

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 on 7th September 2022 by email

- 1 Presentation None possible
- 2 Apologies None necessary
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 3rd August 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 before the meeting date.
- 5 Responses
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Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 411 households

5 Responses

5.1 Notices on Sites with DAs

We requested that these be placed on sites with DAs for Dual Occupancy and Medium Density Housing.

“ The request for a site notice on all properties the subject of a DA is likely better placed when next the CPP is reviewed and publicly exhibited inviting comment.”

City-wide Developmnt Manager

We asked when the next review was scheduled.

“ there is no short to medium term review timetabled at the moment”. !!!

Recommendation

Representations be made to the General Manager requesting Council staff expedite review of the CPP to include notices on sites for DAs for Dual Occupancy and Medium Density Housing

5.2 Woodfire Heaters

We asked about the the procedures for responding to complaints concerning wood fire heater pollution including seeking changes to legislation to assist in combating health issues and climate change.

“you are advised that the Council’s Compliance and Enforcement Policy is not considered to be the appropriate policy framework to address your concerns about both health issues and climate change, as Council is bound by State and National Standards with respect to determining applications for the installation to woodfired heaters, investigating complaints about the installation of woodfired heaters, and in circumstances where a woodfired installation is shown to comply with the relevant State and National requirements, Council Officer’s usually apply their discretion.”

Manager Regulation and Enforcement

5.3 Maldon Dombarton

As per item 5.5 in the August Minutes, the Forum wrote to Ms Alison Byrnes, MHR for Cunningham to seek federal assistance to complete the Maldon Dombarton rail link.

We have received a letter from Ms Brynes agreeing that the Maldon Dombarton rail link is an important piece of infrastructure for the Illawarra. Ms Byrnes has made representations on our behalf to the Hon Catherine King MP (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government) “asking for adequate federal assistance to be provided to enable the completion of the Maldon-Dombarton rail link, whether such assistance could be contingent on the NSW Government updating its 2014 Business

case for completing the Maldon Dombarton rail link to meet Infrastructure Australia requirements, and what is being done to improve South Coast passenger services under the NFRA (National Faster Rail Agency) and NSW Government co-funded business case and whether consideration is being given to the potential benefits of the Maldon Dombarton link's competition."

We await this advice, also advise from Ryan Park MP and the Hon Mick Veitch MLC re NSW Government, and opposition party support, for completion of this line. It is worth noting that Mr Arthur Rorris, Secretary SCLC, once referred to Maldon Dombarton as the "most studied half built piece of infrastructure on the planet"

Also Mr Campbell Mason, GM Commercial and Business Development NSW Ports on 26 August
<https://www.nswports.com.au/nsw-ports-calls-ongoing-rail-investment-support-regional-exporters-national-bush-summit>
Mr Mason said recent weather events had highlighted the need to build rail resilience. The Moss Vale-Unanderra line is closed for six months for repairs, while the Illawarra line was closed in April due to land slippage, impacting trains carrying exports such as grain and copper concentrate.

The proposed South West Illawarra Rail Link (or SWIRL) dual freight-passenger line would greatly improve connections for exporters as well as network resilience, Mr Mason added.

Recommendation

That the Forum write to NSW Ports CEO Ms Marika Calfas thanking her for the support of NSW Ports for completion of the Maldon Dombarton link, and to inquire if this support could extend to NSW Ports assisting in the funding of the completion of this link.

6 Reports

6.1

Beaton Park Tennis Courts

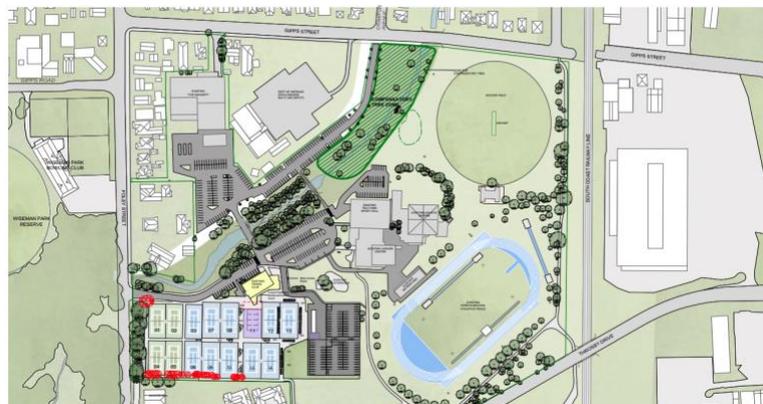
In line with its Beaton Park Master Plan 2018-2028, which is a Regional leisure, sport and recreational hub, Council has released plans for the Tennis Court upgrades. It involves new courts, seating, lighting, landscaping and temporary parking relocation and removal of many trees along the southern boundary. Some support funding has been received from the NSW Government.

