

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, Tracy Baron, John Bridge, Rick Cheers, Dom Figliomeni, Rita Glossop, Buster Jamieson, Dorothy Lucas, Annie Marlow, Julie Marlow, Cr Ann Martin, David Milnes, David Nicholson, Christine Okoniowski, Charlie Owen, Mark Peterlin, Tracy Rosser, Nigel Rosser Heath Snoek, Milena Snoek, Cr Deidre Stuart,

Apologies

Cerese Whitmore, Rosemary Frezza, Marie Davidson, Miles Rosser, Cr Myers, Cr Campbell, Darren Laudenbach, Rachelle Laudenbach

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April meeting were approved by Christine Okoniowski and seconded by David Nicholson

4. Council Updates

Cr Martin & Cr Stuart

- 28 Lake Avenue Cringila- Initially WCC agreed to sell the property and received community objections as whilst it was used as a park it was not zoned as such. At the meeting 26/5/2025 WCC voted to rezone the property to Recreational and reclassify to Community. WCC will also review other areas of improvement around Cringila. Councillors Stuart, Whittaker & Docker submitted the motion to rescind the resolution to sell the property at 28 Lake Avenue Cringila. Councillors Martin, Campbell & Meyer submitted a similar motion.
- A review of mostly WCC owned properties and a list was presented to Council 26/5/2025 for rezoning. WCC has approved the list which goes through a 'Gateway' with the State Government and then put on public exhibition. The property at 6-8 Grand View Pde was included on the list
List of properties below.
https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0022/281236/Item-4-Public-Exhibition-Planning-Proposal-Review-of-Council-Owned-Land.pdf
- Cr Stuart spoke about Emergency Management and that WCC has \$650,000 approved by Transport NSW in disaster relief

5. Correspondence & Action Items

Action Items

Action Item – Village & Town Centre Blitz – Information Request from WCC – Waiting Information at the time of meeting. (Email has since been received 27/5/25 and forwarded 28/5/25.)

This has since been actioned and is now **closed**.

Action Item – Dogs of Leash – Cr Martin advised that this has been actioned and the dogs are no longer there.

This action item is now **closed**.

Action Item – Planning for 26/27. It was agreed that we needed to get our list of priorities for infrastructure and funding. This needs to be ready by September 2025.

- Peter Maywald mentioned that one such addition is that now the new crossing is on Northcliffe Drive, to encourage cyclists to use this crossing that the path must be made suitable for use
 - *Action - NF7 individuals to give some thought to what needs to be done within the area and to channel that information through to Peter Maywald & Kaye Adams*

New Action Item – Port Kembla Beach Promenade Public Toilets -Last year it was agreed by WCC that the Promenade Public Toilets would be open over Winter. The forum requested that WCC confirm this arrangement is going ahead.

- *Action – Peter Maywald to forward copy of email to Cr Martin*
- *Action – Cr Martin to raise a Councillor Request to confirm that this is actually taking place*

Correspondence

- All Correspondence has been circulated
- Outstanding Correspondence from Minister Scully
 - Fishers on Bridge 27/3/2025
 - Berkeley Boat Harbour Master Plan 27/3/25
 - *Action Kaye Adams to make phone call to follow up.*

6. Business Arising

6.1 Plan for being prepared for 2026 IDP Process

- Information has been received regarding WCC regarding their assessment process for projects.
- WCC start work on the 2026/27 IDP projects & budget in September. It is important that we have our 'wish list; prepared by this time.
- It is necessary for all NF7 members to review the existing list and to think of other matters that they would like addressed. This can be emailed to Peter Maywald or Kaye Adams or presented at a meeting
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6. Business Arising (cont)

6.2 Free Camping – Berkely Boat Harbour, King St & Merinda Wharf

- Peter Maywald reminded the members of NF7 of the forum's response to this issue
If the free camping sites are deemed a response to the housing crisis, those sites need to be provided with formalised facilities including showers & toilets.
- The Campers have been issued with notice to move on by June 13 2025
- There is a petition going around with approximately 400 names to stay.
- Cr Martin advised that Minister Scully is very aware of impacts of the "Free Campers" with people being made feel uncomfortable walking in an area, unregistered vehicles and that all campers had been visited numerous times and have been offered services and housing.
- Tracey Baron highlighted a similar problem in Windang and that the campers could end up there.
There does not appear to be any signs at Windang.
 - *Action – Peter Maywald to send details to Ward 3 Councillors for No Camping signs to be added for Windang and any other areas that come to mind.*

