

Wakefield Park Raceway CCC Minutes

Title	Wakefield Park Raceway Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting	
Meeting Date	Wednesday, 17 th March 2021 @ 4pm	
Venue	Goulburn Mulwaree Council Chambers Bourke Street, Goulburn	
Chair	David Johnson	Independent Chairperson*
Meeting Attendees	Jane Reardon Community Representative/Resident Gerard Reardon Community Representative/Resident (Alternate) Phil Sykes Community Representative/Resident Angus Gibson Community Representative /Resident Dean Chapman WPR Representative Alternate Chris Lewis-Williams WPR Representative Richard Cardew HSRCA Scott Martin Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Director Planning & Environment Bob Kirk Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Mayor Candice Webster Minute Taker Robyn Ryan Minute Taker	
Apologies	Randolph Griffiths, John Boston	
Next Meeting	Wednesday 15 September 2021 @ 4.00pm Goulburn Mulwaree Council 184 Bourke Street, Goulburn NSW	

MEETING WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - David Johnson

Meeting opened at 4:04pm

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CODE OF CONDUCT

Copies of the *Code of Conduct Agreement* and *Declaration of Interests* forms from the DPIE Guidelines have been signed by all members. No other declarations of interest were made.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- No matters arising from previous meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Another resident, Mason Thomas, sent several emails to the Chair on 25 Feb 2021 concerning the Renzo Tonin noise report being unavailable on the website, and other matters. David replied on 5 March 2021 and CC'd all members

RACEWAY UPDATE (Dean and Chris)

- Since December a lot of planning has been done around the events WPR are able to hold in 2021. Dean discussed widening the scope of product offering including food markets, driver training, swap meets etc. This is to ensure that on weekends which are required to be quiet, the raceway can still generate business and remain sustainable.
- Dean spoke about electric and motorised cars being on offer as a new product for the raceway to keep noise to a minimum.
- Dean noted that WPR is growing the learner driver programs at Wakefield Park for both cars and bikes and that is now becoming very successful for the raceway. This also helps the members of the community to be able to upskill their road safety capabilities.
- Dean discussed the wide variety of options that are being considered to grow the business and to have it more of a community-based venue instead of just motorsport oriented. The intention is for the venue to offer different types of events, training etc.
- Dean referred to the plan to continue to monitor noise and build the business around the noise structure. He plans to put more employees through noise courses to ensure WPR is monitoring appropriately and moving the business towards a quieter raceway overall.
- Scott Martin highlighted that it would be a good idea for both Council and WPR to put staff from both through more noise education to further their skills in that area.
- Jane asked how many alternative events Wakefield Park have booked for the next 12 months ?
- Dean explained the number of alternative events that have been booked and talked about how the raceway will market to a wider audience.

- Dean also noted that now he has opened the conversation about alternative events for the raceway it has encouraged interest, including in events like tough mudder, fun runs, cycling events.
- Gerard asked how many noisy events are likely to be replaced ?
- Chris indicated how the noise plan allows for this.
- Dean explained how the new DA restricts the venue as to lower noise days.
- Dean explained that to keep Wakefield Park viable they need to source more quiet events and once they are confirmed they will go onto the online calendar.
- Gerard asked when there are blank spots in the calendar and are they the quite days or is nothing running on those days ?
- Dean explained that he can put these quiet events on those days if he chooses, which is in line with the noise plan.
- Dean again spoke about how they are pushing to make Wakefield Park a viable business that can offer and hold quieter events. Dean has also explained how Wakefield Park is a not-for-profit organisation that is there for the motorsport community, but will also be there for the wider community.
- Scott recalled having consultations with WPR many years ago about how Wakefield Park can expand their offerings, and that it is satisfying to see that it is now finally happening; he is surprised and pleased to see the growth in driver training.
- Dean noted that there is a strong demand for driver training, and that many people come to driver training lessons at Wakefield Park from all over the state.
- Scott asked if it was for road safety training rather than motorsport skills ? Dean explained it is for road safety skills rather than motorsport technics, and just how wide the age bracket is for that.
- Phil asked where the driver trainer business is located; Dean explained they are more Canberra based but moving into Goulburn area to do more classes; it is a registered driver training service with a wide range of skills.
- Dean explained how using a third-party business to do driver training at Wakefield Park allows them to bring students from all over the state.
- Gerard asked for a more streamlined noise calendar, such as if there could be a green dot or red dot, so residents can plan their lives around the expected noise levels and see if they are experiencing the number of low noise days they have been promised.
- Gerard believes the Renzo Tonin model does not work because of the noise levels indicated by the noise meter on his property; he would like Wakefield Park to talk to them more regarding noise levels and controls.
- Dean referred again to the noise prevention notice and how he has planned the days around the notice by having a quiet weekend on the first weekend of every month.
- Richard explained the quieter your background environment, the more you will notice noise. Richard suggested they may have not noticed it as much ten years ago as their lifestyle may have been busier compared to say now, when their lifestyle is not as busy. Richard explained about the science behind the ear and how it changes over time and with different environments.

