

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8

MINUTES

Day: Wednesday Date: 11th March 2020

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. APOLOGIES:

Warren Southwell, Romeo Cecchelle, Cr. Ann Martin

4. MINUTES - received for February Meeting deferred - to do April

Moved by:

Seconded by:

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

IN:

- i) Halimah Simpson & Carly Pascoe (WCC Engagement Officers) request to attend March NF8 meeting
- ii) Ron Cooper- Letter re Wongawilli roadworks and general road access.

OUT:

6. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM ENGAGEMENT TEAM:

i) Halimah Simpson & Chris Brown reported

- progress of Fowlers Rd & Fairwater Drive Project
- planned Community Bridge Walk – Sunday 5th April

Chris

- presented a drone photo of the new bridge and noted that the project roadworks were nearing completion. This will provide the first reliable flood free access to West Dapto.
- acknowledged the artists who are completing the Marshall Street Deviation wall artwork.
- Noted work being completed on High School Pedestrian Link- with blisters installed either side of new road.
- bridge embankments will be planted to maintain stability
- hopeful that all bridgeworks, highway resealing and line marking will be completed in time for April opening (note this is weather dependent)
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Halimah

- notified there will be a public opening, “walk the bridge and celebration on Sunday 5th April.
- Ian Fitzgibbon to speak at opening on behalf of residents and NF8
- advised there will noisy night roadwork during the next few weeks as the asphalt is being removed and replaced.
- thanked residents of Wongawilli & Fowlers Road projects for understanding, patience and support during these major projects

Ron Cooper expressed residents thanks to Halimah for maintaining ongoing communication regarding the roadwork projects.

Dennis Couley moved a vote of thanks to Halimah, Chris and team, Wollongong City Council, Councillors and the Lord Mayor for their support of the current major projects in Ward 3.

These expressions of thanks supported by all present.

ii) Carly Pascoe (WCC Engagement officer), Emma Struys & David Fitzgibbon from the WCC Urban Release Team

- introduced West Dapto Suburb Boundary Review.
- review and suburb renaming is being undertaken to meet NSW Geographical Names Board requirements.

The team encouraged residents to engage with the project through:

- Survey – online WCC website
- Community Stakeholder Working Group.

Amy Beck & Ron Cooper accepted nomination to be NF8 Representatives on the Working Group.

iii) Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbury

- responded to residents concern regarding delays in completion of Darkes Road work by the private developer and acknowledged need for improved communication with residents and coordination among contractors.
- mentioned that he had alerted responsible authorities to the need for tidy of roadsides in Wongawilli and surrounds also along the freeway.
- WCC recent budget preparation prioritises North Marshall Mount, Marshall Mount & Huntley Roads.
- Priority also for the extension of Northcliffe Drive. WCC seeking State Government commitment to additional schools in West Dapto and that West Dapto Road be identified as a State Road

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iv) Councillor Dom Figliomeni

- Wongawilli Roadworks & Services designs are now completed and will be presented at Community Meeting on 2nd April followed by community drop-in sessions (both morning and evening) later in the month.

7. GUEST SPEAKERS: - As above

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

i) Resident Concern

Hamilton Street has been rezoned Light Industrial and DA submitted for large dual Industrial/Business Units to be constructed neighbouring home that is residence for family with 3 children with high needs and nearby Disability Services.

Resident seeking advice and support for best way to voice concerns and opposition to this development.

Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbury recommended Legal Aid at Port Kembla, Cram Foundation and Aspect.

Other recommendations to collaborate with Disability Services.

ii) Ann Martin Unwell

(#Action: Get Well Card to be sent)

iii) Lake Illawarra Plan will be finalised in April. When adopted grant applications can be prepared.

iv) Liz Webster noted that the mix-up on Wongawilli Road and Darkes road could be avoided if developers were required to demonstrate due diligence in researching existing services and conditions prior to undertaking works. Recommended that WCC include in DA mandatory requirements regarding site research, preparation and community liaison

8. DISCUSSION:

- A) Expression of sympathy for passing of Vicky King
Acknowledgement of Vicky's service to community.

It was agreed that letters of acknowledgement and sympathy be sent to Vicky's family and WCC.

(#Action: Letters to be sent)

- B) Poor Condition of local roads including West Dapto and Avondale Roads.

(# Action: Recommendation that residents report via the WCC "Wollongong Report It App" online service through Apple App Store or Googly Play)

(# Action: NF8 to send notification of work needed via WCC Records.)

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C) Concern raised re variations in speed limit along Daisy Bank Drive.

-Chris advised that this will be sorted and on completion speed will be 60 either side, with 50 in central area.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

NEXT MEETING 7.00PM WEDNESDAY 8th April 2020

ACACIA ROOM, RIBBONWOOD CENTRE DAPTO.

NB

Due to the current Covid 19 Pandemic

NF8 Meetings have been suspended

NO NF8 Meetings until further notice.