

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

Dom Figliomeni(Acting Convenor), Kaye Adams (Secretary), Steven Adams, Tracy Baron, Mark Baron, John Bridge, , Dorothy Lucas, Cr Ann Martin, Christine Okoniowski, Charlie Owen, Mark Peterlin,

Apologies

Peter Maywald (Convenor), Kim Maywald, Cerese Whitmore, Miles Rosser, Tracy Rosser, Nigel Rosser, Cr Deidre Stuart, Cr Campbell, Darren Laudenbach, Rachelle Laudenbach, David Nicholson, Buster Jamieson, , Annie Marlow, Julie Marlow, Gordon Bradbury, Rosemary Frezza

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May meeting were approved by Tracey Baron and seconded by Charlie Owen

4. Council Updates

Cr Martin

- WCC resolved that a planning proposal be prepared for “Cakes by Rach” in Port Kembla to permit additional use of land to “restaurant or café”
- There is a lot of activity around development of the Dapto area
- Most of the campers from Kully Bay have gone. It was noted that these The bus was used as a garbage tip.. It was also noted by the forum that there were campers starting to appear at Windang & Purry Burry at Primbee
- The SQUID is about to be installed
- Port Kembla Skate Park is progressing well
- WCC is actively looking at pedestrian crossings in Port Kembla.

5. Correspondence & Action Items

Action Items

Action Item – IDP Planning 2026/2027 – Ongoing Planning

Action Item – 6-8 Grand View Pde – Continue to Monitor for Public exhibition Dates

Action Item – Port Kembla Beach Promenade Public Toilets -No response received from Peter Maywald's email of 30/5/25. Kaye Adams observed that Public Toilet was open. **Now Closed**

Free Camping Signage -Email sent requesting signage at other locations and response received 18/6/25. **Now closed**

Dogs on Beaches – Correspondence received from WCC. **Now closed**

Correspondence

- Correspondence received by 23/6/24 has been circulated
- Correspondence received from Minister Scully 24/6/25 was read and will be circulated at with the minutes.

6. General Business

6.1 Updates included

- Lake Illawarra Retaining Wall Repairs – Fairly well progressed.

6.2 IDP 2026/2027 Some items have been added to our “Wish List”

- Installation of a footpath at Buena Vista Avenue Lake Heights
- Von Gerard Park pathway to the Lake Cycleway should be made suitable for use.
- Berkeley Park Upgrade

6.3 Trudy Costa Visit – The Forum expressed disappointment that Trudy was unable to attend the forum as arranged. It was noted that it appeared that the WCC Engagement Team were aiming to restrict engagement regarding Lake Illawarra to the “Lets Talk” session held at Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre. The Forum also questioned if this was going to be the WCC means of communication in the future and how does this effect the significance of the Neighbourhood Forum going forward.

Action: Cr Martin to obtain feedback

6.4 Minister Scully will be attending our meeting on August 26 2025

6.5 Future Meetings & Meeting Relocation –

- Kaye Adams advised that on Tuesday nights the upstairs function room is no longer available and that we have been offered the downstairs function room but we are more likely to be asked to find an alternate meeting venue.
- The forum was given the option to pick another night and it was agreed that we would remain at the IYC on the last Tuesday of the month in the downstairs function room and we appreciated the option to use the IYC as a pleasant venue allowing more people to attend. In the event that the IYC could not accommodate us on a particular night we would endeavour to book the Port Kembla Community Centre.
- It was noted that the Charter states

2.2 Level of Support: Council will, where appropriate, provide the following support to the Forums:

2.2.1 Use of Council owned community facilities will be provided free of charge to the Forum for meetings. Forum Convenors will be required to ensure the Forum members comply with facility hirer agreements. The bookings of Council facilities will be co-ordinated by Council staff on an annual basis and will be subject to availability. The number of meetings will be funded and supported up to 10.

Also

2.2.5 Reimbursement of expenses occurred in the management of the forum (up to \$250 per forum, per annum, with receipts and completed Neighbourhood Forum Expenses Reimbursement Form to be presented by 31 May, for the current financial year period). These expenses should relate directly to tasks completed for Forum business and will be reimbursed at the discretion of Council.

- The booking for the Port Kembla Community Centre was made quickly to lock in the venue and the staff at OCP did not understand the situation with the Neighbourhood Forums so Peter Maywald paid for the hire of the hall. Kaye Adams is currently trying to obtain reimbursement of the \$33 charged for hire.
 - **Action:** Kaye Adams- Emails sent to Engagement 23/6, & Customer Service 25/6

6. General Business (cont)

6.6 Lake Illawarra

Tracey Baron updated the forum on the recent Lake Illawarra CMP Group Meeting.

- Options being considered are Options 4 & 5
- Shellharbour Mayor is not keen on Option 5
- The Group is asking the State Govt to fund a detailed study into Options 4 & 5
- There is a clean up around the lake scheduled soon.

Action – Kaye Adams to forward information to forum members

6.7 Lets Talk Session Berkely 24/6//25

- Kaye Adams attended for a short amount of time early in the afternoon. Points of note
- There were a reasonable number of people in attendance
- There were many people around the Lake Illawarra stand and not enough people to assist enquiries at the stand.
- The ShineHub had a table and some interesting information on purchasing of solar panels & batteries through bulk buy discounts. Refer to link for further details <https://shinehub.com.au/isjo/>

7.Other Business

- No Other Business
- Meeting Closed 7.15pm

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm -**Tuesday July 29 2025**-Illawarra Yacht Club