



## An update on our sports fields

Our focus is on working with local sporting clubs and associations to support play, where possible, and the overall the care and maintenance of our sporting fields.

The regular and ongoing rainfall is keeping the soil saturated. Our staff – many of whom have more than 30 years' experience in sports field management – have never seen conditions so challenging for play.

We estimate for some of our fields, we need at least four weeks of no rainfall just to get our mowing equipment onto them and for other fields, it's even longer. For the safety of

players, our fields need to be cut with mowers that have rollers on the cutting deck. These rollers level out small undulations and uneven surfaces, which can cause injury, as they move across the ground.

In the current conditions even a hand mower can create ruts in the soft ground, and a person walking around with a whipper snipper can leave imprints where they've stepped. That's why we're asking community members who have enthusiastically taken their mowers and whipper snippers to fields, to stop their well-intentioned efforts. We appreciate

– and wholeheartedly support – people want to get back into weekend sports, but we need to do this in a way that means that fields won't be damaged and potentially offline for longer.

We will continue to do our best and prioritise opening any of our 42 fields as they are safe to play on. Our staff are assessing the fields daily and will open individual fields as and when we can.

We encourage community members to stay in contact with their local sporting clubs and associations for updates.

## →MEETINGS

### Council Meeting (Broadcast Live)

**Monday 6 June 2022, 6pm**

To ensure social distancing in the current COVID environment, public attendance at Council Meetings is limited to 50% capacity. Once the gallery has 45 attendees, no more members of the public will be admitted to the meeting, so registration is essential to guarantee your seat. To register your attendance at the meeting, please call Council's Governance team on (02) 4227 7422 before 4pm on Monday 6 June 2022.

The meeting will be webcast via Council's website noting that from time to time we may pause the webcast, to deal with confidential items.

Community members can apply to address Council by submitting a Public Access Forum application by 12 noon Friday 3 June 2022. The application form and Code of Meeting Practice are available on Council's website or by calling (02) 4227 7111.

The Business Paper is available from Council's website a week prior to the meeting.

### Wollongong Local Planning Panel (WLPP) Meeting (Broadcast Live)

**Tuesday 7 June 2022, 5pm**

WLPP will consider the following development applications:

1. DA-2021/1337 - Sandon Point Surf Club, 10 Point Street, Bulli - Extension of upper floor balcony, extension of roof and installation of awning
2. DA-2022/81 - Port Kembla Surf Club, 1A Cowper Street, Port Kembla - Port Kembla Surf Club - change of use to restaurant/café
3. DA-2021/136 - 1A Norman Street, Mangerton - Residential - construction of a dwelling house and pools and Subdivision - Torrens title - two (2) lots
4. DA-2021/1117 - 1-3 Church Street, Wollongong - Residential - demolition of existing structures and construction of a residential flat building
5. DA-2021/1297 - 23 and 27-31 High Street, Corrimal - Residential - demolition of existing dwellings, construction of a four (4) storey residential flat building with twenty-three (23) units and attached thirty eight (38) room boarding house over basement parking

The meeting agenda and business paper will be available on Wollongong City Council's website [www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au) no less than seven days prior to the meeting.

Members of the Public may address the Panel by telephone, however you must register with the WLPP Coordinator by close of business Monday 6 June 2022 on (02) 4227 7111 or email [wlpp@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wlpp@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)

Please note that each speaker will be allocated five minutes to speak unless extended time is agreed to by the Panel Chair.

## →GET INVOLVED

### Neighbourhood Forums

Neighbourhood Forums are community groups that meet monthly to help solve local issues. Face-to-face meetings have restarted for some Neighbourhood Forums.

Others are meeting online only or have suspended meetings until further notice. Please contact the Convenor for more information about a group, or email/online meetings.

Details are on Council's website [www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/get-involved/neighbourhood-forums](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/get-involved/neighbourhood-forums).

