

**DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**  
**NF8 MINUTES**  
**11th October 2023**

**1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

RON COOPER (CONVENOR)

"I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this meeting takes place, and elders past & present and extend that respect to other aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

**2. APOLOGIES:**

Cr. Linda Campbell, Cr. Elisha Aitken, Warren Southwell, Liz Webster, Heather Boardman, Steven O'Neill, Steve McGartland, Cr. Elisha Aitken.

**3. ATTENDING;** Cr. Ann Martin, Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Ron Cooper, Dennis Couley, Ian Fitzgibbon, Peter Small, Cathy Small, Peter Northey, Romeo Cechelle, Stephen Abela, Suzanne Sztachanski, Cassandra Sweetman.

**4. MINUTES: 13th September 2023**

Moved: Peter Northey

Seconded: Dennis Couley

**7. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:**

**Cr. Dom Figliomeni -**

a) Off-shore Wind Zone Declaration passed at Council meeting (12-1). Many community members were in attendance, many opposed, no project is in place yet, this is to move forward with the process to allow detailed options to be considered.

b) Sports Funds Grants - 15 submissions have been received from across the Illawarra, only relate to Council property, no applications from Ward 3.

Councillors want it expanded to include all areas , facilities & grounds.

c) Debt Recovery Policy has been extended to businesses & self managed super funds, however need a health care card.

d) Tanya Brown has been re-elected to position of Deputy Mayor.

**Cr. Ann Martin -**

a) Dapto Pool heating system is failing; needs to be updated and/or replaced. Councillors want a system that can be easily be turned on and off as needed, with no pool entry charges when heating is not in use.

b) Integral Energy Recreational Park on Darkes Road: there are issues with the septic system - looking at full sewer replacement- several issues are being addressed. This project will be completed as soon as practicable.

- c) E-Scooters trial: this trial has created comment. Council is trialling the scooters to see if scooters are worthwhile on a more permanent basis. Many people are positive about the introduction of scooters there will always be those who don't use them properly. There have been issues around the use and operation of the scooters. Dapto is not included in the current e-scooter trial zone, looking to have Dapto included should the trial be expanded.
- d) Offshore Wind Zone - be aware that this is a State Government situation. Council has no control, however Council can make submissions based on community feedback etc.
- e) It is expected to be 7/8 years before implementation if a project is approved.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE (SEE ATTACHMENTS)**

### **IN :**

- a) Pavement & traffic light issues at Cleveland Road & Marshall Street- Council have been in contact and need more specifics. Ron will liaise with Warren Southwell for more details.
- b) Wollongong Council Cultural plan information.
- c) Steve O'Neill regarding the need for NF8 minutes to be submitted to the Council website.
- d) Frank from Haywards bay re being added to the NF8 mailing list for minutes etc.
- e) Flyers re information sessions on Offshore Wind Farm have been distributed to letter boxes.
- f) Wollongong Council Newsletter is now available on Council website.
- g) Major traffic issues were experienced regarding the closure of West Dapto Road by state government to do works upgrades etc. how can we improve for next time?

### **OUT:**

- i) **Notice of October Meeting emailed 8.10.2023**

## **8. CONVENOR'S REPORT:**

- a) Zoom set up is progressing, it is hoped zoom will be operational by next meeting. Assistance is being provided by Wollongong Council staff as needed.
- b) Nathan McBriarty will be in attendance at the next meeting to provide an update on West Dapto and what is happening.
- c) Regarding West Dapto Road closures etc. Ron will write to the relevant department and request more consultation/discussion/advise if they are planning any similar future works.

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a) Peter Northey will send invitations to Anna Watson & Paul Scully to attend an NF8 meeting to discuss relevant issues.
- b) Romeo Cecchele noted that a pothole on the Princes Highway ( near Bong Bong Road) has been repaired but is now failing.
- c) Steve Abela noted that the Bong Bong Road lights are very quick to change when coming from West Dapto and looking to turn right to go South- this allows only a few cars to get through the intersection at one time.

