

**DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8 - MINUTES**  
**7.00PM WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL 2025**

**Meeting Held in Scribbly Gum Room, Ribbonwood Centre also on Teams**

**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. Jamie Dixon, Cr. Tiana Myers

**3. ATTENDING:** 18 people

Elise Woods ( WCC), Nathan McBriarty (WCC), Cr. Linda Campbell, Cr. Anne Martin, Cr. Deirdre Stuart, Ron Cooper, Ian Fitzgibbon, Heather Boardman, Dennis Couley, Gail Whatman, Martin Whatman, Robert Vickers, Margaret McPhail, Peter Small, Cathy Small, Mal Hentschel, Liz Webster, Warren Southwell.

**4. MINUTES:** - 12th March 2025. Moved : Dennis Couley Seconded : Liz Webster

**5. COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENTATIONS:**

Presentations by Nathan McBriarty - Manager Infrastructure, Strategy & Planning WCC & Elise Woods - Corporate Strategy Manager WCC.

**West Dapto Update Notes:**

Negotiating options for minimise closure time of West Dapto

Mines will not require rail relaid at Shone Avenue- Wongawilli Rd intersection.

Consider retime lights West Dapto Rd - Princes Hwy due to altered traffic flow.

# Community Strategic Plan (2035) - Delivery Program (2025 - 2029) & Operational Plan (2025-2026); Draft Resourcing Strategy ( 2025-2035)

See easy Read on Councils website ( add to minutes) All booklets available at Library. Pop up Tuesday 15th April Dapto Ribbonwood Centre - 10am-1pm.

Today is 1st day of exhibition. On exhibition from today until

**How to Make a submission....by 7th May 2025 :**

Through Council Website surveys; Email; Call; Mail; Pop up- Tuesday 15.4.2025 @ Ribbonwood

NB : Ron Cooper has made submission on behalf of NF8 (see attached) and requested a crossing at the Integral Energy Park Roundabout. This submission will be attached to Agenda of May Meeting

**Please see attached report in full from Elise Woods (WCC)**

## 6. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

- A. Anne Martin** - Additional Planter boxes along Princes Hwy in Dapto CBD, Lake Illawarra,
- B. Linda Brown** - West Dapto Contribution Plan - previously capped- lots of infrastructure being levied for.

Community Battery turned on In Dapto; Indigenous art installations on batteries, Lets

Chat at Ribbonwood well run & lots of engagement. Comic Gong coming to Dapto in May

- C. Deirdre -Stuart** - cleaning up graffiti around Skateboard & CBD, acknowledged work of Rotary in cleaning up graffiti.

## 7. CONVENORS REPORT:

- A. Stream Hill Community Day 14th April starting at 10.00am Integral Energy Park
- B. Carl Schultz- Fowlers Rd
- C. Reply from Paul Tracey - Manager Open Spaces
- D. Sign the petition
- E. Unsightly buildings Princes Highway - graffiti removed
- F. Notification works on Fowlers Rd
- G. Keiraville Residents Action Group
- H. Council have a chat meeting report - well supported
- I. Standing issues - flooding Fairwater Drive, West Dapto Rd, Darkes Rd,
- J. Cleveland Rd mowing.
- K. West Dapto mowing has been done.
- L. Email reply has been sent to Romeo Cecchele

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

### 9. CORRESPONDENCE - In: See email attachments

- A. Benjamin Hardakker**- 20.3.2025 -West Dapto Road Upgrade Construction Starting
- B. Cr. Ann Martin - 27.3.2025** - Forwarded from Jeremy Morgan Manager Project Delivery WCC- Works Notification - Shared pathway Culvert at Cleveland Road.
- C. Cr. Deirdre Stuart - 4.5.2025** - Cat Containment - review of NSW Govt. Companion Animal Act

**MEETING CLOSE: 8.45pm**

**NEXT MEETING. 7.00PM WEDNESDAY 14th MAY 2025**

## ATTACHMENT 1

Good morning Ron and Heather.

Thank you very much for hosting Nathan and I at your Neighbourhood Forum meeting last night.

Please find below and attached information to distribute to your members regarding the exhibition of the Our Wollongong Our Future planning documents.

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### Report from Elise Woods:

At Monday night's [Council meeting \(7 April\)](#) Council endorsed the draft Our Wollongong Our Future Planning documents for public exhibition for the period 9 April to 7 May 2025. Following the public exhibition period, a summary of the community's feedback on the plans and a revised document suite will be presented to Council for adoption at the 30 June 2025 Council Meeting.

The engagement page on council's website is where you will be able to find all the documents plus additional supporting information, links below:

The Community Strategic Plan can be found here: [Our Wollongong Our Future | Our Wollongong](#)

The Delivery Program which lists what council will deliver can be found here: [Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026 and Draft Resourcing Strategy 2025-2035 | Our Wollongong](#)

We encourage the community to have their say. Please find details below as to how you can do this. Also attached is a Frequently Asked Questions document and the Infrastructure Delivery Program for the NHF8 area.

### Join the conversation

We want to make sure everybody has the opportunity to provide their ideas and feedback.

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Regards,

Elise



**Elise Woods**  
Corporate Strategy Manager