

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, Lucy Angrade, Tracy Baron, John Bridge, Rick Cheers, Dom Figliomeni, Dorothy Lucas, Cr Ann Martin, Kim Maywald, Dave Nicolson, Christine Okoniowski, Charlie Owen, Mark Peterlin, Julie Marlow, Tracey Rosser, Heath Snoek, Milena Snoek, Virginia Whalan, John Kantaroski, Jennifer Johnson, Jan Hunter

Apologies

Annie Marlow, Rosemary Frezza, Marie Davidson, Mark Baron, Cr Linda Campbell, Cr Deidre Stuart, Nigel Rosser, Miles Rosser

3. Approval of Minutes

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Minutes from the November 2025 meeting were approved by Charlie Owen and seconded by Dave Nicolson

4. Monthly Reports from Councillors

Councillor Martin

- Quarterly review was presented at the Council Meeting 23/2/26. Available in Business Papers
 - **Action: Kaye Adams to forward Document/ link to NF7**
- WCC submitted a response to the State Government's Transport Strategy for Illawarra Shoalhaven at the Council Meeting on 23 February 2026. Councillor Martin noted that the general opinion was that there were significant missed opportunities related to the lake, which are contributing to ongoing issues with Windang Bridge. Additional concerns highlighted included the need for a southern shuttle bus service and the underutilisation of the rail network, among other matters.
 - **Action Kaye Adams to forward Document/link to NF7**
- Cr Martin noted that there is much discussion regarding bus shelters and who is responsible State Govt or Council. There will be more to happen in this area.

5. General Business

5.1 Updates

- Correspondence – All Correspondence was circulated in Meeting Pack
- Peter Maywald informed the forum that if emails are received about issues the Forum supports, any relevant correspondence will be circulated. Additionally, emails of general interest—such as community events—and notices from Local, State, and Federal Governments will be shared as needed.
- Action Items – All items actioned. No outstanding action items

5. General Business (cont)

5.2 Responsible Cat Ownership

- Cr Stuart put forward a motion seeking Council's support of the Companion Animals Amendment (Control of Cats) Bill 2025— It was voted down at the Council Meeting on 23 February.
- There was a lively debate, and an amendment was put forward that Council revisit the implications & costs for Council.
- Several members acknowledged the budget constraints: however, the forum as a whole expressed disappointment with WCC for not supporting responsible cat ownership.
- There is a shortage of data available regarding issues with cats as most incidents are not reported.
 - **Action NF7 members to report any cat issues to WCC**
- The forum discussed an education campaign, and Cr Martin noted it could be implemented using Council channels such as letterbox drops, rates notices, libraries, foyers, Facebook, and garbage truck panels. NF7 agreed to write to the General Manager to request this education campaign.
 - **Action Peter Maywald to email Greg Doyle cc Ward 3 Councillors**

5.3 Greening our City Program

- A general view of the forum regarding the information supplied is positive and that the trees did not appear to be planted in incorrect locations.
- There was concerns raised about Darcy Road Port Kembla in regard to the type of tree and the narrow footpath.
 - **Action Members to forward any concerns regarding trees and tree placement to forward questions to Kaye Adams to be collated and raised with WCC**

5.4 Grand View Parade Fig Tree

- The rezoning of the land is on exhibition until **31/3/2026**. NF7 is encouraging members and other community members to make a submission showing support for the rezoning.
 - **Action – Kaye Adams to forward link details to members.**
[Feedback on the Planning Proposal – Wollongong Council Land and Property Review | Let's Talk Wollongong](#)
 - **Action – Peter Maywald to lodge submission on behalf of NF7**

5.5 4 Hour Parking Windang

- This has been implemented to deter over-night parking and the trailer parked outside the bowling club has relocated to an area with unrestricted parking. The forum was advised that the owner of the trailer owns a house not far from where it is parked and owner is living in the trailer.
 - **Action CR Martin to ask officers to determine if there is a hoarding issue which could be a vermin issue**

5.6 Dogs Off Leash on Cycleway

- Kaye Adams highlighted a customer request submitted to WCC, as well as the subsequent response from WCC, indicating that based on available data, the Northcliffe Drive Cycleway through to Fred Finch Park is not identified as a high-priority location.
- Another member reported ongoing concerns regarding off-leash dogs entering private properties from the cycleway. Additionally, there was an incident involving a woman in a mobility scooter who was approached by off-leash dogs. The member further raised the issue of incident reporting, questioning how Council Officers can effectively follow up after the event has occurred.
 - **Action Cr Martin to lodge a Councillor Request to look at this further**
 - **Action Forum members to report incidents to WCC as they occur**

6. Other Business

6.1 A new member has requested assistance regarding negative impacts including noise arising from activities at the South Coast Portuguese Association Club (SCPAC), located at 127–129 Flagstaff Road, Warrawong.

The resident thinks that if a variation has been approved to the development application (DA), then those who might be impacted were not consulted.

- ***Action Peter Maywald to write to WCC to determine the terms of the Development Application***

6.2 E Bikes on Beaches -WCC is looking at methods of educating on the use of E bikes

6.3 Warrawong Plaza – appears that the process has come to a standstill. There is a lot of work going on in the basement of the shopping centre which is very curious.

6.4 ***Peter Maywald to put in a service request for Darcy Road line marking and tree trimming.***

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm -Tuesday March 31 2026-Illawarra Yacht Club