

**DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday 13th March 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:** Cr. Linda Campbell, Heather Boardman, Stephen McGartland, Robert Cummins (Senior Electorate Officer, Office of Anna Watson), Dennis Couley, Warren Southwell, Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Cr. Anne Martin, Liz Webster.

**3. ATTENDING:** Ron Cooper, Ian Fitzgibbon, Tracey Taras, Peter Small, Cathy Small, Terry Webber, Romeo Cecchele, Stephen Abela, Patricia Fullarton

**4. MINUTES** - From 14th February 2024

Moved by: Terry Webber

Seconded by: Peter Small

**5. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

No reports as Councillors were apologies.

**6. CONVENORS REPORT - Ron Cooper**

**a) Update West Dapto** – Nathan McBriarty will be at the April meeting with an update on what is happening. Also Elise Woods, Corporate Strategy Manager, Wollongong City Council will be discussing the exhibition of the draft Delivery Program 2022 – 2026 and the Operational Plan 2024 – 2025.

**b) Teams** – we should be able to have a Zoom hybrid meeting in April.

**c) RUOK Convoy** – will be held 14/3/24. Designed to assist people who may be experiencing health issues, at a difficult time in their life and to have meaningful conversations to protect the vulnerable from possible suicide.

**d) Connecting Dapto to M1** - Ron had a lengthy discussion with the Transport for NSW staff at the engagement session which was held at Dapto Mall in February 2024.. Ron explained many issues etc so the staff were well informed about the situation.

**e) Wongawilli Mine** – there is no further information other than what has been seen in all the media releases and updates. Wollongong Resources, the owners, are reviewing their business with all options being considered. The steelworks need to secure quality coal, possible sale, nothing decided presently.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Out:** Minutes Emailed 10.3.24

**In:** From Elise Woods ( Corporate Strategy Manager WCC) Request to attend the NF8 Meeting on 10.4.24 to present the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 & Operational Plan 2024 - 2025

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a) Issues raised regarding the Bus Shelter on Princes Highway opposite Dapto Square. Was moved to outside ALDI when the demolition works were being undertaken, now returned to original position. No shade or cover from the elements for people of all ages. Will ask Ward Councillors to look into the situation.
- b) Ron will be attending the Tallawarra Power Station meeting on 21/3/24.
- c) The situation with the M1 and the on/off ramps and issues associated With increasing traffic, accidents causing chaos etc etc. Until the submission proposal is available from Transport for NSW, which we are advised will be in late 2024, no works will be considered.
- d) The Bio Diversity certification application for Cleveland Rd area has an online option for those who wish to be involved.

**MEETING CLOSE: 8.10 pm**

**NEXT MEETING**

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**7.00PM WEDNESDAY 10th April 2024**