

AGENDA for NF8 Meeting

Scribbly Gum Room@ Ribbonwood Centre (also on Teams)

7pm WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2025

1. 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 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:

3. Attending:

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting - 8th October 2025

5. Correspondence:

6. Councillors Report:

7. Council Officer Presentation:

8. Convenors Report:

- a. Carol Berry email
- b. Managing Food Risk
- c. Australia Gravity Story
- d. Draft Economic Development Strategy
- e. Wollongong Transport Strategy
- f. Ribbonwood Centre
- g. Wollongong News
- h. New Transport response to concerns raised by Heather Hopkinson
- i. Dogs on Beaches WLPP Meeting Agenda
- j. Skate Parks
- k. Flinders Street Precinct
- l. City Centre Planning Changes
- m. West Dapto Update - West Dapto Rd- Shone Avenue
- n. Wongawilli: Corner, Hall, Resident Access Issue Shone Avenue

9. General Business

Meeting Close:

NEXT NF8 MEETING TO BE HELD

7PM WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025

SCRIBBLY GUM ROOM, RIBBONWOOD CENTRE

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. From Cr. Deidre Stuart - Nov 6, 2025

Dear NF7 and NF8 secretaries/convenors and BCC-ed others,

I am writing to ask a favour. I attended a WCC briefing on Monday night and we received a report on Energy Poverty in our LGA and heard about rebates which low-income households can apply for. We also heard that there is an extension on time for the ShineHub bulk buy program for solar/battery and VPP. I am wondering if you can share this information with others in your networks who it might find this helpful.

ENERGY POVERTY

WCC staff have estimated that 13-18% of Wollongong LGA households are spending 10% or more of their weekly income on energy (and consequently are in energy poverty). That equates to 10,902 households, with affected proportions of households in Warrawong, Cringila, Berkeley, Bellambi and Windang-Primbee suburbs being highest (19-26% of households affected). Staff have also estimated that 15,427 households would be eligible for some kind of NSW government Low Income Household electricity rebate, but only 12,674 are signed up – so by those estimates, 2,753 eligible households are missing out on a rebate.

From what I can see, there are various rebates (about \$285-\$315 per household per year, depending on the household type) that some households might be eligible for, if the householder is a concession card holder. The current NSW government energy rebates can be viewed at - [Energy and utilities | Service NSW](#). Separate to this scheme, please also be aware that if you know someone who relies on medical equipment that requires electricity, then there is also a NSW government rebate available for this purpose - see [Apply for the NSW Life Support Energy Rebate \(retail customers\) | Service NSW](#).

SHINEHUB PROGRAM EXTENDED

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Solar & Battery Bulk Buy program has been extended till 19 Dec 2025, giving residents access to exclusive discounts on premium solar and battery systems through ShineHub. Please see [Illawarra Shoalhaven Community Program](#) for further information.

Council is doing more work in this space, but I wanted to make sure people were aware of these two things as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Deidre

NF8 Correspondence In to Meeting 12.11.2025:

2. **From:** Jeremy Morgan <jmorgan@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 7 November 2025 3:31 PM

To: rondcooper1275@gmail.com; ian.fitzgibbon@outlook.com; hhboardman@gmail.com

Cc: Jasmine Marslew <jmarslew@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: West Dapto Road - Neighbourhood Forum 8 - Construction Update October 2025

Hi Ron, Ian and Heather

I am reaching out on behalf of our Major Projects team to provide a brief update on current works on West Dapto Road. Works continue with significant upgrades of underground services and commencement of road widening. I have attached an update with some images of works to end of October - the aerial images give a sense of scale of the worksite. Over the next month, works will continue relocating NBN, gas, sewer and water services around the Shone Avenue intersection, culvert widening will commence and preparation for removal of aerial power cables in coming months.

Our team (primarily Ben, Justin and Josh) have a regular presence on site to monitor progress and to meet with the contractor to mitigate issues that come up.

Please reach out to our Senior Project Manager, Ben Hardaker if you have any specific questions about the project.

Regards,
Jeremy Morgan, Manager Project Delivery, WCC