent solution to fix footpath.

**2. Frances Street Mendooran road conditions and water (Clem Chapman) –**

DTS advised the issue is not a simple fix and a scope of works with a cost estimate would be needed for a permanent fix.

**ACTION:** DTS to liaise with Mr Chapman to detail concerns over Frances Street Mendooran.

**3. Merrygoen Creek Crossing closed due to discovery of frog (Bev Bush) –**

GM advised there is no frog issue at the Merrygoen Creek Crossing. The Creek and surrounds are currently full of silt. Representation has been made to the State Government to assist in maintenance of the creek and Crown Lands have compiled a report, which is due out in the next couple of weeks.

**4. Maintenance footpath and greenery in middle of road Brambil Street (Bev Bush) –**

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DTS thanked Mr Waters for his assistance and advised there is currently limited staff in the area to complete all maintenance work. DTS explained the maintenance program that is used within Council and advised overdue work has only just been completed.

**5. Potholes Cobra Street and Benewa Street from Brambil Street to Napier Street (Bev Bush)–**

DTS advised repairs will be completed in time, due to a resourcing issue maintenance is behind schedule.

**6. Mendooran Water Loan (Jenny Lloyd) –**

GM advised the loan will be repaid in the first half of 2024. Mrs Lloyd asked how the repayment of the loan will be distributed amongst the water notices and GM advised that is a decision is yet to be made by Council.

**7. Noxious Weeds Control – African Boxthorn in Mendooran (Jenny Lloyd) –**

DEDS advised map was passed onto Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (CRMCC).

**ACTION:** DEDS to follow up with CRMCC for an update regarding African boxthorn in Mendooran.

**8. Sealing of Tooraweenah Road (Dianne Mulligan) –**

DTS advised funding has been received for sealing the 3.4km stretch of Tooraweenah Road within the Warrumbungle Shire Council. The design is to be finalised by 1 May 2022 and project completion by 30 June 2023.

Lyn Sciberras advised of a hole in the road near the bridge on Grandchester Road.

Dianne Mulligan advised of overgrown vegetation and there being no black and white signs on the bridge which is a safety hazard.

**ACTION:** DTS to investigate the hole in the road near the bridge and the installation of black and white signs on the bridge on Grandchester Road.

**9. Beautification of Mendooran (Dianne Mulligan) –**

DTS suggested the Community & Development Group compile a list for maintenance and beautification work around Mendooran and submit to Council for consideration.

DTS made comment regarding the concrete around the trees and advised that if the concrete is removed the tree may die. Also, to fix the uneven road the trees will need to be removed. If a tree is removed than you need to replace the tree.

DTS advised that a comprehensive plan for the beautification of Mendooran would need to be undertaken with community consultation.

**10. Damage to the road in the main street (Dianne Mulligan) –**

DTS advised an investigation would be required as to why the road is sinking after

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repairs have been completed.

**11. Northern end of Brambil Street (Dianne Mulligan) –**

DTS advised that Council would need to engage with the Department of Education to repair the teachers parking area, other road maintenance is prioritised based on the hierarchy of roads and budget requirements. Some of the determining factors include traffic numbers, flood damage, bus routes, isolation and emergency work.

DTS encouraged residents to make a budget submission, for areas they feel need additional maintenance. The budget is on public display at present.

**12. Sealing of Abbott Street on the northern side of the main street (Dianne Mulligan) –**

Addressed as part of Item 11.

**13. River Street being graded and maintained (Dianne Mulligan) –**

Addressed as part of Item 11.

DTS also advised there are 3 FTE positions in Mendooran and equipment availability varies in each town, depending on what work is scheduled.

**14. Cycling Signage (Lynette Sciberras) –**

DTS advised that a submission will need to be made to the Traffic Advisory Committee for determination of regulatory cycle signage around Mendooran.

**COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

**15. Budget**

GM advised on Public Exhibition and written submissions close April 19, 2022.

**16. Community Strategic Plan**

GM advised on Public Exhibition and written submissions close April 19, 2022.

**17. Public Lands Planning Proposal**

DEDS advised Council is preparing a proposal to rectify incorrectly identified council owned land, Operational (works/depot) or Community (parks). Once the report has been finalised it will be placed on Public Exhibition to correct the errors.

**18. Illegal dumping**

DEDS advised to report illegal dumping around the shire. A media release was circulated with contact details for the EPA, reporting through the site allows photos to be uploaded and GPS tagged.

**19. Update on the Storm Damage situation to the Council Road Network**

Regional Roads Update Flyer was handed out to all attendees. DTS explained that scheduled road maintenance is based on the hierarchy of roads as mentioned previously in the meeting. DTS is seeking funding from the State Government to help cover some of the maintenance costs. DTS advised that under the Natural Disaster

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Funding, roads need to be repaired to pre-flood damage levels and cannot be used to re-seal entire road networks. Council has engaged an independent company to assess the damage and prepare a report to submit with the funding application. Community members are encouraged to notify Council of damaged roads via email with photographs to assist in the maintenance of roads.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**20. Noxious Weed: Blue Heliotrope (David Cook) –**

David Cook advised that the noxious weed Blue Heliotrope needs to be slashed on Manus Drive.

**21. Napier Street and Benewa Street Stormwater Drain Maintenance) Mary Fleming) –**

Mary Fleming advised the stormwater drain that runs alongside the old church building on the corner of Napier Street and Benewa Street needs a tidy up.

Dianne Mulligan is concerned the stormwater in the town does not go anywhere, it pools in the gutters which breaks up the road and is a health issue.

Denise Male advised the water in Napier Street also pools at the old store, which results in the water being pumped out and in the cellar at the B and B.

**ACTION:** DTS to investigate stormwater drainage in Napier Street and Benewa Street.

**22. Sewerage Treatment Plant/Ponds (Dianne Mulligan) -**

Dianne Mulligan queried the installation of a sewerage treatment plant/ponds in Mendooran. DECS advised a study was completed and funding was not able to be allocated due to the risk grading. Representation has been made to DPIE for re-grading for future funding.

Cr Kopke thanked everyone for their attendance.

**There being no further business, meeting was closed 6:40pm.**