

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8

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INFORMATION UPDATE

Hallo to all, we hope you are keeping well and looking after yourselves during this challenging period.

Wollongong Council have contacted us regarding the situation at the Ribbonwood Centre with the opportunity to commence holding our regular meetings again.

With the new guidelines that they are required to follow based on the room size we have available, the maximum people we can allow to attend a meeting is limited to 10.

Given that situation and the limitations that the guidelines present, we have decided not to hold meetings until further notice.

Once we are able to allow more people to attend we will advise everyone accordingly, obviously following whatever guidelines are in place at that time.

Please be aware that if there are any issues which members of the community wish to raise, they are most welcome to contact Ian or Heather as shown below.

Whilst we have been unable to meet there has been some information which may be of interest to people. Below is a list of information and/or links which we hope are useful. Whilst they are not all just relevant to NF 8 area they have been included to allow everyone who may have an interest in these topics to participate.

Please note some items have been summarised to provide an overview without an overload of information.

Projects now on public exhibition:

- **Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2020 – 2025**
The draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2020-2025 (DIAP 2020 – 2025) describes what Council will do in the next 5 years to make Wollongong a more inclusive and accessible place. We have updated our DIAP 2016 – 2020 to develop the DIAP 2020 – 2025.
Feedback closes: **5 August 2020.**
- **Draft Risk Management Framework**
The draft Risk Management Framework communicates Council's commitment to risk management, and how risk management will be implemented by Council. The Council's draft Risk Management Framework is currently on public exhibition.

Feedback closes: **3 August 2020.**

- **Draft Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Policy**
Through our discussions with community, we know that diversity and inclusion is important to you. Your ongoing feedback has helped us to develop our Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Policy. The Policy will support and guide a culture of diversity and inclusion at Council, in the way staff work and are supported as well as the services we provide to the community. Feedback closes: **5 August 2020.**
- **Draft Climate Mitigation Action Plan**
We have developed a Draft Climate Change Mitigation Plan 2020-2022 in a commitment to reduce emissions from Council operations and for the City of Wollongong to move towards becoming a low emissions city. Feedback closes: **12 August 2020.**
- **Draft Sustainable Wollongong: A Climate Healthy City Strategy**
With your ideas we have developed a strategy to focus our environmental sustainability priorities and provide direction for Council's operations.

Feedback closes: **12 August 2020.**
- **Draft Wollongong Cycling Strategy 2030**
With your feedback, we have developed the draft Wollongong Cycling Strategy 2030. The draft strategy outlines our Vision for cycling as well as our five priority areas and actions to making Wollongong a bike friendly city. Feedback closes: **17 August 2020.**
- **Draft Wollongong Art Gallery Strategic Plan - Framing Our Future 2020-2025**
Framing Our Future has been developed through extensive consultation with the community and other key stakeholders over several years. The draft Strategic Plan will guide the Gallery over the next five years to enhance the cultural and creative experience in Wollongong to ensure it remains relevant to our community, the arts and to contemporary life. Feedback closes: **6 August 2020**
- **Allan Street Carpark Upgrade - Port Kembla**
We have developed plans to upgrade the carpark on Allan Street to improve access for vehicles and pedestrians and improve its landscape value. Feedback closes: **28 July 2020.**

Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan

Wollongong Council have also provided information regarding the Draft Delivery Program 2018 – 2022 and Operational Plan 2020 – 2021.

The plans have had some changes from those previously presented with the delivery program being extended by one year to (2022) to align with the extended term of the elected Councillors due to the Local Government elections which are now proposed to be held in September 2021.

Also due to the COVID 19 situation plans have had to be reassessed to allow for the additional requirements and guidelines which are now in place.

The projects which are relevant to our NF 8 area, which to clarify now include: Avondale, Brownsville, Cleveland, Dapto, Dombarton, Haywards Bay, Horsley, Kanahooka, Kembla Grange, Koonawarra, Marshall Mount, Wongawilli and Yallah consist of works to undertaken from 2019 -2020 up until 2023 – 2024.

This includes planning, design, construction, upgrades and replacement of roadworks, footpaths, cycleways, bridges, stormwater management, street lighting, traffic facilities, playgrounds and sportsfields. This will necessitate some disruptions around the area during the work as it commences, however it is all designed to improve our community as we continue to expand.

Waste and Resource Recovery

The proposed changes to our Waste and Resource Recovery - Fees and Exemptions Policy will mean that we will encourage people and community service organisations to sort and recycle their waste and that less waste will end up in landfill. To find out more about the proposed changes and join the conversation visit our [engagement website](#) before Monday 10 August 2020.

Heritage Items Amendments

Wollongong City Council has sought NSW State Government approval for housekeeping amendments to heritage items within the Wollongong Local Environment Plan 2009, as part of our commitment to celebrating local heritage.

The proposed house-keeping amendments to the Local Environmental Plan are essential to ensure that Council's Heritage Staff have accurate heritage information to assist with customer enquiries, developed applications, planning proposals and are able to provide advice on various Council projects.

The first stage of the heritage review has provided the opportunity for us to review how these sites are captured in Council's Plan, and to ensure the information is as up to date as it can be. We are asking interested members of the community to comment on the proposed changes.

Should you and your forum members wish to find out more about the review, or to provide feedback, please click on this link <https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/heritage-schedule-review-stage-1>

Feedback closes on 19 August 2020.

Reed Park Off Leash Dog Area

The new off leash dog area has been opened and is now available to residents. Council has provided the area for the community and look forward to it being a welcome addition to the local facilities.

For more information or to submit feedback on any matters, community members are welcome to visit www.our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au, or contact the Community Engagement Team on (02) 42277111 or engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

We hope this information is of interest to the community and will continue to keep you updated.

Warm Regards,

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