

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

Peter Maywald (Convenor), Kaye Adams (Secretary), Steven Adams, , Ron Arnts, Tracy Baron, , Rick Cheers, Marie Davidson, Dom Figliomeni, Rita Glossop, Buster Jameson, Dorothy Lucas, Pyll McIndoe, Cr Ann Martin, Kim Maywald, Dave Nicolson, Wendy Meyers, Charlie Owen, Mark Peterlin, Tracy Rosser, Annie Marlow, Tracey Rosser, Milena Snoek, Heath Snoek, Charl Kellermann, Gonda Kellermann, Nilze Exposto, Paul Exposto, John Leard, Ethan Stein

Special Guests

NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure, Warrawong Parklands Project Team led by Fiona Morrison

Apologies

Christine Okoniowski, Miles Rosser, Nigel Rosser, Julie Marlow, Rosemary Frezza, Lucy Andrade, John Bridge Cr Deidre Stuart

3. Approval of Minutes

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Minutes from the August meeting were approved by Mark Peterlin and seconded by Tracy Baron

4. General Business

A written update was included in the meeting pack for September 29, 2025, and attendees were requested to read it before the meeting. This step was intended to provide time for briefing and questions related to the Draft Masterplan for Warrawong Parklands.

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Councillor Report

Supplied By Councillor Stuart

At the last Council Meeting on 15 Sept 2025, amongst other things:

- The draft *Wollongong Transport Strategy 2025-2035* was adopted with minor amendment by council. This is a really important document – ambitious and evidence based and the result of ‘exemplary community engagement’ as one resident related to me – and the result of some years of intense work by passionate staff. Read a little at [Wollongong gears up to thrive under new Transport Strategy | City of Wollongong](#) or else read the details at [Agenda of Ordinary Meeting of Council - Monday, 15 September 2025-ITEM 6](#) with the strategy document starting at page 12 of 111.
- Revisions to *Wollongong City Tourist Parks Discounting and Promotions Policy* were accepted to help facilities retain/enhance competitiveness. For details read [Agenda of Ordinary Meeting of Council - Monday, 15 September 2025-ITEM 7](#)

Councillor Report (cont)

- The draft *Code of Meeting Practice* placed on exhibition and residents are able to provide feedback til 30 Oct 2025 via [Updated Code of Meeting Practice 2025 | Let's Talk Wollongong](#). For context read [Feedback sought on updated Code of Meeting Practice | City of Wollongong](#)

From the Ward-3 councillor forum (16 Sept 2025):

- Southern Suburbs Community Centre and Library – construction has begun! Development of Stakeholder Committee draft Terms of Reference being developed with Warrawong Residents Forum, Vietnamese Association of Wollongong and Illawarra Legal Centre (these organisations will have space in the ground floor of the new facility).
- Wentworth St/Allan St Port Kembla stormwater issues - Council is aware of the water issues on the footpath at this location and is looking at solutions to rectify the pooling. The Floodplain and Stormwater team have prepared a Plan to address the ponding issue. The Plan has been shared with the owner of Philips Tiles. The parking review for Port Kembla CBD includes loading zones near Phillips Tiles which will go out to the Port Kembla community for consultation once completed.
- Jet Ski Hire Business – Lake Illawarra.
 - Council received numerous concerns regarding the approval for a Jet Ski tour business to operate on Lake Illawarra. The number of objections received through the public exhibition period triggered the development application to be referred to the Wollongong Local Planning Panel (WLPP) for consideration and determination. All submissions were considered by the Panel as part of the assessment process.
 - The WLPP report submitted on 1 July was deferred. The application was approved by the WLPP at its meeting on 13 August 2025, subject to a number of conditions including a reduction in the number of jet skis from eight to four and a trial period of two years. The applicant will need to apply for a modification of the consent if they wish to vary any aspects of the approval and the consent cannot operate beyond the trial period if this is not done.
 - The proponent has a valid development consent, which includes further approval requirements from State agencies.
 - Council is unable to influence internal consideration and approved processes of State agencies.
 - There are no available avenues for a third-party appeal to the merits of the determination of the development application.
 - Agencies consulted during the assessment process are included in the assessment report.
 - The Lake Illawarra Implementation Group has an advisory role to Council not a statutory role. It does not get involved in Development Applications. Development Applications are managed through a separate process and are governed by Planning Legislation.
- Further Drop-in session planned - Let's Talk in Ward 3 in October 2025 – details to be advised.

