

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8

Ribbonwood Centre - Scribbly Gum Room

MINUTES

7pm WEDNESDAY 11th May 2022

1. **Welcome:** Dennis Couley:

Special welcome to: Wollongong City Council officers Chris O'Connor (Manager Infrastructure & Planning (Acting) ; Tom McColl (Engagement Coordinator) ; Elise Woods (Corporate Strategy Manager), Ian Davis (Manager City Works , Acting)

2. **Acknowledgement of Country,** I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the

Traditional Owners of the Land on which this meeting takes place, and Elders past and Present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

3. **Attending: Planning to Attend:**

Dennis Couley, Cr, Ann Martin, Stephen McGartland, Romeo Cecchele, Jess Meza, Alen Meza, Ron Cooper, Ami Beck, Alan Davis (Manager City Works, Acting) , Chris O'Connor (Manager Infrastructure & Planning (Acting) ; Tom McColl (Engagement Coordinator) ; Elise Woods (Corporate Strategy Manager) ; Emma Haynes (WCC)

Apologies: Ian Fitzgibbon, Cr. Dom Filgiomeni, Cr. Linda Campbell, Warren Southwell

4. **MINUTES** - received for Wednesday 13th April.

Moved by: Ron Cooper

Seconded by: Stephen McGartland

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

IN:

a) Alissa Tran (WCC) 28.4.22

re West Dapto Suburbs- Geographical Names Board.

Proposed Suburb name: Stream Hill)

b) Romeo Cecchele (9.5.22) - -Concerns re local policing

c) Romeo Cecchele (11.5.22) - Previous minutes, issues for May meeting

OUT:

a) To Engagement Team WCC re Zoom Initiative

6. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM ENGAGEMENT TEAM/ COUNCIL OFFICERS

a) Community Strategic Plan 2032, Delivery Program 2022-2026 & Operational Plan 2022-2023.

Presented by : Chris O'Connor (Manager Infrastructure & Planning (Acting) ; Tom McColl (Engagement Coordinator) ; Elise Woods (Corporate Strategy Manager)

Presentation Information Outline - Elise Woods.

(Please see documents at end of these minutes).

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We are encouraging all community members to forward this information to their own networks, family and friends to allow more community members the opportunity to join the conversation about our city's future.

Submissions can be made to Council during the public exhibition period 4 May to 31 May 2022

Your submission is used by Council to assist with its decision making processes and inform any necessary improvements to the plans. All feedback will be considered during finalisation of the plans. All submissions are collected, summarised and reported to Council, along with the draft plans for adoption.






Submissions can be made through the following ways:

Email: engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Council's website: [Comment on Our Plans for the Future | Wollongong City Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/comment-on-our-plans-for-the-future)

In person: Council libraries and customer service centre

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact

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Documents presented at NF8 ; view on Council website and see attached to emailed NF8 May Minutes

b) Alan Davis (Manager City Works, Acting)

Alan outlined progress in works:

- Pedestrian-cycle path around Wongawilli Rd.- Shone Avenue intersection;
- Darkes Road Bridge Closure: engineering & geo-technical reports show need for extensive works to repair the bridge. Reopening of road is not imminent.

c) Tom McColl

Tom responded to questions about the value of maintaining engagement through direct communication and affirmed council's support for Neighbourhood Forum meetings to run in a hybrid (in-person & zoom) format.

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

(Q: questions/issues raised. R: response at meeting)

Issues Raised:

b) Romeo Cecchele: The four issues that I would like input and update from WCC staff and our councillors are:

1. **Q:** West Dapto Road-when will the very dangerous first 600 meters of West Dapto Road be raised with culverts every 50 meters?
R: It was noted that this question has been addressed previously and is to be considered in view of planning for roads throughout the West Dapto Area
2. **Q:** Darkes Road(now closed)-when will the bridge over Mullet Creek be raised by one meter as I requested in 2013 with ramping also provided and road upgraded?
Ami Beck had also raised Darkes Road bridge as an issue of concern.
R: Alan Davis noted that Geo Tech & Civil Engineering studies of Darkes Road Bridge damage indicate need for substantial to be planned and undertaken - time for repair TBA.
3. **Q:** Bong Bong Road-when will the dangerous intersection of Hamilton Street be made safe by dredging out the northern side of East Dapto Brook to allow water to flow to Mullet Creek?
R: This issue has been raised and addressed at previous NF8 meeting.
4. **Q:** Cleveland Road-when will the dangerous upgrade done by WCC in 2015 be raised by half a meter with culverts every 50 meters to allow better access in heavy rainfall events as was requested in 2013?
R: This issue has been raised and addressed at previous NF8 meeting.

Council Officers noted these question for follow up consideration.

C) Dennis Couley: Brooks Reach Park

Q: What is the best way to have facilities to promote engaging play at Brooks Reach Park, similar what is installed at William Beach Park and Bankbook Park?

R: Advise the person inquiring to contact Council re their inquiry.

D) Stephen McGartland - regarding Development Application Conditions

Q: What is the procedure for following up on conditions for D.A.'s to ensure compliance?

R: Discussion re various developments where conditions appear not to have been met.

Cr. Ann Martin acknowledged the difficulty in following up where private certifiers have been engaged to progress the development.

Standing Items:

West Dapto Roads: The standing items were addressed in following up enquiries from Romeo Cecchele.

It has been noted that further to previous concerns there have been significant impacts from ongoing rain events.

Currently several roads are impassable resulting in limited access for many residents and emergency service vehicles.

It was noted that the combined impact of current roadworks, potholed and water damaged roads along with the Darkes Road bridge closure has severely impacted the access to West Dapto causing safety risk concerns.

R: Discussion

- a) Recommend residents report and identified issues through the Wollongong City Council Website : to Report an Issue call 4227 711 or use the report an Issue button on the web page.
- b) Promote the use of cameras on garbage trucks to identify potholes & damaged road surfaces

Meeting Closed:

NEXT MEETING:

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE 2022