

### 1. Welcome & Acknowledgment of Country

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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

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#### List of Attendees

Peter Maywald (Convenor) Kaye Adams (Secretary), Steven Adams, Lucy Andrade, Mark Baron, Bob Calder, Rick Cheers, Maria DiCarlo, Marie Davidson, Rita Glossop, Buster Jamieson, Dorothy Lucas, Annie Marlow, Julie Marlow, Kim Maywald, Cr Ann Martin, David Nicholson, Nigel Rosser, Tracy Rosser, Heath Snoek, Milena Snoek, Cr Deidre Stuart, Charlie Owen

#### Apologies

Cr Linda Campbell, Gordon Bradbury, Mark Peterlin, Cerese Whitmore, Tracy Baron, Miles Rosser

### 3. Approval of Minutes

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Minutes from the November 2024 meeting were approved by Charlie Owen and seconded by Steve Adams

### 4. Council Updates

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#### 4.1 Councillor Stuart

- Lake Entrance Options were open for Community Consultation late last year. The report included various options. It was clear that more work was needed on some of the options
- The water quality has improved since the lake was open and WCC is working hard to ensure that this continues.
- Waste Management – Polystyrene is accepted at the tip, there has been soft plastic drop off days and Dr Stuart suggested that hopefully there would be more.
  - *Action Cr Stuart to investigate community bins for polystyrene & soft plastics*

#### 4.2 Councillor Martin advised

- Lake Illawarra Implementation Group is asking for nominations for community representatives. Cr Martin said she would like to see 2 from NF7
- The Federal Labour Party has committed to \$10M for the Southern Suburbs Community Centre if reelected at the upcoming Federal Election.
- Councillor Martin encouraged forum members to look online at the WCC Quarterly Review to see what WCC has been doing over the past few months.
- Parking at Port Kembla – review has not been received after two summers
  - *Action Cr Martin to follow up when review will be received*

#### 4.3 Cr Myers

- It was agreed at WCC Council Meeting 3/2/25 that a planning proposal be prepared for that Temporary Event to be included as exempt development on Council managed land.

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## 5. General Business

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### 5.1 Correspondence

- Fishers on Windang Bridge

Email Response received indicates that there was no funding for a guard rail and that the Water Police needed to be contacted regarding enforcement. There was discussion regarding the validity of reporting when there would be limited action. One of the problems is that NF7 is unsure of the law that applies to fishing on the bridge. The community needs to make mass complaints.

- *Action - Peter Maywald - Contact Paul Scully MP to request funding.*
- *Action – Identify the phone number to contact.*
- *Action – Identify the applicable law.*
- *Action – Signs in the Caravan Park – Cr Martin*

- Northcliffe Drive & Lake Heights Road

Advice has been received that the roadworks will proceed as per latest plan.

- Korrungulla Swamp

Received advice from WCC that the owners were operating outside their DA and that all vehicles were to be removed from the site and the business cease operations at this location within 30 days. Charlie Owen noted that there is also a caravan on the property and that the owner, and his son were sometimes sleeping on site. There was a meeting onsite with the Land & Environment Court where the community had input into the proceedings. The completion of that meeting will be held on March 14 2025 in Sydney.

- Merinda Wharf

Received advice that the bus was going to be moved within a couple of weeks and are in discussions with Crown Lands with what can be done regarding illegal camping.

Forum discussion regarding this noted that the bus is unregistered. Cr Martin advised that she has asked for signage to be put up and has not received a response. Cr Martin also advised that WCC officers had been to the site and spoken to individuals and discussed services that are available to the homeless.

- *Action – Cr Martin to follow up signage*

- EPA Noise Camera Trial

Received advice from Cr Richard Martin that the trial is underway and that the locations could not be disclosed.

### 5.2 Lake Illawarra Entrance Study (refer also Councillor Updates)

Further to earlier discussion regarding studies & Options Mark Baron posed the question “What has happened to the emergency funding that was allocated for interim remedial work?” Cr Martin advised that Tracy’s email raising this has been forwarded to WCC staff to address.

Mark asked can we look at an interim solution as the area and foreshore is eroding at a rapid rate.

*Action – Cr Martin to follow up Tracy Baron’s email.*

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## 6. Other Business

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### 6.1 Berkely Community Centre.

- Bubbler has not been installed
- Community Bin in the park has not been replaced causing the staff of the centre to have to clean up the area in the park around the Community Centre
  - *It was suggested that an onsite meeting be arranged by the Berkely Neighbourhood Community Centre to showcase issues in and around the area.*

### 6.2 Dogs on Beaches

- There was some discussion regarding the 3 “Off Leash” Beaches in the Port Kembla area and it was decided that it was better to leave the matter for discussion for when Mark Peterlin was able to attend.
  - *Action Mark Peterlin to bring up when in attendance.*

### 6.3 60- 62 Stuart Rd Warrawong.

- Bob Coulter lives at 60- 62 Stuart Rd Warrawong There is a WCC laneway/walkway between his property and 60 Stuart Rd. Over recent years the WCC workers has sprayed rather than whiper snip along the edges of the walk way. This is causing a great deal or erosion and when it rains it washes the soil way around his fence.
  - *Action Bob Coulter to liaise with Ward 3 Councillors*

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## Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

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**6pm -Tuesday March 25 2025-Illawarra Yacht Club**