

**MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD
IN MENDOORAN MEMORIAL CLUB ON MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2022
COMMENCING AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT: Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Carlton Kopke, Cr Dale Hogden, Cr Zoe Holcombe, Cr, Roger Bailey (General Manager) Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services, DTS), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment Development Services, DEEDS), Lindsay Mason (Director Corporate and Community Services DCCS) Claudia Knight (Minutes), Dianne Mulligan, Debra Bell, Jenny Lloyd, Jodie Sams, Phil Bell, Allison Martin, Clem Chapman, Lee Doyle, Wendy Hobbs, Suzanna Travalor, Ross Yeo, Sharne Cook, David Cook, Jenny Moore, Cliff Carter and Anna Ridolfi

APOLOGIES: Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Jason Newton, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Kody Brady, Ray Lewis and Beverley Bush

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Councillors, the General Manager, the Director Technical Services (DTS), the Director Environment and Development Services (DEEDS), the Director Corporate and Community Services (DCCS) and Minute Taker.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING MONDAY, 4 APRIL 2022

BUSINESS ARISING

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. **Yarrow Road low level crossing – Merrygoen Creek Crossing (Debra Bell)**
Community member thanked Council for listening at Council Meeting and resolving to not close the road and for Council.

2. **Access to town water Yarrow Road, Mendooran (Debra Bell)**
Covered in agenda item one.

3. **Temporary signage at the intersection of Frederick Road and Yarrow Road (Debra Bell)**
No Through Road needs to be moved to the intersection not just at the top of the creek as it makes it hard for vehicles to turn around.

ACTION: DTS advised that there will be no objections to placing a sign up at the intersection.

4. **New fence and entry Mendooran Cemetery (Debra Bell)**
DTS advised that the community can submit an external budget submission for the fencing of Mendooran cemetery and Council will be willing to work with the community for the type and style of fence they would like.

5. **Damaged Signage opposite Royal Hotel, Mendooran (Debra Bell)**
Community members asked to have the sign moved north as it keeps getting bent and hit. DTS advised that Transport for NSW (TfNSW) will be responsible for this sign as it is on a state highway.

ACTION: DTS advised Council will talk to TfNSW to move the sign.

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6. Communication and Consultation (Dianne Mulligan)

GM advised that he understands these problems are important however the resources are very limited at the moment with the number of large issues Council is having to deal with. With Natural Disaster Claim, Inland Rail and Renewable Energy Zones taking resources away from these other issues.

DTS advised as part of Council flood review all the bridges will be picked up for review including Grandchester Road.

7. Condition of facilities in Mendooran (Dianne Mulligan)

Dianne asked as to why meetings were not held in the hall.

GM advised that years ago we did hold meetings at the hall, however it underwent renovations while also sound was also a problem. We are happy to go back there if the community would like to, we can definitely accommodate.

Community agreed that the Memorial Club was better to be able to hear the information.

8. Council resources in Mendooran (Dianne Mulligan)

GM advised that there are 3 staff members in Mendooran.

DTS advised that staff are generally scheduled and that has been in place for a very long time. It comes down to a level of service the community expects and the cost to Council. Services will be reviewed across all towns and with the reallocation of services if needs be.

9. Hiring of Mendooran Mechanics Institute and Mendooran Community Centre (Dianne Mulligan)

DTS advised that there is no specific caretaker and no Property Officer to coordinate properties that Council owns at the moment. Bookings and fee waiver processes are being reviewed.

Community member advised that they would like Council to look at community group being able to be penciled in and halls need to be cleaned before they are used.

10. No Through Sign – Bandulla Street (Dianne Mulligan)

The community would like the no through sign removed.

DTS advised that the sign was requested at a previous community consultation meeting in Mendooran by community members Kopke advised that he will bring this issue up at the next Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.

11. Merrygoen Causeway on Yarrow Road, Mendooran (Jodie Sams and Allison Martin)

Community members advised that as bus operators they would like assist Council with liasing with TfNSW regarding Frederick Road or Yarrow Road.

DTS advised that Council will work with bus operators and provide support to move forward on this issue.

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Also would like Council to look at the causeway on Frederick Road as there is a 2m drop without a guard rail, very unsafe for a very narrow road.

ACTION: DTS will inspect the causeway on Frederick Road.

12. Frances Street Mendooran (Clem Chapman)

DTS advised that staff have looked at it and agree that there is a drainage problem. Resources don't allow for it to be a priority at the moment.

13. Mendooran Community Action Plan (Lee Doyle)

GM advised action plan has been considered by Council and resolved to take actions that are responsibility of Council. Items from the Plan will be considered in the budget process. Council can provide letters of support to those items not Council's area of responsibility.

