

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM NF8

AGM MINUTES

9th August 2023

- 1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** - Ian Fitzgibbon
“I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this meeting takes place, and elders past & present and extend that respect to other aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander people present.
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Cr. Linda Campbell, Liz Webster, Cr. Elisha Aitkin, Warren Southwell.
- 3. ATTENDING:** Cr. Ann Martin, Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Ian Fitzgibbon, Dennis Couley, Heather Boardman, Cathy Small; Dom Figliomeni; Steven O’Neill, Steve McGartland; Romeo Cecchele; Peter Northey
- 4. MINUTES: 12th July 2023**

Accepted:

Moved: Dennis Couley

Seconded: Ron Cooper

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Ian Fitzgibbon gave a brief report and offered thanks to all attending for their community support.

Special thanks to Councillors for their regular attendance, interest and active support of NF8.

Pleased to be instituting hybrid - in person & zoom meeting to enable broader engagement of community members.

Ian Fitzgibbon expressed his plan to stand down as NF8 Convenor.

Election of NF8 Office Bearers:

Convenor:

Ron Cooper nominated & elected unopposed.

Co-Convenor:

Ian Fitzgibbon nominated & elected unopposed as Co Convenor.

Secretary:

Heather Boardman nominated & elected unopposed.

Following the election of Office Bearers Ron Cooper took the chair and expressed his thanks & appreciation for the dedication and time Ian Fitzgibbon has given as Convenor over many years.

Special thanks also to elected councillors who have supported the forum and community in any way.

Overview of Charter of Forum . It is our aim into the future to improve feedback to residents.

NF8 wish to express our thanks to Councillors Ann Martin, Linda Campbell & Dom Figliomeni for their ongoing support for Neighbourhood Forum 8 and the diligence with which they communicate between the forum and council.

6. CORRESPONDENCE (SEE ATTACHED)

IN:

OUT:

a) Minutes of July meeting, Notice of August Meeting & Notice of AGM emailed 22.7.23

7. REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS:

Councillors Dom Figliomeni & Ann Martin:

Council Briefings-

- a) Escarpment Walking Tracks Masterplan- tracks anticipated to open end 2024.
- b) Animal (Deer & Foxes) Management Policy - Proposal to eliminate Council policy as State Government Land Management Board oversees this process. Difficult process as insufficient funds to manage effectively.
- c) Affordable Housing Project- tenders are being let for establishment of additional affordable housing - \$12m has been allocated - Wollongong LGA with a focus on focus ward 3.
- d) Council is not accepting State request for wider curtilage around Wollongong Surf Club
- e) At the old Port Kembla Primary School site developers have offered a voluntary planning contribution of 5% for permanent social housing in perpetuity.
- f) Trial for electric scooters-this trial is in a limited area with a private provider. Councillors recommend that the trial of legal scooter needs to be more open across the area. The current Transport NSW pilot study does not include Ward 3.
- g) Miala House- & Dairy Complex Marshall Mount Rd, Marshall Mount - has been Heritage Listed.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) Steve McGartland - explained that his recent submission to Council regarding a local Development Application had been missed. Expressed concern that WCC needs to be sure submissions submitted in all forms should be taken into account and responded to.
- b) Questions were raised concerning progress on repair to Wongawilli Hall floor.
- c) Review of Correspondence.

d) Discussion about the need for Kerb & Gutter along West Dapto Road and completion of improvements to West Dapto Road to Rainbird Drive for which grant funding was allocated.

e) Importance of raising concerns with state government regarding need for additional schools also freeway on and off ramps.

Ian has sent email to Anna Watson -requesting a visit from Anna and a Department of Education explaining plans for additional schools in our area

Consider further invitation to Anna Watson and other State ministers to a public forum regarding & off ramp & schools. Ron Cooper will follow up Ians request to Anna Watson.

f) Bong Bong Road - Lucas drive is now repaired and Darkes Road repairs scheduled.

g) Importance of connecting with fb groups for each residential areas, including Peter Northey - (coordinator Brooks Reach fb) and Steve O'Neill (fb group Stream Hill)

h) Romeo raised concern regarding :

i) Pothole end Shone ave- has been reported

ii) Darkes rd- West Dapto rd - potholes growing & Kembla grange- Redalls Rd.

iii) A recent World Class athletics event was held @ Integral Energy Park by Kembla Joggers. To continue holding events like this there is a need for additional parking planning.

