

1. Welcome & Acknowledgment of Country

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which this meeting takes place, and the Elders past and present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

2. Attendance

List of Attendees

Peter Maywald (Convenor) Kaye Adams (Secretary), Steven Adams, Lucy Andrade, Ron Arnts, Mark Baron, Tracy Baron, Cr Linda Campbell, Dom Figliomeni, Buster Jamieson, Ronda Jones, Dorothy Lucas, Terry Koellner, Kim Maywald, Cr Ann Martin, David Nicholson, , Mark Peterlin, Nigel Rosser, Tracy Rosser, Miles Rosser, Heath Snoek, Milena Snoek, Cr Deidre Stuart, Cerese Whitmore, Charlie Owen

Apologies

Christine Okoniowsk, Annie Marlow

3 AGM – Election of Positions of Convenor & Secretary/Co-Convenor

Dom Figliomeni stood in as Volunteer Chair and declared all positions vacant.

- Nominations were called for Convenor. One nomination received
 - Peter Maywald – Nominated by Buster Jameson & Seconded Steve Adams
 - Passed unanimously
- Nominations were called for Secretary/Deputy Convenor
 - Kaye Adams – Nominated by Peter Maywald & Seconded by Cerese Whitmore
 - Passed unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes

Charlie Owen submitted a correction to the October 2024 Minutes:-

5.2 The residents were not happy about the proposed location of the pedestrian refuge and if it was necessary to look at near 354

Based on this change the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Charlie Owen & Seconded by Tracey Baron

5. Council Updates

5.1 Councillor Martin advised that 2 Mayoral Minutes were passed at the Council Meeting 25/11/24

- WCC to make a submission to the Cruising Industry Advisory Panel to highlight Port Kembla as the most suitable location for a new cruise terminal in NSW.
- WCC in line with their Community Recognition Policy, bestow the Keys to the City on Mr Alex Volkanovski in recognition of his contribution to raising Wollongong's profile on the world stage, his valuable support for local charities and awareness campaigns, and his outstanding sporting achievements including winning six UFC World Championship titles.
- The State of the City Report was adopted

- Crown Lands has put up a No Camping Sign at Berkeley Harbour. Peter Maywald asked if she knew why there were still no signs at Merinda Wharf
 - *Action - Cr Martin advised she would follow up*

5.2 Councillor Stuart advised

- It appears that some people did not receive cards circulated in the community regarding input into Wollongong Community Strategic Plan
- Lake Entrance Report is available online. There is still opportunities to attend drop in sessions

5.3 Cr Campbell

- There are 8 new Councillors and a lot of time has been spent on inductions and at the latest meeting much time was spent adopting reports.
- The reports show the activities that WCC is involved with including the Lake Entrance study

5. General Business

5.1 Correspondence

- Still waiting a reply regarding Fishers on Windang Bridge.
- Reply received from WCC re Smoke Emissions
- Still waiting for reply from Paul Scully & the Lord Mayor re “No Camping” signage at Berkeley Boat Harbour, Merinda Wharf & Kully Bay

5.2 Northcliffe Drive & Lake Heights Rd Intersection

- Originally listed as item 3 on the Agenda – WCC representatives were scheduled to have a discussion/review their plans for traffic management at Northcliffe Drive/Lake Heights Rd intersection. WCC advised that they were not in a position to make a presentation at this point.

6. Other Business

6.1 Negative Impacts from Wood Fire Heating.

- A letter was received from WCC indicating-
 - WCC is prepared to educate the community addressing the health impacts of fine particle smoke emissions and containing tips to reduce the negative impacts.
 - WCC will monitor for the release of the updated Local Government Air Quality Toolkit and new guidelines on managing neighbourhood smoke and will review and consider any recommendations that may be practical and appropriate. NF7 noted that they believe this existed.

6.2 Dogs off Leash

- Charlie Owen brought up an incident from a resident in Primbee who had been attacked by “Off Leash Dog/s”.
- Cr Martin advised that it was illegal to let dogs roam. There are massive fines if a dog attacks someone. NF7 and Ward 3 Councillors advised that to follow up matters a customer reference number was important. For matters like this, that the dog, dog location, incident location were required for WCC to take action..
 - *Action- Charlie Owen to forward CR No of incidents to Ward 3 Councillors*
- This also brought the subject to “Off Leash” Beaches in Port Kembla and that all 3 beaches were subject to “Off Leash” hours and areas. It was noted that WCC had indicated that it would be reviewing the Dogs off Leash Policy.
 - *Action – Cr Martin to follow up Dogs off Leash Policy*

6.3 Responsible Cat Ownership

- NF7 noted that there have been renegotiations with RSPCA and requested an update regarding this:

Cr Campbell advised

- RSPCA is no longer housing strays
- WCC is currently investigating providing their own impounding facilities. One option includes providing services and making money back by providing services to other Councils
- Current rehoming strategy includes a number of animal care facilities and vets. This is an interim measure while WCC determines the approach they will take.
- NF7 noted that there is a NSW Govt Committee reviewing Management of Cat Populations and questioned if WCC had made preparations for outcomes of the review and changes to council action requirements. Cr Campbell advised WCC will wait for the outcome
 - *Action – NF7 to continue to monitor*

6.4 Lake Illawarra Entrance Study

- Peter Maywald advised that the study resulting in 5 preferred options was out for comment. There are feedback sessions available.
- Cr Campbell encouraged the forum to read the 20 Page Summary and specifically look at Page 9.
- There was much discussion about the why have 5 options. Cr Campbell indicated that community feedback would assist in the decision-making process.
 - *Action – No Action required at this point*

6.5 Additional Business

- Buster Jameson advised that he was tabling a letter about Mrs Pardy, a resident, who is very ill and encourage WCC to set up a memorial/plaque at the local pool upon her death.

Cr Martin advised that the person must be deceased for at least 3 years but would submit the letter on behalf of the community.

 - *Action - Cr Martin to submit letter*
- Steve Adams asked why Cakes by Rachele was being forced to close. Cr Martin advised that Councillors are not allowed to have an active role in applications but was aware of the issues related to the closure. There was some discussion amongst the forum about the closure and Cr Martin advised that ultimately the food business was not authorised to operate in an area zoned residential
 - *Action – No action required.*
- Charlie Owen advised that Wilhire was storing vehicles out of the Korrungulla site. He had made calls to WCC and lodged a request and had no response.
 - *Action Charlie Owen to supply CR no to Ward 3 Councillors for follow-up*

There was no other business

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm -Tuesday February 25 2025-Illawarra Yacht Club