

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

Kaye Adams (Acting Chair), Jess Whittaker (Minutes), Steven Adams, Lucy Andrade, Mark Baron, Tracy Baron, Rick Cheers, Cr Dom Figleomeni, Buster Jameson, Ronda Jones, Dorothy Lucas, Franco Marinelli, Annie Marlow, Cr Ann Martin, LM Gordon Bradbury, David Nicholson, Christine Okoniowski, Franklin Okoniowski, Mark Peterlin, Nigel Rosser, Tracy Rosser, Cerese Whitmore, Greg Rodgers,.

Apologies

Julie Marlow, Kim Maywald, Peter Maywald

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Steve Adams & Seconded by Christine Okoniowski

4. Monthly Reports

Cr Figliomeni

Report from Council meeting 28/8/2023

- West Dapto review of social infrastructure, received a lot of feedback from the community on provision of schools, on ramps to the M1 etc.
- Vertebrate Pest Management Policy (Deer) was voted to be removed from council as it is primarily the responsibility of Local Land Services (State Gov). Some angst from the community that the 2010 policy should remain but it is effectively controlled by another agency. WCC will continue to invest \$100,000 annually toward the effort to control vertebrate pests.

Update the Lord Mayor has advised council will allocate \$145k to vertebrate pest management

Deer are predominantly in the escarpment and on private land, not council controlled land. Foxes are also a problem and if feral pigs ever arrive here they can cause a lot of damage as they are in Western NSW. Feral pigs can increase in population 85% in one season if right conditions (large litters).

- Bellambi Boat Ramp Upgrade
- Tender for mattress recycling approved
- License for operator to collect fees at Corrimal Pool

Cr Figliomeni Report (cont)

- Cr Cath Blakey had a Notice of Motion “ Right to Repair”
Spare parts and accessibility/cost are issues and there are technology difficult due to fire risk batteries etc.
Council voted unanimously to write to state and fed ministers to push for the right to repair.
Tinkerage at Shellharbour offers assistance to residents to repair items like furniture and bicycles to keep these items out of landfill.
- Presentation on fraud and corruption, declaration of conflicts of interest and perception of conflicts.
- Climate change mitigation briefing to make sure WCC is fulfilling its responsibilities and commitments.
- Quarterly review - How can we make this document more accessible to the community as it shows all the projects Wollongong council is involved in.
- Wollongong City movement and place study - how do we increase active transport movement by setting the right links and minimizing conflict. Smith St cycleway mentioned as not used.
 - *Update Jess Whittaker has supplied usage data from WCC of Smith St Cycleway demonstrating its usage (Reference 1)*
- Screen Illawarra - Setting up more facilities in the Illawarra for the film industry for example the Port/industrial lands.
- Trial of road AI - Attaching artificial intelligence to council vehicles to monitor pot holes and road condition to provide real time data to council.
- Cr Figliomeni urged residents to contact councillors if they do not get an appropriate response on no response from council staff on requests.
- Council business papers (including WCC Meeting Minutes) can be viewed [here](#).
- Buster raised maintenance issues in Berkeley relating to street sweeper missing areas due to the shape of the gutter, staff may need to manually clear gutters in these areas, drains blocked with sediment. Nolan st to Hooka Point, no specific location given.

5. General Business

5.1 Public Toilets Port Kembla

- **Wentworth Street** There is no public toilet available on Wentworth Street which has become an issue for businesses.
 - **Action** *Peter Maywald to write to WCC to include an accessible public toilet for main precinct of Port Kembla.*
- **Port Kembla Beach Promenade** There is also community concern the public toilet at Port Kembla Beach Promenade remains locked outside of lifeguard season when the beach has been quite busy. Parents with small children, older people and people with bladder issues struggle to get from the beach to the surf club on the hill to use the toilet. There is also no way of finding a toilet if they do not know the area.
Cr Figliomeni - upgrading the toilets at the Macedonian centre on Allen St is an option. Budget discussions will commence in November, Councillors will make the delivery of a public toilet or upgrade of existing facilities for Wentworth Street CBD a priority for 2024/25
 - **Action** *Kaye Adams to send email to Dom to raise a request. - Actioned**Update – Unfortunately it appears that due to the timing of the request the PK Beach Promenade Toilets will be shut until the Pool Opens or the Life Savers return at the end of September 2023*
 - **Action** *Peter Maywald to include in NF7 Budget Request to open Port Kembla Beach promenade toilets over winter months*