**MEETING CLOSE:
NEXT MEETING: 7PM WEDNESDAY**

13TH SEPTEMBER 2023

ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW SEE NEXT PAGE

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Forwarded by Cr. Ann Martin

Sile Crowe on behalf of Jeremy Morgan (Manager Infrastructure Strategy & Planning) to Lord Mayor & Councillors

Subject: Proposed Channel Works @ Kanahooka Road, Brownsville

From: Sile Crowe <scrowe@wollongong.nsw.gov.au> on behalf of Jeremy Morgan <jmorgan@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 12:51 pm

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors

PROPOSED CHANNEL WORKS AT KANAHOOKA ROAD, BROWNSVILLEAs part of our commitment to maintaining and improving our City's assets, we have prepared designs for reinforced concrete channel lining at Brownsville, between Kanahooka Road and the Princes Hwy.


This project is Stage 2 of works previously undertaken at this location (Flap Gate Flood Mitigation Project 2019). We were unable to obtain the necessary approvals for a number of major utilities whilst on site previously. These Stage 2 works were created so that the necessary design and approvals could be undertaken in order to complete the channel lining portion of the works.

We are planning to construct reinforced concrete channel lining to reduce channel blockages and facilitate maintenance. Shotcrete lining of the southern bank is as per direction of our Arborist, due to the high seed (weeds) loading of the in-situ soil. Consultation Plan No. 7021_SK01_1 is attached which details the proposal.

We are expecting to start the project this financial year and it is intended to advise the adjacent residents in the near future, some directly affected residents have been involved in ongoing consultation throughout the design process.

If you require further information regarding this project, please contact me.

