

ITEM 6 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JESS WHITTAKER - THIRROUL SKATEPARK

Councillor Jess Whittaker has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that Wollongong City Council write to Member for Heathcote, Maryanne Stuart MP, to request her assistance with any opportunities for state government funding to deliver the Thirroul Skatepark.”

Background provided by Councillor Jess Whittaker:

The Thirroul community has advocated for a local skatepark for several decades. With the Thirroul Skatepark in advanced planning stages and the community awaiting further updates around location and proposed design, the NSW Government should be invited to partner with us to deliver this important community building project for Thirroul.

MP Stuart has previously assisted Sutherland council access \$1.65m in extra funding for Engadine Skatepark at Cooper Street Reserve, which has been well received by the community. Wollongong Council should be seeking similar representations from the Member to the state government for the Thirroul project.

When the Cooper Street Reserve project was formally opened, Minister for Sport Steve Kamper said: “The project shows the NSW Government’s commitment to create spaces and places that enable communities to participate in sport at all levels”. “I’m incredibly proud of the \$1.65m investment the NSW Government contributed towards turning the community’s vision into a reality, providing some outstanding facilities that will enable local residents to hone their sporting skills or develop a new sporting interest”. “Cooper Street Reserve is also a great example of the results that can be achieved through collaboration between local and state government” Minister Kamper said.

I am requesting the General Manager, on behalf of Wollongong City Council, make formal representations to the Member for Heathcote, to invite the state government to partner with us in a similar way for the delivery of this exciting project.