5.2 Wood Fire Heaters Smoke Impacts and Correct Operation

- Reply from WCC was eventually received this month to request from NHF7 re community concern about air pollution from woodfired heaters (WFH). Positive response however no commitment for action.
- Lucy Andrade - Disappointing the wording of this letter was non committal with no indication they are going to act. Suggested it could be considered in the climate mitigation plan of changed to the DCP for example. Council could also encourage electrification of heating. Lucy also pointed out that Investigation of complaints is very poor, no assessment done at night, Council can and should do more to discourage new installation of use of WFHs. For example - council website could discourage WFHs as a sustainability initiative.
- Recent studies have shown WFH's to be not environmentally friendly at all. New installs are required to be registered and to standard however there is no compliance with this at all. There is also no data re how many woodfired heaters are in the community. Legislation should be pushing for a phase out, instead more new WFH's are being installed. Canberra has a new phase out policy however it is not quick enough (22 years).
- Cr Figliomeni - State gov needs to lead, DCP doesn't need to be frequently updated. Cr Martin advised that it was a very big job to update the DCP, unlikely as not a priority for WCC.
 - **Action:** Peter Maywald to write WCC for a commitment on a timeline for action

6. Updates/Reporting

The following updates were received from Kaye Adams and the Forum agreed on the relevant actions

6.1 Updates & Outstanding Matters

25-27 Grand View Parade

Waiting on plants.

- **Action** Kaye Adams to follow up with WCC

- **Warrawong Plaza Developement**

Paul Scully has been invited to NHF7 to give an update, no reply for 1 month.

Cr Martin explained some of the process. This development is part of a program across NSW. We asked to sign confidentiality agreement not to tell Crs as the plan will bypass council approvals, refused to sign.

There will be consultation around the rezone, it will then go through the DA process. Cr's have no involvement in DAs.

The Lord Mayor elaborated that it would be fast tracked to bypass council, rezoning will be done by Dept of Planning, 30% social and affordable housing target. He was concerned that the flood prone land is an issue and limited public transport.

- **Action:** Kaye Adams to follow up Paul Scully to attend Sept 29 meeting – Update the Office of Paul Scully MP has contacted NF7 and advised that the invitation has been forwarded to his Ministerial Office as this discussion falls in line with his role as Minister.
- Buster Jameson - would like a representative from Warrawong Plaza to attend NHF7 to discuss short term plans
 - **Action:** Kaye Adams to discuss with Peter Maywald inviting Warrawong Plaza Management to a meeting in the future
- **Traffic Committee** - still trying to find out who the members are. Waiting for advice from Paul Scully
- **RV Waste Dump Sites** – Request for information about sites sent from NHF7 to WCC, no reply. Cr Martin has a NOM planned for next council meeting requesting dump sites

- **King St Free Camping Facilities** – Still waiting reply from Paul Scully
Cr Martin noted in discussing Waste Dump Sites that Portaloos also needed at King St.
 - **Action** - NHF7 to follow up with Paul Scully on September 26
- **Fishing on Windang Bridge**
Still occurring, hazard to pedestrians. Someone was recently hooked on the neck.
 - **Action:** Peter Maywald to send a letter following up and request a permanent high fence in the section of the Channel to be installed the same height as the temporary fencing (send photos)
- **Dix's Jetty Bike Rack**
No action yet on the provision of a bike rack at Dix's Jetty. Kaye Adams & David Nicolson pointed out that there are lots of bikes being parked on grass.
 - **Action** - Cr Martin to follow up
 - **Action** – NF7 Members to forward photos of many bikes in the reserve
- **Responsible Cat Ownership**
David Nicholson expressed that he was not satisfied with lack of action from WCC and cited the Office of Local Govt Policy – Circular to Councils (reference 2)
<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/21-05.pdf>
The Lord Mayor advised that Council doesn't have the resources to prioritise cats.
Cr Figliomeni - NSW Companions animals act needs to be changed to put more responsibility on owners. Pound contract is coming to an end, will need to be renewed, issue is what to do with caught cats.
Discussion about RSPCA is not accepting cats and currently asking people to hold onto the cat for 10 days and distribute posters. Cr Figliomini advised that WCC is currently reviewing arrangements for taking in stray cats.
 - **Action** NF7 to continue to get support from other forums and Councils
- **Pot Holes Berkeley**
Christine Okoniowski - Berkeley boat ramp pot holes still exist. Sailing club has marked them with spray paint.
 - **Action:** Peter Maywald/ Kaye Adams to follow up.
- **Manildra Truck Movements**
Information has been received detailing the planned route for Manildra Truck Movements. This was previously circulated.
 - **Action** - Peter Maywald to continue to work with NF5 regarding Rail movements

5.2 Reports for Review

Offshore Wind

Public consultation is open. Submissions close 16th October. <https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/oei-illawarra>

5.3 Windang Erosion

- Erosion at the Windang foreshore is getting worse. Children's park is at risk, serious erosion up to the edge of the new fence.
 - **Action:** Cr Martin will continue to update NF7 as to progress of the solution to the Windang Erosion being worked on collaboratively by SCC and WCC in the Lake Illawarra CMP implementation committee.

