

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8 - NF8
MINUTES
7.00PM WEDNESDAY 10th JULY 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:

Warren Southwell , Robert Cummins, Gavin Smith, Liz Webster, Elise Woods, Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Romeo Cecchele, John Dorahy

3. ATTENDING:

Cr Ann Martin, Cr. Linda Campbell, Ron Cooper, Dennis Couley, Heather Boardman, Ian Fitzgibbon, Peter Small, Cathy Small, Gail Whatman, Martin Whatman, Steve McGartland, Paul Lipscombe, Nerrida Lipscombe

4. MINUTES: - From 12th June 2024

Moved by: Martin Whatman

Seconded by: Dennis Couley

8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS: Cr. Ann Martin & Linda Campbell:

a. Development Control Plan Changes on West Dapto Land Release

b. Draft Waste & Resource Strategy- Lots of options on exhibition

c. Lake Entrance Options Paper Outline Study - On exhibition - Particular concern about erosion on Windang side of entrance. Can register to keep informed.

d. Current Works & Projects Page - on Wollongong City Council website

e. Council Elections - 14th September - There are just 2 more Council meetings prior to council going in to caretaker mode leading into election on 14th September. Pre- poll and postal voting available.

f. Dapto Sounds & Cinema in the Square- 5.30pm at Dapto Square Friday 12th June

Movie: Top End Wedding.

10. CORRESPONDENCE (please see attachments)

Out: June NF8 Minutes Emailed - 2.7.2024

In:

- A. Draft Waste and Resource Recovery - Sophie McCrea 8/7/2024
- B. West Dapto Master Planning Package - Dave Fitzgibbon 18/6/2024
- C. Draft Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy - Halimah Simpson 2/7/2024
- D. Community Battery Site: Heining Street Public Reserve- recommend chat to Anna Watson c/o Robert Cummins.
- E. Robert Cummins- Update on progress re On& off Ramps
- F. Correspondence- road concerns. - Romeo Cecchele

9. CONVENORS REPORT

- A. West Dapto Roads Update
- B. Bus Stop near Aldi - currently no shelter - contacted Tyson Perry - acknowledged need who is following up on process.
- C. Costco update
- D. Darkes Road Closure - (See attached E)Traffic Committee Minutes (See attached D1)& Resident Notice. (Glennos) Notice to Residents of Darkes Road Closure (@ Summit Street) (attached D2) 29 July- 4 October 2024. NF8 will follow up.
- E. Parking Princes Highway at Mt Brown - NF8 to contact Tyson Perry re this issue. Councillors recommended residents notify Council re illegible road and street signs.
- F. Tallawarra Power Station - update on operation.
- G. Police Community Safety - Lake Illawarra District - regular community meetings. Dapto Sector: Chief Inspector - Gordon Dunlop
- H. Nathan McBriarty (Manager Infrastructure, Strategy & Planning) to attend next NF8 with updates
- H. Continue researching TEAMS to make meetings more inclusive.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Dolan Building - (See attached photos E) damaged, vandalises, graffitied building still not boarded up- This situation is a significant safety risk.

As of today 10.3. 24, the Dolan Building has not been boarded up as was directed by council (see Convenors report in June Meeting). It was noted that Council has no power to force change on private property.

Concern was expressed that in it's current condition he building is an eyesore and significant safety risk.

Recommendation that maybe street flower bed could be installed in front of this building.

2. DCP exhibition- Concern was raised regarding Council's ability to hold developers to account regarding the guidelines in the DCP. What learnings from the MacDonalds v Wollongong Council case (Wongawilli) that can be helpful in ensuring the new DCP is able to withstand such challenges ?

Stephen Mc Gartland will draft submission on behalf of NF8.

3. NAIDOC week celebrations Koonawarra Centre- Thursday 11th July - 10.30-2pm - kids activity , BBQ etc

MEETING CLOSE: 8.17pm

NEXT MEETING

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 14th August 2024

SEE FOLLOWING - ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A. Draft Waste and Resource Recovery - Sophie McCrea 8/7/2024

I am pleased to let you know that our Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2024-2034 was endorsed at our Council meeting last Monday. This means the Draft Strategy is now on exhibition and open for feedback. You can click the link to view the [Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2024-2034](#) document for Exhibition and information on our [Project page via Our Wollongong](#).

