

**MINUTES OF THE BARADINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN  
BARADINE MEMORIAL HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2024  
COMMENCING AT 5:30PM**

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**PRESENT:** Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Jason Newton, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Zoe Holcombe, Lindsay Mason (Acting General Manager, A/GM), Nicole Benson (Director Technical Services, DTS), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment and Development Services, DEDES), Amanda Wherrett (PA Director Corporate and Community Services, Minutes), Martin Standen, Jacqui Standen, Peter Munns, Evelyn Hampton, Patrick Lever, Rick Crawley, Craig McGlashen, Kellie Hawker, Suzanne Fuller, Ted Hayman and James Brown.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Kathy Rindfleish (Deputy Mayor), Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Dale Hogden, Cr Carlton Kopke, Cr Kodi Brady, and Susan Munns.

**INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the councillors, Acting General Manager (A/GM), Director Environment and Development Services (DEDES), Director Technical Services (DTS), and PA to Director Corporate Community Services (Minutes).

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Moved by Patrick Lever, and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Relating to Item 5 of the Action List progress report, Patrick Lever mentioned that the letter sent to the Baradine Progress Association from Council did not mention a trial for nose-to-kerb parking in Baradine.

DTS advised that the nose-to-kerb parking proposal was discussed at the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting on 22 February 2024, where it was resolved that nose-to-kerb parking in Baradine will not be taken further. These minutes, of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting, were then adopted at the March 2024 Council meeting. Patrick was encouraged to attend the 18 April 2024 Council meeting if he would like to discuss the matter further with councillors.

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

The following agenda item was brought forward to the beginning of the meeting.

**6. Installation of CCTV cameras located within Baradine township to assist with the management of crime within the town. (Kellie Hawker)**

Kellie Hawker raised the issue of increased crime within Baradine, and on surrounding farms in particular. Kellie enquired as to whether Council could fund the installation of CCTV security cameras at the entrance point on roads in to Baradine to help any criminal behaviour to be identified.

**ACTION:** DCCS to investigate the scope of works required, and source quotes for, installing CCTV security cameras at the entrance roads to Baradine.

The following agenda items were raised on behalf of Liz Cutts, as Liz was not in attendance at the meeting.

**1. Update on Magann's Road. (Liz Cutts)**

DTS advised that Magann's Road is part of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4, with work to be completed by 2025.

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**2. Mowing the grass on nature strips, and what are residents entitled to. (Liz Cutts)**

DTS advised that Council does not have a policy relating to mowing grass on nature strips, however, the general rule is that people mow their own property's nature strip.

A community member enquired if Council could help to reduce the mowing requirements in certain areas during the summer months by slashing these certain areas, for example: near the Baradine school, where children walk on their way to school.

**ACTION:** DTS to assess nature strip areas near to the Baradine school for slashing during summer months.

**3. Update on the Baradine water filtration plant upgrade, and what work has been done on the town water mains. (Liz Cutts)**

DEDS advised that upgrades to the Baradine Water Treatment Plant continues, with Council seeking approval from Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DEECW) to move to the next phase. Recent main breaks that occurred in the town reticulation system were caused by air that created a hammer effect; Council then conducted works to bleed the air from the system to rectify the issues.

**4. Request for CCTV cameras at all town entry points. (Liz Cutts)**

This item has been discussed.

**5. Rough edges on the Baradine main road. (Ted Hayman)**

Ted Hayman mentioned the rough edges on the Baradine roads makes it difficult for walkers.

DTS noted the rough edges on the Baradine main roads, however, the current priority is to complete the Natural Disaster repairs on roads throughout the Shire.

Ted Hayman requested that Council provide publicity to raise awareness and promote a safety message encouraging early-morning walkers to wear bright clothing.

**ACTION:** DCCS to arrange a media release to raise awareness about early-morning walkers on Baradine roads, promoting a safety message to encourage walkers to wear bright clothing.

**COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

**7. Renewable Energy Zone (REZ)**

DEDS provided an update on the REZ and associated projects.

- Planning and approval stages for the EnergyCo and REZ developers continues to progress.
- EnergyCo are expecting to receive approval for the transmission line by mid-2024, and feeding power down the line by 2028.

