

<p>Neighbourhood Forum 5</p> <p>Wollongong's Heartland</p>		<p>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</p>
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MINUTES for NF5 meeting on 3rd August 2022 held online by Executive Committee

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| 1 | Presentation | None possible |
| 2 | Apologies | David Winterbottom, and Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbery |
| 3 | Minutes | Of meeting 6 July. These minutes were adopted |
| 4 | Comments | A few comments received, more in future would be most welcome |
| 5 | Responses | <p>5.1 Freight Transportation:
It was agreed that Paul Scully MP be thanked for making representations, re the option of a a Mode Shift Incentive Scheme for NSW with a follow up letter noting, inter alia, that the Port of Fremantle also has such a scheme.</p> <p>5.2 Crown Land 2031 Action Plan:
It was agreed that Paul Scully MP be thanked for making representations, but unfortunately the Minster's response does not allay valid concerns about long standing mis-management of Crown Land. Also, Paul be requested to make further representations following the recently released December 2021 Audit Office report which recommends inter alia that DPIE ensure Crown Land Managers meet their statutory reporting obligations, and to prioritise action to ensure the Crown Land database is complete and accurate, to enable better management of Crown land.</p> <p>5.3 UCI Event – City Circuit Loop:
The Forum looks forward to information from Wollongong 2022 and Council on daytime accessibility during the 9-day event for the thousands of affected residents within the City Circuit loop.</p> <p>5.4 Social Impact Statements:
It was agreed that Council be requested to amend the Development Control Plan to include the requirement for multi-dwelling and residential flat applications to include a Social Impact Statement.</p> |

5.5 Maldon-Dombarton Rail Link:

The Forum has received recent advice from Wollongong City Council that it supportive of the completion of the Maldon Dombarton rail link as a South West Illawarra Rail Link. The Forum also notes that a report *NSW farmers want end to bottlenecks at Port Kembla* in the Illawarra Mercury 2 August notes a call from NSW Farmers to improve transport infrastructure at Port Kembla is the same one Business Illawarra made last month - focusing on rail connections.

It was agreed to:

- i. request Mr Park (Shadow Minister for Health and the Illawarra) to seek a response from the NSW Government that will specifically address the impact of railway line closures to date, with contingency plans in case of further line closures, and to again request the NSW Government to update its 2014 Business case for completing the Maldon Dombarton rail link;
- ii. request Ms Alison Byrnes, MHR for Cunningham, to seek federal assistance to complete this vital rail link (noting, inter alia, federal funding in 2012 for preconstruction work for Maldon Dombarton to a 'shovel ready' stage and Mr Albanese's Policy Launch on 1 May in Perth, as part of investing in infrastructure to boost productivity and create jobs "We'll invest in better rail for freight and for commuters").
- iii. make representations to the Hon Mick Veitch MLC who is Shadow Minister for Agriculture, seeking a commitment that his party, in opposition or government, would support TfNSW urgently developing a new and updated Business case for completion of the Maldon Dombarton rail link.

5.6 Responsible Cat Ownership: Noted

5.7 Council Plans for 2022/23: Noted

6 Reports

6.1 Alcohol Free Zones Review:

It was agreed to request members to provide feedback to the acting Secretary (Philip Laird: plaird10@gmail.com) by 8 August and/or direct to Council by 12 August.

6.2 Notification of DAs:

It was agreed that Council be thanked for including reference to Neighbourhood Forums when notifying Development Applications, and that Council be requested to ensure that all property subject to a Development Application have a relevant notice affixed to the front of the property.

6.3 Connecting Neighbours Grants: Noted

6.4 Port Kembla Manildra Ethanol facility:

It was agreed to 5 lodge a submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment that will address the concerns, as noted in the Agenda paper for the meeting, raised by Wollongong City Council and Neighbourhood Forum 7.

It is of great concern for the safety of motorists that the proponent plans to use road transport rather than rail, and to use A- Double tankers. These are very large trucks, 35 metres in length, half as long again as 24m B-Doubles and almost twice 19m semitrailers.

6.5 CBD Speed Limits: noted

7 Priorities

7.1 Liveability: noted

7.2 City Centre: noted

7.3 Active Transport: noted

8 Planning

8.1 Qualifications. Please note qualifications as per Agenda

8.2 DA.2022/604 6 dwellings 26-28 Figtree Crescent, Figtree
It was agreed that the decision not to make a submission be endorsed

8.3 DA.2022/571 7 stories, 18 units 58 Smith St, Wollongong
It was agreed that the submission of raising no objection be endorsed.

8.4 DA.2022/607 dual occupancy, 7 William St Keiraville
Following an email from a member, after consideration it was agreed that a submission requesting Council in its assessment address the suitability of the proposal in a location with much foot traffic including school children that would have three driveways in close succession, is at the dangerous crest of a hill, and would involve high retaining walls.

