

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 by email

- 1 Presentation None possible
- 2 Apologies None necessary
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> October and matters arising; see pp. 11-13
- 4 Comments If you wish to comment on, or object to, any of the recommendations in this agenda, please respond before the meeting date.
- 5 Responses
  - 5.1 Details on Foleys Road awaited
  - 5.2 MacCabe Park Master Plan: **see rec p.2**
- 6 Reports
  - 6.1 Sportsgrounds and Sporting Facilities Strategy: **see rec p.2**
  - 6.2 Princes H'way Fairy Meadow Shared Path; **see rec p.3 & p.14**
  - 6.3 Stuart Park Master Plan: **see rec p.4**
  - 6.4 Major Developments – Port Kembla Harbour: **see rec p.4**
  - 6.5 Mt Ousley Interchange: **see rec p.4**
  - 6.6 Commitments from Candidates: **see rec p.5**
  - 6.7 Appreciation of Ward Councillors: **see rec p.6**
- 7 Priorities 7.1-7.3 see p.6
- 8 Planning 8.2-7 DAs: **see recs pp.6-8**  
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- 9 General Business
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## 5 Responses

### 5.2 MacCabe Park Master Plan

“Preparing a masterplan for MacCabe Park is not identified in Council’s current 2018-2022 Delivery Program ( [Delivery-Program-2018-2022-and-Operational-Plan-2021-2022.PDF](#) ) however MacCabe Park is identified as one of 3 public domain Catalyst Projects (page in the Wollongong Urban Design Framework adopted by Council in September 2020 ( [Adopted Wollongong- Urban Design Framework2020](#) ). The Urban Design Framework also provides a broader MacCabe Precinct analysis and a future character for the broader precinct.

Recently, Council worked with community youth in June 2021 to complete a mural on the western side of Pioneer Hall and existing paths have been converted to shared paths in MacCabe Park as part of pop up cycleway updates in the City. Also, Council has been acquiring privately owned properties in MacCabe Park since the 1990s and this is a continuing commitment; there are two remaining properties not under Council’s ownership. When Council embarks on further planning for MacCabe Park, NF5, as a key stakeholder, will be notified. Timelines would relate to future Delivery Programs of Council. “

Community Land Management Officer

#### Recommendation

Given recent and anticipated major redevelopments near the park, Council be requested to include the MacCabe Park Master Plan in the 2022-23 Delivery program.

## 6 Reports

### 6.1 Sportsgrounds and Sporting Facilities Strategy

Council has prepared a draft Sportsgrounds and Sporting Facilities Strategy (2022-2026). The Strategy assists Council to meet the existing and the future sporting needs and goals of the community. This includes how to encourage and support participation in sporting, recreational and lifestyle activities by providing appropriate sporting infrastructure and facilities.

They are seeking feedback on the draft Vision, Guiding Principles and Key Focus Areas for the Strategy which can be found at <https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/sportsground-and-sporting-facilities-strategy>.

#### Recommendation

Members review the strategy and make submissions by 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **6.2 Princes Highway Fairy Meadow Shared Path**

Council are seeing considerable desire from residents for an improved and equitable distribution of cycling infrastructure across our city. In the Wollongong Cycling Strategy 2030 they committed to providing this cycling infrastructure.

Included in the Strategy is an undertaking to work with the State Government to fund and deliver significant cycleways alongside regional and state roads, including the Princes Highway.

As a result, they have prepared designs for a shared path along the Princes Highway from Guest Avenue, Fairy Meadow to Station Street, North Wollongong: see p.9

### **Recommendation**

Members review the design and make submissions by 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **6.3 Stuart Park Master Plan**

Council's Recreation planner has advised Council will soon be embarking on a Master Planning process for Stuart & Galvin Parks North Wollongong, which is most welcome. It is understood it will replace the Stuart Park section of the 2007 Blue Mile Masterplan, which NF5 has been requesting for many years to be reviewed. The Blue Mile plan arose from a recommendation in the 2000 Plan of Management for the Stuart Park area (which was created with the assistance of a working party including community representatives) to develop a landscape masterplan, and Council staff decided to expand the area to include many other foreshore lands to the south.

