

**DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8 - NF8 MINUTES**  
**7.00PM WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2024**

**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 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. Deirdre Stuart, Cr. Tiana Myers

**3. ATTENDING:** Cr Ann Martin; Cr. Linda Brown, Nathan McBriarty (WCC), Elise Woods (WCC), Ron Cooper, Ian Fitzgibbon, Dennis Couley, Heather Boardman, Gail Whatman, Martin Whatman, Steven O’Neill, Peter Small, Cathy Small, Maureen (Spelling?) Craggs.

**4. MINUTES:** - From 9th OCTOBER 2024 accepted

Moved : Martin                      Seconded : Ian

**5. COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENTATIONS: re Community Strategic Plan**

**Elise Woods (WCC) - Corporate Strategic Plan** (10 year plan)

Plan for whole of Council Area, though not just what council is responsible for delivering.

Our Wollongong Our Future - feedback page

Monday 18th November is deadline for feedback to be received at Council.

(See attachment for full report)

**6. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Cr. Linda Brown:** 8 of 12 new councillors following recent election - lots of time bringing new councillors up to speed.

Cr. Ann Martin: Local Government Conference Council Meeting next week - reps will attend

Committee Formation, Strategic activity; Discussion around tenders;

## 7. CONVENORS REPORT

- A. Cleveland Road Drop In - Ron Cooper attended Presentation by Luke Dean @ Ribbonwood
- B. Ribbonwood Hall 2025 Hire Dates confirmed for NF8 Meetings.
- C. Email to Ella Smith of WIN News - advised that any published article needs to be passed by NF8 Convenor, Ron Cooper .
- D. Wollongong News from WCC - Note- coming events: Carols 12th December, NYE, Australia Day.
- E. Tallawarra Power Station - Ron attended meeting
- F. Standing Issues - Cleveland Rd, Bong Bong Rd. Traffic Lights, Darkes Rd Town Centre. West Dapto Rd & Wongawilli Rd.

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Trees Forest Grove- Invocare have agreed to prune trees.
- B. Trees- in Osborne & Station Street have not been sympathetically pruned. Follow up to see if can be improved. Put through request to council.
- C. Soft Plastics Collection at Fred Finch Park- Between Christmas & New Year  
Polystyrene recycle now available.
- E. Cost of Living Hub- meeting regarding this was well attended
- F; TEAMS is planned to be running for February NF8 Meeting.
- G. Martin Whatman raised concerns regarding a recently notified closure for resurfacing in Werowi St. This clashes with plans for a major community event on 24th November . Request that immediate dialogue be held to alter day for road work in order to reduce traffic & safety issues.
- H. Discussion regarding the need for footpath on Darkes Road

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

### **Out:**

NF8 November Minutes emailed on 4.11.2024

NF8 Agenda Emailed on 12.11.2024

### **In:**

- a) Emma Bedwin : WCC Engagement Coordinator (See attached)
- b) Cr Deirdre Stuart- Soft Plastics (See attached)
- c) Peter & Cathy Small 30.10.24 - Forest Grove Lakeside Memorial Park Casuarinas

**MEETING CLOSE: 8.30pmNF8 November 2024**

**NEXT MEETING.**

**7.00PM WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2024**

**See Attachments following**

## ATTACHMENTS- CORRESPONDENCE IN:

### a) From: Emma Bedwin

Sent: Wednesday, 9 October 2024 10:53 AM

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

Subject: Neighbourhood Forum 8: Request to add a brief presentation to the agenda of your next Neighbourhood Forum meeting please

Wollongong City Council is preparing for the next stage in developing our Community Strategic Plan (CSP), and we are committed to ensuring the community is well-informed and has opportunities to contribute.

We value your connection to community and would like to attend your next meeting to provide an overview of the upcoming CSP engagement period, which will run from the 18 October to 18 November. The purpose of the visit is to raise awareness of how community members can participate in shaping this important plan. We are not seeking to undertake engagement activities during the forum itself, but rather to inform community members about the engagement process and how they can get involved.

Additionally, we appreciate your assistance in sharing this information with the wider community to encourage participation. We will provide further materials at the meeting for you to share with your networks.

We would appreciate being included in your agenda for a brief 20-minute presentation at the start of the meeting. During this time, we will explain the CSP process, outline the opportunities for feedback, and provide an update on the timeline for developing and finalising the Plan.

Can you please confirm if the proposed time on the agenda suits? (noting that Nathan McBriarty is already attending on other business). Can you also confirm if the meeting details below are accurate?

Neighbourhood Forum 8 – Dapto Area

Meeting Date– 13 November, 2024

Meeting time – 7 – 8:30pm

**Proposed time on agenda – 7:10 – 7:30pm?**

Thank you for your support in helping us connect with the community.

With thanks, Emma Bedwin



**Emma Bedwin | Engagement Coordinator**

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## Correspondence In

### b) Deidre Stuart

Ward 3 Councillor, Wollongong City Council

Please can you share this information with other NF8 members.

Soft plastics drop-off days planned in the Illawarra

As per the attachment, the Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation (ISJO) is working with our local councils to run drop-off events for soft plastics recycling (clean, dry, empty soft plastics). If you've been stockpiling your soft plastics, these events are for you!

- Wollongong

27-Dec	8am - 12pm	Fred Finch Park, Berkeley
28-Dec	8am - 12pm	Rex Jackson Oval, Helensburgh
30-Dec	8am - 12pm	Ziems Park, Corrimal

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- Shellharbour

24 November 9am– 3pm Albion Oval, Ash Ave, Albion Park Rail

23 February 9am – 3pm Albion Oval, Ash Ave, Albion Park Rail

- Kiama

20 November 8am – 4pm Minnamurra Waste Facility

12 February 8am – 4pm Minnamurra Waste Facility

I understand that ISJO is looking for volunteers to assist at these events so please let me (Deidre Stuart 0457 902 470) know if you are interested in helping out. I am booked to help out at the 27 December Berkeley event so please say hello and introduce yourself if you come by that day.

Reform of national packaging regulations – have your say

Currently there is a consultation underway on national packaging regulations. Please add any comments or suggestions before Monday 28<sup>th</sup>, when submissions are due. You can view the consultation paper and fill in their survey here (the more they receive the better): <https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/reform-of-packaging-regulation>

Circular Plastics Illawarra

I also want to let people know about a local group Circular Plastics Illawarra (CPI) who are trying to make a difference locally to our problem of waste plastics. See <https://www.circularplasticsillawarra.org/> for more information. Personally I have found their TAKE ACTION webpage (see <https://www.circularplasticsillawarra.org/take-action>) very helpful. For instance I discovered that medication blister packs can be recycled at Dapto and Figtree Blooms Chemists and at Wollongong Central and Shellharbour Chemist Warehouse locations. CPI welcome new members who are keen to learn and help.

Kind regards, Deidre Stuart Ward 3 Councillor, Wollongong City Council

**Attachment**

**Council Presentation at November NF8 Meeting**

**See here link to community feedback page on Council website**

Thank you for welcoming Council staff to present at the Forum's meeting last night on the Community Strategic Plan review. Please find enclosed a copy of the slides presented and the Frequently Asked Questions document.

The community can provide us with their feedback by visiting the Our Wollongong website – [Our Future: help update our community plan](#)

With regard to the question that was asked last night about which email address to use for customer requests, please use: [council@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,  
Elise Woods, Corporate Strategy Manager , WCC

**Please Note: The Strategic Planning Review and Frequently Asked Questions Documents follow in separate email**