

**MINUTES OF THE GOOLHI COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN
MULLALEY SPORTSGROUND SHED ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024
COMMENCING AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT: Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Kathy Rindfleish (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jason Newton, Cr Zoe Holcombe, Cr Denis Todd, Lindsay Mason (Acting General Manager, A/GM), Nicole Benson (Director Technical Services, DTS), Ken Foley, Greg Morris, Andrew Craig, Georgie Gavel, Sandy Corbett.

APOLOGIES: Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Dale Hogden, Cr Carlton Kopke, Cr Kodi Brady, Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment Development Services, DEDS).

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the councillors, Acting General Manager (A/GM), and the Director Technical Services (DTS).

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Confirmed as a true and accurate record.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Nil agenda items submitted.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Renewable Energy Zone (REZ)

A/GM spoke to the following updates regarding the REZ:

- 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.
- 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 Spicers 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.

2. Roads Restoration Program

DTS provided an overview of the Natural Disaster Recovery Program. 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.

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3. Public Gates and Cattle Grids on Public Roads Policy

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

4. Community Financial Assistance Donations Round 2 2023/24

DCCS advised the Community Financial Assistance Donation Round 2 2023/24 will close 4.30pm Friday 22 March 2024, applications are available on the Council website under the 'Have Your Say' tab.

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. Operational Plan 2024/25. (Greg Morris)

General discussion took place regarding provision of tank and associated infrastructure for Goolhi Hall.

ACTION: DTS to liaise with Goolhi residents regarding inclusion of Capital Funding for Goolhi Hall tank, pump and guttering in the 2024/25 budget.

6. Crown Reserve Improvement Fund. (Greg Morris)

Residents were encouraged to seek funding via Crown Lands for the Crown Reserve Improvement Fund, and provide Council with timely request for assistance with the application.

7. Hall Maintenance Allocation. (Greg Morris)

DTS provided 2023/24 budgeted allocation figure of \$55,000 for all halls in the Shire.

8. Communication Between Council and Goolhi Residents. (Greg Morris)

Discussion took place regarding alternative means for Council to communicate with Goolhi residents, including the use of WhatsApp.

ACTION: DCCS to investigate alternative means to communicate with the Goolhi residents, including the use of WhatsApp.

9. Roadworks on Schumacks Road. (Greg Morris)

Information provided in Council updates, Item 2 Roads and Restoration Program.

10. Sinkhole at Washpen Creek Overflow Causeway. (Greg Morris)

ACTION: DTS to assess the condition of a sinkhole near Washpen Creek Overflow causeway.

11. Regrowth Trees – Bridge Bypass Keech Road. (Greg Morris)

Information provided in Council updates, Item 2 Roads and Restoration Program.

12. Petition regarding the impending closure of 3G Network. (Greg Morris)

Discussion took place regarding the impending closure of 3G Network. Council continues to advocate for residents via political engagement for access to the 3G Network.

ACTION: DCCS to follow up any action on the petition sent to Council regarding the

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3G Network being turned off in June 2024.

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

There being no further business, meeting was closed 6:40pm.