

Neighbourhood Forum 5

Wollongong's Heartland



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

Agenda for meeting on 4th May 2022 by email

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| 1 | Presentation | None possible |
| 2 | Apologies | None necessary |
| 3 | Minutes | of meeting of 6 th April 2022 and matters arising: see pp.15-18 |
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Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 411 households

5 Responses 5.1 Trees under power lines

In response to our query Paul Scully MP has received a response from the Minister for Energy.

“The Electricity Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014 requires network operators to minimise tree damage and destruction, and to consult with local Councils and the public about their vegetation management policies and practices. Network operators undertake tree pruning in accordance with vegetation management standards and guidelines including Australian Standard 4373 Pruning of Amenity Trees, the NSW ISSC3 Guideline for Managing Vegetation Near Powerlines and the network standard in place in each network area.”

Comments

- 1 the Regulations have as an objective “to regulate the removal and trimming of trees by distributors so as to minimise damage to or destruction of trees growing under or near power lines.”; the distributor must not remove any tree, or trim any tree in a way that substantially damages the tree, unless.... acting in accordance with a Tree Management Plan. It would seem that a Tree Management Plan is not a mandatory requirement.
- 2 a brief review of the Endeavour Energy’s web site did not reveal any Tree Management Plans, however they say all the right things about balancing safety and amenity and then go on say 1 metre for safety clearance (as is obviously essential) but a whopping 2-3.5metres for tree trimming.
- 3 the Australian Standard 4373 Pruning of Amenity Trees is not freely available but its provisions would seem to be incorporated into the NSW Guidelines.
- 4 NSW ISSC3 Guideline for Managing Vegetation Near Powerlines goes into great and complicated detail on minimum clearances for different types of conductors, voltages and spans, however it gives no advice on how allowances for regrowth are to be managed.

Recommendations

That Council be asked:

- 1 if it is aware of any Tree Management Plan prepared by Endeavour Energy;
- 2 if so, did it contribute to it by requesting, for example maximum as well as minimum clearing of vegetation from power lines;
- 3 if not, could it in association with other Councils, approach Endeavour Energy to get them to prepare such a Plan in consultation with the community; and
- 4 if it could review the Australian Standard 4373 Pruning of Amenity Trees in relation to Endeavour Energy’s current practice.

5.2 Transport Matters

“I have been working through a number of requests. Firstly, thank you for sending them through, especially the changes to the UK Highway Code. I found these changes very much in line with our goal to make walking and cycling safer within the community. We will be sure to raise this specifically with Transport for NSW (TfNSW), we often share our opinion with them on how the road rules can be adjusted to reflect a safer environment for all. Regardless of this fact we are working on a walking and cycling safety campaign for our city, we have recently had our Road Safety Officer Position filled who will be spearheading this campaign. We will be leveraging and promoting the existing road rules which improve safety to walking and cycling.”

Traffic + Transport Unit Leader

5.3 E-Scooters

In April following a Councillor’s Notice of Motion requesting the Minister to select Wollongong area for a trial of e-scooters, NF5 requested Council refer this complex issue to the Reference Group for Active Transport and consider e-scooter trials, after investigations by relevant staff and a report from Council’s General Manager. The response includes:

“As the Forum would be aware riding of E-scooters on public land including parks, roads, shared paths and footpaths is currently prohibited in NSW. Further information is available at the following

webpage: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/topics/vehicle-registration/unregistered-vehicles/rules/prohibited>

Council wrote to the Minister for Transport and Roads last year and nominated to host a trial. Council understands that the NSW Government is considering commencing 12 month trials of e-scooters around NSW in 2022, however, at this stage, we haven't received confirmation that a trial will occur in Wollongong.

Should a trial progress, we will liaise with the Walking Cycling and Mobility reference group, noting Safety of e-scooter and surrounding path users will be a key consideration in these trials which will also need to be supported by significant education and safety campaigns.”

Customer Liaison Officer - Infrastructure Services

5.4 Disability Access to Wollongong Harbour

“Thank you for the item relating to disabled access to Wollongong Harbour. We have discussed your request with the Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office of TfNSW.

We have been advised that a traffic study that will consider disability access is currently being conducted and will be placed on public exhibition as part of the REF for the proposed pontoon and reestablishment of the slipway at Wollongong Harbour. We were informed that it is anticipated that the REF will be publicly exhibited in the coming months.”