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- Council continues to meet with REZ Developers as required, and lodge submissions on the various planning documents that are released for each development.
- Discussions around the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) preparations continue, with key terms agreed on and resolved for Spicer's Creek Wind Farm and Valley of the Winds Wind Farm. This sees an agreement for quantum to be paid at 1.5% of the Capital Investment Value (CIV) for Spicer's Creek, and \$1,050 per Megawatt for Valley of the Winds.
- Council continues to proactively work through relevant matters relating to the REZ as required.
- Copies of Council's submissions and REZ information is located on Council's website.

A community member enquired whether there are any REZ developments planned for the Baradine area.

DEDS advised that currently there are no REZ developments planned for the Baradine area.

**8. Roads Restoration Program**

DTS provided an update on the roads and the Natural Disaster Recovery program. Key points were:

Three tenders were advertised in late 2023 for Natural Disaster Restoration Works associated with the AGRN 987 event. All tenders have now closed. The order of works to follow is: Sandy Creek Road, Lambing Hill Road, Dapper Road, Diehm Road, Danabar Road, Upper Laheys Creek Road, Lincoln Road and then Brooklyn Road.

The Oxley/ Goolhi Region Tender 3 closed in November 2023, and Council's consultants BEC are in discussion with TfNSW to finalise and approve contracts for road works, including: Albert Wright Road, Ameys Road, Apricot Lane, Bakers Lane, Balmoral Road, Bellings Road, Borah Creek Road, Goolhi Road, Keeches Road, McEvoy's Road, Quaker Tommy Road, Rayak Road, Reddens Road, Schumacks Road, and Yaminbah Road.

**9. Draft Public Gates and Cattle Grids on Public Roads Policy.**

DTS advised that Council has revised and updated the Public Gates and Cattle Grids on Public Roads Policy. The draft policy will be on public exhibition to allow the community to provide feedback.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**10. Footpath maintenance projects. (Patrick Lever)**

Patrick lever enquired if any footpath maintenance projects are scheduled for Lachlan Street near the Men's Shed, as the street footpath level is higher than the Men's Shed footpath level, which will promote flooding.

**ACTION:** DTS to assess the footpath on Lachlan Street outside the Men's Shed for possible maintenance.

**11. Security cameras. (Peter Munns)**

Peter Munns enquired about whether Council could liaise with Baradine Progress

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Association and keep Baradine community up to date regarding security camera installations.

A/GM advised to take on board Peter Munn's enquiry.

**12. Inland Rail update. (Peter Munns)**

Peter Munns requested an update on the Inland Rail project.

DEDS advised that the Inland Rail project has stalled around the Baradine area due to the acquisition of land process, and further background studies are taking place. Currently, the focus of the Inland Rail project remains in the southern areas of NSW near Parkes, and further south towards Melbourne.

**13. Rail Trail update. (Jacqui Standen)**

Jacqui Standen requested an update on the Rail Trail project.

DEDS advised that the Rail Trail project strategy currently sits with the Economic Development and Tourism (EDT) committee, and is in progress.

**14. Access to the Baradine air strip. (Patrick Lever)**

Patrick Lever enquired about how he could gain access to the Baradine air strip.

**ACTION:** DTS to investigate how community members can gain access to the Baradine air strip.

**15. Trial free entry to Baradine pool. (Evelyn Hampton)**

Evelyn Hampton mentioned that the trialed free entry to Baradine pool was successful and well received by the Baradine community. Evelyn also mentioned that the Council lifeguard kept the pool clean and tidy, and free access to the pool promoted more sociability. Evelyn asked if free entry to Baradine pool is likely to continue.

A/GM advised that once the final operations assessment of all pools in Shire is complete a report will be submitted to Council for review.

**16. Baradine pool water testing. (Rick Crawley)**

Rick Crawley asked if the water testing of the Baradine pool is required to be done every day, as the Baradine community could access the pool in the morning earlier than the Council staff arrive to test the water.

DTS advised that Council follows the recommend guidelines for water testing at the local pools to mitigate risk of contamination. Furthermore, opening times of each Shire pool can depend on staff availability.

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

**There being no further business, meeting was closed 6:30pm.**