

# DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8

## MINUTES

7pm WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2021

(Online zoom due to Covid Health Orders Restrictions)

1. Welcome

2. Acknowledgement of Country, I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which this meeting takes place, and Elders past and Present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

**Attending:**

**Ian Fitzgibbon, Heather Boardman, Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Corey Stoneham (Manager City Works WCC), Dennis Couley, Stephen McGartland, Warren Southwell, Liz Webster, Ron Cooper, Romeo Cecchele.**

3. APOLOGIES:

Cr. Ann Martin, Cr. Cameron Waters, Ami Beck.

4. MINUTES - received for Wednesday 8th September 2021.

Moved by: Dennis Couley

Seconded by: Ron Cooper

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

**IN:**

a) **Charmayne Salter (WCC Community Facilities Officer)** Wollongong City Council Community Facilities not reopening on 11th October. WCC currently working through details and will continue to update regarding reopening date for community centres to ensure the safety of staff and volunteers. Council related information will be posted on City of Wollongong Facebook page.

b) **Ami Beck:** Darkes Road repair. "Thanks to council for the fantastic work done on Darkes Road, it is now a much smoother ride getting into town"

c) **Corey Stoneham (Manager City Works) ( 20 September) Reply regarding enquiry about Avondale Road Yallah Bay Roads**

"City works staff have been on site & investigated the condition of the roads and I am able to advise that Avondale Road was worked on 2 weeks ago (maintenance works) to improve the condition and safety of the road, noting that this road is not a Council asset and is owned by Huntley Heritage. Council will undertake safety works on Avondale Road as required.

The South Depot Roads Maintenance Crew is on site this week at Yallah Bay Road to undertake repairs”

Corey also noted: In response to reports of potholes and pitting - Crew has repaired potholes on the corner of Darkes Road and West Dapto Road.

In response to concerns about deterioration of the shoulders of Darkes Road - Repairs are scheduled on Thursday 14.10.21.

**d) Steven Naumoski (Senior Design Engineer WCC) - New Carpark Access Consultation Plan** - Baan Baan Street, Dapto.- See Council Website. Consultation Plan 6953\_SK10\_1. Start of work expected FY 2021/22.

Ian Fitzgibbon noted that these works are designed to improve traffic flow around the railway station.

**e) David Fitzgibbon (Urban Release Manger) re Proposed Changes to Chapter D16 West Dapto Release Area of Wollongong Development Control Plan.** Staff have reviewed submissions and finalised post exhibition report to Council - this report is now available on Council’s website ahead of the 18th October Meeting.

**f) Romeo Cecchele (12.10.21) email** request update dates for repair work on :

i) Upgrade on dangerous first 500m of West Dapto Road.

ii) Upgrade of full length of Darkes Road

iii) Fairwater drive between Lucas Drive and Highcroft

NB The first issues have been addressed by Corey Stoneham in his report on 20th September and discussion at this meeting.

Regarding Fairwater Drive: Maintenance Team will be tasked to check potholes & subsidence on Fairwater Drive. This section of road is scheduled for further design & construction in 22-23.

**OUT:**

Minutes of September meeting emailed.

**Correspondence accepted.**

Moved by: Dennis Couley

Seconded by: Steve McGartland

## **6. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM ENGAGEMENT TEAM & COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

- i) Charmayne Salter (WCC Community Facilities Officer) see correspondence**
- ii) Corey Stoneham (Manager City Works)**

**Works update 6 October 2021**

**The significant volume of work continues along Wongawilli Road with multiple Council and Contractor crews on site.**

**Please make sure that you drive to the conditions. Remember that the area is under traffic control and you are passing through major construction.**

Newly completed work:

- All stormwater pipes have now been installed in Wongawilli Road.
- The northern side concrete kerb & gutter has been poured (see attached photo)
- Stormwater pits and lintels completed on the newly poured kerb & gutter

Under construction:

- Smiths Lane intersection is under construction with kerb and gutter to be completed by the end of the week (see photo)
- Block retaining walls are underway and will be completed by the Mid October
- Road and pavement reconstruction will commence at the southern kerbside lane Monday 11 October. No on street parking will be available to motorists while this is underway. Access to properties will be restricted and the site will continue to be under traffic control conditions.

In planning:

- Street trees are currently being sourced for the remainder of landscaping at property frontages
- The section of line marking from Smiths Lane to Bankbook Drive is scheduled in for mid-October.

Please remember:

- Road and pavement reconstruction on the southern kerbside lane will prevent any on street parking and restrict access to properties while this work is underway
- The site will continue to be under traffic control conditions and motorists are asked to drive to conditions.
- Property owners are reminded to park vehicles off the street and out of the construction zones where possible.

Additionally, the asphaltting of the southern lanes between Shone Ave and Smiths Lane will be completed on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October (weather permitting).

## **7. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNCILLORS:**

**Dom Figliomeni:**

- i) Noted that WCC is undertaking analysis and assessment on Cleveland Road which will involve soil testing and is preemptive to possible design for widening of road.**
- ii) Regarding suburb renaming: A meeting will be held to make decisions of suburb renaming on the 1st of November. Responding to residents concern to retain Avondale as a whole without splitting. Dom Figliomeni will recommend that the suburb remains as a single unit.**

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. **William Beach Park.** General discussion commending the work being undertaken to refresh and upgrade facilities and renew signage at William Beach Park. The collaborative project between Wollongong Council & Rotary is improving this valuable community asset.. The meeting noted with thanks the valuable input from Denis Couley into the park redevelopment.

**# NF8 extends thanks to both Wollongong Council and Rotary and our appreciation of the improvement to this valued community park and facilities.**

2. **South Access to Albion Park Bypass . Stephen McGartland** noted recent social media surveys seeking the inclusion of this access roads along with current road development.

Dom Figliomeni & Ian Fitzgibbon reviewed the work of councillors and community groups in petitioning for additional on-off ramps for the freeway and bypass. All appeals for inclusion of these roads have been rejected as the extra access is not considered currently required.

### **3. Shade for Local Parks.**

Concerns were again raised regarding the need for shade to be installed for sun protection in local playgrounds. Acknowledging Council planning for the inclusion of trees to provide shade and amenity in playgrounds the NF8 expressed concern that there is insufficient shade to provide sun safety for individuals using these facilities.

**# NF8 requests WCC further consider installation of permanent shade structures in parks to provide opportunity for individuals & families to gather safely. e.g. Shade structures over seating around the play spaces.**

### **4. Road Concerns, Safety, Traffic Flow, Maintenance**

Ron Cooper, Romeo Cecchele and Stephen McGartland raised concerns regarding these issues for West Dapto, Darkes & Sheaffes Roads, with particular focus on intersections.

It was recommended that there is a need for slip lanes at intersection to facilitate smoother traffic flow.

Discussion recognised the complexity of developing roads with multiple simultaneous residential developments under construction.

# There remains however particular concern for the need to undertake safety risk assessment and priority road development to minimise the risk of serious accident.

Dom Figliomeni explained the process of infrastructure planning within Council Budget constraints and the need to include new infrastructure into budgets.

**# NF8 resolved to raise these concerns with a request to council for NF8 representatives to meet with engineers from the Traffic Team. This written request is to be sent to WCC within the next week.**

**Meeting Closed: 8.45pm**

**NEXT MEETING: 7.00PM WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2021**

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