8.5 DA.2022/683 dual occupancy, 191 Church St Wollongong
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed

8.6 DA.2021/957 WIN mixed development Keira St W'gong

It was agreed that Council:

- 1 be advised of no objections to the proposal.
- 2 be requested to advise of any action taken in response to the wider issues previously raised by the Forum (listed as follows) and the timing of any future action.
“The Forum notes that the WIN development has potential impacts that need addressing including:
i downgrades the mall to secondary retail/services;

- ii dilutes the entertainment precinct focussed on the performing arts centre;
 - iii reinforces the need for a public transport spine through the centre from the hospitals in the west to the foreshore (this could even be light rail...);
 - iv complicates the Crown/Keira Streets intersection;
 - v highlights the need for upgrading the streetscape and reinforce the need to declassify the Princes Highway through the city centre;
 - vi requires a review of the traffic arrangements in nearby streets within a clear strategic road structure;
 - vii prompts the development and implementation of a Masterplan for MacCabe Park;
 - viii provides an opportunity for Council to review its plans for the city centre, including reducing building heights, and to respond to the implications of the proposal.
- 3 be requested to advise the process, timing of steps and progress to date (including opportunities for community involvement), to exhibit the drafts of the City Centre Planning Strategy, City Centre Planning Proposal, DCP, studies and documentation as required per Council resolution 7 Dec 2020, item 2 re Wollongong City Centre.

8.7 Private Hospital extension, Crown St and Urunga Pde

That members provide feedback to the acting Secretary (Philip Laird: plaird10@gmail.com) by 10th August and/or direct to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment website pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au by 18th August for this application classed as State Significant Development.

Considerations to include setbacks, traffic matters, vehicle and pedestrian access from Crown and Urunga streets and improvements to entry level drop-off and parking, including for people with disability.

8.8 DA.2022/796, 17 (and 19) Catherine St Gwynneville

Residential - demolition of dwelling houses and construction of multi dwelling housing. The DA is yet to be placed on exhibition

9 General Business

9.1 NSW Audit Office Report re DPIE Financial Statements

Highlights of a recently released NSW Audit Office report Dec 2021 on Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) agencies re financial statements audits for June 2021 includes recommendations that:

- DPIE should ensure CLMs (Crown Land Managers) and common trusts meet their statutory reporting obligations;

- Cluster agencies should prioritise and action recommendations to address internal control deficiencies, with a focus on addressing high-risk and repeat issues;
- DPIE should prioritise action to ensure the Crown land database is complete and accurate. This will allow the Department and CLMs to be better informed about the Crown land they control.

It was agreed that the recommendation for item 5.2 re Crown Land be expanded to include reference to Audit Office recommendations.

9.2 Port Kembla Transport Bottlenecks

A recent Mercury article refers to the NSW Farmers President calling for improve transport infrastructure at Port Kembla which are hampering the ability of farmers to access international markets, and is similar to a recent request by Business Illawarra, focussing on rail connections. It refers to the long-term closure of the Moss Vale-Unanderra freight line for repairs following adverse weather events. This issue has been pursued over many years by NF5.

It was agreed that the recommendation re item 5.5 be expanded

9.3 Bush Fire Management and Mapping

Council recently advised that on 27 June it was resolved to exhibit the draft Chapter E16 Bush fire Management of the Wollongong Development Control Plan (WDCP) 2009 and updated Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping. Information is available on Council's website, at Burelli St offices and at Libraries. Submission close Monday 22 August.

The chapter outlines the requirements when carrying out development within bush fire prone land. Chapter E16 has been reviewed and updated to provide consistency with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019, the updated bush fire prone lands mapping requirements and Australian Standard AS3959 – 2018 Construction of Buildings in Bushfire – prone areas.

It was agreed to request members to provide feedback to the acting Secretary (Philip Laird: plaird10@gmail.com) by 17 August and/or direct to Council by 22 August.

9.4. MacCabe Park Masterplan

In June 2022 NF5 In June the Forum resolved to protest strongly at the delay in planning for the future of the iconic MacCabe Park. The late scheduling of the MacCabe Park Masterplan & Feasibility investigation is unsupportable given its long history including Council's visionary initiative over

40 years ago to acquire land at the perimeter, at least 7 draft Master planning studies since, and 7 years ago its priority in Council's adopted Public Spaces Public Life report. Obviously, there is an urgent need to revitalise the city centre, give impetus to achieving its declared image, and due to demands for public open spaces, taking into account the current WIN major development proposal diagonally opposite and the ongoing rash of high rise residential units in the CBD.

Council replied that resources have been allocated to other priority Masterplans, including at Bulli, Cringila, and Port Kembla. A follow-up request was sent after NF5 July meeting and Council recently responded that MacCabe is scheduled for 2026/27, which is unbelievable.

It was agreed that NF5 Executive seek a meeting with Ward 2 Councillors and the Lord Mayor to discuss this and other key issues raised in conjunction with the 2021 elections

9.5 Public Art Strategy

Council has advised a Draft Public Art Strategy has been developed to guide the vision and approach to public art in Wollongong, over the next ten years. The notification includes: "At its most simple, public art is art made for public spaces such as parks, on buildings, streets, and any other areas that the public use. It can be permanent, site-specific, or temporary. It can take many forms such as sculpture, painting, video, light or sound installations. Public art can transform a space, spark conversations, and enrich a community." "Learn more and share your thoughts (by 29 August 2022) at <https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/public-art-strategy-2022>. You can also share your favourite public artworks (local or global!) in our online gallery or register for a mini guided tour of some public artworks in the Wollongong CBD."

It was agreed that members be requested to provide feedback to the acting Secretary (Philip Laird: plaird10@gmail.com) by 24 August and/or direct to Council by 29 August.

10 Snippets noted with appreciation

Next NF5 Meeting Wednesday 7 September 2022

It was agreed that the next NF5 meeting will again be online due to concerns re COVID risks and logistics. The Agenda will be circulated before the meeting.