

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8 - NF8
MINUTES

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 8th MAY 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, Robert Cummins, Heather Boardman, Warren Southwell.

3. ATTENDING: Ron Cooper, Ian Fitzgibbon, Dennis Couley, Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Cr Ann Martin, Peter Small, Cathy Small, Stephen O’Neill, Gavin Smith, Mal Hentschel, Terry Webber, Steve McGartland, Martin Whatman.

4. MINUTES: - From 10th April 2024

Moved by: Dennis Couley

Seconded by: Stephen O’ Neill

5. CONVENORS REPORT

Infrastructure for West Dapto - Convenor Ron sent a lengthy submission to Council regarding the situation on behalf of NF 8. He raised questions regarding programs to have an idea of how/what/when the programs etc will actually occur and the associated time frames so the community has a better understanding of the whole planning process.

Discussions took place across the range of issues Ron raised and other matters of concern which were mentioned by this attending the meeting.

Email regarding contacting Wollongong Council - Louise Harding from Wollongong Council sent an email regarding contact with the organization (see correspondence in). Ron will follow up with further discussion and advise.

Wongawilli Mine situation – Ron will attend the community meeting later this month and provide an update at the next meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Out: Minutes Emailed 19.4.2024

In: (included at the end of this Agenda)

- A) Talking Waste - Sophie McCrea (3.5.2024)
- B). Council regarding Bus Shelter outside ALDI, Dapto (23.4.2024)
- C) Council Response to request for information re Costco (2.5.2024)
- D) Eliza Metcalfe - Public Exhibition – Proposed Cleveland Road Neighbourhood Plan Boundary Change 3.5.2024
- E) NF8 Convenor- response to Wollongong City Council Draft

Infrastructure Delivery Programme 2022-2023 to 2026 - 4.5.2024

- F) Neighbourhood Forum Correspondence - Louse Harding - 7.5.2024

7. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Currently on exhibition:-

Planning proposal on Cleveland Rd open until 27/05/2024.

Affordable Housing Policy – changes by Council recommended appropriate locations for development.

Hill 60 at Port Kembla Masterplan.

Budget submissions – NF 8 sent in a submission regarding the proposed budget works etc for our area.

Tallawarra Development - Draft Development Control Plan (DCP) adopted.

Bridgehill, the developer who is undertaking the residential component of the area has entered into a voluntary Planning Agreement.

Brendan Blakely is the consultant co ordinating the project and associated meetings which includes the Tallawarra Community Liason Group.

If you do not have a home recycling bin, please use the FOGO bin available at your property. Major weather events cause issues for landfill as waste is pushed into various areas.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Bus Stop/Shelter on the Princes Hwy:

Convenor Ron will follow up with Council on behalf of the community as NF 8 is not happy with the responses received regarding this. Response is included in correspondence in section above.

2. Costco?

Response to this is included in the correspondence in section above.

3. Train Services in the area - Issues raised regarding the train services in the 2530 area. Council is interacting with Transport for NSW regarding the train service issues to develop a transport strategy for the Illawarra area.

4. Princes Hwy Dapto – issues raised with the old Dolan’s Building area which is being redeveloped. Community concerned regarding the constant and ongoing vandalism of the building and surrounding. Can we have something done by Council, police etc.

5. In order to enable people to remotely join NF8 meetings “Teams” has been trialed at this meeting - plans in place to include this for future meetings.

