

Neighbourhood Forum 5

Wollongong's Heartland

*Collaborating with Council
on community aspirations,
visions, needs & concerns*



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

Agenda for meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 4th October 2023 in the Town Hall Ocean Room.

- 1 Presentation Greg Doyle, General Manager WCC
- 2 Apologies Harold Hanson,
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 6th September and matters arising included in the agenda.
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- 4 Comments If you wish to comment on, or object to, any of the recommendations
in this agenda please respond on or before the meeting date.
- 5 Responses
 - 5.1 see p. 2
 - 5.2 Noise and Vibration Controls
- 6 Reports
 - 6.1 Fairy & Cabbage Tree Creeks Risk Study: see p. 2 & **rec p.3**
 - 6.2 City Centre Transport Proposals: see p. 3 & **rec p.4**
 - 6.3 draft Climate Change Mitigation Plan: see p.4 & **rec p.5**
 - 6.4. Review of large R2 zoned lots in the Escarpment see **rec p.5**
 - 6.5 Owls and Yours DA: see p.5 & **rec p.6**
 - 6.6 Keith Tognetti: see **rec p.6**
- 7 Planning
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 - 7.2 DAs: see **recs pp. 6 & 7**
 - 7.5 DA determinations: see p.8
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5 Responses 5.1 have been incorporated

There have been several responses beyond mere acknowledgement which have been incorporated into the relevant agenda items.

5.2 Construction Noise and Vibration.

Council has let residents down very badly on this issue in recent years. When complaints were made to the Manager of Enforcement he said that there was nothing they could do because the conditions of consent were inadequate but the statutory planners were looking at revising them.

Accordingly the Forum sought to view the new proposed standard conditions.

“In response to your query the advice is that the Construction Noise and Vibration Conditions document is an internal working document only and is not available to the public. This document has been prepared by qualified experts with relevant experience, and is constantly evolving and being updated. As previously advised, the document is currently under close scrutiny for any pending determinations.

The appropriate time for residents to raise any concerns regarding construction noise and vibration is during a Development Application’s notification period.”

Manager, Development Assessment

Comment

In the light of discussions over the past two years the Manager has been requested to review his decision.

6 Reports 6.1 Fairy & Cabbage Tree Creeks Floodplain Study

Council’s draft Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan (FRMSP) is on exhibition until 16 October. Flood management measures being considered include engineering works, vegetation management, development controls, planning measures and emergency response arrangements.

Residents are invited to make submissions including on ways to manage flood risk, where Council should be focusing its efforts to protect existing homes, businesses, roads and other assets from flooding. In the exhibited documents Volume 1 of the FRMSP page 80 refers to Land Use Planning & Property Modification, including Voluntary House Raising & Voluntary Purchase.

Page 120 is re Emergency Response Management including extra gauges. Page 149 is re Flood Modification measures and it is expected that affected residents will have a good look at these and provide feedback to Council (eg including re Keiraville Public School etc).

