

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8 - AGENDA
7.00PM WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 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: Ian Fitzgibbon; Stephen McGartland,

3. ATTENDING:

4. MINUTES: - From 12th February 2025 Accepted

Moved : Seconded :

5. COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENTATIONS:

6. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

7. CONVENORS REPORT:

- A. Darkes Rd roundabout lighting
- B. Bus Stop Dapto CBD
- C. Flooding Fairwater Drive
- D. Wongawilli Hall
- E. Wollongong News
- F. Kit Docker Greens motion Tallawarra
- G. Standing Issues

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

9. CORRESPONDENCE - In:

A. Cr. Ann Martin - Councillor Requests -14.2.2025

B. Sarah Taylor - Manager Libraries & Community Facilities WCC- re Wongawilli Hall -21.2.2025

C. Elise Woods - Corporate Strategy Manager WCC- 25.2.2025 re:Exhibition Draft Community Strategic Plan 2035; Draft Program 2025-2029; Operational Plan 2025-2026

D. Paul Tracey- Manager Open Spaces & Environmental Services - Re Councillor requests
7.3.2025

E. Stephen McGartland - re Kit Docker, Wollongong & Illawarra Greens concerns re developers contributions to Tourism Strategy Policy - 8.3.2025

NB: See Correspondence Attached

MEETING CLOSE: NEXT MEETING. 7.00PM WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL 2025

ATTACHMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE IN

A. NF8 Correspondence In; Cr. Ann Martin 14.2.2025

1. Can a street sign be installed to Shone Avenue off West Dapto Road?
 2. Can the verge around West Dapto Road be regularly mowed?
 3. Can council look at planting trees etc on the land to the west of the railway crossing at Bong Bong Road
 4. Can an application be made to the State grants program (Anna Watson ?) towards the renovation of the Wongawilli Village Hall?
 5. When will the street lights be installed along Darkes Road?
- Can answers be provided to Ward 3 Councillors and Neighbourhood Forum no 8?
Thanks and regards,

Cr Ann Martin

B. NF8 Correspondence In: Sarah Taylor, Manager Libraries & Community Facilities 21.2.2025

Thank you for your email and please find further information below in response to your question.

4. Can an application be made to the State grants program (Anna Watson ?) towards the renovation of the Wongawilli Village Hall?

Council has applied for the following grants for Wongawilli Community Hall recently:

- Club Grants Cat 3 Infrastructure Grants - \$250K in February 2024 (unsuccessful)
- Accelerated Infrastructure Fund - \$2,827,397 in February 2023 (unsuccessful)

If the State Grant application that is being referred to is the Community Building Partnership (CBP) 2025 Program, Council is looking to apply for more shovel ready projects under this program, and for this electorate the project will be Sunray Crescent Playground. If you are aware of any other grant funding opportunities available, then please let me know as we're always happy to explore these.

As an update, Wongawilli Hall Refurbishment and Upgrade is now in design phase and in the current Infrastructure Delivery Program is listed for construction from 25/26 to 26/27.

Council will continue to seek grant funding opportunities for this project when they arise.

Happy to provide further information if required.

Kind Regards,
Sarah

**C. NF8 Correspondence In: Elise Woods, Corporate Strategy manager, WCC
25.2.2025**

Council would like to attend the **Neighbourhood Forum 8** meeting on **Wednesday 9 April at 7pm** to discuss the exhibition of the draft Community Strategic Plan 2035 and the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026.

The draft Community Strategic Plan 2035 is a 10-year plan that identifies the community's vision for the future. It outlines what's important to the community, what goals to focus on and how to achieve those. Everyone in the community – from government, businesses, schools, community groups, to individuals – has a part to play in making this plan work. It's a plan for our whole community. It also sets the direction for what Council does. It helps Council plan services and projects, to meet the needs of our community. The goals in the Community Strategic Plan inform the development of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

The draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026 outlines the principal activities that Council will implement to achieve the long term objectives in the Community Strategic Plan. The Delivery Program accounts for Council's stewardship of the community's long term goals, outlining what it intends to do towards achieving these goals and what its priorities will be. This includes the draft budget, Draft Infrastructure Delivery Program and Draft Revenue Policy, Rates, Charges and fees.

Could you please advise if you would be able to accommodate the item on your agenda? If so, two representatives will attend one from Corporate Strategy and one from Infrastructure.

The Plans are proposed to go to the Council Meeting of Monday 7 April 2025 and proposed to be on exhibition for the period Wednesday 9 April to Wednesday 7 May 2025.

Regards,
Elise Woods, Corporate Strategy Manager, WCC

**D. Paul Tracey - Manager Open Spaces & Environmental Services - Re Councillor requests
7.3.2025**

I have been referred requests raised via the NF8 forum for response on behalf of the Ward 3 Councillors, regarding mowing along West Dapto Rd and tree planting near the railway crossing.

West Dapto Rd Mowing – Regular slashing.

We are working through a number of recent changes to traffic control planning requirements that now require us to have full traffic control in place to mow this roadside which was never previously required for our slashers.

Unfortunately, this is proving both time and cost prohibitive, and we are working through a range of options including different machinery / times of day etc to see if we can reduce this cost but still ensure the safety of our people.

We normally slash West Dapto Rd 6 times per annum in line with our rural road mowing program and realise with the changing urban landscape this needs to be reviewed, but I can advise the next scheduled mowing service for West Dapto Rd is in April.

Tree Planting land to the West Railway Crossing on Shone Ave.

There are still significant Rd works and development that needs to occur, and the vacant land in question is flood prone.

At this point in time we wont be considering tree planting at this location and will focus on more appropriate locations through West Dapto, which is identified as a priority suburb for tree canopy in our Urban Greening Strategy.

If you require further information please contact me on the number below.

Thankyou,
Paul Tracey

E. Stephen McGartland - 8.3.2025

I don't fully understand the detail of the discussion, but the description provided doesn't seem right. Perhaps we can get an explanation from our councillor at next NF8.

Regards
Stephen McGartland