# NB: Cr. Ann Martin will send a Councillor request to Wollongong Council to advise of this traffic light situation and seek information regarding the new lights to be installed at the Bong Bong Road- Station Street intersection.

- d) Taxi Rank- it was noted that the Taxi Rank continues to cause congestion during peak periods.
- e) Marshall Mount Road - Yallah Road intersection is in poor condition and in need of an upgrade.
- f) Dennis Couley - the renaming of Suburbs ( eg Stream Hill that was previously Kembla Grange) : While the renaming took place some months ago not all government departments have been updated (including Post Office, NBN, Service NSW)

## **MEETING CLOSE:**

**NEXT MEETING: 7PM WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2023**

**ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW**

## ATTACHMENTS:

## CORRESPONDENCE IN :

### Item 1: NF8 Correspondence Brett Morrissey Bio Diversity off set Scheme

**Brett Morrissey**

Sep 14, 2023, 12:14 PM

Hi Heather, thanks again to NF8 for the opportunity to provide the presentation at last night's monthly meeting. There were some great questions and I hope I was able to respond to these and provide a clearer understanding of this project for the community members in attendance. Following on from your request, please find the attached presentation in pdf format. In addition:

- As suggested by Councillor Ann Martin, [this is a link](#) to the 18 October 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council report making recommendations for Council to progress the project and this was endorsed by the Council at the meeting. The report has some more detail on the history/evolution of the project and its intended outcomes, than I was able to cover last night.
- For those that are interested, please find the below links to NSW Department of Planning and Environment webpages that provide more detailed information on Biodiversity Certification and the process it follows.
  - General overview, see also the other links on this webpage <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/biodiversity-offsets-scheme/about-the-biodiversity-offsets-scheme/biodiversity-certification>
  - Video explaining biodiversity certification <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/biodiversity-offsets-scheme/about-the-biodiversity-offsets-scheme/news-support-and-webinars> . Note you will have to navigate to the last of the series of videos for
  - The one on biodiversity certification (screen grab below)

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[Biodiversity Offsets Scheme contacts](#)

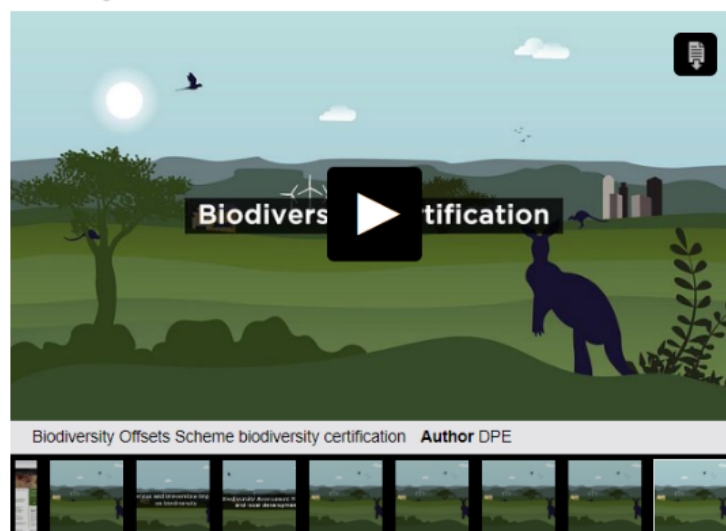
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[Biodiversity Offsets Scheme support](#)

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The Department has produced a number of videos about key areas and activities of the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme.

Click through the carousel thumbnails to choose a video.



