

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 Figliomini (Acting Convenor), Kaye Adams (Secretary), Steven Adams, Tracy Baron, John Bridge, Dorothy Lucas, Christine Okoniowski, Charlie Owen, Julie Marlow, David Nicholson, Tracey Rosser, Cr David Haden, Rick Cheers

Apologies

Peter Maywald, Rosemary Frezza, Cr Linda Campbell, Cr Deidre Stuart, Grant Weyman, Nigel Rosser, Miles Rosser

Wollongong City Council Attendees

Joanne Page, Andrew Ogg, Chris O'Connor

3. WCC Presentation

[Draft Delivery Program 2025 - 2029 and Operational Plan 2026 - 2027 | Let's Talk Wollongong](#)

Attachment to minutes – Infrastructure Delivery Program Draft for Exhibition NF7

On Exhibition until 19 May 2026

Highlights from discussions

- Forum members raised concerns about Windang Park's lack of progress, noted improvements at Semaphore Rd Park, but observed that Berkeley Community Centre Park was not mentioned. Purry Burry Park was brought up by NF7 for recreational activities like sailboarding and trail biking, and lacks facilities.
- Upgrades to the footpaths and roads around Warrawong are planned.
- The footpath request for Buena Vista Avenue is in WCC top 20 Footpath priority list
- WCC is responsible for bus shelters and is preparing to open a tender process. Typically, the council partners with a company by offering advertising rights in exchange for the construction and maintenance of the shelters—this approach would be suitable for spots like Port Kembla Pool. NF7 was informed that we can propose potential locations. WCC will then review Opal Card data, and any suggested sites must have supporting footpaths and related infrastructure.
- Erosion undermining of footpath on Cycleway between Dix's Jetty & the Sailing club- A technical assessment is being conducted to review if this is a maintenance matter or will a longer term solution required.
- A question was raised about responsibility for the Windang Boat Ramp Jetty. Joanne Page responded that her team would investigate and update NF7 accordingly.
 - **Action Peter Maywald to submit comments on behalf of NF7**
 - **Action NF7 Members to make individual submission where required.**

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March Meeting were approved by Charlie Owen and Steve Adams

5. Councillor Updates

- The forum welcomed Councillor Haden.
- In her absence Cr Stuart supplied an update on the odours mentioned at the last meeting. The EPA and WCC are continually monitoring facilities at Kembla Grange. A forum member advised that one resident had done their own investigation and determined that the odour came from Soil Co. No further action required at this time.

6. General Business

6.1 Updates

- Correspondence – All Correspondence was circulated in Meeting Pack
- Action Items –Outstanding - Dogs off Leash on Cycleway *Cr Martin to provide update*

Responsible Cat Ownership

- Cr Stuart provided a written update from Wollongong City Council. In summary, WCC does not include any reference to keeping cats indoors in any documentation/ website, as this is not currently mandated under the Companion Animals Act 1998. WCC provides brochures titled “Caring for Your Cat” and “Bringing Your Cat Home.”
- The only reference to outdoors is “Supervised time outside”. There is no reference to protecting wild life.
- Reply from WCC – There are no plans to include education within rate notices as current Companion Animals Act is under review.
 - *Action – Kaye Adams to consult with Peter Maywald regarding next steps*

Free Camping

- Correspondence has occurred between NF7, Minister Scully & WCC. NF7, Minister Scully, and WCC have corresponded. The WCC Manager for Regulation & Enforcement informed Peter Maywald that WCC is consulting with Crown Lands.

6.2 Military Road Hooning

- Discussion was postponed as key contributors, including Cr Martin, were absent. It was decided to circulate the relevant WCC Council minutes from 20 April 2026. Members also raised concerns about ongoing noise issues (hooning) on Military Road and Olympic Boulevard.
 - *Action- Kaye Adams to circulate extract from minutes*

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm -Tuesday May 26 2026 -Illawarra Yacht Club