An engagement officer has now advised their "Join the Conversation" process will include:

- Read the Frequently Asked Questions and have a look at the maps .
- Visit our website [our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au) to:
  - o Submit ideas and vote for other ideas you like.
  - o Drop a pin on the map to show us areas for improvement.
  - o Complete the short survey .
  - o Share your stories , memories or photos to help paint a picture of Stuart Park's history and heritage.
- Send a text with your idea (up to 160 characters, no images) to 0439 963 257.
- Attend one of the Online Information Sessions
- Email [engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)
- Phone (02) 4227 7111.

The process for “Online information sessions” is they will run for an hour, with a presentation from Council staff at the start and a “question and answer” session in the chat afterwards.

You’ll need to book to attend one of the sessions by clicking on the dates below:

- Thursday 4 November 4pm
- Thursday 4 November 5pm
- Saturday 6 November 2pm
- Saturday 6 November 3pm

The upcoming Master Planning process could be used as a case study for proper engagement of the community, at least in accordance with levels 3 (Involve) or preferably level 4 (Collaborate), per Council’s long adopted Community Engagement Policy. The process could include Council being assisted by using the resources of willing, capable and suitably experienced community volunteers, such as for surveys and data gathering.

Unfortunately, from previous experiences, the proposed process will not provide effective engagement with the community.

#### Recommendation

Council be advised that the proposed Master Plan for Stuart & Galvin Parks North Wollongong is most welcome and be requested to establish a working party with NF 5 and community representatives to implement a process that will provide a case study for involving and preferably collaborating with the community

## 6.4 Major Developments – Port Kembla Harbour

There are two new important development proposals at Port Kembla Harbour which are to be supported in principle, subject to qualifications:

- 1 Export of Ethanol manufactured in Nowra;
- 2 Import of Bitumen from Indonesia.

However, there are few details available about the benefits or potential impacts. Information is being sought in collaboration with NF 7. Meanwhile the Lord Mayor has tabled a minute to the Council on Monday.

#### Recommendations

- I if available information be tabled as General Business otherwise the executive be empowered to make a submission as appropriate.

- 2 a representative of NF 5 present a community viewpoint to the Council meeting;
- 3 representations are made to local MPs.

### 6.5 Mt Ousley Interchange

Expressions of interest are being sought for this project by Transport NSW. The interchange will provide direct access for pedestrians and cyclists to the University. There are then links south and east but nothing to the north.

#### Recommendation

Council be requested to implement active transport links to north to coincide with the opening of the interchange.

### 6.6 Commitments from Candidates:

In October it was agreed that the Forum would seek commitments for urgent action in the first year of the new Council from Ward Candidates at the December election for:

- i **city centre:**  
survey and address strengths and weaknesses and improve appearance and activities to improve usage significantly
- ii **planning:**  
protect residential neighbourhoods and improve controls, DA notifications, assessment and enforcement procedures;
- iii **traffic and parking:**  
calm traffic near the city centre and make public parking free but time limited enforced;
- iv **economic development:**  
target opportunities to stimulate the economy and vigorously promote them;
- v **local open space and parks:**  
provide more in Smiths Hill and activate McCabe Park;
- vi **place management:**  
reinstitute place management with managers also relating to Neighbourhood Forums and their communities.

#### Recommendation

That the questionnaire be sent to all candidates for Ward 2 in the upcoming local government election with a request that they respond before 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**6.7 Appreciation of Ward Councillors**

Unless they are re-elected this will be last meeting with our current Councillors.

Recommendation

Ward 2 Councillors be thanked for their support during the current term of Council.

**7 Priorities**

**7.1 Liveability**

We still have no response from the Director.

**7.2 City Centre**

We still have no response from the Director.

**7.3 Stormwater**

Nothing more.

**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 2021/1059 5-7 Truscott Place Figtree**

22 Oct

This is a proposal to amalgamate two lots and construct a terrace of four two story dwellings in an area dominated by single storey detached houses. A similar development was objected to and refused by the Planning Panel on the grounds of over-development of the site, failure to meet minimum lot width requirements, out of character with the locality and some other issues including setting an undesirable precedent. Whilst an improvement, all the substantive objections remain.