It is noticed that the adjacent Gwynneville Scout Hall, which is not included in the Beaton Park Masterplan, has been demolished and there is a sign on the land indicating it is proposed to be auctioned on 30 Sep 2022.

It is understood the land (Lot A DP160926) was part of tramway easement from BHP's Kemira Colliery to Belmore Basin and ownership transferred to the Boy Scouts Association around the late 1960's. It has been zoned R1 General Residential for a long time and it is hoped that Council in determining the zoning and the Master Plan have decided how best to manage the potential for conflict with future residents of the Scouts site (and maybe Weerona?) and court operations, including impacts of noise, lighting and operating hours for the courts

Recommendation

That the submission in support be endorsed subject to Council advising their management of matters affecting the adjacent Lot A DP160926



6.2 Housing Strategy

The draft of a comprehensive Housing Strategy has been adopted by Council and will be on exhibition at least until the end of October. A very preliminary look suggests that it supports in general terms a number of issues raised by the Forum but it is not clear how these will be implemented. A formal submission on the draft will be presented in the October Forum agenda.

6.3 PK. Manildra Ethanol Facility

A submission was lodged with the NSW Dept of Planning by the due date of 15 August that noted TfNSW had completed in July 2022 a \$40 million upgrade of the line from Kiama to Bomaderry. On that date, TfNSW sent a letter to the Dept of Planning raising no objection to the use of road transport subject to a single condition about access to the site and made no reference to the rail option.

The executive then took this up with a letter to Paul Scully MP noting the above, and NSW policy of increasing the use of rail, and seeking an assurance from the Minister for Transport that:

1. that the omission of the option of rail in the Manildra proposal by TfNSW ...was an inadvertent omission;
2. that during the assessment process, TfNSW will be requiring Manidra to prepare a report be examining the costs and benefits of using rail for the movement of ethanol; and,
3. that the report can be made available to the public when the assessment of the proposal is completed.

In addition, Wollongong City Council in its submission to the Dept of Planning raised concerns about the use of road transport, with support for prohibiting truck movements on Sundays and public holidays. The Council submission in part noted: Any expansion of the Port can only be supported where it is in conjunction with a clear strategic development plan that is consistent with the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan that protects and supports the use of freight and encourages the use of off-road freight to reduce the impact on the local road network. Ideally, freight movement should be directed to rail to mitigate congestion and other undesirable impacts on local roads.

Advice has been recently received via NF5 and Mr Scully that Manildra have issued a “Clarifications” statement claiming that they have 14 paths for their freight trains and cannot secure any further freight paths from Sydney trains; and, they are seeking to operate trucks that are 30 metres long for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Lord Tony Berkeley, <https://www.tonyberkeley.co.uk/> a civil engineer, rail freight expert and former opposition transport minister in Britain said, when visiting Sydney c 2009, “You can always find another train path” even if told that none are available.

Recommendations

That the Forum

- a. write a follow up letter to Paul Scully requesting Minister Farraway to direct that Sydney trains reexamine the question of train paths;
- b. write to NSW Ports CEO Ms Marika Calfas expressing disappointment in NSW Ports support of Manildra using trucks (to NSW Planning) when Port Kembla already has a high number of heavy trucks, and requesting the NSW Ports set up a “Port and Rail” group with community representation to try and get more freight on rail.
- c. Request the assistant secretary to directly contact Manildra’s logistics manager
- d. Thank Council for its submission..

