

**Neighbourhood  
Forum 5**

**Wollongong's  
Heartland**



**Coniston, Figtree,  
Gwynneville, Keiraville,  
Mangerton, Mount  
Keira, Mount St  
Thomas, North  
Wollongong, West  
Wollongong,  
Wollongong City.**

**Minutes of e-meeting on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 by email**

- 1 Presentation None possible
- 2 Apologies None necessary
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> February were adopted with matters arising noted later in these minutes.
- 4 Comments Noted later in these minutes.
- 5 Responses
  - 5.1 Mail box location**  
It was agreed that Council be requested to review those letterboxes in city centre areas where there are parking restrictions, specifically that in Queen's Parade.
  - 5.2 Income from new high rise residential**  
It was agreed that Council be requested to provide further details of the expenditure and re-iterate the urgent need for a precinct plan or improvement plan for the R1 zoned area north of the Wollongong City Centre.
  - 5.3 Wollongong Floodplain Risk Management Study**  
It was agreed that Council be requested to advise steps and dates for the Wollongong Floodplain Risk Management Study including for presentation of the draft study to Council for consideration.
  - 5.4 Reference Committees:**  
It was noted that Council has just advised it is reviewing the Community Engagement policy and is seeking feedback by 1<sup>st</sup> April (ie within a month and before our next meeting) from key stakeholders and respondents to the earlier review in 2018. Obvious concerns continue about the disconnect in the process as community input seems to be disregarded for projects and implementation.

Residents are encouraged to provide input to the secretary by 26<sup>th</sup> March to assist the Executive in developing a submission.

6 Reports

**6.1 Mount Ousley Congestion:**

It was agreed that the matter of congestion on Ousley Road be raised with Council.

**6.2 Village signage:**

It was agreed that Council be requested to liaise with NF 5 and local traders on the design for signs at villages including at Gwynneville.

**6.3 Connecting Neighbours Program Verge Gardens**

It was agreed that the successful groups in the Connecting Neighbours Grants Program Verge Gardens Pilot programme be congratulated and indicate that the Forum would be happy to publicise their events.

**6.4 Local Planning Panel Submissions Policy**

It was agreed that the Forum support the changes to the Local Planning Panel Submissions Policy, and ask Council to advise when and how applications will be invited for community representatives on the panel.

**6.5 Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan:**

It was agreed:

- 1 Council be thanked for the opportunity to comment on their submission and their positive response to our submissions.
- 2 Local MPs be requested to ask the Minister responsible to address the shortcomings of the Plan noted in Council and our submissions.

**6.6 Access to Port Kembla Harbour Breakwater**

It was agreed:

- 1 that the Forum request Paul Scully MP to make urgent representations to the NSW Government be such that conditional public access be available, at least during weekends, to the northern break wall, with consideration of a new car park at the northern end of the northern break wall;
- 2 Council be requested to write to relevant NSW departments requesting reopening public access to the northern break wall via Port Kembla and Seawall Roads.

**6.7 Community Satisfaction Survey**

It was agreed that, given that Council elections will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>, Council be requested to conduct the 2021 Community Survey so that results are publicly available at least a month before the September elections.

## **6.8 Plans of Management, Stuart Park & Foreshore**

It was agreed that Council:

- 1 again be requested urgently advise the process and timetable for developing PoM for Crown Reserves, in particular for Stuart Park and for Wollongong Foreshore, and for revising the Blue Mile Master Plan, including opportunities for active and meaningful community involvement and collaboration;
- 2 the Forum supports, in principle, expanding playground facilities in Stuart Park but this must be done in the context of a coherent detailed plan for the Park.

## **6.9 Public transport in the city centre**

It was agreed that, in consultation with TfNSW, bus operators and the community, Council be requested to investigate how to improve public transport in and around the Wollongong city centre.