7. New Business

- **Motor Bikes on Cycleway**

Rick Cheers reported that there have been bikes racing up the cycle way along the lake and would like to look at solutions. It was mentioned that Bollards are not the solution and that immediate action should be to report it to the police.

- **Action** *Community to contact Southern Area Command every time.*

- **Ronda & Barbara Streets Berkeley**

Street Sweeper needed

- **Action** *Kaye Adams to raise a request on behalf of Buster. Cc Cr Figliomini*

No Other Business – Meeting Closed 7.35pm

Minutes prepared by J Whittaker

Next Meeting

6pm -**Tuesday September 26 2023**-Illawarra Yacht Club

8.0 Reference Items

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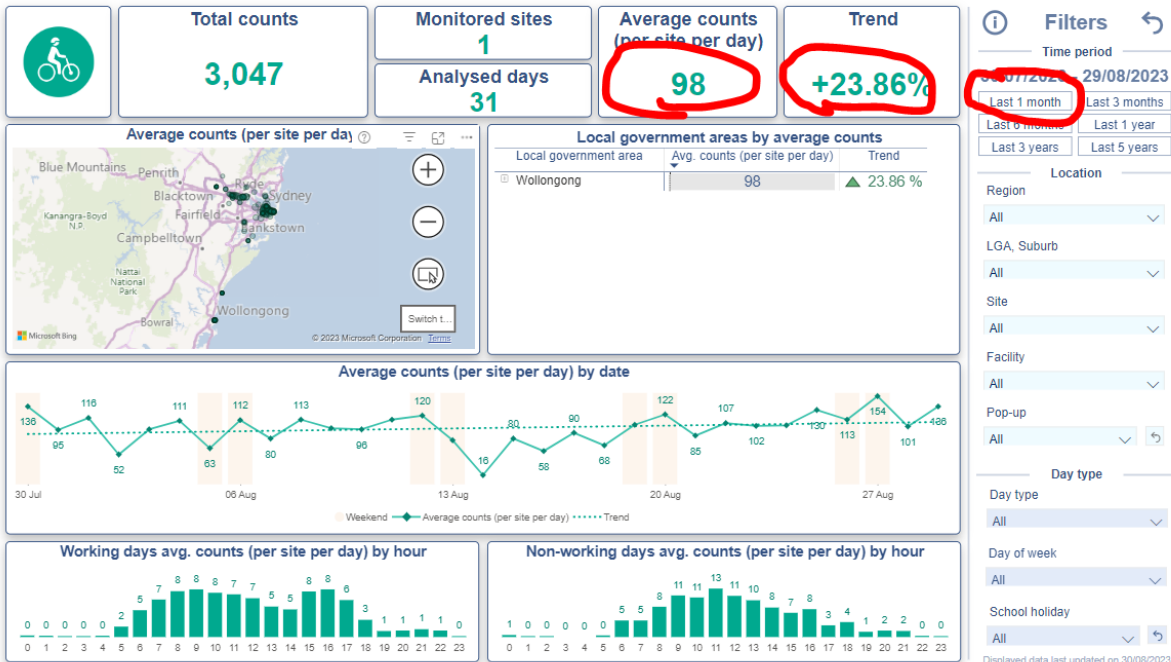
REFERENCE ITEMS

