

**DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM  
NF8 MINUTES 8th MARCH 2023**

1. **WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** - Ian Fitzgibbon  
“I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this meeting takes place, and elders past & present and extend that respect to other aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander people present.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Cr. Linda Campbell; Cr. Ann Martin, Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Heather Boardman;

2. **ATTENDING:** Ian Fitzgibbons Ron Cooper Dennis Couley Steve McGartland Romeo Ceccele Warren Southwell Elisha Aiken Lis Webster

4. **MINUTES: 8th February 2023**

Moved : Steve McGartland

Seconded:Dennis Couley

5. **CORRESPONDENCE (SEE ATTACHMENTS)**

**IN :**

i) West Dapto Social Infrastructure Needs Assessment - Response received  
- **email from Alissa Tran**

a) from Alissa Tran, Engagement Officer, WCC (1.3.2023)

Social Infrastructure submission received ( see attached)

<https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/west-dapto-social-infrastructure-needs-assessment>

ii) **Romeo Ceccele-** email (9.3.2023)

**OUT:**

i) **NF8 Response to West Dapto Social Infrastructure Plan** submission (27.2.2023)

ii) **Minutes of February NF8 meeting** emailed (6.3.2023)

6. **COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS:** Planning and budget workshops underway

7. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Ron Cooper Wongawilli Rd still not finished after 5 ½ years Jo Paige to visit and discuss with residents**

**Steve Mc Gartland issue with lights in pre school still unresolved  
Corey Stoneham advise person looking after that job has retired leaving no details Corey to follow up**

**Steve to draft letter re provision of new schools in West Dapto for submission to Government bodies by Group 8**

**Romeo submission re West Dapto Rd to be included in reply to budget proposals**

**No further update on Taxi Rank**

**MEETING CLOSE:8.00pm**

**NEXT MEETING: 7PM WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2023**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**IN:**

**i) From Alissa Tran, ENGAGEMENT OFFICER , WCC (1.3.2023)**

“Thanks very much for your feedback and submission for West Dapto Social Infrastructure Needs Assessment on behalf of NF8 ( and thanks so much for the time provided at your last meeting for us to come and present on this).

Once the engagement period has closed, the project team will review and consider all feedback received. We’ll get back in touch when we can provide an update.

Many thanks

Alissa Tran (Engagement Officer,Wollongong City Council)

**ii) From Romeo Cecchele (8.3.2023)**

I note with some concern that there was no mention or updates on the following roads in the last months minutes being;

- West Dapto Road-first 700 meters west from the South Coast Train Line which is dangerous at night with no lighting and where 2 people were rescued in the multiple 2022 floods!

- Bong Bong Road-first 400 meters west of the South Coast Train Line where there were 4 rescues during the multiple 2022 flood events!

- Sheaffes Road-from the intersection of West Dapto Road to the Kembla Grange estate has multiple potholes of various sizes that are not being monitored by WCC staff!

The extreme flood prone nature of our roads in West Dapto are big talking points in West Dapto with only one flood free road access and 2000 new people moving in each year this is only going to get worse!

Regards,  
Romeo Cecchele.

## **CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

### **i) Neighbourhood Forum 8 Submission to Council Re West Dapto Social Infrastructure to Wollongong City Council (27.2.2023)**

#### **Community and Cultural Facilities**

With the recent growth of the Wongawilli area urgent council upgrades are required to the existing Wongawilli hall and a programme to conduct suitable activities from that location. As this was a hall originally built by the community and handed to council a proper consultation with the local community is required This should not be in the years ahead planning but commence within the next 12 months

#### **Open Space and Recreation**

A facility like a half court basketball court is needed in the Wongawilli precinct to provide for the older children. At present we have great playground equipment for young children but older children require sporting venues to really exercise

Details need to quickly planned for sporting grounds in the proposed Darkes Rd Town Centre and not left to years ahead planning

In general while planning 50 years ahead has some merit not too council resources should go to this issues, as within 50 years we will have a very different view of what should be provided.

What residents require is action to provide facilities in real time not grand plans of the future that are just dreams.

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**We would also like to take this opportunity to stress the following strategic considerations need to be applied, in any long term planning of infrastructure for West Dapto:**

- 1. To actively engage and promote, with state and federal bodies, the integration of planning for schools, including road and cycleway connectivity.**
- 2. To actively engage and promote, with state and federal bodies, the integration of planning for school facilities and associated grounds to be purposely designed to enable multi use community services and activities.**

**3. To actively engage and promote, with state and federal bodies, the need for visionary and proactive infrastructure development which leads and precedes, rather than lag and follow, residential development in the area.**