Customer Liaison Officer - Infrastructure Services

5.5 Cosgrove Avenue Rezoning

In Feb 2022 NF5 forwarded a detailed planning proposal to Council to rezone land at 14 Cosgrove Road Keiraville, and in April resolved to request the GM to advise on progress made to: rezone land at and to the Escarpment side of Cosgrove Avenue Keiraville, and amend the Development Control Plan to update and increase the efficacy of the Desired Future Character of suburbs. Council’s response includes:

“I appreciate the initiative and effort that has occurred to prepare the request.

Regardless of any site specific merit to rezone the site, the request cannot be supported as:

- i It is inconsistent with Council’s Planning Proposal Policy. Planning Proposals can either be Council led, or applicant led which includes the need to address the requirements of the policy and the payment of a rezoning fee.
- ii In accordance with the Policy, Council does not spot rezone individual properties (either to increase or decrease development potential), except where there is strategic merit.
- iii It does not demonstrate strategic merit, as the rezoning of the site is not identified in a State, Regional or local planning strategy.
- iv It incorrectly refers to Wollongong LEP 1990 and the historic zonings, rather than the current Wollongong LEP 2009 and the R2 Low Density Residential and C2 Environmental Conservation zones.

On 19 July 2021, Council considered a report on submissions received during the exhibition of the draft Housing and Affordable Housing Options Paper. The report flagged the need to review the zoning of 14 Cosgrove Avenue and other similar sites in the Illawarra Escarpment foothills. This work is occurring and will be reported to Council later this year.”

Land Use Planning Manager

Comments

- i Notwithstanding Council policy there is a legislative requirement for Council to consider a proposal through either the Local or Regional Planning Panels. It is outrageous to suggest that one prepared in the public interest by a community group should be required to pay a processing fee, still less a Neighbourhood Forum;
- ii there is not only strategic merit but retaining the existing zoning creates unrealistic expectations leading to a waste of everybody's time and resources;
- iii the proposal noted that it will assist in achieving the strategic objectives of:
the Ministerial Direction 9.1;
Wollongong Community Strategic Plan 2028; and
the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan'

Recommendation

that Council and the Ward Councillors be advised in terms of the comments above and requested to ensure that the re-zoning is recommended in the upcoming Housing Strategy.

5.6 Waverley Council Initiative

We asked the Lord Mayor to submit Lord Mayoral minute on overdevelopment similar to that by Waverley's Mayor. In part he responded:

"Council recognises that a sustainable approach to urban development relies on optimising the use of land in areas with good accessibility to transport, services and amenity. We are progressing the Housing and Affordability Housing Strategy with the aim of increasing housing stock whilst protecting the natural values of the LGA and responding to infrastructure constraints and community expectations.

This Strategy, as well as the Local Strategic Planning Statement, will provide the opportunity to set or reset the housing and development outcomes across the city. My view is that submitting a Lord Mayoral Minute as you have suggested would contradict Council's strategic approach to land use planning and potentially create confusion in the community about Council's role in NSW planning system"

5.7 Wollongong Arts Precinct and Committee

NF 5 asked Council to set up an Arts Precinct Committee, to establish a Wollongong Arts Centre, as adopted by Council in 2016 with the Gehl Imolementation report. The response includes:

“Council is currently undertaking a Social Infrastructure Community Needs Assessment. Through this assessment process Council will be undertaking long-term planning to support the delivery of a range of both existing and potentially new facilities for our community, based on predicted future need. Council will be engaging with the community on the draft needs assessment via a web-based survey and further information will be provided to Neighbourhood Forum 5, when the survey becomes available.

Council’s Cultural Plan Creative Wollongong 2019 – 2024, sets out Council’s vision and strategy to support and celebrate arts, heritage and culture within the city. One of the strategic focus areas includes a suite of actions relating to creative spaces and places. Representatives from both our Community Facilities and Cultural Development Teams would be happy to attend a Forum meeting to provide an overview of the draft needs assessment and an update on current arts and cultural activities”
Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development

Recommendation

Council be thanked for their response and indicate that the Forum would like to have a presentation on their activities.

