

## **DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8**

### **Ribbonwood Centre - Scribbly Gum Room**

## **MINUTES**

**7pm WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY 2022**

**1. Welcome**

**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:** Cr. Ann Martin, Heather Boardman, Ian Fitzgibbon; Rob Chittick, Ron Cooper, Dennis Couley; Sylvio Rossi, Romeo Cecchele; Stephen McGartland;

**Apologies:** r. Dom Figliomeni; Cr. Linda Campbell. Warren Southwell; Stephen McGartland;

**4. MINUTES - received from Wednesday 8th June 2022**

Moved by: Ami Beck

Seconded by: Stephen McGartland

**5. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**IN:**

**1. Cr. Linda Campbell: as included in June Minutes previously**

**2. Tom McColl (WCC Engagement Coordinator) 30.6.22**

**A)** In response to request for more comprehensive Wongawilli updates Tom McColl noted that Council has a page for Wongawilli updates on the Engagement HQ page. Tom noted that info had been updated every few weeks, though no new updates since March 2022. The link to Wongawilli updates is:

<https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/wongawilli-access-project>

**B) Darkes Road Repairs WCC media release:**

<https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/news-and-alerts/news/news/june-2022/next-steps-for-darkes-road-repairs> NB The Darkes Road repairs are expected to take 3 weeks to complete (weather dependent)

**3. Romeo Cecchele 7.3.2022**

**a) Illawarra Mercury Article re Dapto Infrastructure**

**b) Road concerns** as listed in General Business (see included Images )

**4. Madeline North (WCC Engagement officer) 11.7.22** (see included document)

5. **Jen Lysle-Van Dyk (WCC Engagement officer)**- Connecting Neighbours Grant (see included)

6. **Tom McColl- 13.7.2022 - West Dapto Project updates page on the Council website -link (see included)**

**OUT:**

**# NF8 June Minutes emailed 30.6.2022**

**7. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNCIL OFFICERS & COUNCILLORS:**

a) Ann Martin - Info Ward 3 meeting today

b) Follow up engagement info from Andrew Sunny.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**A) Alcohol Free Zone Dapto**

**Action: 1** # NF8 request alcohol free zone in Dapto be maintained.

**B) Communication for WCC regarding West Dapto Infrastructure**

i) In response to concerns about lack of communication and responses to questions; Cr. Ann Martin said that in a ward 3 meeting today Ann & Cr. Dom Figliomeni have asked that additional, more regular communication and info re West Dapto Infrastructure be distributed.

**Action 2 #** Cr. Ann Martin plans to follow upon West Dapto Projects and request that updates be posted regularly on an easily accessed site also that update notes re West Dapto /Wongawilli Project be sent to NF8 prior to each meeting.

ii) **Wongawilli Hall**- Playground has been Installed; Grounds still limited;

**Action 3 #** NF8 requests that Wollongong Council update residents and NF8 on Wongawilli Community Hall & Grounds reinstatement.

**C) LEC Hearing**

LEC hearing between McDonald's Australia & WCC : Concern was expressed that the current DCP has anomalies & inconsistencies that require review.

**D) NF8 Meeting Engagement Hybrid Meeting- Zoom & in-person?**

**Action 4 #** Re hybrid Zoom format for NF8 meetings - In response to NF8 request for technical support to set up hybrid zoom- face to face NF8 meetings to enable increased involvement- Andrew Sunny (Coordinator Service Partner - Enterprise) who works in Council's IMT Division will follow up by providing background information about online meeting technology. **Ian Fitzgibbon will follow up on this issue.**

#### **E) Issues raised by Romeo Cecchele:**

- I) **West Dapto Road**-first 600 meters from the Princes Highway which very badly floods and needs IMMEDIATE attention by WCC as a major upgrade. The rest of West Dapto Road is a total waste of money from ratepayers when 8000 drivers cant even get to the areas past the first 600 meters of West Dapto Road in heavy rainfall events.

NF8 Raise this once more ---Need assessment & prioritisation on safety grounds.

Ami Beck - Raised concern that West Dapto Road east of Shone Avenue is in dangerous condition as much of the road is damaged.

**Action 5 #** NF8 request pothole repair in order to make West Dapto Road safe.

- II) **Yallah Bay Road**-this road of 5 klms is being totally destroyed by the heavy trucks used in building the Stage 2 Gas fired Generator at Tallawarra and has dozens of large and medium potholes which are dangerous and WCC is doing nothing about! - Conditions of Yallah Bay road is dangerous.

In discussion it was noted that there is a complex history of responsibility for Yallah Bay Road.

It is noted that community access to Yallah Bay Road and facilities is currently compromised by poor road conditions.