6.4 Dendrobium coal mine

As reported by ABC Radio Illawarra, on 23 August, South 32 announced that it will not proceed with a plan to extend the life of its Dendrobium coal mine under the Sydney and Wollongong Water Catchment. This proposal, and that of an earlier one that was not approved by the Independent Planning Commission, was of concern to many Wollongong City residents. The Dendrobium mine started operating in 2002 and supplies coal to BlueScope Steel's Port Kembla plant and the Whyalla Steelworks. Under its current licence, the mine has consent to continue operating until 2030.

6.5 University Liaison

On 9 Aug 2022 NF5 executive had a quarterly meeting with representatives of UOW, which is greatly appreciated and provides updates for the community including:

i Mount Ousley Interchange: TfNSW and UOW reps recently discussed land acquisitions and access. It was noted that recent road and rail closures due to weather events have demonstrated the increasing vulnerability of critically important transport links for the region's residents, businesses and industry, and the obvious urgent need for improvements

ii UCI event in September: After recent discussions with the organisers, TfNSW & WCC, the Wollongong and Innovation Campus staff and students will be encouraged to work and study from home during the event and students will be advised of options re classes. The VC is a UCI event Ambassador

iii. Sustainability Futures Committee: The purpose is to integrate sustainability initiatives and targets across all activities and work is progressing;

iv. Student Accommodation: currently about 92% occupancy;

v. Strategic Projects: The representative re the Health and Wellbeing Precinct development planning and works at the Innovation Campus by Lend Lease was unavailable, and progress will be advised at the next meeting;

vi Voluntary Planning Agreement with WCC: The agreed funds were provided early this year to Council for work by them, and negotiations are continuing with Council re designs for works by UOW on public land.

6.6 UCI Bike Event 17 to 25 Sep

Organisers have posted extensive information on their website: wollongong2022.com.au including details of Road Closures, movement arrangements and helpful interactive maps in the Community Information section. Special Event Clearway signs indicating no parking zones pre- and during the event have been installed on affected streets

6.7 Wollongong Conservatorium of Music

The Wollongong Conservatorium of Music is turning 50 this year and is celebrating with a free two-day Music Festival on Saturday and Sunday the 10-11 th September. The festival will be hosted at WollCon on the grounds surrounding Gleniffer Brae.

Everyone is invited to enjoy performances from our own students, staff and alumni as well as the Steel City Strings, the Hot Potato Band, and drummer and rapper DOBBY. With all styles of music showcased, there will be something for everyone, young or old, musical or not. Bring a picnic lunch, a rug or chair to sit on, and come and join our music community. Further Information and Register to attend at: <https://wollcon.com.au/event/50th-birthday-music-festival-at-wollcon/>

7 Planning

7.1 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 well before the closing date.

7.2 DA.2022/571 7 stories, 18 units 58/60 Smith St Wollongong

26th August

This is a proposal for the construction of a seven storey building containing 18 units. It seems to comply with all Council requirements save building depth deep planting area. It also has problems of overlooking.



Recommendation

That the submission of no objection, subject to resolution of deep planting, drainage and overlooking issues, be endorsed.

7.3 DA.2022/796 6 dwellings 17-19 Catherine St Gwynneville

24th August

This is a proposal for 6 two storey town houses in two buildings in the street immediately behind the local centre. It seems to comply with all Council requirements and our Locality Plan for Fairy Creek.



Recommendation

That the submission in support be endorsed

7.4 DA.2022/796 Dual Occupancy 56 Grey St Keiraville

23rd September

This is a proposal for the demolition of a house and the construction of two storey attached dual occupancy. It seems to comply with all Council requirements and our Locality Plan for Keiraville.



Recommendation

That a submission of support be lodged

7.5 DA.2022/796 Dual Occupancy 22 Mercury St Wollongong

23rd September

This is a proposal for the demolition of a house, removal of trees, and the construction of two storey detached dual occupancy. It does not comply with Council requirements for lot width; rear setback; side setback; width of garages, nor our Locality Plan for Fairy Creek.



Recommendation

That a submission of objection be lodged.

7.6 Private Hospital extension, Crown St and Urunga Pde

NF5 made a brief submission by way of comment to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for this application which was deemed to be State Significant Development. We also raised questions about notification to NF5 and nearby residents

7.7 DA 2022/797 Use of JJ Kelly Park for Camping

The notification for WLPP meeting 30 August included an application to allow camping on the Vikings licensed sportsground area within JJ Kelly Park, up to 42 days per year “up to 42 days a year in perpetuity”. Information was only available on Council’s website for 2 weeks, whereas a DA for use of JJ Kelly Park in 2020 for major events had good consultation.

