



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM
HELD ON 18 December 2019**

1. Opening

The Public Forum commenced at 5.33pm.

2. Presentations relating to listed Items on the Council Agenda

The following presenters were heard:

Name	Item no	Item description	For/Against/Neutral
Ms Adele Prater	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048	Against
Mr Warren King	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048	For
Mr Dave Hartog	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048	Against
Mr Eric Martin	9.1 & 9.3	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048 & DA 114-2019 - Demolition of Existing Woolshed and Shearer's Cottage and Erection of a New Community Centre with Sales Office, and Pavilion - 360A Lanyon Drive, Tralee	Against
Ms Carolyn Cole	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048	Against
Ms Meredith Hayes	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048	Against
Mr Keith Bender	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048	Against
Dr Sonia McCarthy	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048	Against
Mr Peter Evans	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048	For
Mr John Dellavedova	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048	Against
Mr Bruce Pettit	9.1	Bungendore Structure Plan 2018-2048	Neutral
Mr Peter Breen	9.2	DA.2019.096 - Commercial Development Including Subdivision - 35 Ellendon Street, Bungendore	Against
Mr David Maclaren	9.2	DA.2019.096 - Commercial Development Including Subdivision - 35 Ellendon Street, Bungendore	For
Mr Craig Harris	9.4	Amendments to Googong Urban Development Local Planning Agreement	For
Mr Sean Bamforth	9.6	Adoption of Open Burning Policy	Against

3. Petitions

There were no petitions submitted.

4. 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to 11 December 2019 were provided and tabled at the meeting (see attached for responses):

Question no:	Received from:	In relation to:
1	Ms Katrina Willis	Sponsorship of Oktoberfest.
2 - 5	Ms Katrina Willis	Proposed intermodal freight hub for Poplars development.
6 - 9	Ms Katrina Willis	Draft Climate Change Action Plan.
10	Ms Katrina Willis	Redevelopment of public properties on cnr of Crawford and Rutledge Streets.
11	Ms Katrina Willis	Old Queanbeyan Fire Station.
12 – 15	Ms Katrina Willis	Draft lease for Riverbank Café.
16 - 17	Ms Katrina Willis	Quarterly Budget Review Statement.
18	Ms Katrina Willis	Grants Council has received in 2019-20.

5. Presentations by Invitation from the CEO/General Manager

There were no presentations.

6. Closure

As there were no further matters, the Public Forum closed at 6.22pm.



**ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM
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4 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to *Wednesday 11 December 2019* were provided and tabled at the meeting

Questions submitted by: Katrina Willis

- 1. Will the council be reviewing its sponsorship of the annual Oktoberfest event following reports of two incidents in which patrons assaulted police, four incidents of offensive behaviour, nine evictions and eight incidents of people failing to leave when directed? (Refer Delegates report to the 27 November 2019 council meeting.)**

Response – Community Choice

Council resolved to commit to the Oktoberfest event for a five-year period, commencing October 2017. Both before and after each event, Council's Events team meets with the organisers. A debrief meeting occurred following the 2019 event and Council identified a number of improvements for the ensuing events.

Council understands a similar discussion was held with local Police, and will liaise with them in advance of the next event.

As part of the licencing requirements of the event, all sales of alcohol are to be undertaken by individuals authorised under the Responsible Service of Alcohol guidelines, security officers are required to be at the event and Police patrol the event.

- 2. Can the council advise the public of the progress of a proposed intermodal freight hub for the Poplars development?**

Response – Community Choice

A proposed freight hub has not progressed any further than a concept at this stage. The NSW Government is currently conducting a feasibility into the viability of activating the rail line to Cooma which should provide inputs into the evaluation of a freight hub in the region.

- 3. Has a report been prepared for the public explaining the scale and nature of the proposed project and its impact on nearby residents, those affected by the proposed transport routes, and the environment?**

Response – Community Choice

No

- 4. What is the estimated cost of freight hub and how is it to be financed?**

Response – Community Choice

No cost evaluation has been prepared as yet.

