

CAMPBELL TOWN DISTRICT FORUM

Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 commencing at 9.30am.

1.0 **Present:** Jill Clarke - Chairperson

Jill Davis, Bevis Perkins, John Ashman, Sally Hills, Jo Taylor, Poppy Lyne, Fiona Oates, Owen Diefenbach

2.0 **In Attendance:** Danny Saunders, Jodie Foster, David Lovell, Barbara Lovell, Barry Pike and Greg Smith

Guest Speaker: Anna Bonython – Watershed Solutions contracted to NMC re: Town Hall

3.0 **Apologies:** Leisa Gordon - Deputy Chair, Anita Fitzallen - CTDHS representative. Lucie Copas, Northern Midlands Council

4.0 **Declaration of any Pecuniary Interest by a member of a special committee of Council**

None

5.0 **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Campbell Town District Forum held on Tuesday, 1 December 2020 were a true and correct record of proceedings. Owen Diefenbach noted that he was present at the meeting. Moved: Poppy Lyne Seconded: Jill Davis

6.0 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

6.1 **Underpass/Campbell Town High Street Upgrade**

As stated in the previous minutes CTDF acknowledges that there is a serious safety concern about children crossing the Midlands Highway. They also acknowledged that crossing the Midlands Highway is a safety concern for all members of the community and that it needs to be addressed. Given that the cost of the underpass has risen considerably the Forum is concerned that other alternative solutions to the underpass be considered before a final decision is made. They are concerned that there is opportunity for community feedback.

Motion: CTDF would like to invite State Growth representatives to attend their next meeting (2 March) to discuss the progress and address the concerns of the Forum on the implementation of the underpass and the upgrading of Campbell Town High Street. Both projects are linked as they involve the safety of all members of the community as they cross the Midlands Highway.

Moved: Poppy Lyne Seconded: Fiona Oates

6.2 **School Representative**

Anita Fitzallen has been welcomed onto the committee as the school representative (Dec 1).

6.3 **Bicentennial Celebrations**

Jill Clarke and Jodie Foster reported that the Picnic in the Park last Sunday was a lovely day. The organisation worked well and there was a variety of events, vintage cars, music and good food for all ages. There was a steady crowd all day. People asked if it was to be repeated. The next function is a Citizen's luncheon in February and a Fishing competition at Lake Leake in March. More information will be circulated in a letterbox drop and flyers.

6.4 MOU

As stated in the previous minutes the Forum is still waiting to receive and approve the final draft of the MOU. It was agreed that having a Council Representative attend meeting was very valuable and they would like this arrangement to continue.

MOTION: The Forum would like some clarity over the position of a secretary and the means of reporting back to Council and the noting of the Council's responses.

Moved: Jill Davis Seconded: Fiona Oates

6.5 Town Hall Review

The guest speaker, Anna Bonython, was invited to speak at the start of the meeting.

Anna shared a list of her credentials for carrying out the appraisal of the Town Hall on behalf of NMC. She informed the Forum that she has submitted an Interim report to NMC and is currently waiting for the council review before she can proceed to commence discussions with the community from which a small working group will be formed.

Anna has completed an independent study of Town Halls, to see how they have repurposed their buildings, in other similar communities across Australia and is proposing to use it to commence discussions with the working group. The working group will also work with her to start mapping the social capital and find where there are gaps.

6.6 Town Sign/Dual Naming

Danny will commence the application with TAC to process the Aboriginal name for Campbell Town.

MOTION: That CTDF expedite the dual naming of Campbell Town and the palawa name on the sign.

Moved: Poppy Lyne Seconded: Jo Taylor

6.7 Tourist Signs

As stated in the previous minutes Item **8.3 Campbell Town Signs**

MOTION: The Forum requests information on the progress of the Tourist signs to be positioned along the Midlands Highway at the north and south entrances to Campbell Town and on the renewal of the individual historic plaques throughout the town.

Moved: Jill Davis Seconded: Owen Diefenbach

6.8 Youth Activities

The current programs running for girls in Campbell Town were noted. CTDF recognised that a Youth Drop in centre in Campbell Town and some sort of mentoring program is needed.

MOTION: The Forum would like to invite the Council Youth Officer, Billy-Jo, and CTDHS principal and/or the School representative to the next meeting of the Forum to report back on current activities and discuss future needs for youth.

Moved: Jo Taylor Seconded: Owen Diefenbach

6.9 Naming of the Campbell Town War Memorial

As stated in the previous minutes under **8.7** it was reported that the naming on the original gate, re-instated, is Campbell Town War Memorial Oval.

MOTION: The Forum request that the name of the new complex reflect the original name and be ‘Campbell Town War Memorial Oval and Sports Complex.’

Moved: Poppy Lyne Seconded: Jill Clarke

6.10 Australia Day Awards 2021 as noted in the Agenda

David Gatenby is to be congratulated on receiving the award for the Citizen of the Year.

Other Awards:

Verandah Music Festival - Event of the Year

Volunteer Recognition certificates were awarded to the following people:

- Paula Gordon - Smith
- Arthur Thorpe
- Mary Dufour
- Maria & Barry Lawson
- Perth Mural Group (Rosalie & David Wrigley, Aileen Gough, Phillip Gough, Rosemary Jack, Carlene Bullock and Tim Archer)
- Jane Harrison

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to:

- Dr Merle Gray
- Katrina Rhodes, Keith Ward and Chris Parsons from Eskleigh for their contribution to the Perth Mural project

7.0 New Business

7.1 Local Recycling Committee

There is still a vacancy on the committee. Owen Diefenbach reported that it would be good to have someone else and that an adult representative could travel with him to meetings.

7.2 2021 Meeting Dates

These were noted for next year on the first Tuesday of each month apart from January.

8.0 General Business

8.1 General Works

The Forum noted the work which has been carried out to the verges around the town and in Conara and is grateful for the way the council has kept the verges looking tidy.

8.2 Bond Street/Water Tank

It was noted the poor and dangerous condition of Bond Street leading up to the Water Tank from both sides and could something be done about it. There is no continuation of the existing footpath for pedestrians.

8.3 Strategic Planning Submission

Jill Clarke reminded the Forum that we need to discuss the Forum's submission at the next meeting.

MOTION: That Leigh McCulloch be invited to attend the next meeting of the Forum to share his input.

Moved: Jill Clarke

Seconded: John Ashman

8.4 Garage Sale Sign at Corner Pedder Street/High Street

This sign has been in place continuously. It should either be removed or have a permit.

8.5 Centenary Garden

Bill Chugg has constructed a centenary garden. As he is now unwell would it be possible for the council or fire brigade to water it to keep the plants alive.

8.6 Community Awareness of Forum

It was mentioned that not many community members are aware of the Forum or what it does and that not all minutes are posted on NMC web-site, that is, if anyone actually finds it there. It was suggested that there should be a Community Noticeboard in the Town with current useful information regarding resources and activities. Mention of these could also go on the Campbell Town Facebook page. Another suggestion was having a Welcome Pack for people moving into the area. Members were encouraged to bring their suggestions and contributions to this pack to the next meeting.

9.0 Closure

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 11.15am

Next meeting to be held on 2 March 2021 at 9.30am at the Town Hall, upstairs meeting room.