

**DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM
NF8 MINUTES 12th April 2023**

1. **WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** - Ian Fitzgibbon
"I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this meeting takes place, and elders past & present and extend that respect to other aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander people present.
2. **APOLOGIES:**
Cr. Dom Figliomeni; Cr. Elisha Aitkin, Cr. Ann Martin, Ron Cooper.
3. **ATTENDING:**
Elise Woods , Jen Lysle Van Dyk, Joanna Paige, Ian Fitzgibbon, Heather Boardman;
4. **MINUTES: 8th March 2023**
Moved : Dennis Couley
Seconded: Romeo Cecchele
5. **CORRESPONDENCE (SEE ATTACHMENTS)**
IN :
 - i) **Reply re NF8 request re Taxi Ranks from Tyson Perry (WCC) - 31.3.23**
(attached)
 - ii) Invite Tyson Perry to next meeting
 - ii) **Replies re schooling from Ryan Park & Paul Scully (attached)**
To Do: Send letter congratulations on election - thank for the replies. And invite to next meeting - community engagement session re progress to ward additional schools to meet community needs.
 - iii) **Email from Alissa Tran (Engagement officer WCC) received 6.4.23**
Public Exhibition of Draft Delivery Program 2022-26 & Operational Plan 2023-24 (attached)
 - iv) **Email from Alissa Tran (Engagement Officer WCC) received 6.4.23**
Confirmation that WCCC staff will be attending April NF8
Elise - Corporate Strategy
Isabelle Ghetti - Infrastructure - apology
Jen Lysle -Van Dyk - Community Engagement - Community Engagement.
Joanna Paige (WCC- Director Infrastructure Works) - Draft Infrastructure Delivery Program on Exhibition
 - v) **Emails from Steve McGartland & Romeo Cecchele** re issues of concern, especially particularly schools for NF8 to raise with local member of state parliament.
 - vii) **Email from Dennis Couley** re issue to add to agenda
 - v) **Email from Ron Cooper** - copy of response to West Dapto Social Infrastructure Needs Assessment by local 10& 11 year olds (attached)

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- i) **Letter from NF8 to State Members of Parliament re Schooling-Sent 9.3.2023 (attached)**
- ii) **Notice of April Meeting emailed to all NF8 Contact list - Monday 10.4.23**

6. PRESENTATION BY COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Elise Woods:

- Corporate Strategy

Draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan - a 4 year program(printed copy of plan distributed to all attendees- link will be emailed to all on contact list later this week.

Currently on Exhibition

What documents and how to respond- to Our Wollongong website - more info on the page.

Every submission received - issues raised distributed across staff then taken to council report.Detailed response will be sent in reply to each submission.

Jo Paige - Infrastructure - Operational & delivery program delivery- Major Projects- Beaton park Tennis Complex; Major Storm Water Upgrade; Hill 60 Viewing Platform; Stewart Park Accessible Playground; Western Suburbs Pool Upgrade; Fred Finch Netball Courts; Wollongong Art Gallery & Town Hall; Bong Bong Rd & Station Street Intersection;

Recent issues raised may be fitted into the final 2 weeks.

\$11m funding from previous state govt. - lots will be invested in Dapto roads- patch & repairs, swales & drainage.etc "pothole money".

Jen Lysle Van Dyk -

Submissions for Draft Infrastructure Delivery Program on Exhibition close 2nd May

Our Wollongong Website- for info and FAQ - online , email, phone etc

7. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

Cr. Linda Campbell- Dapto & West Dapto getting bulk of funding (Mercury April 11 - Millions for West Dapto)
Safety Project- "Safety Her Way" -

Ian Fitzgibbon - Police Community meeting- Stats- Domestic Violence- 50% across the whole command.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

i) **Bong Bong Road** - Station Street- signalling- Time Frame- sequencing- following up.

II) Discussion regarding Wongawilli:

Road Divider on West Dapto Road - unable to turn out of Raven Street onto West Dapto Road - Jo Paige provided information that following feedback from locals- this divider will be removed - due to disrupted traffic & water build up.

Speed signage - 80k-40k-80k-50k- will be rationalised.

Later W Dapto will be all 50k

Reinstate cycle way- path - cnr shone Avenue & Wongawilli rd

Plans are in place to install Traffic Lights @ the Intersection of Shone Avenue & West Dapto Road

A Safety Audit is being undertaken regarding Darkes Road & Sheaffes Road . This audit includes transport investigation- speeds, numbers, incidents Jo Paige recommended we invite Tyson Perry & Nathan McBriarty to provide information to the forum.

