



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM
HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2020**

1. Opening

The Public Forum commenced at 5.37pm.

2. Presentations relating to listed Items on the Council Agenda

The following written submissions were received:

	Name	Item no	Item description	For/ Against
1	Mr Derek Duffy	9.2	DA.2020.1172 - Additions and Alterations to a Rural Supplies Premises - 121 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against
2	Ms Meg Jeffreys	9.8	Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund Program	For
3	Mrs Sky Mazurkiewicz	9.2	DA.2020.1172 - Additions and Alterations to a Rural Supplies Premises - 121 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against
4	Ms Sam Kidd	9.2	DA.2020.1172 - Additions and Alterations to a Rural Supplies Premises - 121 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against
5	Mrs Michelle Grant	9.2	DA.2020.1172 - Additions and Alterations to a Rural Supplies Premises - 121 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against
6	Ms Sue Murray	9.8	Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund Program	For
7	Mrs Kylie Coe	9.2	DA.2020.1172 - Additions and Alterations to a Rural Supplies Premises - 121 Wallace Street, Braidwood	For
8	Mr Steve Kidd	9.2	DA.2020.1172 - Additions and Alterations to a Rural Supplies Premises - 121 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against
9	Mr Roderick Pitty	9.2	DA.2020.1172 - Additions and Alterations to a Rural Supplies Premises - 121 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against

The following presenters were heard via Zoom:

	Name	Item no	Item description	For/ Against
1	Mr Tobi Edmonds	9.1	DA.2020.1363 - 181 Cooma Street Karabar - Alterations and Additions to Existing Child Care Centre	For
2	Ms Meg Jeffreys	9.8	Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund Program	For
3	Mr Clinton Yenssch	9.2	DA.2020.1172 - Additions and Alterations to a Rural Supplies Premises - 121 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against
4	Ms Sue Murray	9.8	Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund Program	For

3. Petitions

There were no petitions submitted.

4. 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to 18 November 2020 were provided and tabled at the meeting (see attached for responses):

Number	Received from	In relation to:
1 - 8	Mr Paul Hubbard	Proposed Memorial Park
9 - 13	Ms Sue Murray	Nerriga Road upgrade
14	Ms Sue Murray	Majors Creek Road
15 - 18	Ms Sue Murray	Section 94 Contributions from Dargues Gold Mine
19	Ms Sue Murray	Braidwood Car Park
20 - 22	Ms Sue Murray	Bushfire and Flood Impacted Roads and Bridges in the LGA

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 5.57pm.



**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 18 November 2020* were provided and tabled at the meeting

Questions submitted by: Paul Hubbard

- 1. Can the councillors put a stop to this determination at any Council meeting and end the gateway proposal?**

Response: CEO

Councillors are free to lodge a Notice of Motion regarding any matter for consideration at a Council meeting.

2.

Response: CEO

Question 2 was not appropriate to publish, nor respond to. The submitter has been advised of this.

- 3. In relation to the ground water report, is it the intention of the QPRC to keep on testing until they get a report that is favourable to developing a Memorial Park?**

Response: Natural and Built Character

Council has already received support from NRAR based on the Hydrology Report. However, Council has listened to concerns raised during the community engagement in relation to groundwater and in light of the continued good rainfall has agreed to continue monitoring and testing to further verify the data and recommended management processes.

- 4. How much are these additional tests costing the ratepayers?**

Response: Natural and Built Character

The additional monitoring is estimated to cost \$17,000. Costs associated with the Memorial Park/Cemetery, including loan repayments, are funded from cemetery income. The project is self-funding and not reliant on rate revenue.

- 5. How long is 'over the coming weeks'? These works will be carried out over the coming weeks.**

Response: Natural and Built Character

Completion of the work is dependent on the availability of contractors and consultants. Subject to availability, it is expected that the testing will be undertaken and reported early in the new year.

- 6. Is QPRC actively looking for alternate sites, should the councillors do the right thing and not support the Memorial Park?**

Response: Natural and Built Character

As advised by the CEO at the Planning and Strategy Committee meeting on 11 November, there are other potential sites that Council could contemplate should the preferred site not pass through the planning process. No work has been done on any other sites nor have landowners been approached.

Any sites requiring further investigation will be subject to the same set of studies and planning processes as the existing site. Each location will cost approximately \$200,000 to assess and each will take two to three years. Therefore, it is critical that Council first exhaust the planning process for the site on Old Cooma Rd before contemplating other sites.

7. **Has the QPRC even looked at the land currently earmarked and signposted as ‘Future Cemetery Extension’ (Portion 75) to identify how much of that block, with careful planning, could be utilised as the extension?**

Response: Natural and Built Character

Yes. As previously advised, Council examined Portion 75 and other nearby plots of land but these were ruled out due to environmental constraints. Portion 75 will be retained as a bushland cemetery only. Since the time of the initial assessment of Portion 75, environmental constraints have become increasingly restrictive. Therefore, the likelihood of being able to utilise a sufficient area of land from this site for anything other than a bush cemetery is negligible..

8. **On several occasions QPRC has told us that Portion 75 is home to some exotic or protect species of flora or fauna. Can evidence of this please be provided?**

Response: Natural and Built Character

The table below lists those species found on site by NSW Parks and Wildlife Service during the 1990s when the site was assessed.

Regionally Significant flora species recorded on Portion 75, Queanbeyan.