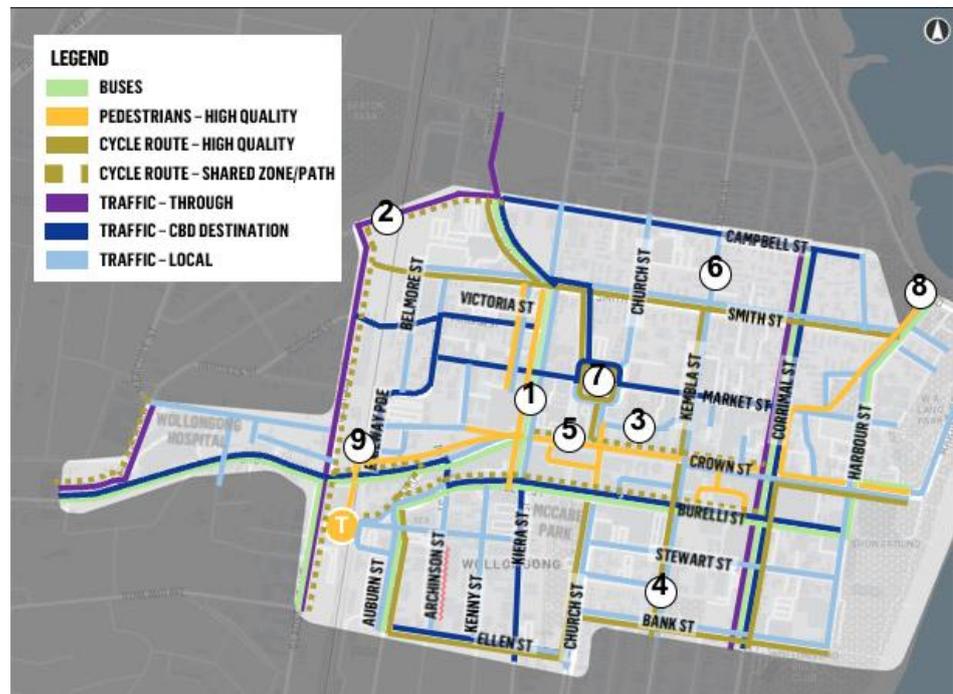
It is 13 years since the existing FRMSP was adopted in 2010 many residents have experienced significant flooding since then, particularly in 2022. As a stage in the process a Flood Study was updated in 2020 after public exhibition, but residents need to check its accuracy based on 2022 events, localised problems and changes in Council stormwater management resources make relevant submissions.

Recommendation

That Council be advised that the Forum welcomes this study but is concerned that the exceptional floods in 2022, specifically as they affected Keiraville, Gwynneville and North Wollongong, could result in the need to review the proposals.

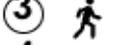
6.2 City Centre Transport Proposals

As noted earlier, Council is working on City Centre Transport Proposals.



FUTURE ROAD/STREET TRANSPORT FUNCTION – POST WORKSHOP

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM EXISTING

- ①  Keira Street - from a through route to a pedestrian/bus street
- ②  Provide a through route around periphery of city - not through it
- ③  More pedestrian laneways
- ④  Cohesive N/S and E/W cycling to Crown St Mall and Railway Station
- ⑤  Creating a low-speed cycling environment in Crown Street Mall
- ⑥  Transitioning more streets to lower-capacity 'local traffic' streets
- ⑦  Rationalising road space around Cathedral (Market Street)

KEY WORKSHOP IDEAS

- ⑧  Crown Street to waterfront via Market Square
- ⑨  Interest in guiding pedestrians from train station to Crown Street mall
-  More direct and continuous E/W cycling connections
-  Interest in light rail and trackless tram to complement buses
-  Interest in freight distribution micro-hubs to optimise city freight

Recommendations

That Council be advised of support in principle to the draft city centre proposals but suggests:

- i Cycle routes should all be “high quality” not “shared” even if that means losing some parking.
- ii a cycle route through the Mall does not seem appropriate;
- iii why is Victoria Street a “CBD Destination road”?

6.3 draft Climate Change Mitigation Plan 2023-2030

30th October

This is a follow up of Council’s 2020-2022 Climate Change Mitigation Plan. Without industrial emissions, Wollongong’s profile looks a lot closer to the state and national profiles. Energy use and transport generate a significant proportion of total emissions, and this is where the community and local government can play a role.

It gives a lot of good advice on what households can do and sets out what Council will do. Unfortunately it still does not recognise the implications of its planning policies encouraging more dense residential development in more remote locations (and often in steeper terrain) thereby assisting avoidable extra traffic travel.

Recommendation

That Council be advised of support for the Climate Change Mitigation Plan, but seek a more specific reference to changing planning regulations to restrict more intensive development in remoter locations to reduce travel effort and hence vehicle emissions.

6.4. Review of large R2 zoned lots in the Escarpment Foothills

11th October

Council have at last prepared a comprehensive report on a number of sites near the escarpment most of which are proposed to have reduced residential densities. The Forum and other community groups have been calling for this for many years.

Rather than attempting to reproduce the detail here (they often provide 4 or 5 maps per proposal) the site and changes will be briefly identified and members affected should go to the Council Report.

