

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8
Ribbonwood Centre - Scribbly Gum Room

Minutes

7pm WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2020

(Covid Care Protocols observed)

1. **Welcome** Ian Fitzgibbon

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. **APOLOGIES:**

Andrew Knowlson, Rob Kirkwood, Cr. Cameron Walter, Cr. Dom Figliomeni, Cr. Ann Martin.

4. **MINUTES** - received for 12TH FEBRUARY & 11TH MARCH 2020

Moved by: Ron Cooper.

Seconded by: Dennis Couley.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

IN:

a) Update from Tallawarra CLG Meetings - (Andrew Knowlson) to be emailed to all NF8 as attachment to minutes of the is meeting

OUT:

6. **REPORTS/UPDATES FROM ENGAGEMENT TEAM: N/A**

7. **GUEST SPEAKERS: N/A**

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8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) WCC Urban Greening Strategy (Helen Jessup)

Wollongong Council is currently promoting the planting of street trees on Council Nature strips in the following NF8 suburbs: Dapto, Brownsville, Kanahooka, Koonawarra, Haywards Bay.

Council is offering 1 free tree/household to plant in February 2021. This initiative will:

green our suburbs, add shade, increase abundance of native birds & animal, cool hard surfaces & be aesthetically pleasing. To register, either:

- i) Phone Council on 4227 7111
- ii) Email: publictrees@wollongong.nsw.gov.au
- iii) Visit <http://www.our.wollongomng.nsw.gov.au>

Ian Fitzgibbon mentioned that Rotary is planning planting of 60 trees in area to be nominated by Wollongong City Council to commemorate 60th Anniversary of Rotary.

Recommendation: Ron recommended following up with WCC and Councillors to promote greening of Dapto in parks, Arboretum etc.

b) Wongawilli Road Access (Ron Cooper)

Ron Cooper expressed concern that 800 m road upgrade construction works begun in 2018 are progressing slowly and with poor communication to residents.

Letter received from Halimah Simpson re progress of roadworks will be sent to NF8 and distributed with minutes of this meeting.

NF8 agreed to send a letter to the Lord Mayor, Ward Councillors and General Manager requesting WCC review the pace of development.

The following Motion was passed :

Due to the growing safety concerns arising from heavy traffic movements and congestion on Wongawilli Road the NF8 request an update be provided by the accountable officer on each of the following issues:

1. Status of road upgrade and performance against plan previously communicated to residents.
2. Status of bridge upgrade.
3. Explanation of why a secondary access point to The Vale development was not considered and if it was, why was it not deemed appropriate. Also to request General Manager, Greg Doyle be invited to an NF8 meeting to address the issues regarding project planning and review progress of

c) Wongawilli Development Concern (Peter Hutzler)

Peter reiterated and supported concerns expressed by Ron Cooper.

Also raised concern about the impact of flood status of properties and resultant escalation of costs for home construction.

Helen Jessup recommended NF8 request from WCC the current flood status of land throughout 2530 postcode area.

e) Wongawilli McDonald's Proposal (Stephen McGartland)

Stephen MacGartland was one of several speakers who gave a presentation at the WLPP meeting on behalf of local residents.

Wollongong Local Planning Panel meeting , along with WCC has rejected the McDonald's Proposal.

McDonalds has now taken this issue to Land & Environment Court.

d) General Dapto Issues (Romeo Cecchele)

Ongoing issues of concern: Development is exceeding infrastructure.

Romeo Raised the following concerns:

1. Fowlers Roads Bridge Extension- was promised as a 6 lane arterial Road to cope with 65000 people in West Dapto in the next 25 years.

There is no where to stop as there is no emergency lane on this major infrastructure item

What was the final cost?

2. West Dapto Road - continues to deteriorate due to hundreds of truck movements daily. In the rain this road is almost deadly.

When is work going to start on upgrading this road to a four lane road?

3. Bong Bong Road- this road has had some recent work following scores of residents complaints after enormous damage west of the Mullet Creek Bridge as a direct result of the narrowing of the bridge. The road needs a high density bitumen / concrete four lane upgrade all the way to Shone Avenue intersection.

When will this be done?

4. Cleveland Road- this road, west of Mullet Creek is dangerous in heavy rain.

When will it be upgraded?

These are the roads that the 40 members of the 2009 Forum identified as the roads needing major infrastructure before any other roads in West Dapto get attention.

Other concerns raised in discussion included:

Cleveland Rd - west of DHS concern about levels of road

Darkes Road & Shone Ave-800 lots. Concern that road needs to be upgraded and re -tarred

It was resolved that:

NF8 write to WCC to convey the need for urgent maintenance and up grade of these roads heavily used by residents and construction vehicles in this rapidly growing region.

NF8 to write to WCC:

“Due to increased safety of residents travelling on West Dapto Road and Darkes Road in relation to heavy vehicle movements and deteriorating road conditions the NF8 request that WCC develop a risk assessment and have the responsible person present the assessment at an NF8 meeting.”

e) Kanahooka Road - Southern Ramps (Ian Fitzgibbon)

Ian was contacted by a resident regarding Kanahooka Rd Ramps accessing the M1

From Kanahooka Road ramps were planned to allow access onto the freeway.

What plans do council & RMS have for these ramps?

Ian will contact WCC & RMS requesting updates.

e) Lake Illawarra Jetties (Cr. Ann Martin)

Concern was expressed that Lake Jetties be upgraded .

Also the Tallawarra cycle path bridge in view of new Cycle Path plan for Wollongong.

NF8 will write to WCC to enquire what plans are for long term maintenance and management of jetties around the lake and construction of the Tallawarra cycle path bridge around the lake.

Request NF8 be addressed by council rep.

Meeting Closed: 8.50pm

NEXT MEETING 7.00PM WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2020

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