

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8 - AGENDA

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2025

Meeting TO BE held in Scribbly Gum Room, Ribbonwood Centre also on Teams

N.B. This is the link to the [NF8 - July](#) meeting this Wednesday 9th July.

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:

Cr. Linda Campbell, Martin Whatman, Gail Whatman, Ian Fitzgibbon

3. ATTENDING:

In Person:

On teams:

4. MINUTES: - From 11th JUNE 2025.

Moved:

Seconded:

5. COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENTATIONS:

6. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

7. CONVENORS REPORT: Convenor Ron Cooper :

- A. Update from Nathan McBriarty
- B. Council Reply to Draft Infrastructure Plans
- C. Letter from Dennis Couley
- D. Electrify Illawarra
- E. Lets Chat
- F. Update on Wollongong Our Future
- G. Wollongong Walking, Cycling, MobilityNews Reference Group
- H. Wollongong

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

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| A. From: Louise Harding On Behalf Of Engagement 2025 | 12th June |
| B. From Elise Woods, Corporate Strategy Manager | 2nd July 2025 |
| C. From: Jen Lysle-Van Dyk, Engagement Officer | 1st July 2025 |
| D. From: Martha Tyndall, Community Land M'ment Officer | 3rd July 2025 |
| E. From : Rachel White Electrify Illawarra | 2nd July 2025 |

Additional

Previous correspondence re Beaton Park Firedrills

MEETING CLOSE:

NEXT MEETING.

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 13th AUGUST 2025

CORRESPONDENCE IN

A. Are you passionate about walking, cycling and mobility across the Wollongong LGA?

Wollongong City Council invites expressions of interest (EOI) from members of the Wollongong community with relevant interest and experience to fill community representation within Council's Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group.

The Group's role is to provide independent advice and expertise to Council on the development and implementation of policies and strategies that promote pedestrian, bicycle and inclusive access in the City of Wollongong.

We are seeking members to represent the following access areas for a four-year period:

- pedestrians
- bicycle users
- needs of people with a disability
- needs of families with children
- needs of seniors
- needs of students
- needs of young people

To submit an EOI by 12noon on Friday, 20 June 2025 and to view more information please visit Council's webpage: [Express interest in joining our Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group | City of Wollongong](#)

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CORRESPONDENCE IN

B. From Elise Woods, Corporate Strategy Manager

2nd July 2025



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Ron Cooper

rondcooper1275@gmail.com Date: 2 July 2025

Dear Ron

RESPONSE TO YOUR SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2025 - 2029 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025 – 2026.

Thank you for your submission on Council's Draft Delivery Program 2025–2029 and Operational Plan 2025– 2026.

Feedback received from the community resulted in amendments to the draft plans where possible. At the 30 June 2025 Council meeting the draft plans were adopted. A summary of submissions was presented to Council as part of this meeting.

Please find enclosed Council's response to your submission.

For further information on the community's feedback on the Draft Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 Community Strategic Plan and Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026 please refer to Attachments 1 and 2 of the 30 June 2025 [Council report](#).

Thank you for your commitment to addressing community matters.

This letter is authorised by

Elise Woods

Corporate Strategy Manager Wollongong City Council Telephone (02) 4227 7111

CORRESPONDENCE IN

C. From: Jen Lysle-Van Dyk

1st Jul 1 2025

RE: Update on Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 – Report to Council

To: Engagement <Engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Thank you for helping shape Wollongong's future!

On Monday 30 June 2025, Council officially adopted the key plans that will help guide Wollongong over the next 10 years. These include:

- Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 Community Strategic Plan
- Resourcing Strategy 2025-2035 (includes Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Strategy, Workforce Management Strategy, and Digital Strategy)
- Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026

These plans were shaped by the ideas and feedback you shared with us during community engagement over the past several months. Your input helped us understand what matters most to the people who live, work and spend time in Wollongong.

We thank everyone who took part in this process.

You can now read the [final plans on our website](#).

You can also read a summary of what we heard from the community in the [Engagement Report](#).

CORRESPONDENCE IN

D. From: Martha Tyndall

3rd July

2025 Subject: Share your thoughts on our draft plan to manage the Crown Reserve at Hill 60 by 1 Sept 2025

To: Martha Tyndall <MTyndall@wollongong.nsw.gov.au>

Dear Community Member,

The draft Plan of Management for Hill 60 is being exhibited for public comment until 1 September 2025. There are 2 documents – the plan of management (PoM) document and the PoM Appendix document to consider. I have attached the smaller PoM document to this email for convenience. There is also a brief plan overview and map at the end of this email. See Council's website for more detailed information at [Hill 60 Crown Reserve Draft Plan of Management | Let's Talk Wollongong](#)