## **6.10 New Fence at Keiraville Public School**

It was agreed that Ryan Park MP and Council be asked to ensure that public consultation takes place before the scope of fencing is finalised, with a view to maintaining long standing public access to the lower playing fields at Keiraville Public School.

## **6.11 2021 Infrastructure Priority List**

It was agreed that Ryan Park MP and Paul Scully MP be asked to request the NSW Government to revise their earlier review of the Maldon Dombarton link with a view to getting it reinstated to the Infrastructure Priority List.

## 7 Key Issues

**7.1 City Centre Planning Strategy:** noted

**7.2 High Rise Residential:** noted

**7.3 Medium Density Development:** noted

**7.4 Keiraville-Gwynneville :** noted

**7.5 South Wollongong:** noted that a steering committee to assist implementation of the Access and Movement Strategy has again been requested.

**7.6 Environment:** noted, but see 5.3 above.

## 8 Planning

**8.1 Noted**

**8.2 DA/2021/95, dual occupancy, 24 Elizabeth St Mangerton**

It was agreed to endorse the submission of support.

**8.3 DA/2019/96, extra rooftop suite, Novatel Northbeach W’gong**

It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection.

**8.4 DA/2021/95 Dual Occupancy 1A Norman St Mangerton**

It was agreed not to make a submission.

**8.5 DA/2020/1456 Dual Occupancy 2 Yurunga Ave West W’gong**  
It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection.

**8.6 DA determinations:** noted

9 General Business **9.1 DA/2019/1008 six storey building, 1 Smith St W’gong**

The applicant has appealed against the refusal and lodged amended plans which improve but do not satisfy objections. It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection.

**9.2 Wollongong Botanic Gardens**

It was noted that to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wollongong Botanic Garden there will be an exhibition of selected photos and botanical art works from the “Discover Wollongong Botanic Garden” souvenir book in the Old Court House, Cliff Road Wollongong on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 March, 2021 between 10am to 4pm.

**9.3 UoW Health and Wellbeing Precinct**

It was noted that a presentation on this was made at the University/NF5 regular meeting (Zoomed). In essence:

- 1 on exhibition until 26th March 2021 is a DA seeking approval by the Joint Regional Planning Panel for a Concept Proposal for first phase of UoW’s H&WP, the buildings include facilities for residential aged care, self-contained dwellings, centre-based childcare, indoor recreation, food & drink, neighbourhood shops, business premises, community facilities and open space recreation area;
- 2 the extensive documentation is available on Council’s website by searching for Development Applications on Exhibition DA-2021/101, they include those for urban design, contaminated land, flooding, traffic management and many more, phase 1 work will involve site works to prepare for buildings which will be subject to a further DA on the site which is east of Squires Way and south of existing Innovation campus buildings;
- 3 a separate DA will be submitted seeking approval by the Minister for the PCHB (Primary Community Health Building) which will be west of the above-mentioned buildings, details of phase 2 buildings to the south are not yet available. The land is in NF4 area but flooding and traffic impacts will affect NF5 area south of Fairy Creek;
- 4 the Concept Plan shows future phases with a large footprint within the site on the southern, western and northern sides of the current proposal but their details and impacts are unavailable at this stage;
- 5 takes into account the impacts on traffic in Squires Way, Montague Street and Ajax Avenue and the effects of flooding in the Fairy Creek catchment.

It was agreed that submission should be lodged which includes:

- 1 supports the proposal in principle and specifically: its intergenerational nature; availability of facilities to the broader local community; and teaching and research opportunities;
- 2 suggests that the residential aged care component be divided into three: - nursing home; able; and mentally disabled;
- 3 suggests a review of that aspect of the design which puts the main vehicular access straight through the middle of the site, rather than round the edge, possibly anticipating the next phase;
- 4 suggests that the main pedestrian access has an ominous kink in the middle of the site and ought to be better integrated, perhaps helped if the main access is re-routed.

10 Snippets Noted

**Next Meeting(AGM)/Agenda: on Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 398 households**

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