Reference 1

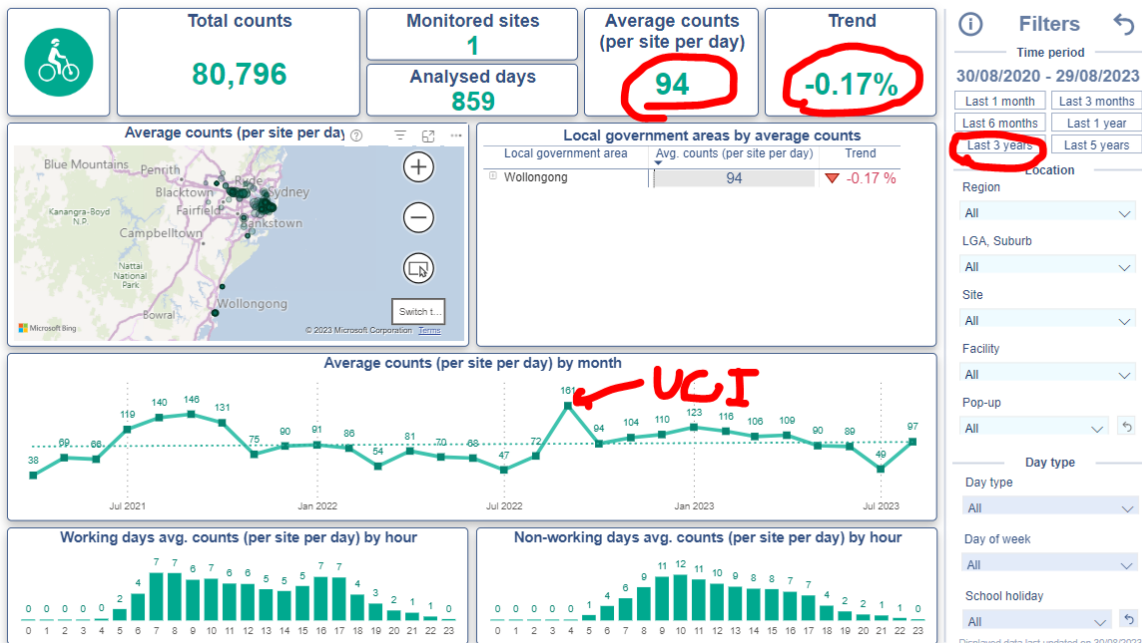
Here is the link to a site with counters across NSW.

[Walking and cycling counts | Transport for NSW](#)

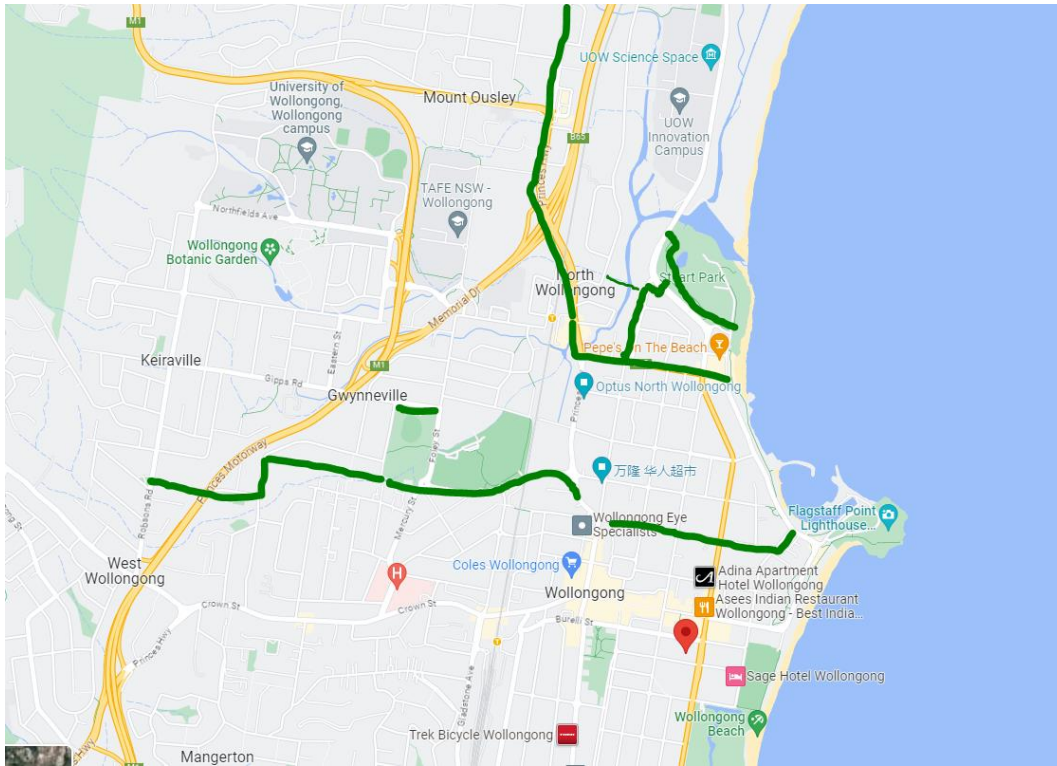
We can see here the results for Smith Street. If you use the filters on the rights, say for the last month:



But, if you go select the 3 year filter you can see the trend has remained fairly flat, with an average of 94 (not 98) users per day.



At the grand narrative, we expect all such numbers to increase as we build more and more cycling infrastructure, such as all these soon to be delivered in the map below (Smith St is on there too, just to see it, but this quick map does not include all the existing cycling routes.)



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Reference 2

Refer Attachment Circular to Council – Office of Local Govt.