- Angus acknowledged that it is more practical for WPR to monitor their noise at the track, but the problems are at the residences where the received levels are often excessive. Angus feels that the Renzo Tonin model may be robust but wants to see the data to prove it. He is supportive of WPR but has an objection to the fact he is unable to see the data to back up the noise model, so that he can have faith in what the model is and how it works.
- Chris explained council have the model and have had it peer reviewed.
- Angus feels that if he had the model and could understand it, he could monitor the noise from his house to ensure the model works properly; he would then feel better about knowing how it works and if it works.
- Angus feels that all the residents want is to be able to trust the noise model to ensure it works.
- Chris has highlighted that Council have the model and that when it was submitted it to Council they had it peer reviewed.
- Jane explained that she believes this is primarily WPR's issue and not Council's.
- Scott explained that the noise model was put through a Court process and that Council had their independent noise expert review the methodology, the model, and the data to ensure the noise model would work and that it was agreed between the two experts to ensure the noise model works.
- Angus has asked that he would like to check the model back to what the noise level is at his house, so he can have faith in the model. He expressed that he thought Renzo Tonin's presentation was not impressive and that he feels that he just reread a report they already had.
- Chris explained that he fears that if the model is shared to other people they will cause havoc by bombarding him with huge emails, which is quite unreasonable.
- Gerard explained he just wants to access the noise levels live, and would like to talk with WPR to sort this out and be able to call up Wakefield Park and ask the live noise level.
- Dean has explained he would welcome Gerard to phone and have that communication.
- Jane also believes the model is wrong as she is still affected by noise at her property.
- Chris reiterated that WPR employed a highly respected noise expert and his findings had been peer reviewed.
- Angus said that live noise data would be very helpful, and he thinks there is a genuine problem with noise impacts and that residents want a genuine answer.
- Scott asked whether WPR can allow residents to securely log into a portal to see what the live noise data is.
- Dean is concerned that this will lead to constant challenges against the noise experts.
- Angus just wants to be able to fact check against the live data so he can plan.
- Scott explained that it would be a validation exercise to compare noise machines and noise levels.
- Gerard played a recording of noise levels from his property taken at 31st January at 3pm.
- David suggested that it would be useful to do a noise comparison between residents' own noise monitors and to be sure they are properly calibrated and set up correctly by appropriate experts.

- Discussion was held about how the model works and can it be compared to ensure its accuracy and how the business and the residents can support each other to work around the noise issue.
- Gerard suggests to Council that there are serious problems with the model and believes it is wrong and needs to be looked at before the current DA is assessed, otherwise it will be challenged.
- Chris acknowledged and understands that the residents want validation regarding the model.
- David suggested that any comparisons should be done by the same expert person and using the same equipment to measure noise.
- Gerard referred to the Sydney Airport noise monitoring system and how they can compare the noise meters at different locations, and he believes it works well.
- Jane believes there should be other noise monitoring locations around the neighbourhood to measure noise accurately.
- Jane believes that 291 loud days in a year is too many.
- Dean explained he is doing his best to be proactive and trying hard to move the business in a more adaptive environment.
- Jane expressed that she is fed up with the noise levels and does not believe we will resolve anything until they can resolve what is in the noise model.
- Chris noted again that WPR is complying with the rules and the operations are in accordance with the noise prevention notice.
- Chris and Dean explained that they believe they can pinpoint the class of cars that need to be removed from the track to help reduce noise emissions.
- Dean explained he can provide an avenue for the residents to make contact and get data.
- Scott noted that all parties put faith in noise experts but there were many components within the noise prevention notice, and where the DA links into that as well. Scott explained that Council have allowed time to ensure the noise prevention notice worked while the DA is being assessed. There is more information that could be collected to ensure the DA process is as accurate as possible to give everyone confidence and know what the rules are and how it will be enforced.
- Council are taking time and care to ensure that any consent they issue can be applied successfully.
- David asked if council are engaging their planning consultant to look at the noise model again ?
- Scott explained they are looking at compliance with the DA and building a road map. He believes he will take some notes out of this meeting and have that discussion with the planners.
- Scott explained that they have the right to withdraw the noise prevention notice, but it would lead back to a Court process and that they would rather sort it out in a meeting sense rather than through the court.
- David explained that Council and WPR should sit down and work out whether there is a problem with the model is or not. That is the major issue at the moment and needs to be resolved.

COUNCIL UPDATE

- Scott gave an update regarding the DA application from WPR, which is currently before Council.
- Council have requested more information from WPR and a response to submissions that have been received, to be passed on to their planners.
- Scott confirmed that Council want to get this right and ensure that all information is thoroughly assessed to ensure there is a clear road map for the DA.
- Dean asked when the Council meeting will be held, but Council have not yet set a date.
- Gerard suggested a closed forum rather than open forum. Scott explained they feel it would be better as an open forum to ensure Councillors can hear all the views on the DA and to allow the public a voice and a say in the matter.
- Scott explained the forum process and the time limits.
- Bob explained that under Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice (section 4) – in particular 4.13 – 'Speakers at Public Forums cannot ask questions of the Council, Councillors or Council staff' - as their role in such forums is to listen to the speakers voice their concerns or comments.

COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS – have been covered above.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- General business has been covered in the Project Update and dialogue presented above.
- As the next meeting will not be held until later this year, Scott suggested a regular email update between members of the CCC, perhaps on a 4 to 6 weekly basis. This was agreed by all

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15th September 2021 @ 4pm. Venue to be confirmed, probably at Council offices again.

Meeting closed at 6.15pm