Wongawilli

a) The Hall toilets need to be maintained; (Licensee to be reminded of responsibility). Consideration that toilet block at Brooks Reach be relocated to this site.

b) Swale @ Wongawilli Hall - erosion damage to the Swwale is scheduled to be repaired.

Wongawilli Road Stabilisation of western end is scheduled to be completed last week in June.

Community Engagement has been asked asked to maintain website up to date.

Jo Paige noted this request

iii) **Footpath bench seats outside Aldi require maintenance** -

Jo Paige noted this request

iv) **NF8 response to · Draft Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2023-2024** -All attendees encouraged to send individual submission. Also to forward feedback to NF8 so we can collate and make group submission

v) **Ian Fitzgibbon reported - Police Community Meeting** - at the meeting Police reported that statistics show Domestic Violence- 50% across the whole command.

**MEETING CLOSE: 8.50pm
NEXT MEETING: 7PM WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2023**

ATTACHMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE IN

i) Tyson Perry Mar 31, 2023

Hi Heather,

Apologies for the delay in getting to this point. Please see the attached letter in relation to proposed parking changes at Bong Bong Road, Dapto. Please note that I am happy to attend an NF8 meeting whenever it suits to discuss the proposal and answer any questions. It would be good to meet you all and introduce myself and other members of our Transport team

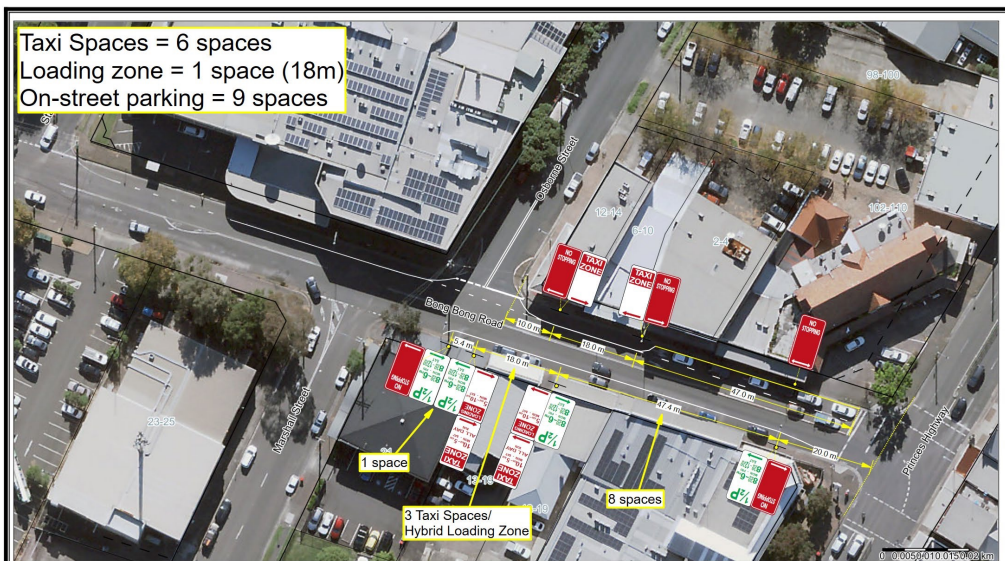
Thanks,



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	Signage & Linemarking Plan Taxi Zone Relocation Proposed Changes			Legend Existing Sign Pole Proposed Sign Pole Taxi Zone in Operation: 10am - 5am Monday - Saturday (19h) All Day Sunday (24h) Loading Zone in Operation: 5am - 10am Monday - Saturday (5h) Taxi Zone in Operation: 24h a day Existing on-street parking restrictions	
	Date 3/03/22	Street Bong Bong Road			
	Scale 1:750	Suburb Dapto			
Page 2 of 2	Drawn T.Perry	Reviewed N/A			

Dear Representatives of NF8

Date: 31 March 2023

PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES – BONG BONG ROAD, DAPTO

Following a Council review of the Loading Zone usage at Bong Bong Road in late 2022 and requests relating to the existing Taxi Zone creating congestion concerns, Council are proposing changes to parking restrictions in the area. These proposed changes are summarised below and illustrated on the following page.

Loading Zone Changes

The proposed Loading zone will be lengthened (from 10m to 18m) but operation restricted between 5am-10am Monday to Saturday. Therefore, loading and unloading of goods are proposed to only take place between these new hours. This is based on feedback from businesses in the area which revealed the zone is largely underutilised. The zone will become a Taxi Zone outside of loading zone operation times.