The staff report to WLPP included major concerns about the proposed unlimited period and traffic management, and the applicant’s documentation included many inconsistencies. It was revealed that the initial meeting in June was only for the UCI period, but the DA ended up requesting “in perpetuity.” The report recommended approval for 1 year with conditions, and NF5 submission objected to the proposed “in perpetuity” period.

In the event the Wollongong Planning Panel approved the DA as a deferred commencement consent, limited to a single event for camping in association with the UCI Road World Championships in September 2022.

Recommendation

That the submission be endorsed.

7.8 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
21/890	W'gong	245 Gladstone Ave	9 storey, 94 dw	Support	Approved
21/858	W'gong	19 Northcote St	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
21/615	Mangertn	23 Kirala St	Dual Occ	Support	Withdrawn
21/1218	Figtree	107 Walang Ave	Dual Occ	Object	Refused
21/890	W'gong	7-15 Gladstone Ave	9 stories 94 units	Support	Refused Appealing
21/1059	Figtree	5-7 Trusscott	4 Town houses	Object	Withdrawn
21/1405	W'gong	10 Gilmore St	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
21/1273	Keiraville	12 Dallas St	4 dwellings	Object	Approved
21/1309	Keiraville	3 Keira Mine Road	4 dwellings	Object	Approved
21/1397	Figtree	115 Waling Ave	First floor pool	Object	Approved
21/1508	Figtree	111 Bellevue Rd	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
21/1426	Gwn'ville	12 Berkeley Rd	Dual Occ	Support	Withdrawn
21/1310	Gwn'ville	14-16 Acacia Ave	8 dwellings.	Object	Approved Panel
21/1510	W. 'gong	55 Euroka St	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
21/1344	W. 'gong	44 Euroka St	Dual Occ	Object	Withdrawn
21/1231	W'gong	3-5 Ocean St	10 stories, 9 dw	Object	Approved Panel
22/417	Figtree	138 Jacaranda Ave	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
21/1037	Keiraville	12-14 Gipps	10 stories, 11 dw	Support	Approved
21/1511	Figtree	54 Cordeaux Rd	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
22/10	W'gong	487-491 Crown St	Medical Centre	Support	Approved

Not yet determined

21/1060	W'gong	2, Lexton Ave	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1000	W'gong	23-43 Flinders	9 stories, 201 dw	Support	
21/957	W'gong	WIN	Mixed	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	
21/1508	Figtree	111 Bellevue 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	
21/1344	W. 'gong	44 Euroka St	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1467	W'gong	81-85 Keira St	7 stories, 43 dw	Object	
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	
22/250	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	
22/512	W. 'gong	13 Rosemont St	Dual Occ	Object	
22/561	W. 'gong	15 Gundaren St	Dual Occ	Object	
22/542	W'gong	5 Greenacre Rd	Dual Occ	Support	

8 General Business

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 5th October 2022

Please Note:

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

9 Snippets

Lifestyle Cities

Australia's cities and regions are the envy of the world for their natural beauty and lifestyle amenities and attractions. Not only has this sustained the tree-change and sea-change movement, with broadband connectivity and the COVID-19 pandemic so-called 'e-changers' and 'flee-changers' are part of the populus seeking to combine career aspirations with lifestyle destinations.

Cities around the world compete over skilled migrants and economic investment, offering attractive incentives to independent professionals who can bring employment and improved tax base to local areas. Due to the growing popularity of flexible and remote work, lifestyle cities and their prosperous neighbourhoods are well placed to attract those professionals. This requires a combination of city self-promotion preceded by planning and urban design initiatives positioning neighbourhoods as networked spaces facilitating remote work through co-working facilities and meeting places.

Mathew Zenkteler



DO YOU HAVE ANY REMOTE POSITIONS OPEN?

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MINUTES for NF5 meeting on 3rd August 2022 held online by Executive Committee

- 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
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

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 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 A.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 enforces 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 & 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.