- **Wollongong – Area 5**  
Wednesday 1 June, 7pm  
Wednesday 6 July, 7pm
- **Towradgi – Area 4**  
Tuesday 7 June, 7pm
- **Dapto – Area 8**  
Wednesday 8 June, 7pm
- **Helensburgh – Area 1**  
Wednesday 8 June, 7pm
- **Berkeley – Area 7**  
Tuesday 28 June, 6pm

## →PUBLIC NOTICE

### Have Your Say – Port Kembla Temporary Skate Facility

Following the Council meeting on Monday 4 April 2022, we're seeking community feedback on the temporary skate facility in Port Kembla.

After community engagement to develop the King George V Recreation Master Plan in 2021, the local community built a temporary skate facility in the north-western corner of King George V Park, on the corner of First Avenue and Tobruk Avenue. The skate structures varied in quality and safety, are on Council land and had not been approved by Council prior to being built.

We're seeking community feedback to inform future decisions about the site and the temporary skate facility. We'll be gathering

feedback through on-site discussions, an online survey and online mapping.

Onsite information sessions will be held:

- Thursday 9 June 2022, 3–4pm
- Saturday 11 June 2022, 11am–12 noon

Let us know you would like to attend the on-site information session. Please go to our website [our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au) and complete the Expression of Interest on the Port Kembla Skate Facility project page.

Registration closes Monday 6 June 2022 at 12 noon.

## →WHAT'S ON

### Community

#### People and Technology: Connecting our Communities

**Tuesday 7 June, 10am–1pm**

**Illawarra ITEC, 1–5 Miller Street, Coniston**

Come along to share your ideas on how communities and organisations can work together to support people in accessing and using digital technologies. Attendees will also learn about Council's Reconciliation Action Plan.

Find out more by contacting Council on (02) 4227 7111.

### Library

#### Reading Bindi with Kirli Saunders

**Friday 3 June, 4–5pm**

**Wollongong Library, 41 Burelli Street**

Listen to author Kirli Saunders read from her verse novel Bindi, an important book for upper-middle primary kids which discusses healing from the bushfires and climate change. This event is part of the South Coast Writers Festival.

Bookings are essential via The South Coast Writers Festival website [southcoastwriters.org/festival](http://southcoastwriters.org/festival)

#### Let's Try... Calligraphy

**Wednesday 8 June, 6–8pm**

**Thirroul Library, 352/358 Lawrence Hargrave Drive**

Anyone can do Modern Calligraphy! So let's break the myth and start breaking down the process so you too can also write beautifully by the end of this class. This class is suitable for beginners, with all materials provided. Over 18s only. Tickets cost \$25.

Bookings are essential via Eventbrite.

[www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au)

**Privacy Notification:** The purpose for seeking your submission on advertised matters is to better assist Council in its decision making processes.

The intended recipients of your submission are officers within Council and those persons granted lawful access to the information. Your submission, including your name, address and other contact details, may be exhibited on Council's website and included in publicly accessible registers. If you make an anonymous submission, Council will be unable to contact you further.

If your submission relates to a development proposal or other relevant planning application, Council is required to disclose on its website all relevant details of political donations or gifts made by you.

In limited circumstances, you may apply for suppression of your personal information from a publicly accessible register. Further information is available on Council's website at [wollongong.nsw.gov.au/pages/privacy.aspx](http://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/pages/privacy.aspx) or by phoning Council on (02) 4227 7111.

## → DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

### Dapto Mall Shopping Centre, Princes Highway, Dapto

DA-2022/446 Lot 101 DP 1117541 No. 75-87

Applicant: AMP Capital Shopping Centres Pty Limited

Prop Dev: Four (4) 'business identification' pylon signs at various vehicle entry points into the Dapto Mall shopping centre and a single directional road sign located at the intersection of Moombara Street and Baan Baan Street

Departures: No

Closing Date: 15 June 2022

Wollongong City Council is the consent authority for the above development proposals.

These proposals, including any accompanying plans and documents, may be viewed on Council's website [wollongong.nsw.gov.au/DAExhibitionList](http://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/DAExhibitionList) (then select 'See Development Applications on Exhibition') up to 5pm on the dates listed above.

Submissions in writing, quoting the application number, should be forwarded to the General Manager at the address shown on this page by the closing date.

**Please also read the Privacy Notification printed above the Development Consents on our Community Update pages.**

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