
1. Welcome & Acknowledgment of Country

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which this meeting takes place, and the Elders past and present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

2. Attendance

List of Attendees

Peter Maywald (Convenor), Kaye Adams (Secretary), Steven Adams, Ron Arnts, Tracy Baron, John Bridge , Rick Cheers, Buster Jameson, Dorothy Lucas, Cr Ann Martin, Kim Maywald, Dave Nicolson, Christine Okoniowski, Charlie Owen, Mark Peterlin, Annie Marlow, , Cr Deidre Stuart, Virginia Whalan

Apologies

Julie Marlow, Rosemary Frezza, Marie Davidson, Rita Glossop, Cr Linda Campbell

3. Approval of Minutes

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Minutes from the September meeting were approved by Steven Adams and seconded by Mark Peterlin

4. Monthly Reports from Councillors

Councillors Martin & Stuart

- Cr Martin advised that the Draft Dogs on Beaches & Parks Policy was approved to go on exhibition at WCC Council Meeting 27/10/25. This was further discussed (refer 5.5)
- WCC is looking to encourage a cinema in the CBD
- New skate parks are proposed for Wollongong & Thirroul
- Hill 60 Plan of Management was adopted
- Cr Campbell has been re-elected as Deputy Lord Mayor
- Cr Stuart put forward a motion regarding concerns with the NSW Planning Reforms bill. Her motion was unsuccessful.
 - *Action Kaye Adams to forward details of motion & amendments - Actioned*

5. General Business

5.1 Updates

- Correspondence – No Correspondence to Report
- Action Items – All items actioned

5.2 NF7 Upcoming AGM

- The AGM will be held on November 25 where all positions will be declared vacant.

5. General Business (cont)

5.3 IDP Submission

- NF7 has submitted their requests for consideration in the IDP process. Ward 3 Councillors were asked for a review of our submission. Cr Martin advised that she had a brief look at the list and it would probably be reviewed sometime in November

5.4 Cat Containment

- A bill is being introduced into NSW Parliament. The Companion Animals Amendment (Control of Cats) Bill 2025 will give Councils more power to regulate Cat Containment. Concern was expressed that Wollongong City Council as one of the largest Council's in the state did not put in a submission into the Inquiry into Management of cat populations in New South Wales.
 - *Action – Kaye Adams to forward details of the report & proposed Bill.*

5.5 Dogs on Beaches

- The draft Dogs on Beaches & Parks Policy was approved at the WCC Council meeting on 27/10/25 to go on exhibition. NF7 is mainly concerned about the number of "Dog Beaches" in Port Kembla and has previously requested Fisherman's Beach be designated as a no dog beach. The current draft policy only proposes a slight change to the on-leash dog hours for Fisherman's Beach.
- There were concerns about NF7 lacking support from Ward 3 Councillors. Cr Martin stated she would align with the view of the majority of submissions but would not support major changes, and recommended NF7 and the community to provide feedback on the draft policy.
 - *Action- Peter Maywald to supply feedback when Draft Policy goes on Exhibition*
 - *Action – Kaye Adams to distribute information to forum when it becomes available*
 - *Action – NF7 Members are encouraged to supply feedback & encourage others to do the same.*

6. Other Business

- 6.1 It was agreed by the forum to distribute details of the Warrawong Forum Christmas Appeal
 - *Action – Kaye Adams to forward details and to put on Community Facebook pages.*
- 6.2 A new member expressed concern regarding the noise and environmental impact of proposed jet ski business. It was expressed that the details of the approval are available on the WCC website. The final approval for the business lies with the Maritime Transport for NSW. In relation to her current noise complaints of jet skis on the lake she should contact Maritime Transport for NSW on 13 1236.
- 6.3 Kully Bay Toilets – a comment was made regarding how filthy the toilets were during market day. It was recommended that the complainant contact Terry Gallagher (the organiser of the market) to have it rectified.

It was also noted that nothing had been done by the NSW Govt to open the toilets during the week

 - *Action- Peter Maywald to follow up NSW Govt*

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm -AGM Tuesday November 25 2025-Illawarra Yacht Club