### Video topics

- The Biodiversity Offsets Scheme and when it applies
- Meeting biodiversity offset obligations
- Identifying threatened entities at risk of serious and irreversible impacts
- Using the Biodiversity Values Map and Threshold (BMAT) Tool
- Biodiversity assessment for Part 5 activities
- Serious and Irreversible Impacts on biodiversity
- Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) and local development
- Subdivision applications and subsequent development of land
- Biodiversity Offsets Scheme threshold
- Native vegetation clearing
- Test of significance
- Biodiversity certification

## ITEM 2: Forwarded by Cr. Linda Campbell

**From:** Sile Crowe <[scrowe@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:scrowe@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)> on behalf of Nathan McBriarty <[NMCBRIARTY@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:NMCBRIARTY@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023 10:35:05 AM

**Subject:** Wollongong City Council - **Proposed stormwater pipe reconstruction and relining works at 28 Prince Edward Drive, Dapto and surrounds**

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors

### **PROPOSED STORMWATER PIPE RECONSTRUCTION AND RELINING WORKS AT 28 PRINCE EDWARD DRIVE, DAPTO AND SURROUNDS**

As part of our commitment to maintaining and improving our City's assets, we have prepared designs for stormwater pipe and pit reconstruction works at 28 Prince Edward Drive, Dapto and surrounding streets including Duley Street, Yalunga Street and Dolan Street.

The stormwater system was inspected as part of Council's wider stormwater asset inspection program which aims to identify assets that require repair or replacement. We are planning to reconstruct a number of the pipes as well as reline others as required.

Consultation plans nos. 7196\_SK01\_1, 7196\_SK02\_1, 7196\_SK03\_1 and 7196\_SK04\_1 are attached which detail the proposal.

We are expecting to start the project later this financial year and it is intended to advise the adjacent residents in the near future.

If you require further information regarding this project, please contact me directly.

Yours faithfully



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**Item 3 - Info re Dapto Pool. Forwarded by Cr. Linda Campbell  
-10.10.2023**

**Cr Linda Campbell**

**Dapto Swimming Pool**

- The system is continuing to fail, with the water temperature not getting to the desired level over the past week.
- Pool Blankets have been re-installed to help improve the water temperature loss overnight
- Council officers met with our current contractor today regarding the proposed way forward and we will work through those options for replacement. Procuring relevant solutions will take sometime and we will provide further updates as the option is confirmed.

## Item 4

Jen Lysle-Van Dyk - 9.10.2023

Dear Community Member,

**The time has come to unleash your imagination and join us in crafting a new cultural plan!**



Over the past five years, Creative Wollongong has brought us together through a range of events, programs and initiatives, but now we need your input into the next one. Share your thoughts, dreams, and aspirations for our cultural life, and together, we'll create a strategy that will shape our City's identity in the coming years. Your input will help us craft a new plan with your priorities and aspirations at the forefront.

The [Creative Wollongong 2019-2024 Snapshot](#) document highlights some of the achievements of our current cultural plan. The [FAQ](#) has more information about what a cultural plan is and why we need one. To make a submission:

- Take part in our online activities at [our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/creative-wollongong](https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/creative-wollongong):
  - Complete the [online survey](#)
  - Contribute to the [Show and Tell Gallery](#) - show us a place or activity that represents the unique creativity and culture of your community. You can upload a photo or drawing of this place, or share links to a song, piece of music, website, or video.



- Fill out a paper survey at [your local library](#) or Wollongong Art Gallery. There are reply-paid envelopes available with the surveys.
- Send an email to [engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)
- Write to us at Locked Bag 8821, Wollongong DC NSW 2500
- Call us on 4227 7111 to have a survey posted to your address

### **Share with your networks/members**

I'd be grateful for your help in getting the word out to your networks / members / colleagues / friends / family about this opportunity to provide input. Please forward this email to anyone you think may be interested. I've also attached a PDF of our promotional postcard for people who'd like to print and display it, as well as a social media tile you're welcome to use.


### **Accessibility and language assistance**

If you're d/Deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech or language difficulty, you can contact us through the [National Relay Service](#). If you need an interpreter, you can contact us through the [Translating and Interpreting Service](#) on 131 450. You'll need to provide our phone number 02 4227 7111 for either service.

### **Join the conversation**

Share your feedback with us by 19 November 2023.

Thanks for taking the time out of your day to contribute to this important local initiative.

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