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Leucochrysum albicans</i>	Hoary Sunray
<i>Thysanotus patersonii</i>	Twining Fringe Lily
<i>Diurus sulphurea</i>	Tiger Orchid
<i>Dianella longifolia</i>	Blueberry Lily
<i>Caladenia sp (bearded)</i>	Boyup Beard Orchid
<i>Grevillea ramosissima</i>	Fan Grevillea
<i>Wurmbea dioica</i>	Early Nancy
<i>Micoseris lanceolata</i>	Yam Daisy
<i>Caladenia sp (cream)</i>	Spider Orchid
<i>Bulbine bulbosa</i>	Bulbine Lily
<i>Stuartia muelleri</i>	Spoon Cudweed

No threatened reptile or amphibian species have been recorded on Portion 75. However, the threatened species Rosenberg's Monitor, *Varanus rosenbergi*, and the Striped Legless Lizard, *Delmar impar*, have been recorded previously in the area and the habitat is suitable for these species.

Questions submitted by: Sue Murray, president Braidwood Community Association

Nerriga Road Upgrade

9. Can Council provide a breakdown of the expenditure so far from the Monaro-Palerang Roads Package of \$70 million?

Response: Community Connections

Project	Budget	Current Expenditure
Nerriga Road	\$29,115,650	\$17,247,818
Old Cooma Road	\$37,742,492	\$33,771,751
Bungendore Roundabout	\$2,841,858	\$414,699
RMS Management Fee	\$300,000	\$232,968
Total	\$70,000,000	\$51,667,236

10. How much has been spent on the Nerriga Road Upgrade so far? Note: The amount allocated was \$29 million.

Response: Community Connections

As above, \$17,247,818 has been spent on the Nerriga Road projects to date.

11. Is there an overspend on other projects funded by the Monaro-Palerang Roads Package, which has reduced the amount available for the Nerriga Road?

Response: Community Connections

No.

12. How much more money is needed to complete the Nerriga Road upgrade?

Response: Community Connections

An additional \$3m estimated to be required to complete the last remaining 4.7km unsealed section at Ningee Nimble Creek.

13. Are there other potential sources of funding for this project?

Response: Community Connections

Council staff are currently looking at options to receive grant funding to cover the \$3m shortfall.

Majors Creek Road

14. Currently, both the road from Braidwood to Majors Creek, and the road between Araluen and Majors Creek are in need of repair. Which of these roads is the one in the Council shortlist for the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund?

Response: Community Connections

Majors Creek Road – Braidwood to Majors Creek.

Section 94 Contributions from Dargues Gold Mine

15. What is happening re the S94 contributions from Dargues Gold Mine?

Response: Natural and Build Character

The original 2013 Planning Agreement made provision for the payment of six types of contributions:

- The first type was a one-off payment for pavement widening on that part of Majors Creek Road used for haulage. This was paid (\$607,685.22) in six instalments (as per the Planning Agreement) and the works have been undertaken.
- The second type was another one-off contribution for line marking of that part of Majors Creek Road used for haulage. The linemarking contribution (\$14,260 excl GST) was paid in September 2010 and works associated with this have been undertaken.

- The third type was also a one-off contribution for pavement upkeep for that part of Majors Creek Road used during mine construction. This was paid (\$83,320 excl GST) in March 2013 and the works associated with this contribution have also been undertaken.
- The fourth is an annual payment towards pavement upkeep along the same part of Majors Creek Road. The CPI adjusted annual payment was paid on 30 June 2020 (\$92,820 excl GST) and the next adjusted payment is due on 30 June 2021.
- The fifth type of contribution is a one-off payment for the upgrade of the Braidwood Recreation Ground. This is outstanding and a potential increase has been part of the negotiations between Big Island Mining and Council as part of updating the Planning Agreement to reflect what has transpired since 2013. Once the new owners have had an opportunity to review the amended Planning Agreement, it is intended to report on it to Council prior to putting it on public exhibition.
- The last type of contribution is payment for disposal of putrescible waste at the Braidwood landfill. This is also part of the negotiations as this can no longer occur at the landfill.

There are two remaining types of contribution types in the Planning Agreement i.e. an annual adjusted payment towards pavement upkeep along that part of Majors Creek Road used for haulage and a one-off payment for the upgrade of the Braidwood Recreation Ground.

16. Are they designated specifically to be used at the Braidwood Recreation Ground?

Response: Natural and Build Character

Yes. One of the remaining contribution types is - see above.

17. Note that the mine has just been sold on to a new owner. Do the same conditions apply regardless of ownership?

Response: Natural and Build Character

Under the Planning Agreement, Big Island cannot assign the negotiated agreement without the written agreement of QPRC although this shall not be unreasonably withheld.

18. When is Council likely to receive those contributions, if they haven't yet been received?

Response: Natural and Build Character

The next annual contribution for the part of Majors Creek Road used as a haulage route is due on 30 June 2021. In regard to the one-off contribution of the Braidwood Recreational, this is likely to be paid after the amended Planning Agreement has been considered by Council and gone through the statutory process which is anticipated to be around March 2021.

Braidwood Car Park

19. How far advanced is the planning for the Braidwood Carpark?

Response: Community Connections

Staff are currently developing concepts for the Braidwood carpark. Council is yet to consider any design proposed for the carpark.

Bushfire and flood impacted roads and bridges in the LGA

Many roads and bridges have been damaged during the bushfires, and later by successive floods.

20. Have most of these been repaired?

Response: Community Connections

The majority of emergency repairs have now been completed following the fire and two flood events.

21. Where has the money come from for those repairs?

Response: Community Connections

Funding has been sought through the State Government's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) to undertake the repair works.

22. How much work remains to be completed on those roads and bridges, and can you estimate the cost of this work?

Response: Community Connections

Remaining works to be completed through the DRFA funding is as follows:

- Fire event 2019-20 - \$5.7m
- February 2020 flood event - \$9.3m
- August 2020 flood event - \$13.3m