Councillor Figliomeni has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that Council consider approval of the following actions -

1. The Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for Hill 60 is finalised and actions for its implementation are agreed with Ward 3 Councillors no later than 28 February 2020.

2. Future Council funding requests under the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund (PKCIF) are directed towards –
   a. Completion of the Ngaraba-aan Cultural Trail including construction of a board walk where appropriate.
   b. Restoration of the Hill 60 WWII tunnels in readiness for the UCI World Cycling Championships.

3. An investigation is initiated and a report provided to Council for consideration by 30 June 2020 on the possible opportunities to establish externally-funded commercial hospitality and tourist facilities at Hill 60.

4. Council contribute funding towards the above in accordance with the Capital Works program.

5. That the Aboriginal Heritage Assessment Report currently underway is progressed in conjunction with the Aboriginal Community as a matter of urgency.

6. That Council approach the Office of Heritage and Environment seeking urgent approval for the total implementation of the Hill 60 Master Plan Projects including item 2 above.”

Background provided by Councillor Figliomeni:

The first CMP recognising the historic significance and importance of Hill 60 was completed approximately 20 years ago. Since then, little has been done on the site and due to the flux of time the 2000 CMP has been rendered obsolete with a new plan now in progress.

This motion seeks to develop a strategic direction for the site and to create a community asset that will generate long term benefits for Port Kembla and the Wollongong LGA.

Hill 60 is visited by the community, including tourists and wedding photography, on a regular basis, even in its currently dilapidated state.

As noted, to date little if any progress has been made on restoration of the tunnels or provision of facilities and the time is right to use funds available via the PKCIF to commence work on how the site can be developed to be an economic driver and enabler for Port Kembla including the Aboriginal Community.