6 Reports

6.1 Old Boys Social Club

Council are trying something new with a series of free activities for older men (no age limit) to try to restart connections and interests. Transport can be arranged but bookings are a must to manage numbers safely. Please see details at:

<https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/community-support/older-people/old-boys-social-club>

6.2 World Cycling Event

The executive has been briefed on the UCI Road Championships when about 1,000 world class cyclists will train and compete for 9 days from Sat 17 to Sun 25 Sep, which has many well-promoted potential positives for Wollongong and the Illawarra. Along the main City Circuit route there will be road closures including some Wollongong streets north of Crown Street, west to Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mount Pleasant, Fairy Meadow Cabbage Tree Lane to Princes Highway, Elliotts Road and Squires Way.

Vehicle access to the CBD from northern suburbs will remain open via Memorial Drive and Crown Street west. There will be no vehicle access allowed on the route's streets during the day for various periods, up to 10 hours. During the road closures residents along the route will be able to access their homes by walking on existing footpath areas, and some controlled pedestrian crossing points will be provided.

There will be more buses and trains provided. It was advised that Council's contact person is the Manager Events & Visual Strategy (within the Community Services division), and the Director I & W for roads. The organisers will continue to meet with affected businesses, schools etc along the route, and information will be regularly updated, and the volunteering program published, on the wollongong2022.com.au website.

Council will be distributing a letter via Australia Post to all Wollongong LGA residents in the week commencing 9 May outlining details around the upcoming UCI Championships and how the City will work, as well highlighting planned Road Works to support the Championships with a Map showcasing the fifteen (15) planned road works locations. **See attachment.** This Map will only be included to residents and businesses in the vicinity of the planned Road Works.

Recommendation

That the organisers be thanked for their presentation and advised of ongoing concerns about access and parking, particularly in the Wollongong CBD area, and suggest:

- i provide secure "park and ride" options for CBD workers and visitors, with temporary car parks and shuttle bus services;
- ii temporarily extend the City's Free bus routes;
- iii ensure nearby on-street parking is available during daytime for affected residents;
- iv on streets of adequate width without footpaths, a section be cordoned off for pedestrians.

6.3 University

It has been confirmed that Weerona has been sold and apparently the new owners are proposing to use the site for student accommodation and not redevelop it at this stage.

6.4 Maldon Dombarton

The long proposed Maldon-Dombarton rail link is a 35 kilometre freight line to connect the main Sydney-Melbourne railway with Port Kembla. Construction stopped in 1988 and in 1992 Council adopted its first comprehensive 20-year Strategic Plan that included a Goal to have a transport network relevant to users' needs, and which empathises public transport and alternatives to road freight, and the allied strategy was to lobby for completion of the line.. Various studies were carried out and in 2014, TfNSW prepared a business case for its completion, but this received in 2016-17 an adverse Project Business Case evaluation by Infrastructure Australia.

The heavy rains in March and April 2022 have led to impacts on the South Coast line, around Otford requiring the extended cancellation of some passenger trains and replacement by buses between Waterfall and Thirroul. The line was recently closed to allow essential maintenance.

The Moss Vale Unanderra line which is now part of the Interstate Network managed by Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) was closed for routine maintenance for two days in January 2022 is understood to now require further maintenance to deal with the recent heavy rains. In normal times freight trains that use the Moss Vale Unanderra line could be diverted to the South Coast line. However, at the same time the South Coast line has been closed. The recent rains highlight the vulnerability of the South Coast and Moss Vale Unanderra lines and demonstrate the urgency of completing the Maldon Dombarton link not least to safeguard the capacity of local industries and the port to function effectively.

Recommendation

that the Forum request:

- i Paul Scully MP and Ryan Park MP to seek from the NSW Government an undertaking that the 2014 Business case for completion of the Maldon Dombarton rail link be updated as a matter of urgency, and that the updated business case address the critical need of local industries and the port for the new link when the South Coast line and or the Moss Vale Unanderra line is closed due to weather or other events;
- ii the support of Wollongong City Council to seek from the NSW Government a new and updated Business case for completion of the Maldon Dombarton rail link.

6.5 Stuart Park Management Planning

In November 2021 Council invited ideas for improvement works over the next ten years to help create a Master Plan (MP) for Stuart Park (SP), and stated a draft MP will be shared with the community in early 2022 which is most welcome. NF5 made a very detailed submission based on feedback from residents and on-site discussions.