You can leave your feedback on the Draft Strategy using:

- **Online** by completing our [Feedback form | Our Wollongong \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
- **Hard copy** using the feedback form stationed at all 7 of our libraries' engagement hub (if you would like the hard copy PDF for you to print, please let me know)
- **Email** engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au with your feedback
- **Call** us on 4227 7111 to speak with our Engagement team and submit your feedback over the phone
- **Write to** - The General Manager, Wollongong City Council, Locked Bag 8821 WOLLONGONG DC NSW 2500.

Have questions?

We have created some [Frequently Asked Questions](#) that may help answer any questions you have. Still not sure? We have opened up a Q&A forum on this site to ask any questions you have directly from the Project team. You can access this forum here - [Questions on the Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy](#).

The exhibition of this strategy closes midnight of the 23 July 2024.

I will be in touch again to provide an update after the exhibition of our Draft Strategy.

Kind regards

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B. West Dapto Master Planning Package - Dave Fitzgibbon 18/6/2024

I refer to me email from February below regarding the West Dapto Centres Master Planning Project. I wanted to reach out and provide you an update.

- On 11 December 2023, Council resolved to exhibit the draft West Dapto Centres Master Planning Package. As indicated in the Council report at the time, the exhibition was programmed to commence following the end of the 2023/24 summer school holidays.
- From 5 February to 4 March 2024 Council staff undertook a public exhibition of the draft Master Plan Package.
- On 24 June 2024 Council will consider a report from staff recommending adoption of the Final Master Plan Package and public exhibition of a proposed draft amendment to Chapter D16, West Dapto Release Area, Wollongong Development Control Plan, 2009 to implement the master plans.

The Council report for the 24 June 2024 Council meeting is now published on Council's website. I have included a link below to the Council report papers for you information.

[Council Business Papers | City of Wollongong \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/council-business-papers)

Kind Regards

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C. Draft Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy - Halimah Simpson 2/7/2024

Thank you to everyone who recently provided feedback on our draft Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy, whether it was via a submission, attending one of our community info sessions or meeting with us.

What we did

We reached key stakeholders, and the broader community via email, media releases, e-newsletter, Illawarra Mercury Community Update, Council website, Council social media posts, Library displays, community info sessions and meetings. The project page received 1,500 unique views. 46 people participated in drop-in info sessions for community members to speak with traffic and transport planners and engineers. Council officers also met with 10 Aboriginal elders in two community group settings.

What we heard

95 submissions were received during the Public Exhibition. These came from individuals and a range of government, industry, and community organisations. Key themes included:

- Support for integrated transport planning and the desire for ongoing collaboration and coordination between government, industry, and community.
- Calls for public transport service and infrastructure improvements.
- Auditing infrastructure to address gaps in the active transport network to improve safety, connectivity and the uptake of walking and cycling.
- Suggested interventions to support the growth of sustainable transport including electric vehicles.
- Location specific infrastructure or maintenance requests for road, footpath, shared path, and cycleway networks and connections.
- Calls to improve connectivity including east-west links, links to the city centre, educational institutions, healthcare precincts, industry and employment hubs, urban release areas and other growth areas.
- Calls to integrate land use planning and key development areas with transport planning to maximise the effectiveness of the strategy.
- Safety and/or accessibility concerns for older people, people with disability, people with hidden disability, carers, women, and school children.
- Mixed views on the allocation of road space for either parking, traffic, or cycleways.
- Concerns about implementing the proposed actions within the timeframe and available resources.
- Suggestions for promoting sustainable transport options to drive behaviour change.

Read the full [Engagement Report](#) for details.

Next steps

The project team will analyse all submissions and prepare a report to Council for adoption of the final strategy. The Council report will include a table listing relevant items of feedback, response to the issue raised and any resulting edits made to the strategy.

The Engagement team will update the community and engagement participants prior to the Council Meeting.

Regards

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D1. Darkes Road Closure

Attached here portion of Minutes of City of Wollongong Traffic Committee 11 June 2024 which relate to the Darkes Road Closure

“3.3 STREAM HILL, Darkes Road – Ward 3 – Keira Electorate – Construction of Roundabout
BACKGROUND

Glennos Constructions has been engaged by AIXA to construct the Parkside Stage 3 subdivision at Stream Hill.