The sites are:

No	Suburb	Location	Proposal	Comment
1	Figtree	Moab Place	Increase lot size	Support
2	Figtree	Nebo Drive	“	“
3	Figtree	O’Briens Rd & Jacaranda Ave	Increase lot size & reduce floor space ratio	FSR to 0.3:1 except for single dwellings
4	Figtree	Redgum Crest Way	Increase lot size	Support
5	Keiraville	Cosgrove Ave	Rezone almost all to Conservation	Support

Recommendation

A submission be lodged in line with the comments noted.

6.5 Owls and Yours DA

This has been approved by the Planning Panel subject to a review of noise levels within 3 weeks of the event.

Recommendation

That Council be requested to include a member of NF 5 in the meeting to review the noise monitoring report.

6.6 Keith Tognetti

Member will be sad to hear of the passing of long time member Dr Keith Tognetti

Recommendation

That commiserations and sympathy be given to Irene Tognetti and her family.

7 Planning

7.1

Please note that whilst this review, and the recommendations 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 assessment. 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 well before the closing date.

7.2 DA-2022/469, 42 dwellings 16- Cosgrove Av. Keiraville

16th October

This unacceptable proposal has been refused twice and is now on appeal. It has been re-notified because of an amended document which attempts to justify the proposal, without changing its substance, by including a few trees, and holes under the deer fence, to redress the impact on Koala habitat will be minimal in any event.

Recommendation

That a submission be lodged of strong objection to this attempt to gain approval for a totally unacceptable development by offering an acceptable, but quite trivial amendment.

7.3 DA-2023/674, Dual Occ 21 St John's Ave Mangerton

26th September

This is a proposal for an attached dual occupancy with one dwelling behind the other. It seems to comply with all council requirements and with our Locality Plan for Mangerton,



Recommendation

That the submission of support be endorsed.

7.4 DA-2023/705, 5 stories, 9 units 15-17 Blacket St N. W'gong

9th October

This is a proposal for a 5 storey residential flat building with 9 units over two levels of parking in an area with many similar buildings. It does not comply with deep planting requirements, due to stormwater issues, nor with building separation, height, or setbacks.



Recommendation

That a submission of objection be lodged.

7.6 DA Determinations

21/1467	W'gong	81-85 Keira St	7 stories, 43 dw	Object	Appealed
22/211	W'gong	4 Auburn St,	24 stories, hotel 59 dw	Support	Approved
22/250	Gwynville	14A Foley St	4 dwellings,	Support	Approved
22/254	W'gong	2A Denison St	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
22/512	W. 'gong	13 Rosemont St	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
22/542	W'gong	5 Greenacre Rd	Dual Occ	Support	Withdrawn
22/250	Gwynville	14A Foley St	4 dwellings,	Support	Approved
22/320	W'gong	17-19 Gladstone Ave	9 stories, 35 units	Object	Refused
22/952	Keiraville	54 Grey St	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
22/966	W'gong	46 Burelli St	Art Gallery & Town Hall	Support	Approved
22/1203	W'gong	114 Church St	Community facility	Object	Approved
22/1247	Figtree	7 Govett Crescent	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
22/146	W'gong	22 Jutland Ave	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
22/1268	Figtree	54 Nebo Drive	2 lot subdivision	Support	Approved
23/135	W'gong	7 New Dapto Road	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
23/276	Keiraville	26 Bulwara St	2 lots	Support	Approved
23/331	Coniston	512 Heaslip St	5 town houses	Support	Approved
23/417	W'gong	132 Church St	2 stories office	Support	Approved
22/211	W'gong	4 Auburn St,	24 stories, hotel 59 dw	Support	Approved
22/1278	W'gong	29-31 Denison St	36 units,	Object	Deferred approval
23/50	N. W'gng	4-6 Blacket Street	10 units	Object	Refused
23/507	W'gong	Belmore Basin	Timbersports event	Support	Approved
23/533	Keiraville	64 Grey Street	Dual Occ	Support	Approved

Not yet determined (most awaiting further in formation)

