
PRESENT: Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Ray Lewis, Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Stefan Murru (Director Corporate and Community Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Dennis Althofer, Elizabeth Ascher, Michael Ascher, Cliff Carter, Sharon Cleary, Kevin Curtis, Val Dries, Steve Fallon, Heather Foggett, Judy Henderson, Jenny Lloyd, Alison Martin, Jenny Moore, Lesley Sauls, Fred Scriberris, Cameron Walden, John Woodlock, Shirley Zabynech, Frank Geale
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APOLOGIES: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Clancy, Cr Iannuzzi, Cr Todd, Steve Loane (General Manager), Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services), Bev Bush, Constable Carlton Kopke, Bev Woodman

CHAIR: Stefan Murru (Director of Corporate and Community)

MINUTES: Stefan Murru (Director of Corporate and Community Services)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the Minutes of the Mendooran Community Consultation meeting, held on 5 April 2016 be accepted.

Cr Capel / J Lloyd

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

Final Result 2015/16

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided an overview of Council's end of year result for the 2015/16 financial year.

End of Term Report

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised the meeting that Council's *End of Term Report* and *Annual Report* for 2015/16 were now available on Council's website.

Capital Program 2016/17

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided an overview of Council's capital program for 2016/17 and distributed booklets with further information on local works.

Property Addressing

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided an update on property addressing, which is a *Standing Item* on the *Agenda* for the *Community Consultation Meetings*.

Community Services Directory

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, showed the meeting a copy of the current *Community Services Directory* and advised it is available on Council's website. Council also advised that the *Directory* is currently being updated. Members of the community were encouraged to review the current *Directory* and advise Council of any changes. Changes are to be submitted to Manager Children's and Community Services, Louise Johnson.

Communications and Transparency

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, distributed a survey on Council's communication and advised that the survey is also available on Council's website.

Wind Farm

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, advised the meeting of a wind farm being planned for near Coolah. A flyer regarding the *Wind Farm* was distributed.

Local Heritage Fund

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, distributed information and Application Forms for the Local Heritage Fund and advised the group that applications were now being sought.

Community Strategic Plan and Disability Inclusion Action Plan

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised the meeting that Council will soon be commencing a review of the *Community Strategic Plan*. The review will include community consultation via a range of methods. Council also advised that they are required to develop a *Disability Inclusion Action Plan*. Council has determined that the Disability Inclusion Action Plan will be integrated into the *Community Strategic Plan*.

Community Financial Assistance Donations

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised that the next round of Community Financial Assistance Donations would be released soon.

Contaminated Sites

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided a handout on contaminated sites. Members of the community were asked to review the information and provide feedback to Council on any contaminated sites they were aware of.

Emergency Services Levy

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised that from next year the *Emergency Services Levy* (ESL) will be added to rates notices. The ESL is currently included as part of insurance payments. Further information will be made available closer to implementation.

Australia Day Awards

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided attendees with information regarding the 2017 Australia Day Awards. Members of the community were encouraged to nominate someone for these awards.

Geo Park

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, distributed a flyer regarding the Warrumbungle Pre-Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark, a shared project of the Coonamble, Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shires.

Regional Platters and Lifestyle Showcase

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, distributed flyers regarding a couple of local tourism initiatives being supported by Council – the Regional Platters Workshops and Warrumbungle Lifestyle Showcase Weekend.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Town Mowing and Weed Spraying

A question was raised around the timing and frequency of mowing and spraying around town. Concern that recent rains mean the current program is insufficient and requires a reassessment by council. Alternatives to mowing such as spraying were also discussed.

Slashing along Highway

Meeting discussed the slashing program along Castlereagh highway. Concern was raised that if the grass is left it can affect visibility.

Cobbora Road B Double access

Meeting discussed the condition of Cobbora Road. Cr Lewis foreshadowed a motion for next Council meeting that all unsealed roads be closed in rain events and to remain open to local traffic only. Also discussed was the overall condition of the road and the need for further work.

Camping Area

Meeting discussed camping area and requested more rubbish facilities (bins) be placed in the area, the camping area is a major asset to the community and the community want it to remain an attractive venue for camping.

Naming of piece of infrastructure

Meeting discussed the possibility of naming the Water Treatment plant the "Charlie Nott Water Treatment Plant" following request received from community member.

Storm Water Levy

A question was raised about the Storm Water Levy and what the funds are used for and spent in the community.

Safely around School Bus

A concern was raised regarding safety around the school bus. It was noted other vehicles passing at greater than the 40km per hour speed limit. It was suggested a dash cam be installed into the Council Community Bus.

Corner Yarrow Road & Bandulla Street

Member of the community request to lease a section of land from Council unfortunately land is not Council land and is Crown Land.

Cemetery

A question was raised on the work being done at the cemetery. Director of Technical Services, Kevin Tighe confirmed that work has not yet finished and he would have someone looking into the mowing in the Catholic section.

Cars on sides of road

A question was raised about abandoned vehicles on Cobbora Road. Unfortunately Council is unable to remove these vehicles.

Racecourse Road

Drainage along Racecourse road was discussed. It was advised that water lays and is unable to drain off. Drainage in Farnell Street was also discussed with water pooling in front of residents homes. Director of Technical Services, Kevin Tighe will arrange an inspection of the area and complete necessary works.

Town Park

The meeting discussed the Mendooran town park and its facilities, including the maintenance of toilets. Also the BBQ area road is in the need of repair. Residents would like to see new play equipment installed. Also the water tank is leaking could this please be fixed as well as the drain.

Water pressure and water rates

Water pressure issues were raised. This is of concern with fire hydrants. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe requested residents to contact Council when the pressure drops. A question was raised about the amount paid in water rates.

Water tank in Brambil Street

A question was raised about the water running down the road from the tank on Brambil Street.

Pump station in River Street

A question was raised if the pump station in River Street could be cleaned.

Unkempt properties

A question was raised with regards to unkempt properties in town. Examples include, house with roof blown off, grass over grown and disused cars in peoples yards. Unfortunately Council is unable to do much in these matters.

Tar sealing of Bandulla Street

The question was raised if Council would consider sealing Bandulla Street as the dust is of concern. The sealing of Bandulla Street was not included in this year's budget but can be considered in the upcoming Budget Deliberations in the new year (April 17)

MEETING CLOSED: 7.26pm