

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8 - NF8
AGENDA
7.00PM WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE 2024

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country – Ron Cooper

We acknowledge the First Peoples who have been traditional Custodians of the lands where we work and live, the Dharawal people of the Wadi Wadi Nation. We celebrate the the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Islander people who have cared for these lands.

2. APOLOGIES: Liz Webster;

3. ATTENDING: Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Cr. Linda Campbell, Cr. Ann Martin, Robert Cummins, Ron Cooper, Heather Boardman, Dennis Couley, Steven O’Neill, Ian Fitzgibbon, Gavin Smith, Peter Small. Kathy Small, Stephen McGartland, Ron Bryant, Martin Whatman, Warren Southwell.

3. MINUTES: - From 10th April 2024

Moved by: Kathy Small, Dennis

Seconded by: Dennis Couley

8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS: Dom Figliomeni, Linda Campbell & Ann Martin

*Infrastructure & arts precinct proposals are out for consultation.

* Progress is underway on new skatepark at Port Kembla, to be integrated on site with current tennis courts.

* Regarding the use of site on King Street for camping/ mobile homes etc- this is a State Government area and not under control of local council.

* Progress is being made towards the Community Centres & Libraries at Warrawong & Corrimal- 2 major infrastructure projects

* Dapto Pool - there is ongoing work to resolve the heat pump issues at Dapto Pool.

8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS (continued)

- * Tree Lights have now been installed and turned on in Dapto Square
- * Wollongong LGA was declared a Disaster Area due to recent rain events. The full cost of the damage has not yet been calculated . No funding has yet been received to contribute to repairs.
- * State Government has adopted a Transport Oriented Development Program (TOD) “ by building more housing near metro and rail stations , we can enable more people to live close to transport, jobs, services, night life & amenities” (see further info at planning.nsw.gov.au). Dapto is included in this program.
- * State Government is also working on a Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy.
- * Work contains to progress on the proposed Warrawong Housing Development.

9. Report from Robert Cummins, Office of Anna Watson (Senior Electorate Officer / Policy Advisor)

- * State Budget will be released on Tuesday 18th June.
- * A substantial grant has been awarded for the major upgrade of Lakelands Oval which will become the home ground of the Illawarra Stingrays
- * Last years budget included funding for upgrade of the police training centre (previous Dapto TAFE)
- * Further progress is underway towards the development of the Darkes Town Centre - this site also includes a school site for West Dapto Primary School

6. CONVENORS REPORT

1. Nathan McBriarty - Ron acknowledges appreciation for the helpful updates on development of various projects in West Dapto

2. Creative Wollongong - Cultural Planning Document. Jen Lysle-van Dyk has advised of coming Expressions of Interest for the Culture Mix 2024 Project (see Council website) applications close Monday 8.7.2024
3. Parking on Princes Hwy - near Mount Brown. Following concerns expressed NF8 has requested parking signage be reviewed and made clearer.
4. Bus Stop - Dapto - ongoing correspondence has been sent & received as NF8 , support by councillors seeks to have a bus shelter built in the centre of Dapto (new Aldi on the Princes Highway.
5. Dolan Building - concern has been raised regarding the disrepair, vermin and squatter in the vacant Dolan Building , intersection Bong Rd & Princes Hwy. This has been followed up by council with direction to developers to board up currently ope doors to maintain safety.
6. Teams- continuing to pursue this online access to NF8 meetings

CORRESPONDENCE:

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Out: Minutes Emailed 8.5.2024

In: (included at the end of this Agenda)