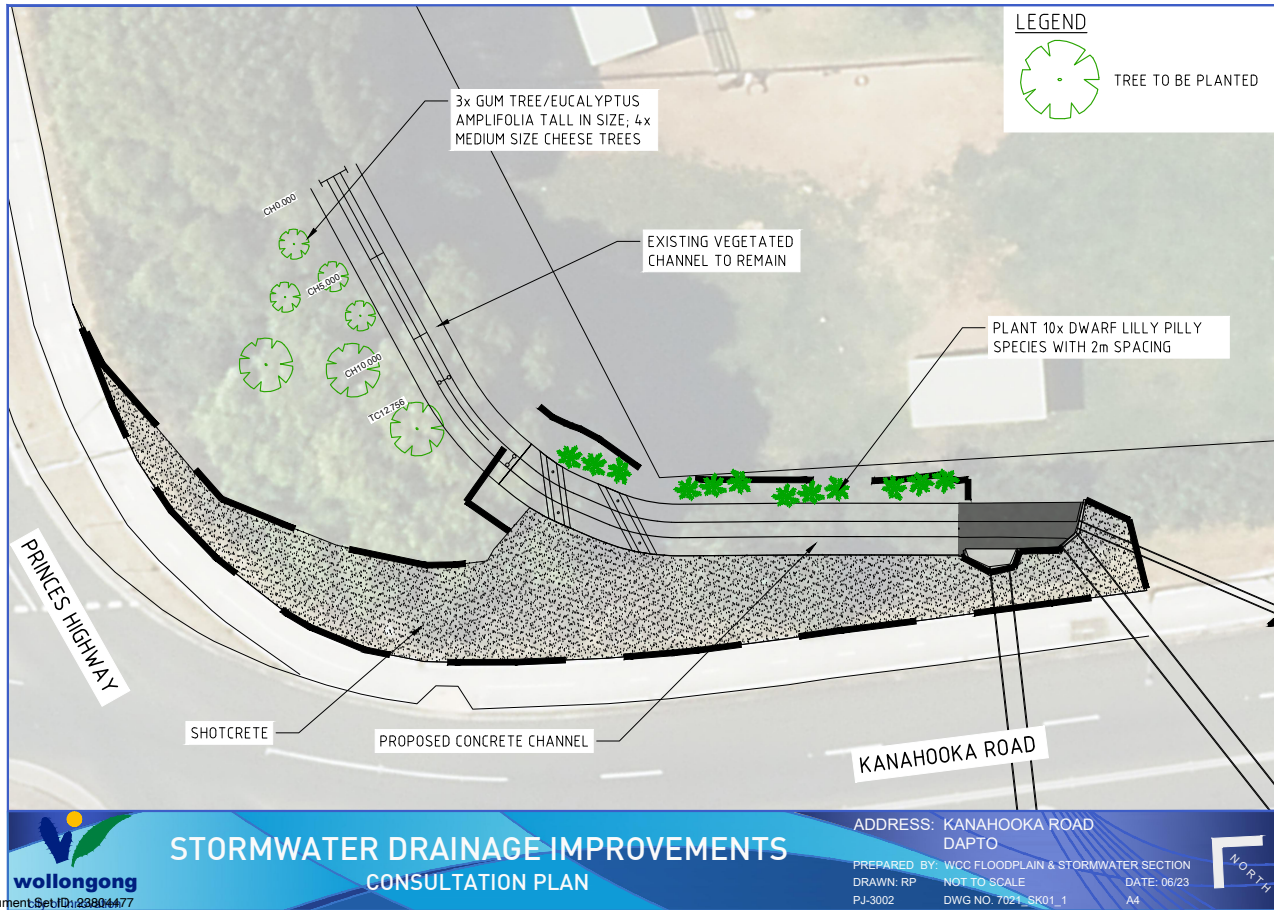
Sincerely yours

	<p>Jeremy Morgan Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning Phone +61242277007 Email jmorgan@wollongong.nsw.gov.au wollongong.nsw.gov.au</p>
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Consultation Plan Follows

Consultation Plan - Stormwater & Drainage Improvements

Kanahooka Road, Brownsville



2. From: Cr Ann Martin <cr.amartin@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 3:38 PM
To: Admin <Admin@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Linda Campbell <cr.lcampbell@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Dom Figliomeni <cr.DFigliomeni@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>; Cr Elisha Aitken <cr.eaitken@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>; Ian FITZGIBBON <ian.fitzgibbon@outlook.com>
Subject: Fwd: Matters arising from Neighbourhood forum no 8

Can the forum have information please on the Following and can these requests be logged as a Councillors' request?

1. Will council or the developer be responsible for repairing the damage to West Dapto road arising from the works on the Corner of Darkes road and West Dapto Road- and who will undertake kerb and guttering, or similar along both roads when the infrastructure works are completed?
2. Can the line markings on West Dapto road be completed?
3. Can information be provided as to when the next section of road works will be commenced from the funding received for West Dapto Road, and can the Forum and public be provided with a proposed schedule of works for roads and upcoming works, including for Wongawilli Hall, the corner of Shone Avenue, Wongawilli Road and West Dapto Road, and other upgrades to roads and traffic management in and around West Dapto?
4. Can the speed limit on Darkes Road and West Dapto Road be reduced from 80kms to 60 km/h? ? There are now many more vehicles using these roads and the speed limits need to be reviewed even more.
5. Can we confirm that the developer has to maintain and repair roads damaged due to subdivision construction?
6. The roundabout on Bong Bong road- Lucas drive on the highway has a very large pothole- can this be repaired?
7. Will council pay to cover and or reimburse the fee for extended zoom meetings for the forum?

Thanks and regards
Cr Martin

3. From: Jane Caldwell <JCaldwell@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 3:11 PM

To; ian.fitzgibbon@outlook.com

Subject: Wollongong Demographic Data Webinar - .id Profile and Social Atlas Information Session.

Hi NF Convenors

Want to know more about our local community?

Wollongong City Council subscribes to a suite of tools offered by .id Informed Decisions. These tools include Community Profile and Social Atlas, which present complex data from reputable sources (e.g., ABS Census) in a way that is interactive and user friendly. These tools are available for anyone to use, including the community and can be access via Council's website.

These tools have been updated following the final release of the 2021 Census data on 27th April 2023. We've organised an information session so you can learn about the demographic make-up of our community and how you can use these tools to inform your work. Please note this session will only include data for the Wollongong Local Government Area.

Session Details

Date: Monday 7th August 2023

Time: 2:00-3:30PM

Location: Microsoft Teams Webinar – [Register HERE](#)

Presenter: Glenn Capuano - .id Informed Decisions

This session will cover:

- Population highlights for the Wollongong Local Government Area including socio-economic indexes for areas (SEIFA)
- Major shifts and changes from the 2016 Census to the 2021 Census
- Brief introduction to how to use .id Community Profile and Social Atlas.

You can use these tools to:

- Understand the make-up of our community
- Identify concentrations of target populations (e.g., children, elderly, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples etc.)
- Plan the delivery of services and facilities to where they are most needed
- Build a compelling case for funding or advocacy
- Manage assets to meet changing demands
- Present demographic evidence in a visually persuasive way.

If you'd like to attend the information session please [register HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact participate@wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

More information about Community Profile and Social Atlas

[Community Profile](#) provides access to demographic analysis based on results from the Census. The data you can access through this tool includes population, age structure, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, income, qualifications, occupations, employment, unemployment, disability, disadvantage, volunteering, childcare, family structure, household structure, housing tenure, mortgage and rental payments, and the size and type of the dwellings people live in and more!

