



Take care, stay safe

Darkes Road Update

Wollongong City Council is appealing to residents to follow road closure signage at Darkes Road in Dapto after a portion of the road has been closed due to a failure in the bridge approach.

The road surface connecting to the second bridge on Darkes Road, just east of the Australian Motorlife Museum, has fallen away leaving a significant gap on the south-west corner of the bridge. It was damaged and undermined by the creek during recent wet weather.

Council has inspected the bridge and have sought expert geotechnical advice on next steps for its repair. We will be looking to fast-track any works and will require the support of specialist contractors to carry out this work.

We are faced with many challenges across the city at the moment due to the ongoing weather conditions and the impact it is having on our infrastructure. We're prioritising work to key locations and mobilising as many of our staff and contractors as possible to priority jobs to get the city back on its feet, and to keep people moving around.

Harry Graham Drive, Mt Keira Road – between Picton Road

and the RFS Depot – and Clive Bissell Drive – at Mt Ousley Road – have all been affected by the recent weather conditions.

We had work scheduled for Harry Graham Drive already, but this weather has thrown a real curveball as the land and the road surface on Harry Graham is so unstable at the moment, it's unsafe to have anyone on the ground while we are carrying out work.

Council encourages our community to check the LiveTraffic App or website before heading out for the latest updates on road closures.

→MEETING

Council Meeting (Broadcast Live)

Monday 2 May 2022, 6pm

To ensure social distancing in the current COVID environment, public attendance at Council Meetings is limited to 50% capacity.

Once the gallery has 45 attendees, no more members of the public will be admitted to the meeting, so registration is essential to guarantee your seat. To register your attendance at the meeting, please call Council's Governance team on (02) 4227 7422 before 4pm on Monday 2 May 2022.

The meeting will be webcast via Council's website noting that from time to time we may pause the webcast, to deal with confidential items.

Community members can apply to address Council by submitting a Public Access Forum application by 12 noon Friday 29 April 2022. The application form and Code of Meeting Practice are available on Council's website or by calling (02) 4227 7111.

The Business Paper is available from Council's website a week prior to the meeting.

→GET INVOLVED

Neighbourhood Forums

Neighbourhood Forums are community groups that meet monthly to help solve local issues. Face-to-face meetings have restarted for some Neighbourhood Forums.

Others are meeting online only or have suspended meetings until further notice. Please contact the Convenor for more information about a group, or email/online meetings.

Details are on Council's website wollongong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/get-involved/neighbourhood-forums.

- **Towradgi – Area 4**
Wednesday 3 May, 7pm
- **Wollongong – Area 5**
Wednesday 4 May, 7pm
- **Dapto – Area 8**
Wednesday 11 May, 7pm
- **Helensburgh – Area 1**
Wednesday 11 May, 7pm
- **Berkeley – Area 7**
Tuesday 31 May, 6pm

→PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice Of Proposed Licence – Community Land

Council is proposing to grant a licence of Lot 502 DP1035674, Springhill Road, Port Kembla, to NSW Ports. The proposed area to be licensed is shown on the plan below is to be used for the purpose of occupation of Community Land to complete road widening intersection works.

The proposed Licence term is for eight weeks.

Pursuant to Chapter 6 Part 2 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to advertise the proposed licence as it is located on Community land.

Submissions are sought from the public and should be in writing quoting Council's reference number PR-005.04.55.214 Any submissions should be clearly outlined and based on the effect of granting the licence will have on the existing or future use of the Community Land. Please forward any submissions to the General Manager via email to records@wollongong.nsw.gov.au or in writing by Wednesday 25 May 2022.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Council on (02) 4227 7111.



Privacy Notification

(Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 – Section 10). If you choose to make a submission to Council, your submission, including the personal information you include in your submission, will be made available for public inspection in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

→WHAT'S ON

Environment

Compost Workshop Wollongong

Wednesday 4 May, 6–8pm

Wollongong Library, 41 Burelli Street

Learn what goes into a compost, how to maintain and improve a compost, and how to use it to benefit your plants and garden.

