

**MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD  
IN MENDOORAN MEMORIAL CLUB ON THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2024  
COMMENCING AT 5:30PM**

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**PRESENT:** Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Carlton Kopke, Cr Zoe Holcombe, Cr Denis Todd, Lindsay Mason (Acting/General Manager, A/GM), Nicole Benson (Director of Technical Services, DTS), Leeanne Ryan (Director of Environment and Development Services, DEDES), Amanda Wherrett (PA to Director Corporate Community Services, Minutes), Lyndal O’Leary, Salomon Kloppers, Deb Kiem, Demi Knight, Dianne Mulligan, Debra Bell and David Cook.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Kathy Rindfleish (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jason Newton, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Dale Hogden, Phil Bell and Jenny Lloyd.

**INTRODUCTION**

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 2023**

Lyndal O’Leary commended Council for the work completed at Dennykymine Road.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**1. Stormwater charges on Mendooran rates billing – what is the money used for. (Mendooran Community Development Group)**

DTS advised Council has implemented a stormwater levy to fund stormwater projects that Council is currently unable to fund from the General Fund due to funding limitations. No projects are currently listed for Mendooran.

**2. Dangerous and unsightly rubbish on town blocks. (Helen Naef)**

Helen Naef mentioned that the block opposite the Mendooran Bowling Club has unsightly rubbish on it, and asked Council what could be done to clean it up.

DEDES advises that Council does not have the power to intervene on the block opposite the Mendooran Bowling Club, unless the rubbish is unsafe, a health hazard, or toxic to the community members.

**3. Mendooran Water Treatment Plant project and rates adjustment. (Dianne Mulligan)**

A/GM advised that the additional water access charge relating to the Mendooran Water Treatment Plant upgrade will cease to be levied to residents, at the beginning of the next year financial year on July 1 2024.

**4. Update on Council projects within Mendooran. (Dianne Mulligan)**

DTS advised on the following projects within Mendooran:

- Mendooran Tennis courts - repair and renovation of four courts and installation of synthetic turf surfacing, and replaced fencing.
- Construction of bus shelters on the main street will be complete at end of May 2024.
- Mendooran Oval amenity upgrade including construction of a new modular amenities block containing one unisex accessible toilet with a

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baby change station, 3 toilets pans, two storage areas and an undercover area.

- Mendooran pool CCTV camera installation for next season.
- Mendooran playground and skate park upgrades to play equipment, safety surfacing, picnic furniture, fencing, pathways.
- \$50,000 for upgrades to the cemetery signage.
- Renewal of one picnic shelter, one picnic setting and 100m of entry pathways into Mendooran Park

**5. Mendooran main street kerb and gutter damage. (Dianne Mulligan)**

DTS advised that Council aims to include main street kerb and gutter works with the bus shelter works timeframe.

**6. Mendooran primitive campground – rules and regulations applying to this area. (Dianne Mulligan)**

Community members reported that a family has taken up residence at the Mendooran primitive campground, and mentioned issues regarding their disruptive behaviour, including an altercation with other camping visitors. The same family were previously evicted from the Mendooran Showground campsite by Police for similar reasons. Furthermore, children are involved in this situation.

Deb Kiem asked what Council can do to help solve this situation.

A/GM advised that any violent or threatening behaviour should be reported to the NSW Police.

**ACTION:** DEDS to investigate what jurisdiction Council has in regards to evicting disruptive squatters from the Mendooran primitive campground, and whether the area has any approval to operate.

**7. Social Media updates regarding Council projects in Mendooran. (Dianne Mulligan)**

Dianne enquired if the Council Facebook page could show more updates about works being carried out in Mendooran.

A/GM advised that Council rely on staff to take photos to update Facebook.

Dianne asked if the community could supply photos

A/GM advised that community members can supply photos to the Council Communication Officer at [info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au).

**COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

**8. 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.

Lyndal O'Leary asked if there has been any discussion about putting the transmission lines underground.

DEDS advised that EnergyCo have previously explained that the feasibility of placing the proposed transmission lines underground would be cost prohibitive.

**9. Roads Restoration Program**

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

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.

Dianne Mulligan commended Council for the good work on Grandchester Road.

Cr Kopke enquired if there were any works planned to upgrade Tooraweenah Road.

DTS advised that Tooraweenah Road is not scheduled for works at this stage.

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

DTS provided an update on Public Gates and Cattle Grids on Public Roads Policy. The policy has been reviewed and aims to support procedures for application, issuing of permits, inspections, assessments, and maintenance of public gates and cattle grids. Once finalised, the draft policy will be placed on public exhibition before it is adopted.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**11. Shire tourism information for Mendooran Driver Reviver. (David Cook)**

David Cook requested information on the Shire tourism destinations to hand out to Driver Reviver visitors.

**ACTION:** DEDS to organise Coonabarabran Visitor Information Centre to send promotion packages to David Cook for the Mendooran Driver Reviver.

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**12. Update on Mendooran town entrance signage. (Dianne Mulligan)**

Dianne Mulligan asked for an update on the Mendooran town entrance signage.

DEDS advised that the Mendooran town entrance signage designs are currently being finalised by the Economic Development and Tourism (EDT) committee. EDT committee meeting minutes, regarding the signage, will be presented at the April Council meeting for review. Once finalised, the signage designs will be placed on public exhibition.

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

**There being no further business, meeting was closed 6:18pm.**