

**MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN  
THE MENDOORAN MEMORIAL CLUB ON MONDAY 25 OCTOBER 2021  
COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Ambrose Doolan (Chair) Cr Denis Todd, Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Wendy Hill, Aniello Iannuzzi (from 5.50pm), Leeanne Ryan (Acting General Manager and Director Environmental and Development Services), Gary Murphy (Acting Director Technical Services), Jennifer Maundrell (Manager Corporate Services and minute taker), Carlton Kopke, Jenny Moore, Cliff Carter, Lucy Pickering, Dianne Mulligan, Robyn Hendriks, Jenny Lloyd, Anna Ridolfi, Debra (Debbie) Bell and Evelyn Hampton,

**APOLOGIES:**

Roger Bailey (General Manager)

**INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Councillors, the Acting General Manager and Director of Environmental Development Services (DEDS), Acting Director Technical Services (DTS), the Manager of Corporate Services (McorpS and Minute Taker).

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING MONDAY 26 APRIL 2021**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**Item 12 in minutes**

Update on repairing the railway crossing on the Castlereagh Highway at Coopers Corner not included in Action List. Item on agenda for discussion at this meeting (Item 3).

**Item 13 in minutes**

Pool sealing, Pool lighting, New Pump, Vacuum broken at pool leading to lack of adequate cleaning, Opening Hours – early close March for key holders not included in Action list. Pool on agenda for discussion at this meeting (Item 2).

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**1. Sensor light at caravan park amenities – Carlton Kopke**

Request to move sensor inside the amenities block to ensure appropriate lighting at all times.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to arrange for inspection of lighting at the Mendooran camping ground amenities with a view to relocating the sensor light.

**2. Pool lighting – Carlton Kopke**

Request for update on swimming pool lighting; previously advised an electrician would attend but that has not occurred.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to arrange an electrician to attend Mendooran Pool in relation to lighting at the pool.

**3. Railway Crossing – Carlton Kopke**

Request for update on railway crossing at Castlereagh Highway (Dunedoo Road).

A/DTS advised that Council met with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on 22 October 2021. TfNSW advised they now have an arrangement with RailCorp. Rail contractors

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are scheduled to complete works on the site by the end of financial year 2021/22. Works were originally scheduled to be completed by end-December 2021; however, works were delayed by COVID-19 restrictions. Council is continuing advocacy for the project.

**4. Yarrow Road – Carlton Kopke**

Request for update on plans to reopen the road, which has been closed for 2.5 years.

A/DTS advised Council has made an approach to the local Member for Parliament seeking support to encourage NSW Fisheries to work with Council on options for the causeway on Yarrow Road. Council is also seeking funding for works to clean the causeway.

**5. Yarrow Road – Lucy Pickering**

Already discussed at Item 4.

**6. Mendooran Sportsground – Lucy Pickering**

Request to install lighting at Mendooran Sportsground, as options for sports offered at the grounds and the capacity to expand use of the grounds is limited without available lighting.

Cr Capel advised that sports grants are opening.

A/DTS advised that a project to install lighting at the Mendooran Sportsground is dependent on securing external funding. Further, advised the user group/s to seek quotes from electricians and letters of support to begin the grant application process. Council may assist with grant submission and a letter of support.

**7. Bandulla Street – Lucy Pickering**

**ACTION:** A/DTS to arrange inspection of kerbside gutters and parking spaces in Bandulla Street, Mendooran for damage and hazards caused by tree roots.

**8. Kerb and gutter at 27-29 Napier Street, Mendooran (Pre-School) – Lucy Pickering**

**ACTION:** A/DTS to arrange inspection of the kerb and guttering outside 27-29 Napier Street, Mendooran (the Mendooran Pre-School) and develop action plan for damage that may have been caused by street trees.

**9. Basketball Courts – Lucy Pickering**

**ACTION:** A/DTS to arrange basketball hoops to be moved to short ends of courts.

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**10. Signage to indicate both education facilities in Mendooran – Lucy Pickering**

Request for blue directional signs to be installed, recognising school and pre-school as educational facilities. This was previously discussed at consultation for review of Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to investigate and action.

**11. Street signage – Dianne Mulligan**

Already discussed at Item 10.

**12. Main Street Beautification – Dianne Mulligan**

A/DTS advised that a community group should form to create master plan for street/town beautification at Mendooran, and make external budget submission for staged works.