MEETING CLOSE: 8.20 pm

NEXT MEETING

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 12th June 2024

Please see attached correspondence

Correspondence In:

A) Subject: Talking Waste for 2024-2034 | Wollongong City Council Engagement

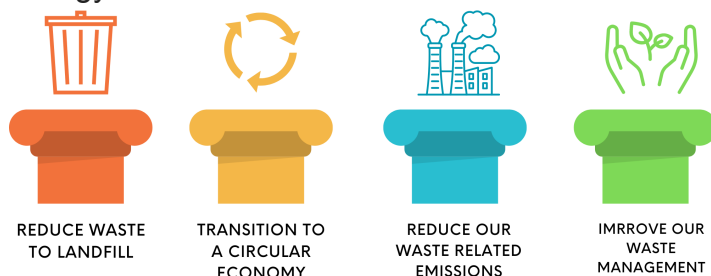
To: engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au <engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Good afternoon,

I am notifying you of Wollongong City Council's most recent engagement project '[Talking Waste for 2024-2034](#)'.

We are working on our new Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2024-2034. Our new Waste Strategy will serve us for the next 10 years. We know our community will change significantly between now and 2034, so we need to ensure our new strategy considers this. It means that we have goals that are far reaching and can deliver them in a magnitude of ways.

You can find our online information page - our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/talking-waste-for-2024-2034 along with an online survey where we ask questions surrounding the four goals of our new strategy:



We will also have information, an FAQ and a hard copy survey available to be completed at all 7 of our libraries from Monday 6th May.


You can provide feedback by:

- Completing the [online survey](#) via Our Wollongong
- Completing a hard-copy survey from one of our 7 libraries. It can be submitted via email, mail or in-person with our library staff.
- Email engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au
- Calling 4227 7111
- Write to us 'The Engagement Team', Locked Bag 8821 Wollongong NSW 2500

The feedback we receive from this opportunity for engagement will directly shape our Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2024-2034 which will look to go on public exhibition in approximately the middle of this year.

Feedback closes 20 May 2024.

Kind regards,

	<p>The Engagement Team Phone +61242277463 Email engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au wollongong.nsw.gov.au</p>
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Correspondence In:

B) Council Response regarding Bus Shelter outside ALDI, Dapto (23.4.2024)



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Dear Mr Cooper

BUS STOP SHELTER – 98-100 PRINCES HIGHWAY, DAPTO

Our Ref: File: Date:

CR0263303 25168714 23 April 2024

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding replacement of the bus stop shelter outside 98-100 Princes Highway, Dapto.

Council officers have reviewed the site history for the mixed-use development (DA-2019/1462/A) currently under construction at 98-100 Princes Highway, Dapto, and noted that the previous shelter for bus patrons was provided by awnings above Council's footway from the former row of shops adjacent to the bus stop.

The approved development plans for this site depict that a continuous awning will be reinstated over Council's footway, along with street trees in a wider footway extent than currently exists. The reinstatement of any bus seating will be undertaken in consultation with Council's Landscape Architects and Transport Unit.

Please contact Council's Senior Transport Planner/Engineer, Tyson Perry, on telephone 4227 7111, in relation to future bus seating details.

This letter is authorised by

Mark Adamson

Manager Development Assessment and Certification Wollongong City Council

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Correspondence In:

C) Council Response to request for information regarding Costco raised by Cr. Linda Campbell on behalf of NF8 (2.5.2024)

From: Linda Davis <ldavis@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:09:50 PM

To: Cr Linda Campbell <cr.lcampbell@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Cc: Loretta Talevski <LTalevski@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>; Mark Grimson <MGRIMSON@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>; David Green <DGreen@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Councillor Request - Costco

I provide the following response to your following request for information:

- 1. Have Costco been approached about establishing in Wollongong particularly in West Dapto or Kembla Grange?**
- 2. If yes, when was the last time and what was the response?**
- 3. Is this something worth pursuing?**

In February 2021, the Lord Mayor and Council Staff met with Costco Australia and local property agent 360 Property Agency following their request for a meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce themselves and to express Costco's interest in looking at sites in Wollongong LGA, following a visit by the CEO and their Head of Development to Wollongong back in November 2020. Costco's feedback on Wollongong was their investigations to date had struggled to find suitable sites, and in relation to the former Bunnings Site at Warrawong, they indicated it was too small for their requirements.

