

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8 - AGENDA
7.00PM WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER 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:

Deputy Lord Mayor Cr. Linda Campbell, Liz Webster,

3. ATTENDING: 17 People.

Cr. Linda Campbell, Cr Deirdre Stuart, Cr. Tiana Myers, Ron Cooper, Heather Boardman, Ian Fitzgibbon, Dennis Couley, Steve McGartland, Margaret McPhail, Peter Small, Cathy Small, Steve Haiser, Sal Selvi, Steven O'Neill, Martin Whatman, Gail Whatman, Robert Vickers

4. MINUTES: - From 13th November 2024 accepted

Moved : Dennis Could Seconded : Martin Whatman

5. COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENTATIONS: None tonight

6. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Final WCC meeting for 2024 will be next week.

Cr. Campbell requested Voucher system for children 16 & under to have free entry to local pools. This system will be in place during summer.

Planning proposal for Cleveland Rd has been notified & will commence soon.

Community Strategic Plan- finished period of input- now reviewing input and reviewing local planning.

Council Report- Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009 including West Dapto Centres Master Plan to be revised .

Initial Planning for neighbourhood plan- Marshall Mount & Darkes Road.

Preliminary response for "Welcome to Dapto" blade signs also large billboard sign- welcome to Dapto.

Revision of LEP will ensure that drive through fast food outlets will no longer be permitted in village centres.- ### (NF8 follow up on this to confirm)

Timed parking now in place for popular beaches & tourist spots.

DCP for Dapto has been adopted.

Program in place to refresh street signs including those missing or unreadable. Recommended that residents who become aware of missing or damaged street signs notify councillors or council via “snap , send, solve” app.

Q. Is council going to audit or reply to resident reports.

A: Both of the above.

Review of dump/tip emplacement sites

Welcome and introduction to newly appointed councillors: Deirdre Stuart & Tiana Myers.

7. CONVENORS REPORT

A. Anna Watson & Rob Cumins Update -

- i) Selected Primary School Site- seeking to purchase
- ii) M1 on-off ramps - report was due on Annas desk- will report to NF8 asap.
- iii) Money allocated for design of road Marshall Mount to North Macquarie Rd
- iv) Romeo Cecchele emailed to advise he has set up online petition for 3 lane on freeway. (add link to petition to minutes) Meeting decided to hold out until more information is available

E. Dapto Traffic Updates - Tyson Perry & Nathan have sent info:

- i) Bus Stop seats in place and signage - still set back from the road - passengers cannot see bus approaching.
NF8 send the need for inclusions such as bus stops to be included in planning requirements for developers.
- ii) Mt. Brown Parking - (see attached email from Tyson Perry). Discussion re change in situation parking. Also speed limits.
- iii) Fatal Accident West Dapto Road- Council will review when police reports comes in.
- iv) Trees on Osborne St. following cr. Request that council look into this. Paul Tracey (include details)
- v) Lake Illawarra Entrance Option: see you tube on council website. Further drop ins will be scheduled...
- vi) Please see the short inked video explaining the currant options being considered <https://youtu.be/yjoa-Bnb-1o>
- vii) Website: Lake Illawarra Entrance options
- viii) Email: engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au(External link)
- ix) Soft Plastics drop off 27 December at Fred Finch Park

- J. Soft Plastics Recycling
- K. Tallawarra residential. #3 precincts- North, South, Central Subdivision Plans - Environmental area- southern section where ash ponds are to be retained.
- L. Development Control Plan West Dapto Master Plan post exhibition- responses.
- M. Standing Issues - Cleveland Rd, has been designed- start date dependent on water board works.
- N. Bong Bong Rd. Traffic Lights,- no further reports have been received.
- O. Shone Avenue shared pathway section now complete
- P. Northcliffe Drive concept design underway
- Q. Tenders for West Dapto Road Yard St have been received and next steps in consideration Also Darkes Rd Town Centre. West Dapto Rd & Wongawilli Rd intersection
- R. Safer Community- Dapto Mall
- S. Contact -Darkes Sporting & Community Hub
- T. #NF8 request briefing from Kerry Hunt (WCC Director Community Services) & Tania Brown (Lord Mayor)
- U. Concern regarding ongoing problems caused by Invocare trees on boundary of Forest Grove .
Cr. Linda Campbell followed up
- V. Planning Proposal notified of DA for Cleveland Rd