Recommendation

That the submission of objection be endorsed.

**8.3 DA 2021/1060 Dual Occupancy 2 Lexburn Ave W. W'gong**

21 Oct

This is a proposal to demolish an existing house and build a dual occupancy. It seems to comply with all Council requirements save conforming to the streetscape. It is nearly 2 km from Figtree Grove and so does not comply with our Locality Plan for Figtree.

Recommendation

That the submission of objection be endorsed.

**8.4 DA 2019/980 Dual Occupancy 82A Cliff Road W’gong**

11 Nov

This DA was refused but the applicant appealed and it is on exhibition again, with some modifications, as part of the appeal process in the Land & Environment Court. It remains an attempt to get a four storey dual occupancy on the north side of Osborne Park. The same objections apply including non-compliance with required width & side setbacks, overshadowing the heritage-listed park, and the creation of an isolated lot, overdevelopment of the small narrow site contrary to the public interest.



**Recommendation**

That a submission of strong objection be lodged

**8.5 DA 2021/1000 201 units 9 stories, 35-43 Flinders St W’gong**

20 Oct

This is a proposal for a 9 storey building with 201 units over commercial ground floor and basement parking in an Enterprise Corridor zone. It is a U shaped building with a central courtyard. The commercial ground floor has two arcades off Flinders St.



**Recommendation**

That a submission of support be lodged

**8.6 DA 2021/1037 11 units 10 stories, 12-14 Gipps St W’gong**

22 Oct

This is a proposal for a 10 storey building with 11 boutique units over basement parking in a Residential High Density zone. It is on a trapeze shaped lot which causes some minor but acceptable infringements on setbacks. It seems to comply with all other Council requirements.



**Recommendation**

That the submission of support be endorsed.

**8.7 DA 2021/1117 12 units 9 stories, 1-3 Church St W'gong**

27 Oct

This is a proposal for a 9 storey building with 12 units over basement parking in a Residential High Density zone. It creates an isolated lot to the south with a house on it. It is unclear whether overshadowing requirements have been complied with and it does not comply with our streetscape policy.



**Recommendation**

That the submission of objection be endorsed.

**8.8 DA 2022/4 47 dwellings, 14 Cosgrove Ave Keiraville**

This proposal, to which we strongly objected, was appealed to the Land and Environment Court but has now been withdrawn.

**Recommendation**

That Council be thanked for their opposition to this proposal and requested initiate the re-zoning of 14 Cosgrove Ave to safeguard the escarpment and prevent overdevelopment of the site.

## **9 General Business**

## 8.9 DA determinations

<b>DA no. 20/...</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Forum Rec</b>	<b>Result Authority</b>
20/307	Figtree	5-7 Truscott Pl	Multi dwelling housing	Object	Refused Panel
20/1098	Keiraville	147 Gipps Road	Dual occupancy		Approved Delegated
20/620	W'gong	JJ Kelly Park	Major events	Support	Approved Panel
20/622	W'gong	102/3 Springhill Rd	Major events	Support	Approved Panel
20/614	W'gong	16-18 Market Pl	4 storey units	Object	Refused Panel
21/45	Gwynneville	12 Gwynne St	Boarding House	Object	Refused Delegated
20/1159	W'gong	197-199 Keira St	Regent Theatre additions	Support	Approved Delegated
20/1465	W'gong	15-19 Crown St	Mixed use 13 stories	Support	Approved Panel
20/1458	W'gong	6-8 Dudley St	6 storeys	Support	Approved
20/1466	N. W'gong	42 Bourke St	23 units	Support	Approved
19/96	N. W'gong	Novatel	Extra floor	Object	Refused
21/95	Mangerton	24 Elizabeth St	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
21/308	Keiraville	119 Mt, Keira Rd	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
21/459	W'gong	Keira St	3 units	Object	Approved
21/45	Gwynneville	12 Gwynne St	Boarding House	Object	Refused
21/58	W'gong	130 Church St	Mixed Development	Object	Approved
20/614	W'gong	16-18 Market St	5 storey	Object	Refused
19/1356	W'gong	9-11 Park St	14 units	Object	Approved
21/890	W'gong	245 Gladstone Ave	9 storey	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	Mangerton	23 Kirala St	Dual Occ	Support	Withdrawn