6.3 Trudy Costa Presentation.

Trudy Costa is visiting at our June meeting to talk all things Lake Illawarra

General Business

7.1 Lake Illawarra Cycleway Retaining Walls

Work has commenced. The Gabion Baskets are being replaced by a rock wall. The understanding all the through the whole process was replacing like for like. Some members were curious as to why this approach has been taken. It was decided that whilst there was mixed feelings about the rock wall. No further action was required.

7.2 Lake Illawarra Entrance Study

The Lake Entrance Options Study (Next Steps) was presented to Council. The following is an extract from Minutes from Wollongong City Council Meeting 28/5/2025

“ ITEM 2 - LAKE ILLAWARRA ENTRANCE OPTIONS STUDY (NEXT STEPS)

- **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** on the motion of Councillor Campbell seconded Councillor A Martin that Council -

1 Wollongong City Council continues to partner with Shellharbour City Council to -

a Write to the NSW Government requesting that it resource and undertake a Strategic Business Case to deliver a long-term management solution for the Lake Illawarra entrance (action EC1), with participation from both Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils. The Strategic Business Case is to consider Option 4 and Option 5 or variations thereof from the Lake Illawarra Entrance Channel: Management Options Assessment report against a 'Leave as is' base case.

b Continue to collaborate with the NSW Government to prioritise the delivery of key informing studies under the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program (CMP) and the Floodplain Management Program, to inform the Strategic Business Case. These studies include Cultural Values and Threats (action CH1), Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, and further documentation on the 'Leave as is' scenario, including confirmation of asset management and maintenance responsibilities for infrastructure (actions RA1, PM4).

c Further engage with the community to keep them informed of progress, and that future options consider community knowledge and feedback.

2 Continue investigations into short and medium-term foreshore protection works along the Windang foreshore to assess technical viability and assurance that impacts will not be exacerbated, overall cost-effectiveness, approval pathways, alignment with CMP objectives and delivery responsibilities.”

- *Action NF7 Continue to Monitor*

General Business (cont)

7.3 Rezoning 6-8 Grand View Pde Lake Heights (Heritage Listed Fig Tree)

- The Fig Tree Rezoning went through Council Meeting on Monday 26th May 2025 to be changed from R2 to RE1 Public Recreation
- The rezoning will go to the State Government for approval along with the list of properties approved by Council. This will then be put on public exhibition. This property is owned by Homes NSW and rezoning paves the way for the land to be transferred to WCC.
- It was requested that NF7 members and other residents acknowledge and show their approval of the rezoning of the property in Grand View Parade. Cr Martin explained that it was equally as important to acknowledge support of a proposal.
 - *Action – Kaye Adams & Peter Maywald to monitor and advise members*
 - *Action – NF7 to make a submission of approval*

8. Other Business

Dogs off Leash on Beaches

- The issue – There are 3 beaches in Port Kembla and they all allow dogs. MM is Dogs off Leash, Fisherman's Beach is a timed Dogs off Leash, Port Kembla Beach around the bottom corner is 'No Dogs' however half way up the beach is 'Off Leash'. Mark Peterlin commented that even though Port Kembla Beach near the Promenade is No Dogs he is always asking dog owners to leave the beach.
- It was highlighted that even though it is not patrolled, many families use Fishermans Beach as it is a protected beach, as do the Nippers during times when Port Kembla Beach cannot be used. It was agreed that the forum support that Fisherman's Beach be made a dog free beach.
- Mark Peterlin & Kaye Adams have had contact with the WCC Manager Regulation + Enforcement who has advised a review has started internally for Dogs on Beach's & Parks Policy Review and due for exhibition later in the year.
 - *Action – Peter Maywald to write to Corey Stoneham - WCC Manager Regulation + Enforcement to express our support for Fishermans Beach to be No Dog Beach.*

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm - **Tuesday June 24 2025** - Illawarra Yacht Club