

**AGENDA OF THE BARADINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING
HELD IN THE BARADINE MEMORIAL HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

MEMBERS: Cr Kathryn Rindfleish (Mayor - Chair), Cr Zoe Holcombe, Cr Denis Todd, Lindsay Mason (General Manager), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment and Development Services), Nicole Benson (Director Technical Services), Ngaire Stevens (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services), and Amanda Wherrett (Personal Assistant to Director Corporate and Community Services – Minutes).

Introduction: Mayor Kathryn Rindfleish

Apologies:

Confirmation of Minutes: Round 1 2024-25 Tuesday 29 October 2024.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Agenda Items:

Community Matters

Martin Standen

1. Concern about the nature strip mowing. Residents being expected to mow council property. Are council paying for insurance and equipment. Despite another rate and water rate rise pending residents are now expected to do council works. This is causing distress and financial hardship to many age pensioners.

Patricia Duclos

2. I wish grass cutting in Baradine.

Patrick Lever

3. Solution for dangerous traffic spot in Baradine. Baradine has a very troublesome business intersection with a local 100klm speed limit road and although the previous mention to Council in 2022 no action has been implemented.
4. Front in parking trial was approved for Baradine by Council in 2024 however no action has resulted to date.
5. Firefighting facilities in Baradine. It has been long suggested that tanks be installed at Baradine airstrip to refill aircraft fighting fires in the district. Recently, some aircraft had to return to Richmond to refill their water and smaller planes to Coonabarabran to refill, is it time to rethink this suggestion?
6. Fires starting at or near main roads. Fires are routinely breaking out in the Shire along roads during fire season with five separate fires starting along the road between Baradine and Coonabarabran and of course, the massive fire that blocked the Newell highway recently. What starts them and can anything be done to mitigate or minimise them?

Suzanne Fuller

7. Pool entry and review of pricing and the costing.

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8. Mowing specifically the reason for limiting mowing and the micromanagement of same.

William King

9. The possibility of a rate increase by \$1 a week (\$52 a year per household) to subsidise the pool entry fees across the shire, and can you please put it out like the \$2 fee proposal was.
10. Police in Baradine, is it possible for Coonabarabran to intermittently post one of their officers in Baradine station as we await an officer.

Liz Cutts

11. When will work commence on the culvert on the Baradine to Coonabarabran Road known as Magann's Crossing?
12. When will mowing take place on the Baradine to Coonabarabran Road; this has not been done for some time and the grass is very long in some places.
13. The Council discussed the request by the Baradine & District Progress Association to install a covered picnic table and seats at the Oxley Crossing rest area at an extraordinary meeting held on 27 May, 2024. It was recommended that this project be included in the 2024/2025 capital works programme. Can you give an update on this request?
14. Baradine Street Trees – can you please give an update on this project of \$5,000 earmarked for Baradine in the 2023/2024 budget?
15. Can you please give an update on Baradine pool upgrades earmarked for the 2023/2024 budget – grouting and painting, grandstand removal and new seating, new shade shelter, pool pumps, pipes renewal and chlorinator.

Council Updates and Information

16. Warrumbungle Shire Community Strategic Plan 2022-2037 review
17. Budget
18. Healthy Warrumbungles project.
19. Project Delivery update

General Business