

**DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8 - AGENDA**  
**7.00PM WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2025**

**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. Tiana Myers, Cr. Linda Campbell, Dennis Couley

**3. ATTENDING: 16**

Cr. Ann Martin, Cr. Deirdre Stuart, Ron Cooper, Heather Boardman, Ian Fitzgibbon, Martin Whatman, Gail Whatman, Steven O'Neill, Geoff Cooper, Mal Hentschel, Sal Selvi, Warren Southwell, Steve McGartland, Tracey Taras, Matthew Tara, Liz Webster

**4. MINUTES:** - From 11th December 2024 accepted

To Do: Amend Title of December Minutes change from Agenda to Minutes

Moved : Martin Whatman

Seconded : Ian Fitzgibbon

**5. COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENTATIONS:** Updates included in Convenors Report.

**6. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Cr. Ann Martin & Cr. Deirdre Stuart**

**Grants etc:**

# Wollongong Council Small Cultural Grants: Opening 1st February - 31st March

Category 1- Creative Projects

Category 2a - Professional Development, Marketing & Minor capital Support

Category 2b - New organisation Professional Development , Marketing & Minor Capital Support.

# Grants available also include: include: Bands & Choirs, Community Events, Heritage, NAIDOC Week Grants, Connecting Neighbours Grants, Club Grants. Minor Donation, Sports Grants

# This weekend council will be going into detail around budget documents this will be reviewed and then out for submissions.

# NF8 to notify local priorities for next round of funding.

# Approximately 3400 children received free swimming vouchers to be used at local pools- The program was welcomed by families. The voucher program could be extended to families in need and to assist water safety education.

# Consultation for development Control Plan Ch2- Ecological & Sustainable Development out for consultation.

# Dapto Main Street - Flower boxes to be added and regular street sweeping to commence.

## **7. CONVENORS REPORT:**

- Jo Paige & Ron Cooper met to discuss West Dapto development. Learning have been taken from the delays on Wongawilli & West Dapto Rd.

Tenders have been received for widening of West Dapto Rd from Wongawilli Rd to Yard St.

Negotiating with tenderers. Jo Paige & Nathan will come to next NF8 meeting to discuss outcomes of negotiation

- Wollongong Coal do not want to reopen Wongawilli mine. Mine is currently in Care & Maintenance - with owners planning to sell. Should the mine close permanently extensive there is & expensive remediation is required.
- Roadworks on corner Wongawilli Rd & shone Avenue. This is a complex project due to the requirement to keep the rail line open. Negotiation required with mine owners and state departments.
- Discussed the need to better maintain clear speed signage while roadwork is happening.
- Grass maintenance required along West Dapto Road - Currently some signage is obscured by tall grass.
- Unit Development cnr West Dapto Rd & Darkes Rd nearing completion- concern expressed regarding the road & footpaths front of these units when they are occupied.
- Water build up- at Kembla Grange continues to require remediation - NF8 to follow up through council.
- Passing Lanes - improvements required on car West Dapto Road -Wylie Street also West Dapto Road - Reddall Rd.
- Snap, Send Solve App is recommended for action on local concerns - e.g. 176-178 Princes Hwy, Dapto & shapes for redevelopment 63-71 Princes Hwy, Dapto.
- Park maintenance. Concern raised over maintenance of parks in new residential areas as these pass from the care of developers to Council. Maintenance of additional parks will require extra funding for council Southern Depot.
- Darkes Rd Sport, Recreation. & Community Hall Complex - discussion about extend of facilities & timeline for development.
- Poor parking along Summit Street -- Request Council Compliance officers follow up in order to reduce safety risk.

- Fairwater Drive Flooding Report - while council records indicate this road was closed not due to flooding but due to a traffic incident. Residents report they witnessed a car stranded in roundabout on Fairwater Drive - at least 80cm deep water on Saturday 6th April.
- Tallawarra: Developer Bridge Hill will soon apply to council for a DA thru Stantech.
- Tallawarra Wetlands not for development use of Area 3 is an ongoing issue. Preference expressed that this area be retained & maintained as environmental land - still TBC
- NF8 1 additional meeting has been approved by council thus allowing for 11 meetings each year.
- Music and Chats Dapto Square - 4-6pm 1st Thursday of February, March & April.
- Council Community Development & Youth Services teams on site and opportunity to discuss what's happening locally as well as council services & projects open for feedback.
- Election of NF8 office bearers in June.
- Anna Watson /Rob Cummins - advise that M1 on & off ramps report has not yet been received. Also advise that land for an additional school for West Dapto has been identified but not yet purchased.
- Wollongong City Foreshore Plan is on council website
- Safer Communities is also available on council website
- Soft Plastics Program recycling program was well received.
- Options Lake Illawarra Entrance - consultation has concluded and community feedback received. and community feedback received. Short listed options are being assessed. See video: <https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/lake-illawarra-entrance-options-study>.
- Standing Issues - lights at Bong Bong Rd. & Station Street. Implementation of this project is controlled by State Rail.

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Concern expressed regarding cars dumped on side of M1 Freeway & Northcliffe Drive.
2. Concern expressed over the illegal camping on parkland adjacent to Illawarra Yacht Club. Cr. Ann Martin explained that managing this other similar is a challenge and council follows up on how to best manage this and address welfare concerns.
5. Discussion about possibility of Sheargold Way to Sheaffes Rd being connected in order to provide additional road access to Wongawilli

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**In: a. Alyssa Tran (WCC) See ATTACHMENT 1 b. Luke Dean (WCC) ATTACHMENT 2**

**MEETING CLOSE: 8.45PM**

**NEXT MEETING.**

**7.00PM WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2025**

**ATTACHMENT 1 CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

NF8 Correspondence In February 2025

Date: 20.1.25

From : Alissa Tran ( WCC)

Hope you are all well and enjoying a lovely start to the new year.

You may recall what we were doing last year as part of [Safer Cities: Her Way](#) project, where we heard from the women and girls about what would make them feel safer in specific public spaces and then worked to implement what we could.

In Dapto Square, there was some significant infrastructure improvements as well as the regular music events. We heard from the community that they were keen keep having live music and a Council presence in the area so we're coming back!

**Music and Chats in Dapto Square** will be held first Thursday of every month between February and April 2025.

Thursday 6 February 2025: 4-6pm

Thursday 6 March 2025: 4-6pm

Thursday 3 April 2024: 4-6pm

Come and enjoy live music in Dapto Square and have a chat with us.

Staff from Council's Community Development and Youth Services teams will be there. It's also a great chance to find out more about what's happening in your area, Council services, and projects open for feedback. Keep an eye on [Council's event page](#) to find out more.

Hoping you can share this with your networks. Feel free to come and visit us there or get in touch if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Alissa Tran  
Community Development Worker WCC

**ATTACHMENT 2. CORRESPONDENCE IN:\**

NF8 Correspondence In :  
From: Luke Dean WCC  
Date 2.2.25: Fairwater Drive

On Sun, Feb 2, 2025 at 9:13 PM Luke Dean <[LDean@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:LDean@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)>  
wrote:  
Ron

As discussed, we have looked into the road closure at Cleveland on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 during a storm event. Council, SES and Emergency Services have confirmed they didn't close Fairwater Drive due to flooding. NSW Fire and Rescue and SES were involved in an incident on Cleveland Road that morning.

See a link to the story posted by NSW Fire and Rescue. [Fire NSW Story](#)

Regards  
Luke Dean  
Design & Technical Services Manager (Acting) WCC

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