14. Central West Cycle Trail – signage (Lee Doyle)

Community members would like a local traffic only signage for road closure signage.

DTS advised that Council supported the trail and it went to traffic advisory communities and we are waiting for signage to come back. However, Council understands that cyclists don't cause damage but when the roads are closed it for the safety of the community.

15. Mechanics Institute Hall – fluorescent lighting (Jenny Lloyd)

ACTION: DTS advised that Council will look at the replacement of the fluorescent lights in the Mechanics Institute Hall.

16. Removal of sand in creeks (Agenda item by Ray Lewis)

Mayor advised that Council has a motion going to the LGNSW conference to ease the hoops that Council needs to jump through in a practical and economical way. Now this is with the NSW Government for response. Council is currently allowed to 10m either side of the causeway.

Advised by a community member to that Council needs to remove sand not just shift the sand and DTS agreed, a planned removal of the material would be organised.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

17. Council Road Network and Natural Disaster claim(s)

DTS advised the current situation with the roads and the three Natural Disaster claims which have been declared across the Warrumbungle LGA. Information regarding the natural disaster claim is on Council's website under the 'Road Updates' tab.

18. Renewable Energy Zone

DEDS provided an update regarding the new Renewable Energy Zones across the Central West Orana. This area was chosen as has strong renewable energy resources (wind and sun), and close proximity to electricity networks.

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There will be impacts on our LGA, and of particular concern is the cumulative impacts of all these developments happening at once.

19. Inland Rail

DEDS provided an update to the community about the Inland Rail Project the Warrumbungle LGA is part of the N2N section, or the Narromine to Narrabri section. For WSC, we have been advocating strongly for benefits for our local communities from the project, such as Construction Workers Camp at Baradine/Camp Cypress for (2 years +) with a peak of 500 persons, sealed airstrip at Baradine, opportunities for training, skills and job, opportunities for local contractors and businesses, legacy infrastructure such as bores and housing, sewerage connection to Camp Cypress.

20. Upcoming calls for submissions (external budget submissions, annual donations, community financial assistance donations)

DCCS advised the community that external budget submissions and annual donations will be opening in the coming weeks for the community to apply for. Information can be found on Council's website under the 'Have Your Say' tab.

21. Doing Business with Council

DCCS advised the community about the Doing Business with Council information pack with more information online under the 'Business' tab on Council's website.

22. Australia Day Nominations

DCCS informed the community that the Australia Day award nominations are now open and they will be closing 25 November 2022. Forms were available at the meeting and on the Council website.

23. Council Updates:

- i. Main Street repair
DTS advised that Council is working closely with TfNSW as it is their state highway and working under their traffic control plans. DEDS has been looking at doing the water main replacement under the same works so the works only have to be done once. It does involve tree removal and there will be funding put aside for replacement of trees.
- ii. Coopers corner railway crossing
DTS advised that it is on the state highway and is at the care of the railway, Council has been advocating long and hard for these works to be completed. Council will supply guard railing but the rest of the works will be completed by TfNSW
- iii. Tennis court resurface and fence
LRIP met with Cr Kopke and members of the tennis club and Geotech investigations are completed to look at the conditions of the court and tenders will go out in November 2022.
- iv. Sports ground amenities
DTS advised that applications for funding have been made for full replacement of the amenities with a modular building with toilets and amenities and waiting

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to hear back on funding for that.

- v. Sports ground seating/shelter
DTS advised that there has been delays on extra seating due to supply issues.
- vi. Main Street park upgrades (bbq shelter) Swimming pool improvements
DTS advised that council is keen to work with the Merrygoen and Mendooran swimming club for funding and what their priorities are.

GENERAL BUSINESS

24. Mendooran Swimming Pool – When is it opening?

DTS advised that the maintenance issues have been improved, no staffing issue in Mendooran however we are just having to check the Microbioloy testing as the rain has caused contamination in the pools. So, looking closer to those tests and the water is safe for the water to swim in the Mendooran pool can be opened.

25 Thanks to Council (David Cook)

Power box in the Mendooran Park for the Driver Reviver. It makes the job so much easier with the power access.

26 Bus stop at 564 Mendooran Road

5km towards Coonabarabran there needs to be more gravel placed where the bus pulls off the road as it is far to boggy to pull off the road, making it unsafe for the bus.

ACTION: DTS – Council will consider placing gravel where the bus pulls off the road at 564 Mendooran Road.

27 Thank You Technical Services

Thank you for the efforts and information with the current road situation

28 Bus stop at the cemetery

Report large drop of both sides at the bus pulls off.

ACTION: DTS to report to TfNSW the unsafe bus drop off areas at the Mendooran Cemetery.

Mayor Ambrose Doolan thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed 7:15pm