

Minutes

Wollondilly Interagency Meeting		
Date: 14 th April 2011	Time: 2pm-4pm	Venue: Tahmoor Community Centre 6 Harper Close, Tahmoor
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Larry Whipper – Community Links Wollondilly ▪ Kalev Pank – Centrelink ▪ Kylie Lataster – UnitingCare Burnside ▪ Regina Nagy – Traxside ▪ Susan Mayer – Community Links Wollondilly ▪ Sue McManus – Benevolent Society ▪ Alana O’Sullivan – Forum Sentencing ▪ Lynne Burgoyne – ADHC ▪ Bob Lester – Wollondilly Shire Council ▪ Peter Wright – Wollondilly Shire Council ▪ Tanya Smith – UnitingCare Burnside ▪ Phebe Betts – Community Links Wollondilly 	
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Luke Roki – Community Links Wollondilly 	
Confirmation of Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tanya Smith ▪ Larry Whipper 	
Presentation: Wollondilly Shire Council Growth Management Strategy – Peter Wright		
<p>The Wollondilly Shire Council Growth Management Strategy is needed because of the locational context of Wollondilly. Wollondilly is quite a rural location; however there is a large amount of land that could be brought by developers and as a result Council recognized the need for a Growth Management Strategy. Previously, Council has never had a coherent policy for the growth of Wollondilly Shire.</p> <p>Currently, the population in Wollondilly is 43, 000 which is set to grow by 20, 000 in 20 years’ time which will equate to seven and half thousand extra houses needed to manage this population growth. In saying this there is greater pressure for housing development by developers than is required for the expected population growth.</p> <p>Wollondilly Shire Council’s concept of growth is one that takes a middle path between keeping Wollondilly the way it is and expanding Wollondilly; this is so that Wollondilly maintains its attractive characteristics however is sustainable with the expected population growth. At the moment there is a significant lag between the population growth and infrastructure within the shire.</p> <p>The State Governments policy around growth is to push the population growth out to the edges of Sydney; including the Macarthur South passage which encompasses Campbelltown to Wilton. The Macarthur South passage has agricultural and Aboriginal significance and is lacking the infrastructure to support this.</p>		

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Wollondilly Council doesn't want to see major urban consolidation but rather the growth centralized around existing towns and urban centres, in effort to make population growth sustainable into the future.

Generally in Wollondilly, towns have a higher population density closer to the town centre and as you move further away from the town centre population density continues to decline. Rural living is now being recognized as more than just living on a farm and/or acreage.

Employment growth is another consideration in the Growth Management Strategy as 60-70% of employment opportunities are outside the Wollondilly LGA.

Wollondilly Shire Council Growth Management Strategy Maps:

The expected population growth will take place mainly in Picton, Tahmoor and Thirlmere but Bargo could also possibly support some of the growth.

Council consulted with the community in 2010 regarding the Growth Management Strategy and took on board some of the feedback they received. Council officially adopted the Growth Management Strategy in February 2011.

Wollondilly Expo Update

The Wollondilly Expo & Family Fun Day is being held on the 14th July 2011 from 10am-2pm at Tahmoor Community Centre (6 Harper Close, Tahmoor). Expressions of Interest are now being taken for agencies to be involved in the day. Expressions of Interest will be taken until the 9th June 2011.

This day will be a great opportunity for agencies to network and promote themselves to the Wollondilly community.

Funding Opportunities in Wollondilly

Wollondilly Shire Council Community Grants are now open. Up to \$3000 can be applied for to run events, projects or help smaller community groups. Applications close the 31st May 2011.

Sexual Health Grants are open and target young people under the age of 25 years who are from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background or a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse community.

The Malware Trust has funding rounds open every 4 months. Funding available is approximately \$50, 000 - \$60, 000 and services in Wollondilly are eligible to apply for this funding.

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Suggestions for Guest Speakers

- New Local Member for Wollondilly
- NSW Anti-Discrimination Board
- NCOSS re: Community Services
- Department of Premiers & Cabinet

Advocacy Issues in Wollondilly

Transport is an advocacy issue that needs addressing in Wollondilly. Discussion was held around inviting the local bus company to consult with the group around transport needs and how to improve service delivery within the shire. Karen to follow-up with Larry re: this issue.

Items without Notice

It was identified that the Wollondilly Interagency needs to better communicate with Wollondilly Shire Council. It was suggested that Wollondilly Interagency could be involved in a needs analysis with Council around community services, access to facilities and recreational options in the shire. Suggested contacts at Council to further discuss this included Sarah Lees and Adam Gray.

Discussion was also had around Wollondilly Shire Councils Disaster Recovery Plan. This was in response to previous discussion around this plan at previous meetings. Bob is following up on this initiative and will address this at future meetings. The Rural Fire Service is concerned that we need a Bushfire Management Strategy. Centrelink was keen to be involved in this initiative and will be contacted surrounding this.

Community Links Wollondilly expressed an interest in having a standing agenda item surrounding youth issues in Wollondilly. This was supported by the rest of the group and youth issues will be discussed at each meeting.

Information Share

The group shared information about services and upcoming events verbally. This information was not recorded in the minutes, however completed information share forms are attached as follows

Traxside

Young mums and bub group starting in July 2011

The Benevolent Society

20 Community Aged Care Packages are available in Wollondilly from June 2011.
"Hear Me, See Me" Art Exhibition for artists with a mental illness.

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Ageing, Disability & Home Care, Bowral

Team work with people 0-65 with an intellectual disability and their families/carers. Case managers and therapists (speech, OT, physio and psych) are available.

Centrelink

Kalev Pank provides support and assistance for grandparents who have fulltime care of their grandchildren to access Centrelink products and services. Referral to other government information and community support is also provided. Contact Kalev on 1800 245 965

UnitingCare Burnside – Brighter Futures Program

Brighter Futures Southern team is in the process of recruiting one full-time Aboriginal caseworker and one part-time generalist caseworker position to be based at Tahmoor Community Centre.

Burnside's Brighter Futures Program in partnership with Community Links Wollondilly is running a group Term 2, 2011 called "Walk the Talk." This group will be facilitated at Tahmoor Community Centre on Friday morning 10am-11:30am. To enroll any families please contact Tahmoor Community Centre.

Next Meeting

Date: 9th June 2011

Time: 2pm-4pm

Venue: 6 Harper Close, Tahmoor