

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), Steve Adams, Tracy Baron, Ronda Jones, Dorothy Lucas, Annie Marlow, Kim Maywald, David Nicholson, Christine Okoniowski, Mark Peterlin, , Cerese Whitmore, Jess Whittaker, Greg Rodgers.

Apologies

Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbury, Cr Linda Campbell, Cr Elisha Aitken, Cr Ann Martin, Cr Dom Figliomeni, Paul Scully MP, Lucy Andrade, Rick Cheers, Julie Marlow, Annette Woods

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. Monthly Reports

No Councilors Present to Report

5. Updates/Reporting

The following updates were received from Peter Maywald and the Forum agreed on the relevant actions

5.1 Updates & Outstanding Matters

- **25-27 Grand View Parade-** Community planting held on Saturday 22 July was well supported. WCC Natural Areas team will undertake further planting at the location.
 - *The forum noted the support received by both the community and WCC staff*
 - *No further action required*

- **Traffic Committee Members**

WCC has advised: -

- 1 Local Traffic Committees have no decision-making powers, they are a technical review committee that operates under a delegation from Transport for NSW (TfNSW), and are primarily to consider traffic control facilities and prescribed traffic control devices on roads under Council's control. There are a number of limitations on matters that can be considered by Local Traffic Committees, and they are not delegated to consider matters on State Roads under the control of TfNSW or traffic signals. Speed limits

across all roads in NSW are administered by TfNSW's Centre for Road Safety. Local Traffic Committees have no delegation to consider speed limits.

- 2 Whilst the Traffic Committee has no powers to regulate driver behaviour, a standing agenda item called Dob in a Hoon has been included. This is a mechanism for Council to refer matters of reported antisocial driver behaviour issues to the NSW Police representatives on the Traffic Committee. The Traffic Committee has no authority to action these matters, it is purely a referral process.
- 3 The Charter for the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee is available on Council's website via: <https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/your-council/committees-and-groups/traffic-committee>
- 4 The Chair is identified in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee, which are published on Council's website.
 - *Action - Peter Maywald to investigate further contact person with Transport for NSW(actioned)*

- **Port Kembla Beach Parking -**
NF7 submission lodged and circulated to Forum.
 - *Action - Circulate photo from Lost Wollongong Beach Parking (interest factor)*
 - *No further action required*

- **RV Waste Dump Sites**
The lack of RV Waste Dump Sites was discussed again and that with the increasing number of motorhomes and free camping options there seemed to be a lack of sites throughout our LGA.
 - *Action - Peter Maywald to write to WCC requesting information of RV Waste Dump Sites (actioned)*

- **Manildra Truck Movements**
Correspondence and information provided by NF5. Approval requires Manildra trucks to use Route 1. *It was noted that NF5 has an emphasis on rail transportation and it was further pointed out that Manildra does not have the infrastructure at Bomaderry to cater for rail transportation.*
 - *Action - Peter Maywald to continue to work with NF5*

- **Windang Road**
Council officers have referred concerns to Transport for NSW (TfNSW Case Reference 01846310), and will list Windang Road in the Dob in a Hoon for a Traffic Committee agenda. Where TfNSW are the responsible agency, we generally encourage community members to report matters directly to them as it is much more efficient.
It was reconfirmed that the more times issues are report the higher up the list of action it goes. We have been encouraged previously by Inspector Dark to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800333000. Greg Rodgers from the Port Kembla Business Chamber noted that they have been ringing Police Assistance Line – 131 444 for PK related issues.
 - *Action - Peter Maywald to formally ask for "Dob in a Hoon" procedures from TfNSW (actioned)*

- **King Street Kelly Bay Precinct (Paul Scully letter 30/6/23)**
Free camping at site is being monitored by Property NSW. Paul Scully driving development of Master Plan and will provide updates as developments occur.
The Forum noted that whilst it was good news that Paul Scully MP was a driving force for the Master Plan, the forum was disappointed with his reply that the "Free Camping" continued to be monitored. This does not indicate what is actually be done to supply amenities.
 - *Peter Maywald to follow up with Paul Scully MP (actioned)*

- **Berkeley Boat Harbour Potholes (Paul Scully letter 30/6/23)**
Potholes have been marked for repair. Timeline for work not clear.
 - *Action - Leave on for further mention*

- **Dix's Jetty Bike Rack**
Ann Martin lodged Councillor Request on 1 July 2023.
 - *Action- Request Cr Martin to follow up.*

Dix's Jetty Bike Rack (cont.) Update 27/7/2023 Correspondence received from WCC (attached) advising the Bike Rack will be considered in Lake Illawarra Active Transport Masterplan. Cr Martin has requested that as it is a small request that it be actioned for the jetty & surrounds to be properly utilised

- **Wood Fired Heaters**

Request for further consideration of issues raised by Forum sent to WCC on 29 June 2023. WCC has advised the issues are being investigated.