- III) Southern half of Lucas Drive -this is a major link road to Fairwater Drive and there are many large and medium potholes yet again in this section as WCC used light density bitumen instead of heavy density bitumen in its construction.

**Action 6 #** Cr. Ann Martin Recommend residents CC Councillors when submitting a request for road repairs etc. A

#### **F) Sylvio Rossi - raised concerns about roads around Marshall Mount.**

These issues to be referred to Shellharbour Council.

#### **10. KEY NF8 PRIORITY CONCERNS - STANDING ITEMS**

##### **i) Darkes Road Bridge Closure & Repair**

WCC Press release indicates work planned to commence 4.7.2022 (Weather permitting) with estimated 3 weeks to complete.

##### **ii) Intersection Wongawilli Road x West Dapto Road X Shone Avenue**

**Action 7 #** The above intersections require urgent completion. In current condition this intersection is a major safety risk

### iii) Intersections - Darkes Road X West Dapto Road also West Dapto Road X Sheaffes Road

A site meeting was held (12.1.2022) with Nathan McBriarty (Traffic & Transport Unit Leader) & NF8 Representative. Following the site meeting Nathan acknowledged & began to follow up concerns raised.

**Action 8 #** NF8 requests that WCC provide further ongoing feedback.

### iv) NF8 requests WCC establish an Engagement Web page / site for 2530 & 2526 residents.

This website/page easily accessed by residents could be used by council to promote events and notify of infrastructure works or changes to road conditions. NB We have received a response (30.6.2022) from Tom McColl (WCC Engagement Coordinator) re this concern.

**Meeting Close: 8.30pm**

**NB: Many thanks to Cr. Ann Martin who followed up on several issues raised at this meeting. Please find below additional correspondence received addressing these issues.**

## NEXT MEETINGS:

SCRIBBLY GUM ROOM, RIBBONWOOD CENTRE

7.00PM WEDNESDAYS

- 10TH AUGUST
- 14TH SEPTEMBER
- 12TH OCTOBER
- 9TH NOVEMBER
- 14TH DECEMBER



## Residents renew push for Dapto off-ramps

BY CONNOR PEARCE

SHELLHARBOUR MP Anna Watson has launched a petition for M1 motorway on and off ramps at Dapto but residents say they're expecting more disappointment after 40 years of broken promises.

The need for improved road connections to and from Dapto was highlighted again this week as key routes in and out of West Dapto were cut off during heavy rains.

Darkes Road remains closed at Muller Creek due to flooding earlier in the year and with Bong Bong Road, West Dapto Road and Cleveland Road susceptible to flooding, the only road con-

necting Horsley and Dapto is Fowlers Road.

With tens of thousands of people projected to move into future West Dapto suburbs over the next decades, local residents are calling out for more reliable road connections.

Horsley resident Romeo Cecchele said he had seen the situation coming after 40 years of campaigning.

"The people of West Dapto are tired of waiting for infrastructure to happen," he said.

The first improved connection was promised in the 1980s when the extension of the M1 freeway was built from Berkeley to Kanahooka Road.

"We were supposed to have south-facing ramps as well as north-facing ramps," Mr Cecchele said. "The north-facing ramps got built but the south-facing ramps got cut back due to cost cutting."

In the 2010s, Dapto residents were once again disappointed when a southbound connection was left off the design for the Albion Park Rail bypass, forcing residents to join the M1 at Northcliffe Drive or travel south through Albion Park Rail.

Ms Watson said the congestion currently experienced was only going to get worse.

"With a projected 50,000 further residents expected

to settle in the West Dapto area, residents must be given direct access to and from the M1 motorway as a matter of priority."

Ms Watson said she was hoping to reach 10,000 signatures so the petition would be debated in NSW Parliament.

A Transport for NSW spokesperson said that modelling was undertaken for an interchange at Yallah as part of planning for the Albion Park Rail bypass.

"The traffic modelling, which includes growth around planned residential developments at Yallah and West Dapto, indicates the northern interchange is not required until there is a substantial increase in traffic," the spokesperson said.

Transport for NSW said that Dapto residents travelling south could use the old Princes Highway through Albion Park Rail with 65 per cent of traffic previously using that road now diverted onto the bypass.

Mr Cecchele said that local infrastructure designed for a few farms needed to be upgraded. "It's been 42 years and six months since the first sod got turned in West Dapto for the first subdivision in January 1980, now all those roads are in such bad condition that it will need all three governments to provide funding to get them all upgraded."

**From:** Madelaine North <[mnorth@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mnorth@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Date:** 11 July 2022 at 4:11:13 pm AEST  
**To:** [ian.fitzgibbon@outlook.com](mailto:ian.fitzgibbon@outlook.com)  
**Subject:** Alcohol Free Zones Review - provide feedback by 12 Aug 2022

Hi Ian,

Please share the following information with your members and consider giving feedback.

