

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8

MINUTES

7pm WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE 2022

@ Scribbly Gum Room, Ribbonwood Centre

1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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 and Present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

2. ATTENDING:

Ian Fitzgibbon, Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Cr Linda Campbell, Heather Boardman, Ron Cooper, Stephen McGartland, Terry Webber, Ami Beck.

3. APOLOGIES: Dennis Couley, Helen Jessup, Warren Southwell, Cr. Ann Martin

4. MINUTES - received for Wednesday 11th May 2022

Moved by: Ron Cooper

Seconded by: Stephen McGartland

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

IN:

1. Kate Rintoul (WCC) - 4.6.22 - Public Exhibition -Employment Zones Reform Implementation (attached)
2. Kyosha Gardner (WCC) Climate Friendly Planning (attached)
3. Amanda Schipp (WCC)-1.6.22 - Wollongong Coastal Management Program (attached)
4. Stephen McGartland 8.6.22- Request WCC a comprehensive review of DCP (attached)
5. Romeo Cecchele - 26.5.22 - Darkes Road Repair Petition (attached)
6. Ron Cooper - 29.5.22 - Copy of Individual Submission re Draft Delivery Program
7. Stephen McGartland 20.5.22 Copy of 2 Individual Submission re Draft Delivery Program

OUT: February NF8 Minutes Distributed by email 6.6.2022 & available at this meeting

Ward Councillors Report:

Dom Figliomeni- Budget issues & feedback will be considered at Council meeting on 27th June.

Due to ongoing disruption caused by covid issues and wet weather delays some capital works program will be delayed and rolled over to 22-23.

Development of Warrawong Community Centre is progressing, Planning underway for Helensburgh Library & Community Centre.

1.8% rates increase will be implemented from 1st July

Linda Campbell: Rapidly increasing costs of all materials delays due to covid interruption have led to review of all projects & works.

It was noted that later this year council will do review of neighbourhood forum review.

Next Council briefing to all ward councillors is on 16.6.2020

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion re Wongawilli Neighbourhood Meeting - twice planned & cancelled due to wet weather. Many residents have concerns that Council does not have adequate method of reaching residents with publicity or cancellations of events..

Meeting expressed community desire for increased connection with Council and more regular updates regarding progress of infrastructure projects . Stephen McGartland suggested we request Council provide regular updates to the strategic plan & operational plan.

- b) Concerns were expressed regarding closures of Shone Avenue notified as night works and then with minimal notice a full day closure implemented (Thursday 9.6.22) The Shone Avenue closure is significant as Darkes Road remains closed thus creating a high level of risk should any health or traffic emergency arise.

- c) **# NF8 request that Council Engagement team establish a web page/site for 2526 & 2530 residents. This website/page easily accessed by residents could be used by Council to promote events and notify of infrastructure works or changes to road conditions.**

d) Dom Figliomeni recommended NF8 collate a list of 6 Key Items of Residents Concern to be presented to council for priority consideration. Meeting acknowledged that items in WCC annual budget will progress, however there is a need to highlight priority of Darkes other key community issues including the repair of Darkes Road Bridge.

- e) Discussion re Appeal MacDonald's V Wollongong Council - concern about clarity of WCC DCP

8. Standing Item:

Key NF8 Priority Concerns

#(i) Darkes Road Bridge and Road Closure - Limited access during this period of high traffic and development is placing increased pressure on other West Dapto access roads which are concurrently undergoing and in need of major repair. Risk Assessment needs to be undertaken and used to guide priority of repair and road redevelopment.

(ii) Intersection of Wongawilli Road X West Dapto Road X Shone Avenue requires urgent completion. In current condition this intersection is a major safety risk

(iii) Intersections - Darkes Road x West Dapto Road also West Dapto Roads x Sheaffes Road.

A site meeting was held (12.1.2022) with Nathan McBriarty (Traffic & Transport Unit Leader) and NF8 representatives. Following that site meeting Nathan acknowledged concerns and began follow up concerns raised. NF8 requests that Council provide further ongoing feedback

(iv) NF8 requests Council establish a Engagement Webpage/Site 2530 & 2526

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Correspondence received:

1. Kate Rintoul Coordinator Strategic Planning (WCC) 3.6.22.

We are writing to let you know about the following DPE exhibition. Please feel free to pass this information along to your NF8 members.

Public exhibition for Employment Zones Reform Implementation

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) is currently exhibiting the translation of existing Business and Industrial zones into the new Employment zones. The translation includes changes to zone names, objectives and permissible uses. To view the detail of the exhibition and make a submission please visit:

www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/employment-zones.

Council has also provided some more information specific to Wollongong at our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

We encourage you to check out the available material and make a submission to DPE. The exhibition is open until Tuesday 12 July 2022.

2. Kiosha Gardner (WCC) KGARDNER@wollongong.nsw.gov.au- 7.6.2022

Subject: Wollongong Council Climate Friendly Planning Framework

- Share your feedback by 1 July 2022

Council is committed to reducing the threat of climate change to the Wollongong community as much as we can at a local level.

To deliver on this commitment and protect our environment, we are undertaking a review of our Local Planning and Assessment Framework. But before we get started, we want to hear from you about what the changes to the planning framework could look like.

So far, we've developed the Climate Friendly Planning Framework Discussion Paper to present our ideas on how we can make developments in our city more climate friendly. We invite you to take a look at the Discussion Paper and share your feedback on what can be improved and what other ideas you'd like to see happen.