Cr Capel encouraged the community to access small grants with the assistance of the Community Coordinator. Spoke about achievements of volunteer groups with projects such as the Coolah Riverside Walk. Noted that the Development Group put together an overall streetscape plan and has been working over a number of years to complete the plan.

A/DTS requested the development group to invite a Council representative to attend their next meeting to discuss further.

**13. Extension to the Community Centre – Dianne Mulligan**

Request for Council to consider extending the Community Centre to allow for more services to access the centre.

A/DTS advised that plans and costs should be developed, together with letters of support from the agencies that use the Community Centre, before external funding could be sought.

**14. Mendooran Cemetery – Dianne Mulligan**

**ACTION:** A/DTS to investigate maintenance at the Cemetery, in particular hedges and grounds, and the area surrounding internment of ashes.

**15. Footpath Repair Extension – Jenny Moore**

Request to extend the area that footpaths have been repaired.

A/DTS advised that works on the Bandulla Street footpath are included in the Operational Plan for this financial year (2021/22), and that paths are prioritised on the basis of risk.

**16. Proposed Riverfront Walkway – Jenny Moore**

Request for update on previously planned walkway along the riverfront and around the town of Mendooran.

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Cr Capel advised that volunteer community groups are needed to drive projects such as river paths.

**17. Repairs outside Mechanics Institute Hall – Jenny Moore**

Already discussed at Item 7.

**18. Low Water Pressure – Jenny Moore**

DEDS advised that Warrumbungle Water is planning to install a booster pump. Design works are completed and now waiting for a suitable funding opportunity.

**19. Garbage Truck Pick-up Time – Jenny Moore**

Query why the garbage truck is back to a very early pick up time.

DEDS advised that there has not been any significant change to the timetable, the driver starts collections at approximately 6:00am.

**20. Noxious Weeds – Jenny Moore**

Cr Shinton advised that the weeds inspector will need to know the location of the weeds to determine the owner of the land. Requested the noxious weeds be reported to Castlereagh Macquarie County Council for inspection.

**COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

**21. Australia Day**

M Corp Services advised that nominations for Australia Day Awards close 29 October 2021 and encouraged the community to submit nominations for awards.

**22. Vacant Land**

DEDS advised that, following a Notice of Motion by Cr Todd at the October 2021 Council Meeting, Council is encouraging owners of vacant blocks to consider offering them for sale.

**ACTION:** GM to provide information on when Council will hold sale of land for unpaid rates.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**23. Mendooran Pool** – request to repair the paint at the Mendooran pool that was apparently contaminated and became splotchy.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to review

**24. Bandulla Street signage** – request for directional signage towards the campground at the western end of Bandulla Street, and for warning sign that the road ends in or around the same location.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to review

**25. GPS directions** – discussion about GPS directions taking travellers from Dunedoo to Coonabarabran via Dubbo instead of Mendooran. This is likely to be a TfNSW issue.

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**ACTION:** A/DTS to raise with TFNSW

- 26. Markets** – a community member requested that markets be held at Mendooran. Referred to Development Group.
- 27. Radio Station** – there was a request to establish a community radio station for Mendooran. Referred to Three Rivers Radio Station, which primarily covers Dunedoo and Mendooran.
- 28. Binnaway Pool** – a community member asked why opening hours had been reduced at Binnaway Pool, and suggested holding an induction session at Binnaway so that key holders could access the pool when it is not open to the general public. Cr Doolan advised the pool hours have not been permanently reduced, but that staff had not been able to be recruited for the Binnaway pool.
- 29. Block sizing** – a community member asked what the minimum building block size is in Mendooran. DEDS advised that it is dependent on requirements for on-site sewage management system, which vary according to soil types. Recommend that people wanting to build on smaller blocks contact Council for site inspections and to discuss requirements.
- 30. Sewage at Mendooran** – Council is actively lobbying for funding under the Safe and Secure Water Fund to establish a sewage system at Mendooran.
- 31. Thank you to Council** – a community member thanked Council for replacement trees planted in the town after older trees had been removed.
- 32. Dead tree, Napier Street**

**ACTION:** A/DTS to arrange for Urban Services crew to inspect dead eucalypt tree in Napier Street, Mendooran.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 6:55pm.**