[Social Atlas](#) provides a series of maps that show how particular population groups, including older people, younger people, disadvantaged, students, public transport users etc. and how they are distributed across our local government area. You can use these tools to gain a better understanding of the suburbs and areas that might have a higher concentration of a particular population group.

Kind regards
Jane

4. From: Andrew Kite- Strategic Project Officer

July 18, 2023

Subject: Draft Wollongong Industrial Lands Review 2023 - Stakeholder Engagement

Hello, As a valued stakeholder, you are invited to comment on the [Draft Wollongong Industrial Lands Review 2023 \(Draft Review\)](#). The Draft Review provides a detailed overview of Wollongong's industrial lands, uses and related controls.

Wollongong has a significant amount of industrial land making it well placed to continue to provide important local services to our growing community whilst also meeting the evolving demands of industrial innovation across a range of emerging sectors.

Demand for industrial land in Wollongong is high, and whilst there is significant supply of zoned industrial land, challenges remain around freeing up undeveloped land to further support economic development outcomes. The Draft Review recommends several actions Council can take to facilitate the best use of our industrial zoned lands.




You can check out the [Draft Wollongong Industrial Lands Review 2023](#), [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and learn more on the project page link above. Join the conversation before **11 September 2023** by:

- Completing the [online feedback form](#)
- Emailing records@wollongong.nsw.gov.au
- Writing to - The General Manager, Wollongong City Council, Locked Bag 8821 WOLLONGONG DC NSW 2500
- Phoning 4227 7111 and ask for Council's Strategic Planning Officers

Thanks for taking the time out of your day to contribute to this important local initiative.

Kind Regards,

	<p>Andrew Kite Strategic Project Officer Phone +61242277111 Email akite@wollongong.nsw.gov.au wollongong.nsw.gov.au</p>
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5. **From:** Cr Ann Martin <cr.amartin@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 6:12 AM
To: Ian FITZGIBBON <ian.fitzgibbon@outlook.com>; Peter Maywald <peter_maywald@yahoo.com.au>
Subject: Fwd: Wollongong City Council - Bike racks along the foreshore of Lake Illawarra - CR0209500

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For the information I of the Neighbourhood Forums.
Regards
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From: Sile Crowe <scrowe@wollongong.nsw.gov.au> on behalf of Jeremy Morgan <jmorgan@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 5:12 pm
To: Cr Ann Martin <cr.amartin@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Wollongong City Council - Bike racks along the foreshore of Lake Illawarra - CR0209500

Dear Councillor Martin

BIKE RACKS ALONG FORESHORE – LAKE ILLAWARRA

Thank you for your email regarding bike rack installation along the foreshore of Lake Illawarra. For your reference this has been recorded under Councillor Request CR0209500.

We are proposing to complete the Lake Illawarra Active Transport Masterplan in the 2023/24 financial year. The masterplan should set a vision of walking and cycling network and connections around the Wollongong area of the lake. Supporting infrastructure such as bicycle parking will be part of the considerations in the masterplan.

Once the masterplan is endorsed by Council, we will need to stage the implementation and fund the works as part of the annual IDP process.

Should you require any further information, please contact me directly.

Sincerely yours



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6. From Warren SOUTHWELL:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Nathan McBriarty** <NMCBRIARTY@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>
Date: Tue, 1 Aug 2023, 11:11 am
Subject: Wollongong City Council - Proposed works to Avondale Road, Dapto - CR0210736
To: masouw@gmail.com <masouw@gmail.com>
Cc: Cr Elisha Aitken <cr.eaitken@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>, Cr Dom Figliomeni <cr.DFigliomeni@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>, Cr Linda Campbell <cr.lcampbell@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>, Cr Ann Martin <cr.amartin@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Dear Mr Southwell

PROPOSED WORKS TO AVONDALE ROAD - NEAR PRINCES HIGHWAY, DAPTO

Thank you for your feedback regarding proposed works to Avondale Road, which was forwarded to Council on your behalf by Councillor Ann Martin and is recorded under Councillor Request CR0210736.

Council had planned to reconstruct the section Avondale Road between Princes Hwy and the rail crossing in the 2022/23 financial year; however, it was deferred into 2023/24 due to the impacts of inflation on project costs across the Infrastructure Delivery Program.

Due to the delay, Council has completed some urgent asphalt works using funding from the NSW Government Regional and Local Roads Repair Program to address some areas that had been potholing. These are the works that have been recently completed. Repairs to the full section of road between Princes Hwy and the rail crossing are still scheduled for this financial year.

Should you require any further information, please contact Martin Parmenter, Asset Strategy Manager care of our Customer Service Centre on 4227 7111.

Sincerely yours

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