

1. Welcome & Acknowledgment of Country

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which this meeting takes place, and the Elders past and present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

2. Attendance

List of Attendees

Kaye Adams (Minutes) Steven Adams, Mark Baron, Tracey Baron, Cr Linda Campbell, Ron de Haas, Buster Jameson, Ronda Jones, Dorathy Lucas, Cr Ann Martin, Kim Maywald, Peter Maywald (Convenor), David Nicholson, Christine Okoniowski, Charlie Owen, Mark Peterlin, Annie Marlow, Deidre Stuart, Cerese Whitmore

Apologies

Lucy Andrade, Julie Marlow,

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Dave Nicholson & Seconded by Tracey Baron

4 Councilor Updates.

4.1 Cr Martin & Cr Campbell advised

- Next Windang Community Meeting Scheduled for July 2024
- Arts & Cultural Plan is on Exhibition
- There was a Quarterly Review of all WCC Projects and Cr Martin advised that the majority were on track
- Cr Campbell advised that the total cost of the storm had not been tallied and WCC had received over 6000 calls for assistance. WCC is also submitting for relief funding from the State Government.

5. Updates & General Business

5.1 Outstanding Correspondence – Waiting Replies

- Fishing from Windang Bridge – Fiona McLauchlin TfNSW
 - *Action Peter Maywald to follow up*
- Warrawong Markets – Clarification of DA traffic requirements – WCC
 - *Action Peter Maywald to follow up and cc Ward 3 Councillors*
- King Street Master Plan/ Free Camping Public Health Concerns – Paul Scully MP
 - *Action Peter Maywald to follow up*

5.3 Correspondence Received

- **Windang Foreshore/Lake Illawarra Entrance** – Minister Kampers

A letter was received from Paul Scully MP including a reply from Minister Kampers

It was agreed by the forum that the reply was not addressing any of the forum & community concerns and that the letters were moving responsibility for management from State Govt to Wollongong City Council.

The letter makes reference to a technical report supplied to WCC in March 2024. Cr Campbell advised that the report is available at <https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-05/assessment-changes-potential-foreshore-options-windang-lake-illawarra.pdf>

Pages 4 & 5 provide the Executive Summary

- *Action Peter Maywald to follow up*

The Forum continued to talk about the foreshore and it was noted that there was no representation from State Government and the Head of the Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group

There is still a replacement playground required. It is understood that the playground under construction in Wattle Street Windang was already approved prior to the dismantlement of the foreshore playground. The replacement location is being challenged by potential erosion and aboriginal burial grounds.

- **Responsible Cat Ownership** – Alison Byrnes MP

Correspondence reply was received and was more directed to the matter of Feral Cats. While NF7 has always believed this to be an issue, the matter of concern the was not addressed by Alison Byrnes MP was Responsible Cat Ownership and the effect of domestic cats on our wildlife.

Deidre Stuart advised there was an interesting article from the ABC -

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-05-19/banning-pet-cats-roaming-native-animals-billions-dollars-council/103856000>

- *Action Peter Maywald to follow up with Alison Byrnes.*

- **Camping at Merinda Jetty Car Park/ Kully Bay-** Paul Scully MP

An investigation will be undertaken by the end of May 2024 and if it is determined that the persons at the location are homeless people that the NSW Govt Protocol for Homeless People in Public Spaces will take effect.

Cr Martin has supplied a list to the State Govt requesting No Camping Signs. Also, it is a major concern as to hygienic practices with the sensitivity of the lake

- *Action Wait for outcome of investigation*

5.3 Updates

- **Infrastructure Delivery Program**

Cr Martin confirmed that the IDP would be approved at the Council Meeting in June. This would include any variations due to submissions. Cr Martin also advised that there was usually a briefing to Councillors prior to the approval. Cr Campbell advised that should forum members wish to find out what was being approved after submissions that they should live stream the meeting or read the business papers after the event.

It was agreed that the general view was that there were many projects being moved back, causing great frustration.

Gabion Baskets Repairs - construction had been moved to 2026-2027

Port Kembla Beach SQUID - Construction has been moved from 2023/24 & 2024/25 to Construction 2024/25 to 2025/26. Cr Campbell advised that she had emailed Mark Peterlin regarding this some ago.