Taxi Zone Changes

Approximately 18m of the existing Taxi Zone on the northern side of Bong Bong Road will be relocated to the southern side and combined with the new 18m long Loading Zone. Taxis are not permitted to park for extended periods of time during Loading Zone times however they are able to pick-up and drop-off passengers in accordance with NSW Road Rule 179.

The proposed changes are largely to increase the storage capacity of vehicles waiting at the Princes Highway/Bong Bong Road Traffic Signals. It is expected the increase in storage length will decrease congestion concerns raised.

Timed On-street Parking Changes

The removal of approximately 6m of on-street timed parking will be required (equivalent of one-car parking space) to accommodate the proposed changes.

Council is seeking feedback from representatives of Neighbourhood Forum 8 (NF8) as part of its consultation process prior to submitting to the Wollongong Traffic Committee for review/approval. If you would like to provide feedback on the proposal, please email tperry2@wollongong.nsw.gov.au by **Friday 28 April 2023**. All responses received will be considered to ensure that an informed decision is made.

This letter is authorised by Tyson Perry - Senior Transport Planner/Engineer

Wollongong City Council Telephone (02) 4227 7111

ii) Response from Paul Scully re NF8 Letter about schools



Paul Scully MP
MEMBER FOR WOLLONGONG



23 March 2023

Mr Ian Fitzgibbon
Convenor
Neighbourhood Forum 8
PO Box 717
DAPTO NSW 2530

Dear Mr Fitzgibbon

I acknowledge and thank you for the correspondence regarding new schools for West Dapto. I have taken note of your comments and regret the delay in responding to you.

NSW Labor announced on 16 March 2023 that, if we are elected to form the next government of New South Wales on March 25, we would commence the planning process for a new primary school at West Dapto.

An additional part of this commitment is to also commence the planning process for new schools at Calderwood and Flinders.

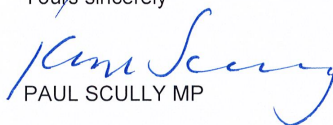
As you are aware these are all high population growth communities in the southern Illawarra region.

NSW Labor is prioritising the need to deliver community services, including new schools, in high population growth areas.

Along with my NSW Labor Parliamentary colleagues, Member for Keira, Ryan Park MP, and Member for Shellharbour, Anna Watson MP, I look forward to work with Neighbourhood Forum 8 in the future, as we plan this new education infrastructure for West Dapto.

I note no NSW Liberal candidate has matched this commitment.

Yours sincerely


PAUL SCULLY MP

Office: Shop G2, Ground Floor, 51 Crown Street, Wollongong, NSW, 2500.
Phone: (02) 4226 5700 **Email:** wollongong@parliament.nsw.gov.au

iii) From Alissa Tran (WCC)

1. On Monday night (3 April), Council endorsed the public exhibition of the draft Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2023-2024 (including attachments).

The Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2023-24 outline the big projects, and the day to day to items that Council is committed to delivering. They include what we're planning for our libraries and community centres; our pools; footpaths and cycleways; sports facilities and our investments in sustainability and climate action.

You can learn more, look at the documents and provide feedback at the [Our Wollongong engagement page](#). The documents available include:

- Draft Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2023-2024
- Attachment 1: Draft Budget 2023-2024
- Attachment 2: Draft Infrastructure Delivery Program 2023-2024 – 2026-2027
- Attachment 3: Draft Revenue Policy, Rates, Annual Charges & Fees 2023-2024

You can also view the Infrastructure Delivery Program by using [this interactive map](#), or searching [by suburb or project type](#).

Please share the above information with your members, and other networks. We want to hear your thoughts on what we're planning to deliver for our community in the next financial year, and the years ahead.

Feedback will be accepted until Tuesday 2 May 2023.

Regards

The Engagement Team

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iv) Response from Ryan Park re NF8 Letter about schools

Ryan P **From:** ElectorateOffice Keira
<ElectorateOffice.Keira@parliament.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 16 March 2023 3:29 PM
To: 'ian fitzgibbon' <ian.fitzgibbon@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Neighbourhood Forum 8

Good afternoon Ian,

Thank you for your correspondence.

I am sure you are happy with today's announcement where a Minns Labor government has committed to starting work on new primary schools in Calderwood and West Dapto and a new high school in Flinders.