1. **9.5.2024 New Skatepark Engagement Update - Sophie McCrae**
2. **15.5.2024 WCC Draft Integrated Transport Strategy - Emma Bedwin.** Ron Cooper attended the drop in meeting Thirroul and submitted several recommendations
3. **23.5.2024 Update from Nathan McBriarty** - additional to the extensive update included in these minutes Nathan has also noted the complexity of renovations required for Wongawilli Hall
4. **28.5.2024 Sile Crow & Ron Cooper Letter of Support for WCC Funding-**
Appreciation expressed for the engagement re this funding application
Application for State Government Voluntary Planning Agreement Funding Program to deliver Stage 2 of the Darkes District Sporting & Community Hub.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) **Extensive work is being undertaken to maintain drainage along West Dapto Road.**
- b) **Minutes of May NF8 meeting will be forwarded to people who have not previously attended NF8 meetings**
- c) **Stephen McGartland brought to our attention the current work underway to install shade sails at Dimond Brothers Skatepark (Bong Bong Road). NF8 had requested this sun safe project previously and wish to express appreciation for this project.**

MEETING CLOSE: 8.10pm pm

**NEXT MEETING
DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8
7.00PM WEDNESDAY 10th July 2024**

Please see attached correspondence

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NF8 CORRESPONDENCE IN

1. 9.5.2024 New Skatepark Engagement Update - Sophie McCrae

NF8 Correspondence 9.5.2024 Sophie McCrae

Subject: Engagement Update - Designing new skateparks in Wollongong City Centre and Thirroul

Hi everyone,

Back in March I contacted you regarding our new projects related to skateparks. We had an extremely successful launch of the conversation “Let’s Talk Skateparks”, with over 1.4k people viewing the engagement page. We had 430 people engaging directly with Council to tell us about themselves, how they skate and what they want us to consider when delivering our new skateparks.

Now we have moved into the next stage of designing our new skateparks in Wollongong City Centre and Thirroul. We have teamed up with CONVIC, a renowned skatepark designer to help us bring our community’s skatepark vision to life. We have created a ‘Pre-design Survey’ for each of the parks, where the community can provide more detailed input into what they want to see in our new skate spaces.

We are still working through locations for both Wollongong City Centre and Thirroul. Hosting these surveys for each location will give us more of an idea of what the community wants and will help support us in choosing the most appropriate site.

You can find the media release we have issued here - We need your help to design two new skateparks | City of Wollongong ([nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au))

You can find links to the surveys below:

Wollongong City Centre Skate Park | Our Wollongong ([nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au))

Thirroul Skate Park | Our Wollongong ([nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au))

Feedback for these surveys close Friday 24 May 2024.

Warm regards,
Sophie

NF8 CORRESPONDENCE IN

2. 15.5.2024 WCC Draft Integrated Transport Strategy - Emma Bedwin

From: **Emma Bedwin** <ebedwin@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Date: Wed, May 15, 2024 at 5:51 PM

Subject: Reminder: Community Drop-In Sessions on draft Integrated Transport Strategy tomorrow in Wollongong and next Thursday in Thirrou

Re: inviting feedback on **Council's draft Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy**

Just sending out a quick reminder that the draft Integrated Transport Strategy is currently on public exhibition and we are seeking community feedback. To access the draft strategy please visit our website at our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/draft-wollongong-integrated-transport-strategy.

As part of our engagement, we are running Community Drop-In sessions and invite you to attend, any time between **3 - 6pm** at the following locations:

- Wollongong on **Thursday 16 May 2024** - Wollongong Library Theatre, Ground Floor, 41 Burelli St, Wollongong
- Thirroul on **Thursday 23 May 2024** - Escarpment Room, Thirroul Community Centre, 352/358 Lawrence Hargrave Dr, Thirroul

The draft Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy (draft strategy) will lead transport planning and investment across the Wollongong Local Government Area over the next 10 years. The draft strategy outlines Council's vision, guiding principles, and goals to improve the way we move around our city into the future and the actions we'll take to achieve them. Until now, we've considered transport planning and delivery in a site-specific or transport-specific way through documents like the Cycling Strategy 2030, the Wollongong Pedestrian Plan and various Town Centre Masterplans. The draft strategy takes a more overarching view of the city and lays out what steps we, Transport for NSW, and our community can take to ensure sustainable, accessible, and affordable transport options are available for our growing and diverse community.