- *Action Cr Campbell to forward email to Kaye Adams – Actioned*
- *Action Kaye Adams to forward email to NF7*

- **Noise Cameras –**

Peter Maywald made submissions on behalf of NF7 for noise cameras on Windang Road & Northcliffe Drive. It was pointed out that forum members should make individual submissions as well to encourage action

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/noise/vehicle-noise/noise-camera-trial>

- *Action Forum Members to submit and invite others to submit*

In addition, it was brought to the attention of the forum that a member received funding from the Government Noise Abatement program. Link - <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/roads-and-waterways/environment-and-heritage/reducing-road-traffic-noise/noise-abatement>

6. Dob in a Hoon

6.1 Dob in a Hoon

The forum discussed the matters which they would like drawn to the attention of the Traffic Committee and relevant agencies. They included – Speeding on Northcliffe Drive, Windang Road, Windang Petrol Station circuits, burnouts & speeding on Lake Heights Road, back streets of Primbee, Port Kembla and unregistered trail bikes on cycleway and Northcliffe Drive. In addition it was pointed out that people are ripping up the grass at Hill 60.

It was agreed to approach this as a group effort to try to get our requests noticed. Cr Martin advised that in the first instance that a call should be made to the Police Assistance Line 131 444. A link to the WCC Customer Request Portal was also requested.

Action Kaye Adams to forward link

Follow up – Please refer to NF7 email Dob in A Hoon 31/5/2024

7. Other Business

7.1 Winter Toilet facilities at Port Kembla Beach

- Previously NF7 received an indication that the public toilet facilities would be available during winter 2024. Councillors and NF7 members were unsure of the status.
 - *Action Peter Maywald to follow up and cc Ward 3 Councillors.*

7.2 Council Reserve 25-27 Grand View Parade

- It was noted that WCC planting was about 95% complete.
 - *No action Required*

7.3 Dixes Wharf

- The garden is still over grown
 - *Action Peter Maywald & Ward 3 Councillors to follow up*

Meeting Closed 7.15 pm

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm -Tuesday June 25 2024-Illawarra Yacht Club

Attachment 1

Re:



Cr Linda Campbell <cr.lcampbell@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>
To: crab4@internode.on.net; Peter Maywald; Kaye Adams



Tue 28/05/2024 6:44 PM

Here is the information I provided about the SQUID.

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From: Cr Linda Campbell <cr.lcampbell@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 8:38 AM
To: crab4@internode.on.net <crab4@internode.on.net>
Subject:

Here is some info we received after asking questions about the timing of the device at PK. Forwarded for your information.

Dear Lord Mayor and Ward 3 Councillors

Thank you for your email of 9 January 2024 requesting an update regarding the timeframe for installation of the drainage device at Port Kembla. For your reference this was recorded under Councillor Request CR0244610.

We are working towards installing a purpose-built Stormwater Quality Improvement Device at Port Kembla to capture gross pollutants, including rubbish that would otherwise end up in the ocean.

We are modelling the effectiveness of the device and live testing in a laboratory the performance and the materials, to ensure they are built to last.

Our vision for the device remains largely consistent with the concept design that was presented previously at a community drop-in session.

Some of the valuable community feedback we incorporated into the design includes:

- Ensuring the device can capture small litter like cigarette butts and syringes.
- Minimal changes to the visual amenity of the area.
- Construction planned in winter to minimise disturbance.
- Causing minimal changes to car parking for the proposed location.
- Building a device that captures pollutants from the entire Goat's Creek catchment, up to certain flood levels.
- Ensuring the device can survive high flows during large events as well as have minimal stormwater impacts.

This project has proved to be more complex than first anticipated. We soon recognised that devices currently available were unsuitable for this site, considering the feedback received from the community.

It is taking considerably more time and resources to design, test and optimise a brand-new, custom-built device. However, what we learn from this project can be used across similar locations across our waterways and ocean.

Additional time was also required to find a suitable contractor for construction who would be able to construct during the foreshore off-season. As such, the construction stage is now planned for over the winter months of 2025.

Regards
Linda

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