In 2007 Council adopted the Blue Mile Master Plan (in which SP is one of seven precincts) to guide works over the next 5 years, but 15 years later 85% of the fifteen projects in SP have not been completed, so a new MP is needed asap. Stuart Park is a dedicated Crown Reserve proclaimed in 1885 as a Public Park, and is the Illawarra's premier park.

The 2016 Crown Land Management Act (CLMA) and Local Government Act apply, and Stuart Park is classified as Community Land, categorised as a Park, for which the core objectives for management include to: *“encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes & activities, and to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes & for the casual playing of games.”* The CLMA requires a Plan of Management (PoM) for SP, but there has not been a compliant one since 2017 when the 2000 PoM was revoked by the then Minister after representations from the Member for Kiama.

NF5 has requested Council to expedite development of a Master Plan and a Plan of Management for Stuart Park.

Recommendation

That Council be requested to advise the process and timing (including opportunities for community involvement) for development of a Master Plan and a Plan of Management for Stuart Park

6.6 Crown Land 2031 Action Plan

The controversial Crown Land Management Act (CLMA) was pushed through late night in Nov 2016, a couple of months after the NSW Auditor General's report concluded that the (Crown Lands) “Department is not currently managing the sale and leasing of Crown land effectively.”, and the Act ignored about 700 submissions opposing the draft and the threat of increased privatisation of public land.

The NSW Government recently released the “Crown Land 2031 First Action Plan” to implement the State Strategic Plan for Crown Land. It states some of the key initiatives include:

- i Modernising Crown land leasing to support economic and community benefits, starting with a pilot program to boost regional marina investment through longer leases and rent reforms;
- ii A public value framework to capture the economic, social, cultural and environmental value of Crown land to guide best use and investment.

However there are major concerns this government's main focus remains to increase privatisation and generate income to be spent on unrelated projects and services. The 2016 Crown Land Inquiry recommended the appointment of a Commissioner, provision is included in the CLMA, and Professor Bush commenced in Nov 2018. However, it has been discovered that the Crown Land Commissioner recently resigned and no publicity can be found as to why, or if/when a replacement will occur.

The Commissioner can provide independent advice to Crown land users, stakeholders, the community and the NSW Government, reports to the Minister and is integral to the Government's management of the State's Crown reserves. This provides some level of much-needed public scrutiny and accountability, which has been seriously lacking in the management of Crown Land, as identified over many years in reports and submissions.

Recommendation

that Council and local Members be requested to:

- a) make strong submissions requesting the NSW government to demonstrate how they will protect Crown land throughout NSW from ever-increasing threats of sale and lease of public land for private profit;
- b) request the relevant Minister to advise the process and timing for replacement of a Crown Land Commissioner to provide independent advice and enable transparency and accountability in the management: of the precious, essential and irreplaceable NSW Crown Land estate.

6.7 Community Strategic Plan

This is a 650 page document to be considered by Council on 2nd May prior to going on exhibition until 31st May. It includes:

Draft Community Strategic Plan,

Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026;

Draft Operational Plan 2022-2023,

Draft Asset Management Strategy 2022-2032 –

Draft Workforce Management Strategy 2022-2026 –

Draft Information Management and Technology Strategy 2022-2024 –

Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2032

Draft Resourcing Strategy 2032,
Draft Budget 2022-2023,
Draft Infrastructure Delivery Program 2022-2023 – 2025-2026,
Draft Revenue Policy,
Fees and Charges 2022-2023

The executive is to be briefed and hopes to get a report into General Business. Comments from members sent a week or so afterwards will be considered before preparing a final submission.

- 7 Priorities**
- 7.1 **Liveability** See 6.6.
 - 7.2 **City Centre** See 6.6.
 - 7.3 **Active Transport.** See 5.2, 5.3 and 6.2

- 8 Planning**
- 8.1 Please note that whilst this review, and the recommendation based on it has been prepared with all due care and objectivity, no legal responsibility is accepted for errors, omissions or inadvertent misrepresentations, nor for any outcomes which might result from the assessments. As this review has only been made with the information available, members are encouraged to make their own submissions with any additional comments to the Secretary of NF5 well before the closing date

8.2. DA.2022/395 Health Services 7 stories 411-17 Crown St

31st May

This is a proposal for a 7 storey building opposite Wollongong Private Hospital to have 75 medical specialist suites, two day surgeries and a medical centre. There are multiple infringements of setbacks, notably to the rear where there are dwellings down hill on the south side. It also creates an isolated lot on the corner of Staff Street. It seems to comply with other Council requirements.