## 10 Snippets

### Electric Cars

Many motor manufacturers use positive environmental association in seeking to benefit from perceived green purchases. Indeed, car advertising is very successful at this, with a number of memorable and well developed adverts used over the years. Research has examined some of the themes utilised, including aligning the car purchase with access to the open landscape, the solution to climate change, and the simplicity of the electric car. The means-goal is to buy the car and resolve the environmental problems, but the more complex lifecycle, adaptation, behavioural and social equity issues are overlooked.

Central government has been captured in this process – maintaining the motor manufacturers’ narrative in policy documents. The central role that public intervention could and should play is ignored. The provision of new public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure, with high-quality and extensive networks, is required alongside compact urban centres – and the public need to be involved in the debate to help shape and support the policy proposals. A strengthened participatory and deliberative approach to decision-making can be used to discuss and debate policy measures. The Transport Decarbonisation Plan is unfortunately fatally flawed: green consumerism is unlikely to be enough.

Robin Hickman



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### Minutes of meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 by email

- 1     **Presentation**   None possible
- 2     **Apologies**     None necessary
- 3     **Minutes**         of meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> September were adopted with no matters arising.
- 4     **Comments**     have been incorporated into the substantive items.
- 5     **Responses**     noted
- 6     **Reports**         6.1     Welcoming Parks:

It was agreed that Council be requested, as a matter of urgency, for the benefit of both residents and visitors, to review and reinforce the provision of appropriate greening, adequate facilities, increased seating and welcoming spaces in parks near the CBD including McCabe, Lang and Stuart Parks.

6.2     Walking & Cycling Participation Survey 2021:

It was agreed that Council be congratulated for commissioning the annual Walking & Cycling Participation Survey, the increases in participation rates be publicised, and community awareness campaigns be implemented on the many advantages of walking and cycling, including for health, recreation, wellbeing, environmentally and socially.

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### 6.3 Port Kembla Cumulative Road Transport Impacts:

It was agreed that the Forum raise concerns with Wollongong City Council and the NSW Government via local MPs with a request as to the procedures to be followed in environmental impact assessment:

- i to what extent the option of using rail transport is considered by both the proponents and consent authority;
- ii where road transport is to be used, how cumulative road transport impacts are taken into account; and
- iii how are funds raised to accommodate the extra truck numbers or to expedite works such as the Mt Ousley interchange to handle the extra truck numbers.

### 6.4 Commitments from Candidates:

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provide more in Smiths Hill and activate McCabe Park;
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reinstitute place management with managers also relating to Neighbourhood Forums and their communities.

### 6.5 Community Satisfaction Survey:

It was agreed that Council be congratulated on enabling online responses to the 2021 Community Satisfaction Survey and be requested to make the IRIS Survey Report available early November, before the Council elections due 4 December 2021

**6.6 Community Strategic Plan:**

Noted, together with the recommendation that residents refer to Council's website for details and participate in the various opportunities to review the "Our Wollongong Our Future".

**6.7 Crown St Markets Tenders: noted**

**7.1-3 Priorities** noted

**8.1 Planning**

**8.2 RD – 2020/632/A 14-16 Acacia Avenue Gwynneville**

It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed,

**8.3 8.2 DA21/957 WIN Grand Development**

It was agreed to. endorse the submission to Council which:

- 1 indicated strong support for the proposal in principle;
- 2 requested Council to review in detail the car parking provision;
- 3 requested urgent action on the significant implications for the structure of the city centre outlined in the September minutes.
- 4 requested Council to review height limits in the city centre to lower them.

**9 General Business**

**10 Snippets** noted

**Next Meeting/Agenda: on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.**

# Fairy Meadow Shared Path

