

AGENDA FOR NF8 Meeting

Scribbly Gum Room@ Ribbonwood Centre (also on Teams)

7pm WEDNESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2025

1. Acknowledgement of Country – Ron Cooper

We acknowledge the First Peoples who have been traditional Custodians of the lands where we work and live, the Dharawal people of the Wadi Wadi Nation. We celebrate the the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Islander people who have cared for these lands.

2. Apologies: Cr. Linda Campbell,

3. Attending:

4. Correspondence:

5. Councillors Report:

6. Council Officer Presentation:

Mark Berriman Manager Sport + Recreation - Darke's Sporting Complex

7. Convenors Report:

- A. Engagement Update Transport Strategy 2025-2035
- B. Carol Berry Flyer
- C. Ribbonwood next year bookings
- D. Future Primary School West Dapto
- E. Draft Economic Development Strategy
- F. Tallawarra Green Gravity
- G. Standing issues
 - West Dapto Rd
 - Kembla Grange End
 - R/A Dapto primary School
 - Wongawilli Hall
 - Wongawilli Corner Signage
 - Building Commission Presentation
 - Wollongong Neighbourhood Alliance

8. Election of NF8 office bearers.

9. General Business

Moved:

Seconded:

Meeting Close:

NEXT NF8 MEETING TO BE HELD

7PM WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2025

SCRIBBLY GUM ROOM, RIBBONWOOD CENTRE

Correspondence In:

NF8: Correspondence In

1. **From:** Sophie McCrea <smccrea@wollongong.nsw.gov.au> **On Behalf Of** Engagement

Sent: Tuesday, 30 September 2025 11:30 AM

Subject: Engagement update for Wollongong Transport Strategy 2025 - 2035 | Wollongong City Council

Hi everyone,

I can appreciate it has been a little bit of time between talks, but I am writing to let you know an update to our Draft Transport Strategy that you shared your feedback with us in mid 2024. On Monday 15 September, our Council supported an ambitious 10-year plan that aims to strengthen the way people can get from A to B and stay anywhere in between.

This long-awaited Wollongong Transport Strategy 2025 – 2035 has been endorsed and outlines how Council can advocate, plan, invest and improve our transport network. This is the first transport strategy to capture the entire Local Government Area. It's a progressive step forward to ensure our network is future-ready, people-focused and can complement Wollongong's growing population.

You can take a look at our new [Wollongong-Transport-Strategy-2025-2035](#) which is now live on our website, as well as the [Media Release](#) we issued on 18 September.

What we heard and what we did

Here is a summary of what our community told us and how we responded when finalising this new strategy:

1. Making the strategy clear and doable

- People were worried about fitting all the actions into 10 years with limited resources
→ The Action Plan was trimmed down, with some items moved to an “opportunities” section. Advocacy items are included but not Council-led.
- Feedback asked for simpler language and layout
→ The Strategy was restructured and made easier to read.

2. Safety, accessibility and inclusion

- Concerns raised for older adults, people with disabilities, carers, women, and kids
→ Their needs are now better highlighted, backed by data.

3. Joined-up planning

- Strong support for coordinated transport planning across government, industry, and community
→ Roles and responsibilities are now clearly outlined.

- Calls to link transport and land use planning.
→ The Strategy now reflects key transport networks and Wollongong's role in the national economy. It will guide advocacy and project planning.
- 4. Infrastructure and maintenance**
 - Requests for specific upgrades to roads, paths, and cycleways.
→ The Strategy gives broad guidance; location-specific issues will be handled through other plans or future projects.
- 5. Supporting sustainable transport**
 - Calls for better public transport and safer infrastructure
→ Public transport is a key focus, with attention to safety, nighttime travel, and new services like the Southern Gong Shuttle.
 - Need for better connections to key places like schools, hospitals, and job hubs
→ The Action Plan includes advocacy for improved services to these areas.
 - Suggestions to encourage people to shift to sustainable transport
→ The Strategy highlights the need for behaviour change and shared responsibility.
- 6. Road space use**
 - Mixed views on how road space should be used (parking vs traffic vs cycling)
→ The Strategy supports more transport options and uses a case-by-case approach based on the road's function, guided by the Transport for NSW Movement and Place framework.

Thank you again for your interest in this project. We hope you are as excited as we are to kick off this 10-year plan.

Kind regards,
Sophie McCrea

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NF8 Correspondence In:

Forwarded by Heather Hopkinson - 16.9.2025 re Transport NSW response to request for review of school bus timetable changes due to West Dapto Road closure
Our Ref: C-00006932

Nicole Cleary

Senior Manager Customer and Ministerial Response Transport for NSW

Transport for NSW



Dear Ms Hopkinson,

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Regional Transport and the Minister for the Illawarra and South Coast about bus services for Dapto Public School. Your correspondence was referred to the Minister for Transport and I have been asked to respond to you.

I note your feedback about the impact of the temporary transport arrangements for students due to the upgrade work on West Dapto Road. Transport for NSW acknowledges the inconvenience this change has caused for students.

As you are aware, the temporary alterations to school bus services were prompted by the closure of West Dapto Road by Wollongong City Council.

Transport for NSW has worked with the bus operator, Premier Illawarra, to prioritise maintaining school bus services while working within the constraints of Council's timeline, the bus operator's existing schedule and the availability of buses and drivers.

I understand the operator has reviewed the student boarding numbers and the review indicates that there is sufficient capacity for students to sit down on the bus if they choose to. Drivers are required to report capacity issues on affected routes and no overcrowding has been reported.

You may be assured that Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the affected services and work with the operator to investigate if there are any solutions available to reduce journey times to schools in the Dapto area. Your feedback and request for a dedicated route for students residing in Stream Hill Estate will be considered as part of this process.

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Our Ref: C-00006932 I trust this information is of assistance. Yours sincerely,

Nicole Cleary Senior Manager Customer and Ministerial Response Transport for NSW 16/9/2025