21/101	N W'gong	3, Squires Way	UoW Health complex	Support
22/938	W'gong	379-383 Crown St	21 stories, 91 units	Support
22/1343	Keiraville	4-6 Georgina Ave	Units	Object
23/156	W'gong	c/o Crown/Gladstone	22 stories 288 units	Object
23/349	Figtree	15 Braeside Ave	3 town houses	Object
23/358	Mangerton	11-2021/22112 St Johns Ave	6 townhouses	Object
23/360	W'gong	3 Harbour St	Dual occ	Object
23/367	W'gong	300-2 Crown St	8 stories 47 units	Support
23/368	N. W'gong	21-23 Edward St	10 stories 20 units	Support
23/493	Figtree	54 Lewis Drive	Dual Occ	Support
23/541	Figtree	17 Evelyn Ave.	Dual Occ	Support
23/646	W'gong	4 Smith/Harbour St	5 units, 4 stories,	Object
23/587	Figtree	8 O'Briens Road	Dual Occ	Support
23/587	W'gong	5 Greenacre Rd	Dual Occ	Object
23/511	W'gong	16-18 Market Pl.	5 stories, 7 units,	Object
23/674	Mangerton	21 St Johns Ave	Dual Occ	Support
23/705	N. W'gong	15-17 Blacket St	9 units, 5 stories	Object

8 General Business

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 4th October 2023

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Snippets

E-scooters

Wollongong is the latest city to launch a dedicated e-scooter trial which is expected to run for a minimum of 12 months. Under the trial, the Neuron-branded e-scooters will be permitted to be hired and ridden by riders 16 years and over on eligible roads and shared paths around the city. The permitted zones are geofenced meaning the e-scooters will not work outside the zones.

The scooters will be limited to a maximum speed of 10km/h on shared pathways and 20km/s on bike paths, or roads with speed limits up to 50km/h. E-scooters will not to be permitted on footpaths and only the Neuron-branded e-scooters will be allowed to be ridden. All other e-scooters will remain illegal.

Cities around the world are making micromobility, such as e-scooters and e-bikes, part of their transport plans. They hope to reap the widely proven benefits of encouraging active transport such as walking and cycling, reducing car trips and traffic congestion, cutting greenhouse gas emissions, improving access throughout cities and promoting residents' overall wellbeing.

However, be careful to ensure there is insurance to cover things like damage that occurs, any medical expenses as a result of an accident, or hitting a pedestrian, or colliding with a car.

Comparable to when cars replaced horses, micromobility options offer a convenient and improved transport experience that showcases the best parts of the city. However, please note Paris has abandoned their trials.



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Minutes of meeting on 6th September 2023

- 1 **Presentation** None possible
- 2 **Apologies** Harold Hanson, Philip Laird, Jenny Bayly
- 3 **Minutes** of meeting of 2nd August were noted.
- 4 **Comments** have been incorporated into these minutes.
- 5 **Responses** 5.1 **noted**
- 5.2 **Library Strategy:** noted
- 5.3 **Clean-up after Strong Winds:** noted, but of particular importance is spillage from household waste collection bins after storm events, affecting watercourses and public land.
- It was agreed to request Council's advice on:
 - i what measures it takes and proposes to provide relevant information to residents and to minimise detrimental impacts, particularly on the environment; and
 - ii how it assesses when a storm is sufficiently violent to trigger a response.
- 5.4 **Vegetation and Tree Management :** noted with regret.
- 6 **Reports** 6.1 **University Liaison:** noted
- 6.2 **Off-shore wind energy**
It was agreed that the NSW Government be advised of support for wind farms off the Wollongong coast provided there are extensive environmental studies and it is shown that all adverse environmental impacts can be mitigated satisfactorily.

This is because of the apparent potential benefits from long term economic, social and environmental opportunities that would build on the Illawarra's many strengths. It was noted that the proposal would deliver a significant number of jobs in the manufacturing sector with the potential for exporting generators to other areas of Australia. Of interest is that some 85% of the plant is recyclable at the end of its life.