Kind regards,

Martha Tyndall – Community Land Management Officer – Wollongong City Council

Draft Hill 60 Plan of Management Brief Overview

- The draft plan continues Council's current management of Hill 60 Crown reserve 97344 - the plan of management is required under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and it was not required under the Crown Lands 1989.
- The draft PoM permits implementing the conceptual 2015 Hill 60 Landscape Masterplan to increase understanding of the area's significance and to enhance the area when opportunity, legislative approval and community feedback are aligned.
 - The accessible viewing platform and art work (near the Marine Rescue Services headland area) completed in December 2024 is an example of a resourced Master plan project that fitted within the 2021 Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit and Heritage Act 1977 approvals and then was further shaped by more consultation in 2023 and 2024.
 - The plan of management does not allocate resources and masterplan projects are aspirational unless funds are allocated in future Council Delivery Programs / Budgets.
- The draft PoM seeks to permit existing uses and developments, including the ability to consider new leases or licences – subject to Council policies, supporting documents and legislative compliance.

- For example, the Marine Rescue – Port Kembla emergency services has a holding over licence from 2010 for an area approximately 340 meters of Hill 60 (less than 1%) of the 21 hectare reserve. The draft PoM enables Council to consider granting a new licence in the future if adopted under the Crown Land Management Act 2016.
- The community land category of “Area of Cultural Significance” applies to most of the plan of management area with the “Park” category applying to a much smaller area where there is existing development – the carparks, and the lawn area associated with 2024 accessible viewing platform, the observation tower areas. The “General Community Use” community category applies to a even smaller area - the licence area of the Marine Rescue Services – Port Kembla including the building.

Again, the Hill 60 Crown Reserve Draft Plan of Management is on exhibition from Thursday 3 July 2025 to Monday 1 September 2025 and can be viewed:

- At all Wollongong City Libraries & Council’s Customer Service Centre, 41 Burrelli Street Wollongong,
- Online at the link: [Hill 60 Crown Reserve Draft Plan of Management | Let's Talk Wollongong](#)

Share your thoughts by:

Online feedback form/survey: [Hill 60 Crown Reserve Draft Plan of Management | Let's Talk Wollongong](#)

Emailing records@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Writing to The General Manager, Wollongong City Council, Locked Bag 8821 WOLLONGONG DC NSW 2500

Phoning Council's Community Land Management Officer on 4227 7111

Talking with us sometime during our “Let’s Talk Hill 60” pop-up event at the Marine Rescue headland area Thurs 17 July 2025, - 11.30am and 1.30pm (weather permitting)

Please provide your feedback by Monday 1 September 2025.

For written, phone and emailed submissions, please quote: 'Hill 60 Crown Reserve Draft Plan of Management'.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

E. From : Rachel White Electrify Illawarra

2nd July 2025

My name is Rachel White. I am writing to you in your role as Secretary of Neighbourhood Forum 8. I have copied in the Forum's co-convenors.

My first reason is to introduce you to Electrify Illawarra.

We are a local community group. We are not for profit, non-political, and run entirely by volunteers. Our goal is to accelerate the transition to all electric homes and business across the Illawarra to reduce the cost of living and climate emissions. You can find out more about us via our website <https://www.electrifyillawarra.org/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=electrify%20illawarra>.

We engage with residents, community partners, local businesses and Wollongong City Council to meet this goal. For a recent example, see Wollongong Council's news story about our 22 June Go Electric Open Day: <https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/council/news/articles/june-2025/shining-a-light-on-solar-power>. If there are any residents within your Forum area seeking information, now or in the future, on how to electrify, please let them know we may be able to assist with information. They can contact us via our website or email us at electrify.illawarra@gmail.com

My second reason is to inform Forum 8 residents of a petition circulating for presentation at the Council meeting on 28 July.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=gRVjflsP1EulJutIS_x7eHG5xjnEhb5lia_unt8UmFhUNkJEMUpXWEFVTzJLNjl4QVhGVUhWN0IVMS4u&route=shorturl

We are encouraging the Wollongong City Council to require all new homes to be all-electric as the Council revises its Development Control Plan. This decision would NOT require any change to existing homes with gas appliances. Residents, local doctors/health professionals and other community groups (including Electrify Illawarra) have explained why we support this change at Council meetings in December 2024 and May 2025. If you consider it appropriate, we would be grateful if this petition can be drawn to the attention of Forum 8 residents, including at your upcoming meeting on 9 July.

Thank you for playing your part in keeping our community engaged and connected on issues that affect us all. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best regards
Rachel White
0412 778 951



**Correspondence to June NF8 Meeting
Re Fire Drill Procedures at Beaton Park
Correspondence inadvertently omitted from NF8 June Minutes:**

Correspondence in:

A. From Stephen McGartland

15th May 2025

Hi Anne

As discussed at NF8.

Would it be possible for Fire Drills / Training conducted by WCC at Beaton Park not be conducted during primary school events. If this is not possible at least ensure the schools are given adequate forward notice to enable them to plan and manage the situation.

Background and context to the request:

On Wednesday 7th May 2025, I had the opportunity to attend the Unanderra Primary School Athletics Carnival. These events are apparently planned in conjunction with Council months before the actual event to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all students.

