

**DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday 14th February 2024**

**1. Welcome & 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:** Heather Boardman, Ann Martin, Stephen McGartland

**3. ATTENDING:** Ron Cooper, Ian Fitzgibbon, Cr Linda Campbell, Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Warren Southwell, Dennis Couley, Terry Webber, Steven O'Neill, Peter Small, Cathy Small, Margaret McPhail, Rob Vickers, Stephen Abela, Romeo Cecchele, Tiana Myers, Liz Webster.

**4. MINUTES** - From 13th December 2023  
Moved by: Dennis Couley  
Seconded by: Terry Webber

**5. COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENTATION**

David Fitzgibbon and Rebecca Cox representing Wollongong Council. The presentation was regarding the Town Centre's Master Plan for the West Dapto development area. See attached information.

David advised that all the information is available on the Council website for people to look at and consider. The aim is to provide certainty for developers looking at proposed future works. The consultation period closes on 18th March 2024.

**6. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**Cr Dom Figliomeni and Cr Linda Campbell:**

- a) Timed parking at local beaches – hours to be applied
- b) Amendment to cemeteries - natural burials option
- c) Dapto entry signs - art signage
- d) Dapto Safety Audit
- e) Sounds in the Square – Dapto Square - reactivating the space, has had good vibes with what has been presented, public has supported.
- f) Seniors Week – 11/3 to 24/3
- g) Dapto Pool heating being looked at, consider options available
- h) Allan Creek Flood Management Plan, complex situation, options to review.

## **7. CONVENORS REPORT**

- a) Happy New Year to everyone from Convenor Ron and thanks to all those who chose to come to the Forum meeting on Valentines Day.
- b) Reaffirming that comments and input from all members of the community is welcomed both at meetings and via correspondence, however we look for it to be relevant and respectful at all times.
- c) Wongawilli Hall – repairs will be completed in the 25 – 26 financial year.
- d) Bong Bong Rd taxi rank changes – issues arisen that whilst Council liaised well with building owners, the tenants of the buildings were not all keep informed about the changes. Recommended that they provide their details to be put on our mailing list so that they can be advised of what is happening locally.
- e) West Dapto Rd/Shone Ave/Wongawilli Rd – traffic lights installation, detailed design work will be available hopefully for our March meeting, if not April.
- f) Cleveland Rd upgrades – moving forward, detailed designs under way, property acquisitions being undertaken.
- g) Computer updates – Wally from Careways will be co ordinationg a test on the system at the March meeting. Will keep everyone updates on this, moving forward.
- h) Signs on the Princes Hwy, we have confirmed it is a NSW State Government Rd, however Wollongong Council have an agreement with the government to administer the signage on the government's behalf. If we see any issues particularly with illegal parking, it is suggested you take a photo and forward the information to Lake Illawarra Police Station.
- i) Lake Illawarra Police - Ron attended a community meeting and items of most concern were – fraud scams, property theft from motor vehicles (which is mainly due to cars being left unlocked), security cameras are very useful in apprehending criminal's, also face book is being used to assist with some issues.
- j) Ron spoke to Robert Cummins, who is a representative for Anna Watson. He will liase with Ron on local matters as required and provide updates on what is happening in the government area as well.
- k) Closure of Wongawilli Mine, still uncertainty about what this will look like when finally completed, need to wait and see what impact it may have.
- l) Road and Rail Transport Corridor rezoning, see information attached.
- m) Transport for NSW – Dapto ramps, Ron met with representatives at the information day in Dapto Mall, had an informed conversation with relevant staff, \$10 million dollar budget is just to do the preliminary planning including some community discussion with a concept to be available later in 2024.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE IN and OUT**

As per agenda

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- (a) **Stream Hill**, issues that it is not still recognised in various government departments, post offices etc. Known as Kembala Grange as well.
- (b) **Road Repairs etc around Avondale Rd** have been undertaken, also the area around Penrose Dr, Turnbull Cres and Reid Pl also had some work completed as well, Council response was good, suggested that some more planning as to how it was completed would be helpful.
- (c) **Councillors advised that the local garbage trucks are fitted with infra red cameras** which record as they drive around on their run, information used to assist in where road repairs etc needs to be completed and creat priorities.

**MEETING CLOSE: 8.35pm**

**NEXT MEETING**

**DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8  
7.00PM WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH 2022**