Yours sincerely

Ryan Park MP

Member for Keira

Shadow Minister for Health

Shadow Minister for Mental Health

Shadow Minister for the Illawarra and South Coast

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Parliament House Office: Room 1013, Level 10 Parliament House Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000

v) Email from Ron Cooper - Response to West Dapto Social Infrastructure Needs Assessment Prepared Submitted by Chase Ramsey - 11yrs old & Hendrix Candy - 10yrs old

- We are a group of local children from Wongawilli.
- We love living in our area, which is continually growing with young and older families alike.
- Many families have connections to family from this area prior to urban development and have a great love and respect of the area.
- We have a great park but it's limited to younger children. The older kids require more sporting amenities which are not available in the Wongawilli precinct.
- We have two areas of open field play: one is Bankbook Park, provided by the developer and the other is the land beside the Wongawilli Hall, (which is to be upgraded to a Community Centre). Both areas are now swales for water retention.
- **An ideal solution would be for council to provide a basketball half court in one of these locations to provide a suitable sporting outlet for local children. This should be included in next 12 month budget.**
- We are currently looking at the cost of this and will forward this information to council once received
- We are prepared to assist council by seeking some sponsorship for this facility
- Included in the plan should be some seating for parents / career to supervise children.
- We currently have to travel some distance to find a suitable sporting ground location, along busy streets.

The current bike path, while great, does not connect at the intersection of Wongawilli Rd, West Dapto Rd & Shone Ave.
- The basketball court will provide local children with the ability to improve not only their basketball game playing games of basketball, the court can be a platform for other workouts. From cone drills and sprints, yoga or soccer / hockey practice, individuals and families will always have a reliable, consistent surface to lead a healthy lifestyle.
- Community engagement would be lifted with Easter hunts and Christmas parties held near/on the court.
- A petition is currently being circulated amongst the local children for them to show their support. Email addresses will be approved by their parents.
- Once the local community engagement is complete we wish as a group of children to present this proposal at a Council meeting.

Vi) Email from Louise Harding (Engagement Support Officer - Revised Community Engagement Strategy)

From: Louise Harding <lharding@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 April 2023 10:07 AM
To: Engagement <Engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Revised Community Engagement Strategy

Dear Stakeholder,

Council's Community Engagement Strategy, enables an informed and consistent approach to involving our community in decision-making. The revised policy outlines Council's principles, commitments, levels and process for engagement to guide Council's elected members, staff and consultants when engaging with our community. It has been updated to align with current Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements.

At its meeting on Monday 3 April, Council endorsed a draft revised Community Engagement Strategy - Council Policy to be placed on public exhibition.



For more information and to share your feedback

The council report, draft policy and frequently asked questions are included on the [webpage](#). You can share your thoughts by:

- Completing the [feedback form](#)
- Emailing:
- Writing to: The Engagement Team, Wollongong City Council, Locked Bag 8821 WOLLONGONG DC NSW 2500
- Phoning: (02) 4227 7111

Feedback closes Monday 15 May 2023.

Kind regards

	<p>Louise Harding Engagement Support Officer Phone +61242278159 Email lharding@wollongong.nsw.gov.au wollongong.nsw.gov.au</p>
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CORRESPONDENCE OUT

i) NF8 Letter to State MPs including Paul Scully, Anna Watson, Ryan Park

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8

REPRESENTING THE 2530 POSTCODE AREA

9th March 2023

Mr. Paul Scully

State Member for Wollongong

Via email:- wollongong@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Paul,

On behalf of the Neighbourhood Forum 8, we would request prior to the date of the NSW election, your commitment to deliver the new school program for West Dapto.

The Neighbourhood Forum 8, representing the Dapto community, strongly supports the West Dapto Master Plan and the requisite infrastructure needed to be successful. A key component being the requirement for 5 new primary and 2 high schools in the region.

As you would be aware, West Dapto is one of the fastest growth corridors in the state of NSW, notwithstanding this, no land has been allocated, no funding secured and there appears to be void with respect to any timely planning.

We note with interest that Anna Watson MP previously raised this issue with the Minister of Education. See a copy of statement made below:



Home > Legislative Assembly > House Papers > Question and Answer Tracking Details

5430 - WEST DAPTO RELEASE AREA DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN

Watson, Anna to the Minister for Education

1. As the West Dapto Release Area Development Control Plan identifies the need for an additional six primary schools and two high schools to serve the West Dapto communities, can the Minister advise when the construction of educational infrastructure for West Dapto will commence?
2. Can the Minister advise as to whether the Department of Education has earmarked any new school sites in West Dapto yet?
 - a. If so, how many?
 - b. If so, where are these sites located?

We look forward to your timely response so we can share it with the Dapto community we represent prior to the election.

Regards

IAN FITZGIBBON

CONVENOR of Neighbourhood Form 8

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