### **Alcohol Free Zones Review**

Wollongong City Council is considering the re-establishment of all Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs), and is seeking feedback to help determine whether they should be reimplemented or changed.

AFZs are located in the suburbs of **Helensburgh, Thirroul, Corrimal, Wollongong, Warrawong, Berkeley and Dapto**, and have a four-year term that will expire on 30 September 2022. View [maps of the proposed AFZs for 2022-2026](#).

AFZs aim to improve community safety and prevent disorderly behaviour that can arise when people drink alcohol in a public place. They apply to road-related public areas including footpaths, roads and car parks and hold a four-year term, after which point they are reviewed and re-established if required.

AFZs exist as a partnership between Wollongong City Council and NSW Police. Council facilitates the community engagement process, review, and sign installation, while NSW Police Officers enforce the zone.

NSW Police powers enable officers to tip out or otherwise dispose of alcohol being consumed in an AFZ. The main focus is to deter irresponsible drinking without imposing fines on potentially disadvantaged people. NSW Police can also use 'move on' powers in any public place where they believe, on reasonable grounds, that the person's behaviour is in accordance with the rules associated with the 'move on direction'.

### **Share your thoughts**

We invite the Forum as well as individual members to provide feedback on this proposal. The feedback received from stakeholders and the community will be presented to Council in September 2022.

You can share your thoughts via the following methods:

- complete the [online survey](#)
- send an email to [engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)
- write to: Community Engagement, Wollongong City Council, Locked Bag 8821 Wollongong DC NSW 2500

Share your feedback by **5pm, Friday 12 August 2022**.

**For more information, visit the [Our Wollongong webpage](#).**

**From:** Jen Lysle-Van Dyk <[jlyslevandyk@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jlyslevandyk@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 July 2022 4:28 PM  
**To:** Engagement <[Engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Connecting Neighbours Grants - Applications Open

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to ask you to please share the following information with your networks:

Our [Connecting Neighbours Grants](#) are now open. The program provides small grants to community members and groups who want to make a positive impact in their local area.

To support community involvement in the [2022 UCI Road World Championships](#) event, this round of Connecting Neighbours Grants will be focused on activities during or connected to the race, such as street parties, event screenings or dressing up your street.

Examples of past projects that have been funded through this program include planting gardens, working bees, art projects, street get-togethers, a bush dance, and a social outing for a group of isolated older neighbours.

Applications for this program are open until 15 August 2022. Information is available at [Connecting Neighbours Grants](#).

Thanks so much,  
Jen



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## **Correspondence received 13.7.2022**

**From:** Tom Mccoll

**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 July 2022 5:03 PM

**To:** 'Henry and Heather Boardman' <[hhboardman@gmail.com](mailto:hhboardman@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** RE: revised AGENDA NF8 July 13th 2022

Just sharing another link for ongoing updates on projects in West Dapto. It's a West Dapto Project updates page on the Council website.

We're looking to have this updated in the next few weeks.

<https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/council-projects/ongoing-projects/west-dapto/west-dapto-projects>

Thanks and regards,  
Tom

## **Correspondence received post the July Meeting in response to issues raised:**

### **Attachment 1 - Avondale Road**

**From:** Ann Martin **Sent:** Friday, 22 July 2022 **To:** ian fitzgibbon

**Subject:** Avondale Road

The work on Avondale road is progressing well. For the info of the forum.  
Ann



## Attachment 2

### Correspondence forwarded by Cr. Ann Martin Re Progress Update Darkes Road bridge repairs.

On 21 Jul 2022, at 5:42 pm, Roger Stewardson  
<[rstewardson@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rstewardson@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)> wrote:

Dear Lord Major and Ward 3 Councillors,  
Please find attached a brief progress update on Darkes Road bridge repairs. The City Maintenance team complete the concrete pour for the approach slab today, see attached photo. Remaining works include a new Asphalt wearing course, a concrete drain to redirect flow from the bridge to the creek and the reinstatement of fencing.

We are tracking well for completion by Friday the 29th July, weather permitting. Best regards

	<p><b>Roger Stewardson</b> <b>Manager City Works</b> Post Locked Bag 8821 Wollongong DC NSW 2500 Phone +61242277085 Email <a href="mailto:rstewardson@wollongong.nsw.gov.au">rstewardson@wollongong.nsw.gov.au</a> • <a href="http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au">www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au</a></p>
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### Attachment 3

**Correspondence forwarded by Cr. Dom Figliomeni**

**Subject: Avondale Rd Recon works**

Hi Lord Mayor, Acting Lord Mayor and Ward 3 Councillors  
Avondale Road works are progressing well and our team has been receiving positive feedback about the works.  
Please find a couple of photos attached.  
Regards Jo



**Joanne Page**

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