However, there are serious traffic, and potentially parking, issues. It assumes, without evidence, that the specialist suites will only be occupied two days a week and that 50% of patients will not drive to the site. Moreover the assessment makes no attempt to address the impact on traffic in this congested locality.



Recommendation

That a submission of objection be lodged

8.3 DA Determinations

DA no. 20../....	Suburb	Address	Proposal	Forum Rec	Result Authority
20/677	W'gong	30 Ellen St	17 storeys, 272 units	Support	Appealing refusal RP
21/45	Gwynnevl	12 Gwynne St	Boarding House	Object	Refused
21/58	W'gong	130 Church St	Mixed Development	Object	Approved
21/890	W'gong	245 Gladstone Ave	9 storey, 94 dw	Support	Approved
21/858	W'gong	19 Northcote St	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
21/705	Gwynnevl	32 Foleys St	Homeless hsg	Support	Approved
21/615	Mangertn	23 Kirala St	Dual Occ	Support	Withdrawn
Re- zoning	Figtree	Terrie Ave	Subdivision	Object	Withdrawn
20/645	W.Wgong	39 Rosemount St	Dual Occupancy	Support	Approved Delegated
21/890	W'gong	7-15 Gladstone Ave	9 stories 94 units	Support	Refused Appealing
21/845	Keiraville	42 Robsons Rd.	Dual Occ	Object	Withdrawn
21/1059	Figtree	5-7 Trusscott	4 Town houses	Object	Withdrawn
21/1405	W'gong	10 Gilmore St	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
19/980	W'gong	82A Cliff Rd.	4 storey dual occ	Object	Refusal appealing
21/1273	Keiraville	12 Dallas St	4 dwellings	Object	Approved
21/1309	Keiraville	3 Keira Mine Road	4 dwellings	Object	Approved
21/34	Keiraville	328 Gipps Road	3 dwellings	Object	Approved
21/74	Gwn'ville	20 Paulsgrove	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
21/615	Mangertn	23 Kiralo St	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
21/1397	Figtree	115 Waling Ave	First floor pool	Object	Approved
21/1508	Figtree	111 Bellevue Rd	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
21/1218	Figtree	107 Walang Ave	Dual Occ	Object	Approved

Not yet determined

21/1060	W'gong	2, Lexton Ave	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1037	Keiraville	12-14 Gipps	10 stories, 11 dw	Support	
21/1000	W'gong	23-43 Flinders	9 stories, 201 dw	Support	
21/957	W'gong	WIN	Mixed	Support	
21/1231	W'gong	3-5 Ocean St	10 stories, 9 dw	Object	
21/1310	Gwn'ville	14-16 Acacia Ave	8 dwellings.	Object	
21/1308	N W'gong	30 Bourke St	5 stories, 13 dw	Support	
21/1312	W'gong	300-2 Crown St	11 stories, 48 dw	Support	
21/1345	W'gong	11 Northcote St	Dual Occ	Support	
19/284	Keiraville	58-60 Murphys Ave	9 town houses	Object	
21/344	Keiraville	328 Gipps Rd	3 townhouses	Object	
21/1346	N W'gong	10 Lysant St	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1342	W'gong	46 Flinders St	9 stories, 47 dw	Support	
21/1343	W'gong	68, Gladstone Ave	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1375	W'gong	43 Kembla St	5 stories, 7 dw	Object	
21/1426	Gwn'ville	12 Berkeley Rd	Dual Occ	Support	
21/1508	Figtree	111 Bellevue Rd	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1511	Figtree	54 Cordeaux Rd	Dual Occ	Object	
22/61	Figtree	1 Malangong Close	Dual Occ	Support	
21/101	N W'gong	3, Squires Way	UoW Health complex	Support	
21/1492	W. 'gong	111 Robsons Rd	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1510	W. 'gong	55 Euroka St	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1344	W. 'gong	44 Euroka St	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1467	W'gong	81-85 Keira St	7 stories, 43 dw	Object	
22/10	W'gong	487-491 Crown St	Medical Centre	Support	
22/14	W'gong	24-30 Kenny St	18 stories, 68 dw	Support	
22/20	W. 'gong	38 Abercrombie St	Dual occ	None	
22/146	W'gong	21 Jutland Ave	Dual occ	Object	
22/123	Figtree	253 Mt Keira Rd,	Dual Occ	Object	
22/221	W'gong	4 Auburn St,	24 stories, hotel 59 dw	Support	
22/169	W'gong	36 Flinders St	9 stories, 119 units	Support	
22/245	Figtree	54 Lewis Drive	Dual Occ	Object	
22/250	Gwynville	14A Foley St	4 dwellings,	Support	
22/254	W'gong	2A Denison St	Dual Occ	Object	
22/311	W. 'gong	1 Sheppard St	Dual Occ	Support	