The public exhibition closes on **Monday 27 May 2024** so please come along to a Drop-in Session, or fill in a survey online or in person at any of our local libraries,

Many thanks, Emma

NF8 CORRESPONDENCE IN

3. 23.5.2024 Update from Nathan McBriarty

NF8 Correspondence In Nathan McBriarty 23.5.24

Below is an update on projects in the NF8 area. The end of financial year update will look like my previous email.

Then each quarter we will add a column to each committed project.

I'm also attaching some information about the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2024-25 which is currently on exhibition.

Cleveland Rd Upgrade

Further design work is continuing around the Fowlers/Cleveland intersection.

Bong Bong Rd -Station St traffic lights

Rail signal interface design is ongoing.

Bong Bong Rd/Shone Ave Intersection Concept Design

Scope is finalised and issued to Council's design team. Work to commence shortly.

Shone Ave Shared Path missing link

Tenders have closed. Tenders are going to the Council meeting in May. Construction is expected to start in June and be completed by Sept/Oct.

Darkes Town Centre Sporting Facilities

Scope of works for design tender is continuing.

Marshall Mount Road and Connecting Roads Upgrade

80% design submission is expected shortly from the consultant. Council review period to then commence.

Bus Shelters - West Dapto

A standard drawing is being prepared to have developers install to our standard. Next project is to advocate for a service plan from Transport for NSW so we can locate them in the right locations.

Concept Design- Sheaffes Road to Existing Northcliffe Drive

Consultant is currently working on 95% concept design submission.

West Dapto Rd - Stage 1A

All service authority approvals have been sought. Tender preparation expected to commence soon.

West Dapto Rd - Stage 1B

Remaining electrical works scheduled to be completed later in the year.

West Dapto Rd – Yard St to Shone Ave (Stages 2-5)

Some service approvals received. Working to finalise design before tender.

West Dapto Rd/Sheaffes Rd/Darkes Rd Upgrade

Concept design complete.

West Dapto Rd/Wongawilli Rd/bridge upgrade

Construction complete.

Regards

Nathan



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4. 28.5.2024 Sile Crow & Ron Cooper Letter of Support for WCC Funding Applicat'n.

NF8 Correspondence In

NF8 Correspondence

From: Sile Crowe

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 2:04 PM

To: Ron Cooper <rondcooper1275@gmail.com>

Subject: Letter of Support


Good afternoon Ron

Thank you for your time today. As discussed, please could you provide a letter of support for Wollongong City Council's funding application and send to me – attached is a draft.

The application closes tomorrow.

Additionally, Nathan suggested I book in a time also with you prior to your next NF 8 meeting – would the morning of Friday 7 June be suitable?

Kind regards

	<p>Sile Crowe Personal Assistant to Manager Infrastructure Strategy + Planning</p> <p>Phone +61242278686</p> <p>Email scrowe@wollongong.nsw.gov.au wollongong.nsw.gov.au</p>
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Dear State VPA Program Manager,

Neighbourhood Forum 8 strongly supports Wollongong City Council's decision to apply to the State Government's State Voluntary Planning Agreement Funding Program to deliver Stage 2 of the Darkes District Sporting and Community Hub.

This project is strongly aligned to the program objective of "*assist with demands created by new development for new public infrastructure, amenities and services*".

The Darkes Sporting and Community Hub Precinct will provide vital social and recreation infrastructure to the rapidly expanding West Dapto Urban Release Area (WDURA). The WDURA is the largest greenfield urban release precinct in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Region and will be home to approximately 50,000 residents across 19,500 new dwellings.

The need for this project was first identified in 2007 through the Social, Cultural and Recreation Needs Study for the West Dapto New Release Area. Currently there are no sporting facilities in this area and the only community facility is at Wongawilli which is small and aged and will not be adequate to service the planned growth in the West Dapto community. This area is growing rapidly with new homes, a large percentage of are young families with children. The Darkes District Sporting and Community Hub will allow children to access sporting facilities without the need to travel long distances, helping to reduce the load on existing road infrastructure.

We wish Council every success with their submission and hope that funding is secured for this much needed project.

Yours sincerely

Ron Cooper

Convenor, Neighbourhood Forum