

MEETING MINUTES

DENDROBIUM COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (SPECIAL MEETING)

LOCATION:	Dendrobium Conference Room, Dendrobium Mine, Mt Kembla
DATE:	23 January, 10am
ATTENDEES:	Mike Archer, Independent Chairperson (MA) Amanda Blunt, Illawarra Coal Representative (ABI) Craig Hicks, Community Representative (CH) Alex Beccari, Community Representative (AB) Tony Morris, Community Representative (TM) Emma Ivic, Community Representative (EI)
GUESTS:	Sarah Payne, Wollongong City Council (SP) Steve Maidment, Wollongong City Council (SM)
APOLOGIES:	Franca Facci, Community Representative (FF) Darren Nicholls, Community Representative (DN)
1	AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and overview of committee purpose • Proposed projects overview involving Wollongong City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ryan Park playground - Mount Kembla Shared Pathway facility upgrade - Upgrades to town entrance signage - Upgrade to staircase from Cordeaux Road to Avon Road - Harry Graham Drive improvements, including picnic area, street lights, removal of road barriers and replacement of damaged/graffities signage - General today up of road verges in Mount Kembla / Kembla Heights • Tour proposed project locations and discussions at each site • Next steps / where to from here? • Meeting close
2	INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEE PURPOSE
	MA welcomed all attendees to the meeting and provided an overview of the Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program purpose. It was noted the Dendrobium Mine provides a donation to the group based on saleable tonnes of coal, and it is the Committee's role to determine how this is spent.
3	PROPOSED PROJECTS
	DCEP and Wollongong City Council held a discussion about potential projects identified by the Committee. The Council was keen to work with the DCEP to achieve positive outcomes for the area, and noted restrictions placed on Council upfront which may hinder the success of the potential projects identified. The DCEP understood the restrictions of Council and acknowledged compromise would be required. It was also keen to see positive outcomes for the community. Proposed projects:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Kembla Shared Pathway Facility upgrade – toilets and bubblers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council noted the existing toilet facilities at Mount Kembla oval would be preferential over constructing new facilities. It would be possible to open the facilities from dawn to dusk 7 days per week. DCEP confirmed it would consider funding for an automatic door for the toilets. - Council supported the installation of bubblers. The cost will depend on the location and drainage requirements. • Harry Graham Drive - picnic areas and lighting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Given the picnic areas and lighting locations are within the road reserve, Council would need to seek advice from the Roads Department to understand what is possible. A safe entry/exit point would also be required for access to picnic areas which may need a road redesign. - Council recognised the vandalism in the area was a problem and recommended police involvement on the matter to deter further vandalism. • Ryan Park – playground upgrade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council advised it has an existing approved playground plan for the Mount Kembla area which focused on upgrading facilities at the Mount Kembla oval, not Ryan Park. It would not support a new playground at Ryan Park if the equipment was 100 per cent covered by the DCEP as it would become an additional liability to Council. - Council advised the playground plan did allow for additional shade at Ryan Park, which would be the planting of mature trees. The DCEP understood the Council’s position and questioned if BBQ facilities could be provided. Council was supportive of the suggestion on the proviso that an in-principle agreement be arranged for an upgrade every 5-10 years be covered by the DCEP. • Town entrance signage – upgrade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council advised the signage would need to comply with its policies. • Mount Kembla Oval – playground upgrade and field lighting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council plans have the oval as the central meeting place in Mount Kembla. - The DCEP agreed a focus on the area is appropriate and there is opportunity to upgrade the playground (potentially including a bike track for little ones), install BBQ’s and tables and upgrade the lighting. - The DCEP did question the need for the lighting and if a change in globes would suffice. Upon visiting the oval, it was clear the current lighting does require maintenance. Council advised any minor repair work would result in the lights being non-compliant with new regulations forcing the need for new infrastructure.
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4	ACTIONS
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council to share the Harry Graham Drive vandalism issue with Police and advise DCEP of outcome. 2. Council to determine the ownership of Harry Graham Drive and seek advice on what infrastructure may be built within the road reserve. 3. Council to provide detail on signage policies which is to be considered by the DCEP for its town entrance signage proposal. 4. Council to provide the approved playground plan for Mount Kembla. DCEP to review and consider its next steps.
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	5. DCEP and Council to progress the project to extend the opening hours of the Mount Kembla Oval toilets at the appropriate time.
5	<i>CLOSE OF MEETING</i>
	Close of meeting at 11.30am.