

# Community Engagement Consultation Results



**COBAR SHIRE  
COUNCIL**  
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SRV

## Results of Community Engagement

Group	Location	Date and advertising	Type of forum	Who and How Many attended	Key Issues discussed
Cobar Shire Council outdoor staff	Annual Induction Day	21.9.12  Included on agenda – all relevant staff will attend.	Presentation. Information provision, Q&A	85 Outdoor Council staff	Found it informative and interesting. No questions asked.
New Councillor Training Day	Cobar Shire Council Chambers	27.9.12  All new Councillors attend, most existing Councillors attend. All Councillors emailed.	Presentation. Information provision to bring the new Councillors up to speed with the SRV, the background and the need for one.	3 new Councillors and 5 returning Councillors	Chance to discuss the history and background and to start thinking about the options, burden and how the funds will be spent.
Cobar Shire Council Special Council Meeting and closed workshop	Cobar Shire Council Chambers	4.10.12  Advertised as per Council meeting protocol.	Presentation. Council meeting	Discussion regarding options for quantum or rate rise, no. yrs, burden and where funds to	5 Councillors to the workshop, 7 to the meeting. 8 public to the meeting.

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				be spent. Position created to take to Council meeting	
Cobar Shire Council Indoor Staff	Staff meeting following Council decision	9.10.12  All indoor staff expected to attend.	Presentation. Information provision, Q&A	34 indoor council staff	Opportunity to find out details and what is being proposed. General discussion. Questions regarding operational costs for some services.
Cobar Shire Public Information Session	Cobar Shire Council chambers	17.10.11  Editorial and advertisements in local papers. Email all business and community directory	Presentation. Information provision, Q&A Survey collection.	50 attendees. Mostly 60 year old long term residents.	Concerns re how additional funds will be spent, some interest in how service costs have increased. Generally accepting of

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		members. Facebook discussions. Word of mouth			25% rise.
Mine Managers	Council chambers or on site	24.10.11  By invitation	Discuss priorities for where money is to be spent, type of SRV	Managers from CSA, CCR, YTC and Endeavor plus the Accountant from CSA. Polymetals and Peak arrived late.	Very definite that they do NOT want to see a fall in services, but rather want more services. Understood the financial concerns of Council.
Rural Roads Advisory Committee	Council chambers	7.11.12  Advertised as part of broader RRAC agenda.	Specific information share on SRV as part of broader meeting	Rural stakeholders able to input into discussion. Survey completed	Not presented as only two landholders attended, one of whom had attended presentation at Mt Hope. Updates given at each Committee

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					Meeting by GM.
Cobar Shire Public Information Session	Council Chambers	14.11.12	Editorial and advertisements in local papers. Email all business and community directory members. Facebook discussions. Word of mouth	40 attended. A better cross section of community with the 30-50 age group well represented.	Concerned about water quality and closure of Youthie on Sundays (as per Council resolution). Generally understood need for rate rise.
Mt Hope Community through the MHCA	Mt Hope Hall	1 November 2012  Organised through Mount Hope Community Association (MHCA)	Information share and discussion.	9 attendees, which is the majority of the community near the village.	Raised concerns re the village water supply, the way the village is maintained, roles and responsibilities for maintaining the village facilities. Agreed to 25%

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Cobar View Club	Empire Hotel – monthly meeting	20.11.12  Spoke with Secretary and they promoted it to members	Presentation. Information share	24 ladies aged 60 and over	Understood reasons why rate rise needed. Agreed to 25%.
Euabalong and Euabalong West community through Progress Association	Euabalong community hall	November 2012  Advertised with posters, through Progress Association and the library, paper and pub.	Presentation. Information share and discussion.	43 landholders, well attended given middle of harvest. Held in conjunction with the November Rural Council meeting.	Against a rate rise. Wanted improved roads. Don't believe they get any services at all and are too far from Cobar to benefit. Believe when times are tough they need to reduce their costs, so Council should do likewise.

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Nymagee community through the Nymagee Progress Association	Nymagee Town Hall	28.11.12  Advertise through NPA, Nymagee Magpie newsletter, papers.	Presentation. Information share and discussion.	23 attendees from the village and surrounding farms. Held in conjunction with Progress Association meeting.	Accepted the need for a rate rise. Interested in seeing additional improvements in road condition, but acknowledging the improvements made in recent years (such as sealing the Priory Road)

### ***Distribution of Material***

- Information packs were available through the Administration Building, libraries and Progress Associations.
- 10 packs and 30 survey forms to staff at the LBV
- Survey form emailed to residents at Euabalong.

### ***Survey***

Survey monkey survey undertaken. Survey and results separate.