

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

Kaye Adams (Secretary), Steven Adams, Tracy Baron, Mark Baron, Rick Cheers, Dom Figliomeni (Acting Convenor), Rita Glossop, Buster Jamieson, Dorothy Lucas, Julie Marlow, Peter Maywald, Cr Ann Martin, David Nicholson, Christine Okoniowski, Tracy Rosser, Nigel Rosser Heath Snoek, Milena Snoek, Cr Deidre Stuart, Charlie Owen, John Bridge, Darren Laudenbach, Rachelle Laudenbach

Wollongong City Council – Joanne Page, Nathan McBriarty, Andrew Ogg

Apologies

Cerese Whitmore, Rosemary Frezza, Marie Davidson, Miles Rosser, Cr Myers, Cr Campbell, Kim Maywald

3 Presentation

Wollongong City Council presented

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[Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026 and Draft Resourcing Strategy 2025-2035 | Our Wollongong](#)

Draft Community Strategic Plan and Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan

Draft Infrastructure Delivery program

Key points -

- A location is still to be determined for the replacement Park at Windang. WCC is working on “No Dig” sites. NF7 noted this has been ongoing for too long and nothing seems to be progressing
 - o **Action – Joanne Page to take community concerns into account**
- There will be an additional skate park at Port Kembla (in design for 2026/2027). Actual location to be determined. This is in addition to the Skate Space on Military Road.
- The SQUID is currently planned for construction winter 2025
- Gabions - construction 2025
- Warrawong CBD roads & traffic management will be adapted to suit the needs encompassing the Southern Suburbs Community Centre & Library, Warrawong Parklands & Warrawong Plaza Residential Development.
- Port Kembla Community Centre Upgrade. (This will also have toilets open to the public M-F)
The crossing in this location will also be upgraded from a safety perspective.

3. WCC Presentation (Cont)

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Other Points

- WCC is close to submitting a report on Windang Foreshore Options and will present these to the community shortly after.
- There are funding issues that NF7 has requested which include Wollomai Point Natural Area increased maintenance along with 25-27 Grandview Parade Natural Area maintenance need addressed. This is, along with Port Kembla Promenade Public Toilets to be kept open all year round
 - **Action – Peter Maywald to include in submission comments**
- Joanne Page mentioned that there is a new program in the Town Centre Blitz which will involve a crew go around assess the need for activities like gardening, painting, landscaping
 - **Action - Kaye Adams to investigate and forward any information available**
- Submission Close May 7, 2025
- Every submission is reviewed and assessed
- The Forum asked if it is worthwhile getting community input from the community. We have a list of projects that we would like to see addressed. Nathan McBriarty advised that work starts September/October and project requests can come to them directly or through the Councillors. Nathan advised he would forward information to allow us to assess criteria and provide them with the necessary details from a forum perspective. Joanne Page advised NF7 to work on 3-4 years out.
 - **Action- Nathan McBriarty to send information on the assessment & criteria process.**
 - **Action - Peter Maywald & Kaye Adams to review WCC Criteria and determine the next steps.**

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March meeting were approved by Charlie Owen and seconded by Tracey Baron

5. Council Updates

5.1 Councillor Stuart & Councillor Martin advised that most of their time and news were all related to the documents presented by WCC.

6. General Business

6.1 Correspondence & Action Items

- All Correspondence has been circulated
- Going forward the Forum will report on ‘Action Items’ to allow for more thorough accountability

Merinda Wharf

- Kaye Adams reinforced that there is a lot of work going on in the background with various government agencies regarding Illegal Campers.
- At Merinda there is a division of land ownership where the area along the foreshore is owned by Crown Lands & the area closer to Northcliff Drive is owned by Wollongong City Council.
- The signs have been erected by WCC on their land and are waiting for signage from Crown Lands and are waiting for this until further steps can be taken.
- Discussions with WCC and Minister Scully have reiterated that this is a long process, and the Government parties cannot take any action until firstly the Crown Land signs are installed and then a consultation process takes place to assist any homeless campers
- Minister Scully has advised this Reserve is being regulated by WCC
- Other members of the forum advised of issues witnessing illegal campers washing dishes in the lake and urinating in the area.

6. General Business (cont)

Merinda Wharf (cont)

- There is also unregistered vehicles located in the area
- Members of the forum also advised there are dogs of leash at the Wharf
 - **Action Cr Martin to forward Councillor Request details to Kaye Adams**

Kully Bay Illegal Campers

- Minister Scully has advised the NSW Govt is working through Ownership & Legal Issues before they can proceed along a similar path to that at Merinda Wharf

Cat Containment Review

- Kaye Adams advised that NSW Govt Companions Animal Act is currently under review and submission close 4th May 2025.

6.2 Dogs off Leash on Beaches – Deferred until Mark Peterlin is present.

6.3 Proposed Q&A with Trudy Costa Coastal Environment Officer.

- **Action The forum to forward to Kaye Adams any questions or topics that they would like to know more about, and we will put a request together for her. Deadline 6/5/25**

6. Other Business

No Other Business – Meeting Closed 7.30pm

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm -Tuesday May 27 2025-Illawarra Yacht Club