Find out more or submit feedback by 1.7.22

- Visit the [Our Wollongong webpage](#)
- Email Council engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au
- Phone Council's Customer Service Team on 02 42277111
- Write to Engagement Team, Wollongong City Council, Locked Bag 8821 Wollongong DC NSW 2500

3. Amanda Schipp (WCC) 1.6.22 : ASchipp@wollongong.nsw.gov.au Coastal Management Plan

You're invited to join the conversation as part of the first stage of the new Wollongong Coastal Management Program (CMP).

The purpose of the CMP is to set the long-term strategy for the coordinated management of our coast and estuaries, guided by the *Coastal Management Act 2016*.

The first stage in developing a CMP is the scoping stage. This involves engaging with our community to understand what you love about our coastline, how you use and enjoy our beaches, headlands and rock platforms, and coastal creeks as well any concerns you may have about the way the coast is managed. This will help Council decide what the CMP needs to include, what studies need to be prepared and who needs to be involved in developing management options in later stages.

We will also be reviewing the coastal management work that has been undertaken in the past.

The first stage of engagement has just started with the launch of [an interactive online mapping tool](#) and [online survey](#). There will also be a series of activities held across the city in late June to provide residents and visitors the opportunity to speak directly with the project team:

- Friday markets, Crown Street Mall, Wollongong – Friday 24 June, 10am-1pm
- North Wollongong Parkrun, Elliott Street, Fairy Meadow – Saturday 25 June, 8am-10am
- Bulli Beach carpark – Bulli – Saturday 25 June, 11am-1pm
- Bald Hill Lookout – Otford – Sunday 26 June, 10am-noon
- Port Kembla Beach carpark – Sunday 26 June, 1.30pm-3.30pm
- Tramway, North Gong Beach to Belmore Basin – Monday 27 June, 6.30am-8.30am
- Austinmer Beach Park - Monday 27 June, 2.30pm-4pm.
- For more information about the CMP or how to join the conversation, head to <https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/cmp>
Stage 1 of the CMP is supported by the NSW Government's Coastal and Estuary Program.
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4. Stephen McGartland 8.6.222

Note: As a Wongawilli resident & NF8 member and having been engaged with the Wongawilli McDonald's situation throughout the process Stephen McGartland has forwarded the following Recommendation / Action Request to Wollongong City Council :

NF8 Action:

NF8 Request WCC to undertake a comprehensive review of the DCP to ensure all aspects are fully aligned and consistent.

Subject:

DCP REVIEW.

Context:

During the recent LEC hearing between WCC and McDonalds Australia it became evident that misalignment, anomalies and inconsistencies in the current DCP have frustrated and weakened the position of WCC.

The fact the sitting Justice T Moore, suggested to Mr Toh, Barrister for WCC, that he should advise his client to engage a proofreader to address these issues, speaks volumes.

To not conduct a review will simply perpetuate the problem, result in significant costs being incurred whilst producing suboptimal decisions and outcomes.

Erina Kilpatrick Legal for WCC is the appropriate contact to confirm the above.

5. Romeo Cecchele 8.6.22 - Petition re Darkes Road

Please find here link to petition seeking repair to Darkes Road Bridge and road access

[https://www.change.org/p/darkes-road-closure-assistance-for-kembla-grange-wongawilli-residents?
utm_content=cl_sharecopy-33443173_enAU%3A2&recruiter=506805572&recruited_by_id=97603a50-e911-11e5-86fa-d9917d8eecb&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_initial](https://www.change.org/p/darkes-road-closure-assistance-for-kembla-grange-wongawilli-residents?utm_content=cl_sharecopy-33443173_enAU%3A2&recruiter=506805572&recruited_by_id=97603a50-e911-11e5-86fa-d9917d8eecb&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_initial)

Cr. Linda Campbell in response to issues raised at NF8 Meeting held on 8.6.22

I have sought information relating to a couple of the issues raised on Wednesday night:

Unplanned Closure Shone Ave : The road closure was not part of the contracted works at the intersection of Shone/West Dapto Road. Council's day labour crews were also undertaking a road construction project immediately north of the Horsley Drive roundabout on Shone Avenue. The crew became aware of an unplanned opportunity to resurface the road using our contractor Boral because of a cancellation in Sydney of another project. Given the ongoing concerns about the road surfaces in the area and the wait time for repairs, the crew took the opportunity to expedite their project given the lack of availability of contractors at the moment. Although the work was unplanned the fact that VMS boards were in place for the larger project advising of the night closure was considered and used to advise residents and road users.

L&E court issue: As this matter is still within the Land and Environment Court process it is not appropriate to discuss the specifics of this case or about matters still being tested in the court. When a matter enters a litigated environment, clauses can be interrogated and interpretations tested in a very specific legal way. A general comment would be that our DCP is very comprehensive and provides development guidance across many technical areas. Further advice can be provided at an appropriate time.

Regards
Councillor Linda Campbell
Ward 3, Wollongong City Council

Meeting Close: 8.30pm

SCHEDULED NF8 MEETINGS for remainder of 2022

SCRIBBLY GUM ROOM, RIBBONWOOD CENTRE

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 7PM

- 13th JULY
- 10th AUGUST
- 14th SEPTEMBER
- 12th OCTOBER
- 9th NOVEMBER
- 14TH DECEMBER