- 5. When will the council be consulting the wider community about the proposed freight hub?**

Response – Community Choice

At this stage the proposed intermodal site is the subject of a planning agreement associated with the South Jerra Innovation Precinct. Until that site is in QPRC ownership and discussions are advanced with Government on rail line activation, Council is not in a position to engage with the community. However a draft LPA in relation to gifting of several sites for council and government purposes in that Precinct is expected to be considered by Council early in the new year, following which the draft will be exhibited for community feedback.

6. What is delaying the release of the draft climate action plans for the council and community?

Response – Natural and Built Character

At its meeting on 25 September 2019, Council resolved to defer consideration of the Climate Change Action Plans pending a second workshop to review some specific actions. Following that workshop some minor changes were made, particularly around setting targets and aligning with other organisations. A further report has been presented to Council's meeting on 18 December.

7. When can the community expect to see the drafts to provide feedback?

Response – Natural and Built Character

In a report to the December meeting, it is recommended that Council place the Draft Council Operations Climate Change Action Plan and the Draft Community Climate Change Action Plan on public exhibition.

8. Does the council have an estimated completion date for this work?

Response – Natural and Built Character

See question 7

9. Will the council allocate funds in the 2020-21 budget to implement measures in the action plans?

Response – Natural and Built Character

Should the Climate Change Action Plans be adopted by Council, funding for priority projects will be considered as part of the 2021-2024 Delivery Program.

10. Can the council provide an update on the progress of the redevelopment of the public properties on the corner of Crawford and Rutledge streets? When can the public expect a development proposal to be submitted?

Response – Organisation Capability

The matter is the subject of a report to the December Council meeting and it is expected that a proposal will be progressed in 2020.

11. Can the council confirm that the old Queanbeyan fire station in Crawford St has now been earmarked for a restaurant and not for a community or public purpose as originally indicated? Why has this change occurred, particularly when the proponents for the redevelopment of council properties on Crawford and Rutledge streets have indicated they wish to include a restaurant in a multi-unit, multi-purpose development?

Response – Organisation Capability

The Fire Station and Cottage form part of the buildings along Rutledge/Crawford Sts proposed for subdivision and sale, with the uses proposed as a café and reception room. The commercial operations presumably would rely on public patronage, subject to the new owner/developer. These buildings were not considered for community use. Council has considered the use of the Council Chambers building at 253 Crawford St for community use.

12. The draft lease for the Riverbank café includes a provision for trading through to midnight. Why doesn't this constitute a change of use to development approval, given that

night time operations may be substantially different from daytime operations e.g. the potential to adversely affect local residents outside of regular business hours?

Response – Organisation Capability/Natural and Built Character

The existing Licence provides for trading from 7am – midnight. This provision is no different to that which exists.

13. Is the standard of current supporting infrastructure (e.g. the grease trap) adequate to deal with what could be a significant increase in operating hours?

Response – Organisation Capability/Natural and Built Character

The grease arrestor is sized correctly according to the number of seats in the premises. The system is pumped out every three months complying with requirements.

14. What assessment has the council conducted of the risks and potential impact on the river of substantially increased operations at the café?

Response – Organisation Capability/Natural and Built Character

The impact on the river is considered minimal as was considered during the initial approvals.

15. Why has the council again declined to put this lease out to public tender or to seek expressions of interest from operators?

Response – Organisation Capability

The licence is a commercial arrangement, and the current operator requested an extension to the licence which was agreed to by Council.

16. With regard to the quarterly budget review statement (council meeting of 27 November 2019), why has the council decided to exempt the NSW government from paying to use the Morisset car park during the construction of the new police station, at a cost the budget of \$278,000?

Response – Organisation Capability

Council is negotiating an extension of the existing licence to use the car park at a fee of \$3k per space as resolved at the meeting of October 2019.

17. Can the council confirm that the apparent improvement in the budget position in 2019 compared to 2018 relies in large measure on receipt of government grants?

Response – Organisation Capability

There are a number of contributing reasons for the improvement in Council's budget position as reported to the 27 November 2019 Council meeting, including:

- an increase in rates and annual charges income resulting from additional subdivision within the Googong and Bungendore areas
- a better than expected return on investment income
- an increase in internal project management income relating to capital work projects Council is carrying out.

18. What is the value of the grants council has received for 2019-20 financial year?

Response – Organisation Capability

As at 16 December, Council has received \$5,945,632.95 in grant funding in the 2019-20 financial year.