9 General Business

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 1st June 2022

Please Note:

Due to continuing high levels of covid infections in Wollongong this meeting will be via e-mail.

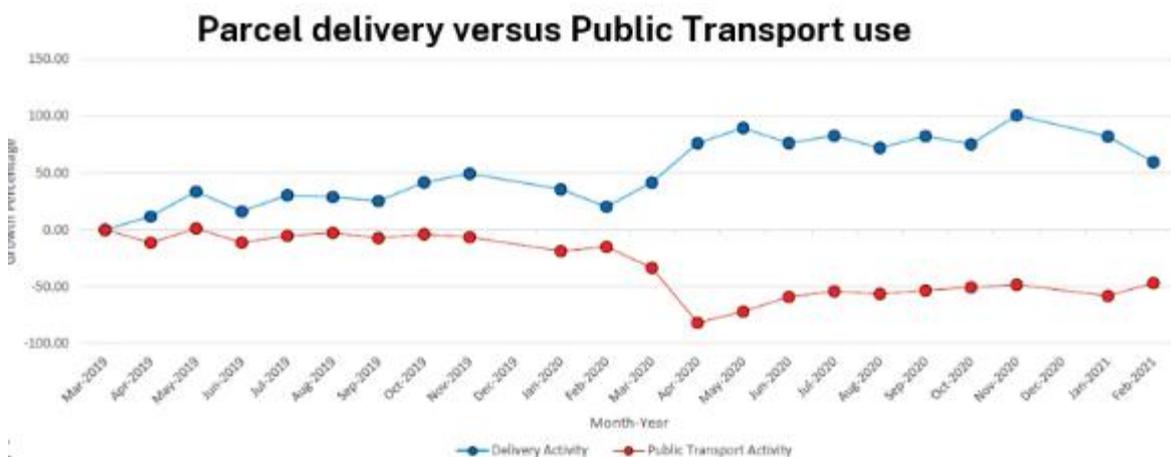
10 Snippets

Micromobility

Over two billion people purchased goods or services online in 2020 - that's a quarter of the global population. Enabled by technology and new delivery players, people now consider fast and efficient deliveries a 'must have' service.

Demand for deliveries of almost everything from ready-to-eat meals to home improvement items is on the rise. Parcel deliveries are the largest market segment followed by grocery and food deliveries. The resulting freight task, especially the 'last mile' that brings the service or product directly to customers, adds pressure to our cities and places resulting in pollution, congestion, and negative impacts on health and wellbeing.

Micromobility is emerging as the smart way to move freight in our city centres. Small, environmentally-friendly and space-efficient vehicles can have a competitive advantage over cars, vans and trucks in busy and dense city centres, where space to move and to park is increasingly at a premium.



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Minutes of meeting on 6th April 2022 by email

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| 1 | Presentation | None possible. |
| 2 | Apologies | None necessary, but Philip Laird from the executive. |
| 3 | Minutes | of meeting of 2 nd March 2022 were adopted with no matters arising |
| 4 | Comments | have been incorporated into these minutes |
| 5 | Responses | 5.1 Braeside Avenue Footpath: noted |
| 6 | Reports | <p>6.1 University liaison: noted.</p> <p>6.2 World Cycling Event: (see attachment)
It was noted that the final routes have now been decided and a further meeting has been arranged with the Community Relations Manager, to discuss concerns from residents on the event routes about access restrictions during the 8 day period. It was agreed that that Wollongong 2022 be requested to give commitments that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i as soon as race events for a particular street have ended on each day, that the street will be open within 30 minutes for regular vehicle traffic; and ii all streets on the City Circuit that do not have a paved footpath be partitioned off so that pedestrians with prams or mobility aids can have a paved surface. <p>6.3 Freight on Rail:
It was agreed that the Forum request the Paul Scully MP and Ryan Park MP to seek from the NSW Government a commitment to introduce a Mode Shift Incentive Scheme in New South Wales that would apply to bulk as well as containerised cargo moving to and from ports, including Port Kembla.</p> |