Glennos are proposing to close Darkes Road from Monday 29 July 2024 to Friday 4 October 2024 to assist with the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Darkes Road and Summit Street. They are proposing to close Darkes Road between West Dapto Road and the entrance to the Australian Motorlife Museum. Glennos has noted that the key reasons for the closure are road user safety, construction safety, changes in road levels (earthworks), minimising impact to the community, no bus route impact and being able to effectively maintain pedestrian movements.

A soft road closure will be set up at Darkes Road/West Dapto Road (western closure point) which will allow construction traffic who are working at the adjacent subdivision to access Darkes Road up to Summit Street. When the workday is completed, it is the responsibility of traffic control to implement the hard closure with water filled barriers at Darkes Road/West Dapto Road.

A hard closure will be set up at the intersection of Darkes Road/Motorlife Museum (eastern closure point). Vehicles will have adequate space make a U-turn at this point if they travel past the VMS warning signage.

Pedestrians will be detoured around the closure; there is no footpath network available on Darkes Road however a suitable travel path has been proposed on the TGS to detour around work site should pedestrians traverse the area.

CONSULTATION

- Glennos Constructions will be completing letterbox drops two weeks prior and again one week prior to the commencement of works to notify all residents and business owners affected by the closure.
- A contact number will be provided to residents for a Glennos Constructions representative so that they can contact a decision-making team member regarding any issues or access requirements.
- VMS (Variable Message Sign) Boards will be installed at locations on West Dapto Road, Darkes Road, Princes Highway and Kanahooka Road (2) weeks prior to the closure to inform the local community & other traffic of the intended closure. These will remain in place until the road reopens.

- Following Traffic Committee approval, NSW Police and other Emergency Services shall be advised of the Road Closure dates.

PROPOSAL

The Traffic Guidance Scheme and/or Traffic Management Plan be approved subject to:

1. Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures
 2. The applicant submitting a new application to Traffic Committee by 23 August 2024 should an extension to the road closure be required. This submission must contain justification of why the road closure is to be extended. Consultation with the community will be required again.
 3. Application for Section 138 (RO) be submitted to the Construction Compliance Team.
 4. All VMS are located in positions which will not obstruct sight distance for motorists and pedestrian crossing points.
- **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY "**

D2. Darkes Road Closure -Notice to residents

A notice was sent to residents stating there would be temporary road closure Darkes Road, Stream Hill (at Summit Street) Monday 29th July- Friday 4th October 2024.

Alternate access routes advised.

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E Dolans Buiding - 63-65 Princes Highway, Dapto opposite Bong Bong Road - building

- In its current condition this building is an eyesore and a significant health safety hazard.
- Photos showing vandalism. Not in these photos but clearly seen on the building There is also highly inappropriate graffiti.
- Safety Risk - fire hazard -m broken front glass door - building not secure

NB: Photos available on request

F. Agenda items - email from Romeo Cecchele

Can you please add the following items to the agenda as the first two important ones have been left out being:

1. On the 6/4/24 the \$95M Fowlers Road Bridge Extension failed for over six hours at the Fairwater Drive section along Dapto PS boundary due to bad flooding which resulted in 26000 people not being able to get in or out of their suburbs! What are our councillors and WCC doing to improve this flood prone section of Fairwater Drive?
2. West Dapto Road Major Upgrade of first 700 meters due to major flooding now yearly cutting access to the outside world! While we are waiting for another 40 years for funding of Northcliffe Drive when is this section of West Dapto Road going to be raised by half a meter?
3. Princes Highway south of Avondale Road on both sides of the Highway have lanes being blocked by tradies large utes 6 days a week with either invisible signage, missing signage or faded signs indicating No Parking/No Stopping which are not being policed by WCC traffic infringement nor are the signs being replaced with Clearway signs due to heavy traffic load on the Highway all day!
4. Continued potholes in Osborne, Station Streets, Dapto and south section of Lucas Drive, Horsley after heavy rainfall due to all these roads/sections only being light bitumen base and not a heavy bitumen base! When are these roads going to be upgraded?

Regards,
Romeo Cecchele.