



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM
HELD ON 8 MAY 2019**

1. Opening

The Public Forum commenced at 5.34pm.

2. Presentations relating to listed Items on the Council Agenda

The following presenters were heard:

Name	Item no	Item description	For / Against / Neutral
Mr Chris Daly	5.2	Planning Proposal - West Jerrabomberra	Against
Mr Andrew Connor	5.2	Planning Proposal - West Jerrabomberra	For
Mr Michael Ziebell	5.2	Planning Proposal - West Jerrabomberra	Against
Ms Stacey Quayle	5.2	Planning Proposal - West Jerrabomberra	For
Ms Margot Sache	5.2	Planning Proposal - West Jerrabomberra	Against
Ms Jennifer Filmer OAM	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192 - Recreation Facility (Outdoor) Rifle Range - 2155 Collector Road, Currawang	Against
Dr Julie Simes-Phillipps	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Paul Burns	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Ms Fiona Burns	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Ms Lee Bath	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Peter Short	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Jackson Burns	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Armand Gouws	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Sam Eggleston	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Matthew Redpath	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr David Crook	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Greg Akhurst	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	Against
Mr Damien Hick	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Gareth Crook	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Ms Louise Burton	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Charlie Reardon	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	Against
Mr Andrew Harris	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	Against
Mr John Reardon	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	Against

Ms Nony Vaughan	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Anthony McDougall	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	Against
Ms Kim Hoadley	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Tony Treeve	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Mat Shea	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Tony Crilly	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Glen Nelson	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Shaun Moore	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Trevor Scott	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Michael Kusternig	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mrs Doreen Kusternig	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Michael Pope	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Brett Sangster	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mrs Jodie Farinazzo	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Will Mayfield	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Guy Fayle	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Kane Mangin	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Charle Cromhout	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Lukas Wild	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Heath Pratt	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Robert Quodling	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Perry Pichelmann	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Ian Jiear	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Bernie Bullman	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Jonathon Watson	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Jeff Squire	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Ms Dalena Scanlon	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr John Scanlon	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Andrew Keatley	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Dan Blackman	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Jake Scanlon	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	For
Mr Jeff Grey	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	Against
Mr James McKay	5.1	Development Application - DA.2018.192	Against

3. Petitions

There were no petitions.

4. 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to Wednesday 1 May 2019 were provided and tabled at the meeting (see attached for responses):

	Received from	In relation to
1	Ms Sandra Young	2018 Quarterly QPRC Budget Review Statement
2	Ms Sandra Young	Queanbeyan administrative building final costs
3	Ms Sandra Young	Water and sewer funds
4	Ms Sandra Young	Water and sewer funds
5	Ms Sandra Young	Estimated cost for Queanbeyan administrative building
6	Ms Sandra Young	Loans for the Queanbeyan administrative building
7	Ms Sandra Young	Fees to Consultants since the merger
8	Ms Sandra Young	Rent from Queanbeyan Westpac building
9	Ms Samara Zeitsch	Strategy to eradicate European wasps from Council areas

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 8.00pm.



**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 1 May 2019* were provided and tabled at the meeting

Questions submitted by: Sandra Young

- 1. In the September 2018 Quarterly QPRC Budget Review Statement, (page 3 Significant Budget Variations), the anticipated costing for the demolition of the Queanbeyan old council administrative building was calculated at being \$2,247,000. Would this amount have included the initial demolisher's costing and the present replacement demolisher's costings for this Queanbeyan administrative building?**

Response – Community Connections

The amount of \$2.247m included in the September 2018 Budget Review Statement represented the estimated asset write-down associated with 257 Crawford St. The actual asset write-down was \$2.181m.

- 2. When will we know the final total costings for the demolition of this old Queanbeyan administrative building?**

Response – Community Connections

As previously advised, the final cost will not be known until the works are complete

- 3. Some internal reserves, such as water and sewer were previously agreed by council to be used in the original replacement administrative building, such as around \$13.3 million. Will any water and sewer reserve funds be used for the new Queanbeyan administrative building?**

Response – Finance

No funding from the Queanbeyan water and sewer funds is proposed to fund the construction of the new Queanbeyan head office and smart hub.

- 4. If so, what amounts of water and sewer funds will be used in this new administrative building?**

Response – Finance

See above

- 5. What is the estimated total costing for the new Queanbeyan administrative building?**

Response – Community Connections

Council is preparing an updated cost estimate for the project based on concept plans. Variable include size of basement car parking, conference/smart hub facilities, tenant space and new foyer for Bicentennial Hall.

- 6. What loans will be taken out for this proposed new Queanbeyan administrative building (e.g. How will it be financed?)**

Response – Finance

Council's adopted Delivery Program shows that it plans to borrow \$42m for the project. Any change to this figure would require Council resolution following consideration of the development application approved plans.

7. Since the QPRC amalgamation, what approximate fees have been paid to consultants?**Response – Finance**

Council engages consultants regularly to provide professional or expert advice on a range of matters, including planning, strategy, design and project work.

As of May 2019, Council has spent \$12.3m on consultants since the merger in May 2016.

8. The council has previously purchased the Queanbeyan Westpac bank building, using council water and sewer funds. Does the rental money from this building go back into council water and sewer funding, or is it perhaps transferred to general council funds?**Response – Finance**

As this property is an asset of the Queanbeyan sewer fund, all income goes directly to the sewer fund.

Questions submitted by: Samara Zeitsch**9. Information on what Council's strategy is to eradicate European wasps from Council areas (particularly Braidwood) noting the near death of my daughter due to a wasp nest on Council land****Response – Natural and Built Character**

In NSW the Department of Primary Industry ("DPI") is responsible to manage the level of control of pests in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 2015. Council also works within the parameters of the Pesticides Act 1999, which is administered by the NSW EPA. The DPI has only recently, September 2018, been issued a permit to trial baiting for European wasps in Orchards, Vineyards and Berry farms. Use of these baits outside the permit would be illegal. Council obtained approval to use another permit designed for urban and rural spaces, however, as mentioned using baits in a public place has its limitations and significant challenges.

Council is continuing to monitor for and eradicate wasp nests as they are identified. Following the incident in Braidwood, Council attended the area the next morning, searched the local area and dusted a small nest and later located a larger nest which was also dusted.

Over the past year, council has eradicated 39 wasp nests in Queanbeyan (15), Bungendore (nine), Braidwood (nine) Googong (four), Royalla (one) and Captains Flat (one). The suggestions raised regarding the management of wasps in the and, in particular baiting, are challenging in public places and Council can only implement treatment in accordance with NSW legislation.