Movie Screening of 'Kiss the Ground'

Friday 6 May, 7–9.30pm

Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Highway

You're invited to join us for a special one-off screening of the critically acclaimed 'Kiss the Ground'. Discover the healing power of soil which could offer a solution to the climate crisis.

Worm Farm Workshop Wollongong

Saturday 7 May, 3–5pm

Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Highway

Learn how to feed your worms, where to keep the farm and how to use the compost and worm juice you harvest. Wollongong LGA residents will receive a free worm farm (worms not included).

Tickets are free, but you will need to book to attend by visiting Eventbrite.

Library

Author Talk with Alicia Thompson

Friday 29 April, 6–7.30pm

Wollongong Library, 41 Burelli Street

Join us for a talk with local author Alicia Thompson as she speaks about 'Something Else' her debut novel. It follows the friendship of two men as they struggle with personal demons that threaten to break the bonds forged through mutual pain and understanding. Copies of her book will be available to purchase at this event.

Event bookings are essential via Eventbrite.

Seniors

Old Boys Social Club

Fancy a fishing trip? Want to try your hand at a pool? Or think you know a thing or two about fixing bikes? We're hosting a new, free social program – Old Boys Social Club – for older men who want to try something new.

Who: For the mature older man (we'll take your word for it).

Getting there: We've got you covered if you can't get there and back on your own – just ask us.

Cost: All activities and food are free! But bookings are essential. Call (02) 4227 7238 or email C&SAdmin@wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

What's On – Seniors (cont.)

Pool & Classic Flicks

Friday 29 April, 1–4pm

Thirroul Community Centre, 352/358 Lawrence Hargrave Drive

Shoot some pool and watch a classic movie.

Bushwalking & Barbeque

Thursday 5 May, 10am–1pm

Stuart Park & Puckeyes Estate

Bushcare with a walk, a talk, a dig and a feed. Must be comfortable walking on uneven ground.

Old Blokes & Spokes

Wednesday 4 May, 1–4pm

Wollongong Library, 41 Burelli Street

Help fix up some old bikes, to be gifted to a good home.

Fish N Chips & Fishing Day Out

Thursday 19 May, 12–3pm

Reddal Reserve, Lake Illawarra

Fishing with Fishcare volunteers – we'll eat fish whatever happens!

Wollongong Memorial Gardens

Mothers' Day Memorial Service 2022

Saturday 7 May, 10am

Wollongong Memorial Gardens, 176 Berkeley Road, Unanderra

Join us as we hold a service to celebrate the lives all the special women who are no longer with us. The service will be held in the Main Chapel and will be conducted by Lorraine Lehman Jones. It will feature the vocal talent of Carmel Leonard.

All welcome to attend. Morning tea will be served.

Enquiries can be made by contacting the Wollongong Memorial Gardens on (02) 4227 7780.

Correction for Community Update 20 April 2022.

→ DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Cabbage Tree Lane, Fairy Meadow

DA-2022/357 Lot 3 DP 837665 No. 122

Applicant: Mr D Chung

Prop Dev: Residential - demolition of shed and planter box, construction of dwelling, tree removals and Subdivision - Torrens title - 2 lots - Integrated Development - Approval under Part 3 Section 91 of the *Water Management Act 2000* - Controlled Activity Approval from NSW Natural Resources Access Regulator

Departures: No

Closing Date: 20 May 2022

Please note: Due to an upgrade of our online systems over the coming weeks, the development application plans and documents may become temporarily unavailable for viewing for a short period during the exhibition period. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Wollongong City Council is the consent authority for the above development proposals.

These proposals, including any accompanying plans and documents, may be viewed on Council's website wollongong.nsw.gov.au/DAExhibitionList (then select 'See Development Applications on Exhibition') up to 5pm on the dates listed above.

Submissions in writing, quoting the application number, should be forwarded to the General Manager at the address shown on this page by the closing date.

Please also read the Privacy Notification printed above the Development Consents on our Community Update pages.