Members are encouraged to view the proposals at <https://minister.dcceew.gov.au/bowen/media-releases/consultation-opens-offshore-wind-zone-illawarra-driving-regional-jobs-and-investment> , attend an information session from 4pm to 7pm on Tuesday 19th September at Wollongong Art Gallery, make their own submission and advise the secretary of further comments before 24th September.

Finally, for concerns about wildlife view the links:

Impact on bird life: <https://www.wur.nl/en/show-longread/wind-farm-or-nature-reserve.htm>

Impact on whales: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/marine-life-distress/frequent-questions-offshore-wind-and-whales>

6.3 City Centre Movement and Place:

It was agreed that Council be requested to provide a copy of the draft plan to enable a more considered response to be made.

6.4 Pioneer Rest Park Improvements:

It was agreed that Council be requested to conform the widths of proposed footpath improvements and to give urgent consideration to the provision of playground equipment and seating.

6.5 Rail Freight Strategies:

It was agreed that the Forum:

- i Write to Ms Alison Byrnes MP for Cunningham to write to the Minister for Infrastructure etc commending the decision of the Australian Government to bring forward the review of the 2019-2024 National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy and to trust that the new strategy will lead, given that rail freight is generally produces one third of the emissions than road, reduced road congestion, and has lower social and environmental costs, will result in the new strategy getting more freight on rail.

- ii Write to the Hon Paul Scully MP for Wollongong to seek advice from the NSW Minister for Transport as to when the NSW 2018-2013 Freight and Port Strategy is going to be reviewed, and to what extent will public consultation will take place
- iii Write to the Hon Ryan Park MP for Keira to seek advice from the Premier of NSW as to when the NSW Government will release the report of IPART into the Review of third party access to Rail Infrastructure in NSW.

6.6 Noise from Rock Excavation

It was agreed that Council be requested arrange an urgent meeting with representatives of the Manager DA& CC, relevant staff, NF5 and affected residents re the DA on currently on exhibition until 14 Sep for a development at 4 Smith & 22 Harbour Streets, including re Consent Conditions, excavation techniques, cooperation and enforcement to avoid excessive noise from excavation of hard rock for two levels of basement parking.

6.7 Graffiti Removal

It was agreed that be commended on its initiatives to reduce graffiti and requested to publicise them more widely, in particular the free graffiti removal kit.

7 Planning

7.1 Planning noted

7.2 DA-2023/511 5 stories, 7 units, 16-18 Market Pl. W’gong
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.

7.3 DA-2023/587 Dual Occupancy 5 Greenacre Rd Wollongong
It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection to the design, but not the use.

7.4 DA-2023/587 Dual Occupancy 8 O’Briens Road Figtree
It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged.

7.5. DA-2023/646 5 units, 4 stories, 4 Smith/Harbour Sts W’gong
It was agreed that a submission of objection be lodged.

7.6 DA Determinations: noted

8 General Business

8.1 Allans Creek Catchment

Council's consultants have produced a comprehensive, and difficult to follow, study of flood prevention measures in this catchment. It appears to suggest that the best option to reduce flooding is by upgrading culverts. However, members who might be affected should check out the study on Council's web site and advise the NF secretary by Mon 25th September to enable consideration for inclusion in a submission by 9 Oct

8.2 Wilson St Wollongong Safety improvements

For many years residents of Wilson St have been requesting Council to improve safety for pedestrians, who must walk on the road to access public and private units, the CBD, St Marys school and the foreshore, by providing a footpath on one side and a speed hump at the dip. Wilson is one of the oldest streets in Wollongong, it is narrow, one way northbound for vehicles, no concrete footpath for the approx 220 metres length, and is a safety hazard day and night because pedestrians must walk on the road and avoid speeding motorists.

Recommendation

Council be requested to agree to include in Council's 2024/25 Works Program the long-overdue provision of a speed hump and a footpath on the eastern side of Wilson St Wollongong between Smith St and the many NSW housing units, for construction before December 2024 or even earlier if possible.

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 4th October 2023

Please Note:

This meeting will be face-to-face, at a location to be advised, at which the General Manager has agreed to speak on the role of Neighbourhood Forums and other issues.

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