

Welcome

Welcome to the Wollongong City Council Chambers. All interested parties are encouraged to attend our meetings that are governed by rules designed to allow the timely and efficient processing of business.

Access to Chamber

The Council Chamber is located on Level 10. Access is controlled by a security lift – should you arrive **more than half an hour** after the start of the meeting, ask at the Wollongong City Library, adjacent to the building's foyer, for assistance. Once the Chamber is declared full, **no access** to Level 10 will be granted.

Chamber Capacity

All members of the public gallery (the area set aside for the public) must occupy one of the seats provided. **No standing** is permitted for reasons of safety and emergency egress. The gallery will be declared full once all seats are occupied and **no further access** will be permitted. Several spaces are provided on the western side of the Chamber for people with wheelchairs.

Conduct of the Public Gallery

There are standards to which you are required to adhere and we ask for your cooperation on the following:

- Members of the public are invited to attend meetings of Council as observers. You are **not** permitted to interrupt meeting procedures or to engage in any disorderly conduct.
- You are **not** permitted to address or approach the Councillors during the meeting.
- Any items which are deemed to potentially cause discomfort or a safety risk to Councillors, Council staff or other members of the public will **not** be permitted.
- Mobile phones must be switched **off or on 'silent' setting** during the course of the meeting.
- **No** food or drink is permitted in the Chamber.
- **No** filming, photographing or recording of any type may be made of the meeting without prior written permission from Council. Media representatives are excepted, however **no** audio recordings may be made – media **must** identify themselves beforehand to the appropriate Council staff.

Exclusion of Public Members

Under the Local Government Act, the Chair may exclude any member of the public from the gallery for disorderly conduct. This may include eviction by the Police where necessary.

Public Access Forum

Should you wish to address any meeting of Council, you can apply to use Council's Public Access Forum. Applications are accepted until **12 noon on the working day prior** to the scheduled meeting – further information is available by calling **4227 7111**.

Privilege

Council meetings are regarded as a public gathering. Therefore, any person making a remark or acting in a way which is offensive, defamatory or discriminatory should consider the legal implications before doing so.

Webcasting

All Council meetings are broadcast live via the internet. By attending a meeting you consent to the possibility that your image may also be broadcast to the public.

The purpose of the live broadcast is to enhance public access to the deliberations of Council.

Any personal and health information voluntarily disclosed by any person at Council meetings may be broadcast to the public, held by Council and made available to the public for later viewing.

Council accepts no responsibility for defamatory, discriminatory or offensive statements made by any person which may be broadcast or held by Council.

Closed Meetings

At certain times Council may discuss items of a confidential nature. These confidential reasons will be summarised prior to such a discussion. Under the Local Government Act, if the Council moves into 'closed' mode, all members of the gallery (including media) **must** vacate the chamber.

Minutes

Minutes of all Council meetings are usually available the day after the meeting and are posted on Council's website, www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

Questions and Comments

If you have any further queries or comments in relation to Council's meetings, you can:

Phone: 4227 7111
Email: council@wollongong.nsw.gov.au
Write: Wollongong City Council
Locked Bag 8821
WOLLONGONG DC NSW 2500

Thank you for attending this meeting.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

LORD MAYOR

GENERAL MANAGER



Cr DOM FIGLIOMENI

Cr JANICE KERSHAW

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Cr JOHN DORAHY

Cr JENELLE RIMMER

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Cr CAMERON WALTERS

Cr DAVID BROWN

Cr LEIGH COLACINO

Cr TANIA BROWN

Cr CATH BLAKEY

Cr ANN MARTIN

Cr MITHRA COX

Cr VICKY KING