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Martin Whatman & Ron Cooper:

Q: Would Council support the introduction of “Teams” to neighbourhood forums - share with other forums

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Out:

NF8 December Minutes emailed on 9.12.24 NF8 Agenda Emailed on

In:

1. Nathan McBriarty (WCC)- NF8 Follow Up on action requests. (see attachment)
2. Cr. Linda Campbell- Follow Up on Councillor Request. (See attachment)

MEETING CLOSE: 9pm

NEXT MEETING.

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2024

ATTACHMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Nathan McBriarty. (Manager Infrastructure Strategy & Planning WCC)

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you on this.

Jerah might have sent you below, I am just making sure you have it.

Enjoy your Christmas and New Year.

I notice we have a separate customer request from NF8 for other updates so have provided a response to these below also.

Dapto Bus Stop

I have been informed that the bus seat relocation under the awning at ALDI should have been actioned last week.

The delay was due to sign ordering (delays in receiving updated signs).

I'll try find some time to drive past this week however if you notice the signs and bus seat are still not correctly installed, let me know and I will chase this up.

Mt Brown parking signage

Council is awaiting feedback from TfNSW regarding the matter.

I have contacted TfNSW again today requesting a response as soon as possible.

I do note (anecdotally from driving through here) that less vehicles appear to be parking on the street. Has NF8 seen this behaviour change also?

Speed limits after fatal crash on West Dapto Road

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has responsibility for reviewing and setting speed limits in NSW. All requests for an assessment or a review of a speed limit can be submitted through the following link: [Speed limits - have your say | Transport for NSW](#).

Council has requested TfNSW review the speed zone between Sheaffes Road to the existing 50km/h zone near Shone Avenue as part of the West Dapto Road Upgrade project. The speed zone change will be installed (if supported) during construction of this upgrade.

There are currently no short-term plans for West Dapto Road to be upgraded north of Sheaffes Road meaning any speed zone reduction would need to be requested to TfNSW directly and be based on current road conditions.

Regarding the fatal crash, Council is awaiting the formal Crash Report from Police and TfNSW.

Once Council receives this report, our Transport Team will investigate potential safety improvement opportunities as part of our fatal crash investigation process.

Regards,
Nathan

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2. Cr. Linda Campbell Deputy Lord Mayor Wollongong Council

Linda Campbell submitted this Councillor request on 13.11.24:

Subject: Trees Osborne and Station Street Dapto

The trees on this street are looking very scrappy following trimming by the power company . Can our staff please have a look and advise whether any beautification possible? If not would it be possible to replace these with a more appropriate species.

Also please advise the neighbourhood forum of the outcome of this request

Thanks

Linda

Linda Campbell then forwarded Council response to this request.

Please find here council response to NF8 Enquiry regarding the trees on Osborne & Station Streets:

From Paul Tracey, Manager Open Space + Environmental Services

Thanks for the enquiry from NF8 via Cr Campbell.

Our team have inspected the trees along station street.

The species – Native Brush Box are really resilient to this type of pruning, and whilst I agree they don't look great, they still provide a shade benefit along the footpath for pedestrians.

We expect they will survive, and as such removal and replacement is not something we would allocate resources to at this time.

Unfortunately Endeavour Energy continue to prune trees like this across the Wollongong LGA, and we are unable to stop it as they use powers delegated under the electricity supply act.

The challenge with replacing trees at this site is we could only plant a species with a maximum height that does not grow within 4 meters of the high voltage lines (top 3 lines in the image) otherwise the pruning will continue.

Happy to discuss at any point if you have further questions

Thanks, Paul