From the Lake Illawarra CMP committee (2 Sept 2025):

- Community representative Alexander Shirley has taken employment at WCC so can no longer be a representative for the community.
- Key 2025-2026 actions:
 - Community engagement program (PM3)– Marine Estate Champions Pilot Program
 - New revegetation and bank stabilisation projects (EV1) – partnership program with Ozfish
 - Finalisation of dredging feasibility study (RA5) – Burroo Bay, Karoo Bay, Horsley Inlet
 - Cultural values mapping for the Lake Illawarra catchment (CH1)
 - Short film creation – Lake Illawarra Black Swans singing group (PM3, CH1)

Councillor Report (cont)

- Key Dates:
 - Marine Estate Champions Pilot Program – update. Expressions of Interest Oct-Nov 2025. (expect a 2 month program in Feb 2026, caring and connecting for the Lake, creating generic resources in context for Lake Illawarra. Upto 40 community participants & 4 evening events planned. Seems to be a collaboration between NSW govt and Nature Positive Australia with/for community) – more details to come.
 - Short film contest open – outdoor film festival 7 March 2026
 - NSW Coastal conference 5-7 Nov 2025 Ballina, NSW.
- Warrawong Parklands proposal brief overview – community engagement needed and no funding as yet.
- Lake Illawarra Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMSP) – last study was 2012. Since 2007, the entrance opened and so very dynamic. The current FRMSP being developed incorporates Australian Rainfall and Runoff (2019) guidelines (version 4.2, more science based now and considered best practice) and 2024 Bathymetry – and ? incorporates Adapt NSW guidelines related to sea level rise?. It will define floodplain levels according to risk level. Phase 1 calibration report expected complete in Q1 or Q2 2026. The will be followed by Phase 2 Options & scenarios then Phase 3 Prioritisation parts.
- WINDANG FORESHORE & TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND – clarification that the playground within the Windang Tourist Park is currently accessible to the wider public from 9am until dusk each day. These hours will remain the same for any new visitors to the access the park for the purpose of utilising the playground. Also, at 16 Sept 2025 was 3 weeks into design project for temporary protection of foreshore. 2 reports involved with second report due before Christmas 2025 – which would be the feasibility / business case for WCC and SCC for getting support from the NSW govt. Need for the committee to lobby NSW govt next year for funding .
- Fixing Lake Entrance issues and looking after the lake environment (e.g. via water sensitive urban design) – underpins success of any other development of the lake.

Some other matters:

- NF7 IDP submission noted
- Illegal parking/camping at Windang – still under investigation
- [CR0372275](#) resident seeking information about funding application processes for the construction of a dog proof fence along the length of the dog park and community land bordering Tobruk Avenue from the last house being number 52 to the stretch of bush just prior to the skate park. (The Port Kembla Community Investment Fund and the NSW Ports Community Grants Program)
- [CR0367964](#) / [CR0354745](#) – drain, rubbish, rats in drain running between Werrang and Windang Rds Primbee – in progress
- Jet ski business on Lake Illawarra – WCC has provided part approval, still needs a further TfNSW Maritime approval. Residents have communicated that TfNSW Maritime contact is Nathaniel Jacobs, Manager Waterways Operations – South Maritime, Transport for NSW, M 0400 675 149 E Nathaniel.Jacobs@transport.nsw.gov.au
- Last week, following concerns raised about the process and consultation related to the assessment of the jet ski business, these matters have been referred to Council's Professional Conduct Coordinator for review.

Action Items

- All Actions items completed with the following exception
- Discussion regarding Cat Containment Management scheduled for September NF7 to be rescheduled for October 2025. Kaye Adams to refer to Peter Maywald regarding timeframe for submitting comments to Paul Scully MP

Correspondence

- Gloria Crescent Bus Stop - Response has been received (response supplied)
- Illegal Camping Windang – Ongoing and latest correspondence supplied
- Windang Foreshore Temporary Playground – Location & Access hours Previously distributed 3/9/2025

IDP 2026 Submission (supplied)

“ End of Written General Business Update

5. Warrawong Parklands Project

- 5.1 NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure briefed Neighbourhood Forum 7 on the Draft Masterplan for Warrawong Parklands and held a Q&A session to address any concerns.
- The masterplan is on public exhibition until October 15 and can be accessed at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/open-space/parks-for-people/warrawong-parklands>

6. Other Business

- There was no further business.
- Meeting closed 7.15pm

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm -Tuesday October 28 2025-Illawarra Yacht Club