6.4 The Slow Journey to Faster Rail:

It was agreed that the Forum:

- 1 request the Paul Scully MP and Ryan Park MP to seek from the NSW Government an urgent release of the summary findings of this report, prepared with taxpayers funds.
- 2 write to Sharon Bird thanking her for her service as the Member for Cunningham, and to inquire of her, or her successor, as to why the Federal Government saw fit to allocated \$1 billion to the Sydney to Newcastle line, and apparently nothing to the Sydney to Wollongong line.

6.5 Waverly Council Initiative:

It was agreed that the Forum request the Lord Mayor to prepare and submit by way of a Lord Mayoral Minute a similar proposal to the next meeting of Council, in particular:

- i that overdevelopment is changing the nature of our built environment and destroying much of the heritage values that makes Wollongong unique;
- ii Council recognises that there is a cumulative impact of ongoing overdevelopment upon residents and their amenity, the public domain and the community more broadly;
- iii will undertake a six-monthly community planning survey about the cumulative impacts of overdevelopment and which will be fed into the social impact assessment statements.

6.6 Keiraville Matters:

It was agreed that the General manager be requested to advise on progress made to:

- i rezone land at and to the Escarpment side of Cosgrove Avenue, keiraville;
- ii amending the Development Control Plan to update and increase the efficacy of the Desired Furture Character of suburbs.

6.7 Waste Management:

It was agreed that NF5 Executive seek clarification and relevant information from Council on issues raised by IPART and this agenda item, then make a submission to IPART by 29 April 2022

6.8 Electric Scooters:

It was agreed to that Council be requested to refer this complex issue to the Reference Group for Active Transport and consider e-scooter trials after investigations by relevant staff and a report from Council's General Manager.

- 6.9 Mobile Food Vending Policy:** noted.
- 6.10 Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct:**
It was agreed that That Paul Scully MP be informed that the Forum supports his endeavours to get funding for Venues NSW to undertake /commission a comprehensive ISEP Master Planning process including broad and meaningful community engagement.
- 6.11 Pioneers Rest Park Upgrade:**
It was agreed that that the executive be empowered to make a submission.
- 6.12 Wollongong Major Events Site:**
It was agreed that Council be requested urgently to investigate and allocate a site suitable for Major Events and cease to use Stuart Park as a major events site in 2023.
- 6.13 Wollongong Arts Centre:**
It was agreed that Council be requested to form an Arts Precinct Committee, to include Councillors and representatives of relevant organisations and the community, initially to formulate terms of reference and objectives then research, develop options and report on establishing a Wollongong Arts Centre.
- 7 Priorities **7.1 Livability:** noted
- 7.2 City Centre:** noted
- 7.3 Active Transport:** noted
- 8 Planning **8.2 DA 2022/221 24 stories, hotel, 59 units 4 Auburn St, W’gong**
It was agreed to endorse the the decision not to make a submission.
- 8.3 DA 2022/169 9 stories, 119 units, 36 Flinders St W’gong**
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.
- 8.4 DA 2022/245 Dual Occupancy, 54 Lewis Drive Figtree**
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8.5 DA 2022/250 4 dwellings, 14A Foley St Gwynneville**
It was agreed that the submission of support, subject to Council being satisfied as to flooding, be endorsed.
- 8.6 DA 2022/254 Dual Occupancy, 2A Denison St Wollongong**
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.

8.7 DA 2022/311 Dual Occupancy, 1 Sheppard St W. W’gong
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

8.8 DA determinations: noted

9 General
Business

9.1 Environment and Resilience

It was agreed :

- i to protest to the Minister for Planning and Homes about discontinuing both the Directive of the previous Minister outlining nine principles for sustainable development (which included managing the risks of climate change), and revoking the Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) which was to stress sustainability, quality and liveability; and
- ii to seek the support of Council and Paul Scully MP regarding community concerns.

10 Snippets noted

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 4th May 2022

Please Note:

Due to continuing high levels of covid infections in Wollongong this meeting will be via e-mail and we do not anticipate moving to face-to-face meetings until at least June.

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 411 households
