



**WENTWORTH FALLS**  
Chamber of Commerce and Community (Inc.)

## Voice of our Community Update. Winter 2021

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### Summary of regular Meeting Minutes held on May 3, 2021

**Village CCTV** – No requests by police for CCTV footage over the period. Police were assisting with some shortcomings of the CCTV system but were yet to report back on progress. The maintenance costs of the system are a continuing concern.

**Wentworth Falls Businesses and Community. Continuing Impact of COVID 19** – tourism related businesses are struggling with the withdrawal of Job Keeper payments. Major hotels in the Mountains are running at 50% capacity as there is a shortage of staff given entry restrictions under COVID on overseas students and international staff recruitment. Serious staff shortages will impact on all tourist related facilities. No known member of WFCC&C attended the conference organized by Susan Templeman MP.

**Federal Infrastructure Grants related to Infrastructure and Economic Development** – Information on the awarding of these grants has yet to be communicated.

**Pedestrian Safety on Rail Bridge, Station Street, Wentworth Falls** – a Notice of Motion was put by Councillor Hollywood at the April Council Meeting that Council contact Andrew Constance MP Minister for Transport to discuss the safety issues for vehicles and pedestrians associated with the over-rail Bridge at Wentworth Falls. To assist with Councillors' deliberations all councillors were sent copies of the Engineering Report on the safety of over-rail bridges in the Blue Mountains LGA pertaining to the bridge at Wentworth Falls. It was specifically pointed out to Councillors that the Report of June 2016 states that the deficiencies in safety identified required to be addressed within the time frame of six months.

**Anzac Day Memorial Service** – Concern was expressed if Wentworth Falls and Hazelbrook conducted services that there would be difficulty in limiting numbers, particularly in view of the advertisement in the Gazette (authorized by Council) that services would be conducted at these locations. In view of these circumstances and the lack of control of numbers the Committee took the difficult decision to cancel the Dawn Anzac Day Service in Coronation Park. An Anzac Day Service was conducted at Holy Trinity Church at 8.30am. WFCC&C organized a wreath to be laid at the door of the church which was later placed at the memorial in Coronation Park. A small and moving flag raising ceremony took place at sunrise which was attended by approximately 20 people.

**Mayoral Business Reference Group** - This meeting is yet to take place and suggestions re projects for funding on behalf of WFCC&C will be presented to the meeting when it occurs.

**New Flags for Entrance to Village** – After some delays, Susan Templeman's office has again kindly agreed to provide new flags at the village entrance. These should be flying prior to May 21.

**Objectives of WFCC&C Inc. and updated Wentworth Falls Village Brochure** – Map still to be finalised. WFCC&C to again ask Blue Mountains Grammar School if they would be interested in assisting to designing the village map based on the previous brochure.

**Dept of Planning refusal to exempt BMCC from Low Rise Housing Density Code and compliance under the Standard Instrument Requiring BMCC to Implement R6 Zones.** It was moved that WFCC&C Inc write to Dept of Planning supporting their refusal in view of the need for more affordable housing, seniors housing and the need to implement R3 medium density low rise accommodation within 800 metres of the village.

**The next quarterly meeting** is due to be held on Monday, August 2nd at 6.00pm. Venue TBC

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