- *Action – Wait for WCC response*

- **Responsible Cat Ownership**

WCC has advised: -

1 Staff have recently approached the NSW Office of Local Government, requesting that the powers of authorised officers be expanded in the next review of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*. Specifically, we proposed amendments to Section 31 of the Act, which would allow authorised officers to declare a cat a nuisance if it habitually roams onto someone else's property.

2 Additionally, staff have been actively engaged in educating cat owners about the importance of keeping their cats safe at home. We have started incorporating educational messages, about the importance of keeping cats safe at home, in Council's social media posts, which began this week, and we plan to include them in the August edition of the Community Newsletter. Furthermore, we continue to distribute educational brochures on this subject to all cat owners in our Local Government Area who identify or lifetime register their cats.

3 Staff are also working towards introducing the regulation of Annual Permits under the Act, for cats that are 4 months or older and are not desexed. We anticipate implementing this measure within 2023.

4 Staff have also reviewed the current procedures for managing nuisance cats and have incorporated the use of Orders under the *Local Government Act 1993* to address cat containment issues.

The Forum agreed that the issue is “Damage that Domestic Cats do to Native Wildlife” and that all submissions should relate to that. The Forum expressed their concern regarding the poor response from WCC regarding future action and that the action proposed was all part of existing legislation. There are many Councils working to try and push the State Govt to change legislation. David Nicolson asked that we get WCC motivated by getting the other Neighbourhood Forums involved. After some positive discussion it was agreed that the forum to start moving on this ourselves.

- *Action - Peter Maywald & David Nicolson to gather information and contact other Councils who are working to change legislation and progress with action from here.*
- *Action - Peter Maywald to determine how other Forums stand on this issue.*
- *WCC will be copied into major correspondence.*

- **Lake Illawarra Entrance (Paul Scully letter 30/6/23)**

Onsite inspection by Minister Steve Kamper has occurred. WCC and SCC are working with Crown Lands on a Lake Illawarra Entrance Management Options and Study Plan. UNSW Water Research Laboratory undertaking tidal and erosion pattern study with findings expected in August 2023.

- ❖ *Action - Leave on for review at a later date.*

- **Fishing From Windang Bridge**

No response from Minister Tara Moriarty to request dated 7 April 2023 at this point in time.

- *Action – Wait for response*

5.2 WCC Reports for Review

- Draft Wollongong Industrial Lands Review 2023 – *Comments close 11/9/2023*
- Hill 60 Reserve Port Kembla Stage 1 Works – *Comments close 11/8/2023*

5.3 Correspondence Update

- All correspondence received has been circulated

6. New Business

6.1 Proposed Housing Development Warrawong

- The Forum discussed the limited amount of information available regarding this project and the lack of infrastructure in the area. There is a huge lack of services in the area to cater for an increase of over 1000 homes. The forum agreed that we needed to get more information on the proposal.
 - *Action – Peter Maywald to request Paul Scully MP to attend a Neighbourhood Forum Meeting in the near future. (Actioned – Paul Scully MP invited to attend meeting September 26 2023)*

6.2 Public Toilets Wentworth Street Port Kembla

- Greg Rodgers from the Port Kembla Business Chamber discussed how there were no accessible public toilets in Wentworth Street and were leaving it to businesses to cope with the problem. A proposal was put through the Port Kembla Community Fund and was evidently knocked back as it was not a priority. Also the Chamber was advised that there was a continued maintenance issue. It is understood that a self-cleaning public toilet cost is approx. \$450-500K
 - *Action – Peter Maywald to review how we can move this forward.*

No Other Business – Meeting Closed 7.20pm

Next Meeting

6pm -**Tuesday August 29**-Illawarra Yacht Club