

**MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING  
ROUND 1 2024/25 HELD IN THE MENDOORAN MEMORIAL CLUB ON  
TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM**

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**PRESENT:** Cr Kathryn Rindfleish (Mayor), Cr Denis Todd, Cr Zoe Holcombe, Leeanne Ryan (Acting General Manager, A/GM, and Director of Environment and Development Services, DEDES), Nicole Benson (Director of Technical Services, DTS), Ngaire Stevens (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services, A/DCCS), Amanda Wherrett (PA to Director Corporate Community Services, Minutes, PADCCS, Minutes), Nicole Devenish (Community Services Connections Officer, CSCO), Carlton Kopke, Adrian Green, Carmel Bundy, Val Dries, Stuart Neal, Lyndal O’Leary, Dale Hayes, and Cheryl Tillman.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Jason Newton (Deputy Mayor), Cr Dale Hogden, Cr Debra Bell, Cr Naomi Taylor, and Jenny Lloyd.

**INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Kathryn Rindfleish welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the councillors and Council staff in attendance.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2024**

Accepted as true and accurate record.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**1. Update on the sports amenities project (Carlton Kopke)**

Carlton Kopke requested an update on the sports amenities project.

DTS advised the project was on hold during recruitment process for a Project Manager, and a Project Manager has now been engaged. Staff attempted to contact Jenny Lloyd, to meet and determine where the sporting amenities building could be sited. Council will engage with community groups before the project building works commence.

**2. Update on the BBQ Rest Stop area project (Carlton Kopke)**

Carlton Kopke requested an update on the BBQ Rest Stop area project.

DTS advised this project is due for completion by June 2025. Council have completed a site survey and are currently drafting concept designs. Council will engage with the Development Group regarding the design options.

**3. Update on the concrete path project outside the NRMA (Carlton Kopke)**

Carlton Kopke requested an update on the concrete path project outside the NRMA building.

DTS advised that there are concerns about an underground fuel tank in that area near the footpath outside the NRMA building, and if that fuel tank impacts the project then additional funding will be required.

**4. Update on the concrete tree surrounds project (Carlton Kopke)**

Carlton Kopke requested an update on the concrete tree surrounds project.

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DTS advised the concrete tree surrounds have been installed, the trees are planted with the tree guards in place. In regards to disability parking Council need to acquire funding for the blisters.

**COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

**5. Roads Restoration Program**

DTS provided an update on the roads and Roads Restoration Program. Key points were:

- \$10,582,454 has been approved for restoration and works are being carried out with 86% funds spent.
- Natural Disaster restorations deadlines for completion of grant funding are: 30 March 2025 for the November 2021 event AGRN 927; and 30 June 2025 for the September 2022 event. AGRN 1034.
- \$21,001,486 worth of claims have been submitted for AGRN 1034. Council and TfNSW are reviewing the claims, and TfNSW has asked for additional information. Additional plant (trucks) have been hired, Council staff are working additional hours and/or up to six (6) days per week to meet the works deadline.
- Works are currently underway: Wongoni Road; Mancers Road; Box Ridge Road; Prugger North of Oxley (Goolhi and surrounds) such as Reddens Road and Yaminbah Road projected to be finished by January 2025.

**5.1** Lyndal O’Leary mentioned that the first 15 kms of the Cobbora Road on the northern end is dirt road and requires maintenance.

**ACTION:** DTS to assess the condition of the first 15 kms of the Cobbora Road on the northern end for possible maintenance.

**6. External Budget Submissions**

A/DCCS advised that External Budget Submissions are currently open for the financial year 2025/26, and forms are available on Council website under the Have Your Say tab. The submissions close at 4.30 pm on Friday 6 December 2024

**7. Australia Day 2025**

A/DCCS advised that nominations for Australia Day 2025 Awards opened on Monday 28 October 2024, and will close at 4.30 pm on 25 November 2024. Forms are available on Council’s website under the Have Your Say tab, at Council reception in Coonabarabran and Coolah, and available at this meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**8. Track to Castlereagh River from Mendooran Caravan Park (Stuart Neal)**

Stuart mentioned that there is only one small access track to the Castlereagh River from Mendooran Caravan Park, and it is overgrown and dangerous for snakes. Stuart has contacted Council about this and was responded to.

DTS advised that Council had already provided a response to this request.

**9. Boat ramp access to Castlereagh River (Stuart Neal)**

Stuart enquired about Council installing a boat ramp access to the Castlereagh River

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to make access easier for community wanting to use the river with recreational boats.

DTS advised the Mendooran community to make a submission to Council's External Budget Submissions 2025-26 that are currently open.

**10. Overgrown Laneways (Stuart Neal)**

Stuart Neal mentioned there are a few overgrown laneways in Mendooran that need to be maintained.

**ACTION:** Stuart Neal to provide Council with specific address locations of the overgrown laneways that require maintenance, and Council will assess these areas.

**11. Pushbike trail along the Castlereagh Riverbank project (Stuart Neal)**

Stuart Neal enquired about an update of the Pushbike trail project along the Castlereagh river in Mendooran.

DTS advised that the Central West Cycling Trail project is not a Council project.

**12. Overgrown property (Val Dries)**

Val Dries mentioned that the property of 24 Bramble Street is overgrown and requires maintenance before the summer months.

**ACTION:** DEEDS to assess the property 24 Bramble Street Mendooran for maintenance of overgrown vegetation.

**13. Filling the road blisters with plant for beatification (Lyndal O'Leary)**

Lyndal O'Leary mentioned that the Mendooran Community Development Group have an updated list of plants for the main street road blisters beautification project, the list includes more ground covering plants as opposed to trees.

DTS noted the update to the plant list for Mendooran road blister project.

**14. Installing toilet block at the Mendooran Cemetery (Lyndal O'Leary)**

Lyndal enquired as to the possibility of installing a toilet block at the Mendooran Cemetery as more funerals are occurring there in recent times.

DTS advised that Council would have to assess the 'whole of life' cost of installing a new building for maintenance and servicing, for the costs to be considered by Council within the budget.

**15. Mendooran Sots ground condition (Carlton Kopke)**

Carlton Kopke mentioned the condition of the sports ground is brown and hard, and the local touch football team has 100 members playing. Could Council water and top dress the ground.

DTS advised that Council do not have the water license to irrigate Mendooran oval, however, Council are in the process of obtaining one, however, it can be a lengthy process.

**16. Water cleaner at Mendooran pool not working properly (Lyndal O'Leary)**

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Lyndal O'Leary mentioned that the Mendooran pool water cleaner was not cleaning the pool properly.

DTS advised Council have a program schedule to replace Shire pool water cleaners, and will investigate when the Mendooran pool cleaner is due to be replaced.

**ACTION:** DTS to investigate when the Mendooran pool water cleaner is due to be replaced.

**17. Watering the Mendooran sports ground (Dale Hayes)**

Dale Hayes enquired if there was any way to speed up the watering process of the oval as a duty of care for users. Dale enquired if Council could engage a water cart to water the ground.

DTS advised that Council cannot irrigate the oval until a water license is acquired. The oval can be assessed for user safety. In addition, a water cart would cause damage to the oval and irrigation system.

**ACTION:** DTS to investigate Mendooran sports ground for user safety due to ground hardness.

Mayor Kathryn Rindfleish thanked everyone for attending, and declared the meeting closed.

**There being no further business, meeting was closed 5.58 pm.**