I am not aware of any further meetings with Costco since the 2021 meeting.

According to an [article](#) that appeared on realcommercial.com.au from October 2023, Costco are planning a number of new stores across Australia and Wollongong is not on the list, which confirms their previous feedback that no suitable sites had been identified for Wollongong.

It is not usual for Council to proactively reach out to a specific business about locating in the City and care would need to be taken in any such approach. From an economic development perspective, staff may have such discussions from time to time however, from a planning lens it would be important for such an approach to not give the impression that a proposal would be supported if an application were to be received for a particular location.

Some planning/strategic considerations for a suitable site would include:

- A site would need to be large enough to accommodate the building profile of a Costco warehouse which is around 14,000m² with additional space for around 800 at grade car spaces and located off a major road.
- Council's Wollongong Retail and Business Centres Strategy 2023 includes a recommendation to limit the oversupply of retail floorspace in Centres surrounding West Dapto. This recommendation acknowledges the detrimental impact of the delayed development of centres within West Dapto on the access to goods and services for this growing community. In order to maintain local demand within the catchments of the planned centres in West Dapto, the expansion of retail floorspace supply surrounding adjacent centres such as Dapto is to be discouraged. Council is continuing to work with land owners to develop place-specific planning frameworks for West Dapto's planned centres to ensure that Centres are developed in parallel with residential development.
- Council's Wollongong Industrial Lands Review 2024 does not support the introduction of bulky goods retailing onto industrial land given the need to preserve this land for industrial activity. To that end, Council's Economic Development team regularly receive enquiries for large scale industrial uses, including a recent enquiry from a business in the clean tech sector who is seeking a 10,000m² (1ha) site.

FYI around 15 years ago, there was a development proposal for a DFO on industrial land at Kembala Grange which was not supported by either Council or the State government, given its out of town centre location, potential impact on established retail centres and the value of the land for future industrial / employment uses.

We remain open to discussing options with Costco should they identify a suitable site. Reach out if you require further clarification.

Kind Regards,
Linda



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Correspondence In:

D) Eliza Metcalfe - Public Exhibition – Proposed Cleveland Road Neighbourhood Plan Boundary Change 3.5.2024

From: Eliza Metcalfe <emetcalfe@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Dear Sir/Madam

PUBLIC EXHIBITION – PROPOSED CLEVELAND ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BOUNDARY CHANGE

On 18 March 2024, Wollongong City Council resolved to exhibit an updated Figure 17 of the Wollongong Development Control Plan (DCP) 2009 Chapter D16 West Dapto Urban Release Area (WDURA). A review of the Cleveland Road Neighbourhood Plan precinct boundary has occurred, and it is recommended to show the Neighbourhood Plan boundary as three smaller Neighbourhood Plan precincts.

The exhibition period for this draft WDCP 2009 Chapter is 29 April to 27 May 2024. Copies of the suite of documents can be viewed at:

- All Council libraries,
- Council's Customer Service Centre, Ground Floor Administration Building, 41 Burelli Street Wollongong on weekdays 9am to 5pm; and
- Council's website www.our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Submissions should be addressed to: The General Manager, Wollongong City Council, Locked Bag 8821 WOLLONGONG DC NSW 2500 or emailed to records@wollongong.nsw.gov.au. Please note that submissions become public documents and may be viewed by other persons on request.

Submissions close 27 May 2024.

Please contact me should you require further information.