Unfortunately, on this day an announcement was made over the loudspeaker, midway through the event, that a Fire Training Event was about to occur. The school, as I understand it, had no prior warning and as such were in a reactive situation to manage any the consequential student impacts.

It is not unreasonable to assume that any primary school cohort could include students who are sensitive to smoke, sensitive to noise and perhaps have suffered past trauma that are triggered by the same. In fact, that is what actually happened and it was extremely stressful for all those impacted.

Whilst we can't change the past we can all ensure going forward that appropriate consideration / planning is implemented to avoid a repeat occurrence.

For your consideration and review.

Regards

Stephen McGartland

Correspondence in:

B. Cr Ann Martin

16th May 2025

Thank you Stephen for your email. On behalf of council I apologise that the recent school event held at Beaton Park for children was marred by a fire training drill held adjacent to the school event.

Can this matter please be logged a councillor request to seek better coordination between activities at Beaton park- especially if there is school activities held V nearby?

can a response be provided to Neighbourhood Forum no 8, and Mr McGartlands?

Thanks and regards

Cr. Ann Martin.

Correspondence in:
C. Mark Berriman, Manager Sport + Recreation

23rd May 2025

Dear Mr McGartland

EMERGENCY TRAINING EXERCISE - BEATON PARK

CR0345569 26514868 23 May 2025

I refer to your email of 15 May 2025 sent to Councillor Ann Martin and Neighbourhood Forum 8 regarding an emergency training exercise that occurred at Beaton Park precinct on Wednesday, 7 May 2025.

Beaton Park Leisure Centre is required to undertake two emergency training exercises annually. These exercises are rotated through different types of emergencies to ensure the team are equipped to react to potential real-life emergencies and adequately manage the facilities and patrons during an emergency situation.

Beaton Park Athletics Track has bookings daily from March through to September each year from local schools and sporting associations, which unfortunately requires usually one exercise to be conducted during this period of carnivals. The emergency training exercise undertaken at Beaton Park Leisure Centre on 7 May 2025 did not impact the events taking place at the Athletics Centre, with events continuing to be run during the training exercise.

Unanderra Primary School was advised prior to the emergency training taking place at the Leisure Centre on 7 May 2025. This enabled the school to make an announcement during their carnival that the emergency training exercise will be taking place at the adjacent Leisure Centre and if there were any concerns these can be managed. There were no concerns raised by the school when this occurred.

For future emergency training exercises, the team at Beaton Park Leisure Centre will ensure a risk assessment is undertaken to ensure all risks associated with the emergency drill have been assessed and accounted for prior to the drill taking place.

I trust this information is of assistance. Please contact me should you require further information.

This letter is authorised by

Mark Berriman
Manager Sport + Recreation Wollongong City Council Telephone (02) 4227 7111

CC Councillor Ann Martin via email
CC Heather Boardman, Secretary NF8 via email

Correspondence in:

**D.
Mark**

Leisure Centre

Request Summary

Reference Id: CR0347283
Tracking Number: CR0347283.AVW
Received: 27-May-2025 15:01:00
Priority:
Status: Inactive
Stage: Completed
Source: NA
Address: Beaton Park Gipps Street GWYNNEVILLE NSW 2500
Detail: From: Stephen McGartland [tashayl@bigpond.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 27 May 2025 1:10 PM
To: Kristy Rowlands [krowlands@wollongong.nsw.gov.au]
Cc: Cr Ann Martin [cr.amartin@wollongong.nsw.gov.au]; Henry and Heather Boardman [hhboardman@gmail.com]
Subject: Fwd: Wollongong City Council - Acknowledgement of RFI - NF8 Request - Fire Drills - Beaton Park Facility. - CR0345569

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] This email was sent from outside of Wollongong City Council - be cautious, particularly with links and attachments.

Hi Kristy Et al

Thank you for the prompt response to the matter raised. I appreciate the existence of a risk assessment prior to fire drill occurring and acknowledge council undertake steps to minimise impact on the events conducted at the stadium.

Having read the official response, I would like to make some observations that may upon review by council warranty further consideration.

1. Prior notice of the fire drill should occur prior to the day of the carnival, not on the day itself. This is to provide sufficient time for parents and teachers to plan for individual vulnerable students impacted (asmatics, autistic and fire trauma etc) . To the best of my knowledge notice was provided on the day.
2. The risk assessment should not just focus on interruptions to the events but extended to include risks associated with vulnerable individuals. The matter raised originally pertains to vulnerable individuals not the event per'se.
3. Given the extensive booking of Beaton Park, which requires at least one fire drill to take place in that period. It might be appropriate and reasonable easy to exclude booking dates which relate to primary schools bookings.
4. As I understand it council promised to also follow up on the matter with the Principal of Unanderra Primary. To the best of my knowledge this has not occurred.

I will leave the above for your consideration.

Regards

Stephen McGartland

Categorisation

Request Type WCC Requests
Request Category Council Property

