

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Date of Community Meeting	Place	No of ratepayers/residents present	No of staff present	No of Councillors present	Questions asked
1/12/2014	Tomingley	8	5	5	<p>What about Council efficiencies</p> <p>How does Council intend to trim the fat</p> <p>Does the proposed SRV make up totally for the shortfall in FAGS grants</p> <p>When do the surveys and submissions have to be in by</p>
2/12/2014	Trangie	62	4	6	<p>How much income will be generated from the SRV</p> <p>Council debts – how much do we owe & when will they be finalised</p> <p>Widgeree Road – mentioned a number of times</p> <p>Grader starting times – why can't they work from 7.30 to 5.30 instead of 9.30 to 3.30</p> <p>Staff going slow - just appear to be poking about with no purpose</p> <p>If they ran a business like Council they would go broke – mentioned a number of times</p> <p>Auditors should do an efficiency audit</p> <p>Should have a combination of Contractor & Council staff on roadworks</p> <p>Trees being planted on the weekend</p> <p>Covers over the swings - waste of money</p> <p>Tar on Weemabah Road during wheat harvest – timing bad</p> <p>Aerodrome museum – waste of money</p> <p>Relocation of Cenotaph - waste of money</p> <p>By-pass road - waste of money</p> <p>Water meter readers coming from Narromine</p> <p>Sewer operators coming from Narromine</p> <p>Aerodrome Industrial Estate - waste of money</p> <p>90 staff – too many and not doing enough</p> <p>Should NOT be borrowing more money</p> <p>Why is Trangie paying more in rates – mentioned numerous times</p> <p>Council should be buying excess solar power instead of it going back to the grid</p> <p>Cost of amalgamations – have the sums been done, will Council be better off</p> <p>Rural sector already being squeezed & cost wants to add to that</p> <p>Tell State Gov't to get knicked</p> <p>My road hasn't been graded for 3 years (Richardsons Rd)</p> <p>Have a good look at efficiency - not mentioned in newsletter</p> <p>Average farmland values differ greatly from Warren Shire – reckons we made the figure up</p> <p>Comparison of how money is spent and where</p> <p>Staffing levels – prior to GM's appointment has it risen</p> <p>Why are we continually advertising for more staff</p> <p>Water & Sewer – 2 men & a truck trying to locate a water pipe</p> <p>Sewer rate in Trangie \$548 compared to Bathurst \$479</p> <p>Sell assets</p> <p>If a farmer amalgamates farmland – who will buy the farm</p> <p>Where is Council up to with the trial road construction – GM was supposed to report back in June 2014</p> <p>Machinery efficiency – plant not utilised enough – currently used for 5 hour a day</p> <p>Grader on Weemabah Road just sitting idle today – if its too wet why not go where it isn't</p> <p>Cost of signage in shire – wanted to know the cost of signs we don't need - waste of money</p> <p>Get rid of red tape</p> <p>Update on roads – are we up to date or behind</p>

Roads not up to date on website
Spoke to 4 people to find out why grader was sitting idle for a day – was advised it was a training day – why couldn't someone else take over operating machinery – suggested GM for the job
Lights on Payten Park, turf wicket Narromine & Trangie – how much will it cost
No reply to correspondence sent March? From Tge cricket club
Too many services – too many people – cut the services
Value for money. Back to basics, tin tacks
Don't mind paying but wants to see better service in Trangie

Crew travelling from Narromine to Trangie waste of time – need more staff in Trangie (will cut down on travelling time etc)
No guarantee that even if Council increase rates we won't be amalgamated
How do they expect amalgamations to work
Council needs to go to State Gov't and TELL them to change the Act/Law
Show of hands – approx 60% against 40% for or no response
Narromine get more services than Trangie – they (N'mine) should pay more
Its what happens at the end that counts – wants to see value for money

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Is the meeting a sham, is Council going to take notice of the people - you didn't at the cenotaph meeting
Are the services going to increase as well
Can't access survey on website
How do you expect pensioners and low income earners to pay more - mentioned numerous times
Are you going to take the Mayoral allowance increase next year
Does Council need as many cars as it has
Is the increase permanent - mentioned a number of times.
Are you going to reduce the proposed SRV % of 6.5 now that the rate peg has been announced to be 2.4%
Ratepayer complained because Council wouldn't let him build additional rental sheds on his property
Land previously zoned business is now residential.
Change of use not allowed if the shed is vacant for a period of 1 year
Business property owner in same area as wants Council to rate property as residential
Council needs to help people - too much bureaucracy

Dryland farmers have paid well and truly enough over the last 10 years. 20% increase in rates when water values removed from land values
Meeting should have been held prior to making the decision to apply for a SRV
Ratepayer rang IPART who advised they were surprised that Council has left the SRV process to late
October meeting - no costing was done
November meeting - consultancy fee of \$39,000 for 6 weeks is excessive
What about efficiency - Council should become more efficient, this should be the first option before a SRV
Farmland rates had previously been increased 38%
Trees planted near 7th Day Adventist School have all died
More efficiency required for road works - road crews should work longer hours and utilise plant more
Council not efficient enough - would be broke if in business
Some roads in Shire have bulldust a foot deep, some roads are abominable
Farming is run as a business
Council has failed to make a case for a SRV
Need to be able to show ratepayers that a SRV is justified
More information required in newsletter. The current one does not give enough information
Has anyone done a costing on amalgamation
Feel that Council is using amalgamation as a threat
No guarantee that Council won't be amalgamated if SRV is approved
Council need to "lose a bit of fat" to be fit for the future
Won't attract businesses to town if we increase rates 6.5%
Don't employ consultants
Why didn't Council know there were optic cables under the cenotaph

How much are the barricades around the cenotaph costing per day
No work has been done at the cenotaph in over 3 weeks
General conjecture at meeting that Council needs to trim edges
Business, residential and pensioners can't be putting in any more money
Business property owner having problems with fire system - nothing in business shed that will burn
Ratepayer told he couldn't build shed in town but Council would be happy to approve application if he was to build shed on his property on the outskirts of town because Council wanted him out of town
More efficiencies required for all Council services
Buy locally eg: cars
GM should look at his own salary package
Leave cenotaph where it is to save money
What is Council doing to tighten belt
Want value for money
Why do we need contractors to do road works when we have the staff and plant to do the work
Can't the road crews work longer hours or camp out overnight at the job
What were the result of the Tomingley and Trangie meetings
Council will get "plucked by the duck" if we amalgamate with Dubbo
Contractors that worked on main street beautification charged half the price of Dubbo Council quote

Why do we need to amalgamate with Dubbo and Wellington, if we amalgamate it should be with Warren and Bogan Shires
By-pass road taking business away from main street
No longer any parking for caravans in main street area. Should be parallel parking in Burraway Street
People losing business because of no parking
Does the consultant fee \$39k coming out of the 2^{1/2} million
Will the results of the surveys be published