This email is sent of behalf of

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Correspondence In:

1-5-2024

Reply to Wollongong Council Draft Budget 2024-2025

From NF 8 Convenor Ron Cooper rondcooper1275@gmail.com 0403 037 137

Infrastructure Delivery Programme

Cleveland Rd We are pleased to see design work commencing

Bong Bong Rd Traffic Lights How is it that this construction can take 3 years surely this can be completed in 12 months can you advise reasons for 3 year period

Shone Ave Shared Pathway We are pleased that this will eventually be completed the coming financial year

Hayes Lane Bridge No issues with this plan

Northcliffe Drive Concept Design We are very happy to see this happen and would like to assist council to have State and Federal Governments provide speedy funding to enable construction

West Dapto Rd To Yard St Stage 2-5 This is the most urgent need in the West Dapto Area but we are most concerned that this is planned to take 3 years Funding was provided and announced almost 2 years ago and once design completed then the contractors should be able to complete less than 2 km of road in a much speedier time than that in the budget The community need to know why such a long time frame This has been a long running issue with the community and since funding was given some time ago please explain the delay This project must be given top priority to allow safe travel in this rapidly growing area and it has been delayed for far too long This is the most pressing need in the area

Marshall Mount Rd Design We are very happy to see this progress

Darkes Town Centre Design over 2 years While we are happy to see this design it also must include Darkes Road which now carries large volumes of traffic and has Unit blocks nearing completion and further housing estates on its southern boundaries how you can design a town centre at the end of Darkes Rd without including Darkes Rd itself is laughable We can see no provision for design of Darkes Rd in the next 3 years Can you please explain your position This would mean you will start construction of Darkes Rd Town Centre before Darkes Rd **Design** Upgrade is commenced

Sheaffes Rd –West Dapto Rd Intersection Reconstruction Once again it appears you will start construction of Darkes Rd Town Centre before you even design this intersection which is unacceptable Surely with developer contributions you can find money to design this intersection particularly as construction of homes along Sheaffes Rd will commence shortly. Design can not left to 2028

Northcliffe Drive Extension Stage 1 Design to commence 2025-2026 agree that we really need this

West Dapto Rd Stage 1A Wongawilli We are delighted this long delayed piece of infrastructure is to be completed this coming year however the community is still awaiting consultation regarding the entrance design we were promised in 2017 and the allocation of the money the community has in trust with Wollongong City Council The design is of great importance as it was to include heritage aspects. We have had not proper pedestrian or bike access for many years and still have a very temporary arrangement for an ever increasing community The community consultation must happen urgently

West Dapto Rd First 700 mt from Princes H,way running West While we are pleased that resurfacing work was carried out this year more maintenance work is urgently required on this portion of road. We realise that West Dapto Road will never be a flood free road into West Dapto. However it does carry a great deal domestic and commercial traffic . The domestic traffic will be able to use the planned Northcliffe Drive extension the commercial traffic will always need to use this portion of road and the big issue here is that after rain events water continues to drain from the emplacement onto the road for weeks This is a maintenance issue that needs an open drain on the emplacement site to stop water going onto the road As this site was once lower than the road and we only have the problem once the fill was placed on the site by the then owners of the Steelworks It seems fair that the current owners should address this problem as my understanding is that they can not allow storm water to flood the road. Maintenance is required by council on a regular basis to cut the grass and direct water to the original water courses Also required on this portion of road are increased passing areas for trucks turning in and out of Reddels Road and Wyllie Road All of this should not come from capital budgets The emplacement is a Bluescope responsibility and must be managed

Wongawilli Hall This community facility has been closed for almost 2 years and the growing population needs this facility While we are happy to see it commence we note that it will take 2 years to construct can you please explain why so long when funding is secured and contractor will carry out the construction. We have also been promised community consultation and input into changes can you please advise when this will happen This hall was originally constructed by the local residents on land donated by BHP and is of heritage significance with local community input

F) Correspondence In Neighbourhood Forum Correspondence - Louse Harding - 7.5.2024


Hello

Could I please request that you direct your agenda and minutes (published on Council's website), to the engagement inbox at: engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au and do not send or duplicate to other email addresses. This ensures that the appropriate personnel are able to easily access these documents and process them in the most efficient manner.

Please also consider that agendas and minutes do not constitute feedback on any open engagements. Please send this separately and include the name of the project before the close date, to: engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Hope you have a nice afternoon.

Regards

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