

<p>Neighbourhood Forum 5</p> <p>Wollongong's Heartland</p> <p><i>Collaborating with Council on community aspirations, visions, needs & concerns</i></p>		<p>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</p>
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**Minutes of meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 1st November 2023
in the Town Hall Ocean Room.**

- 1 Presentation Tim Morris and Tyson Perry were thanked for their informative presentation on the e-Scooter Trial.

Members wanting more information try:
<https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/about/parking-transport/e-scooters>
- 2i Apologies Cllr David Brown, Harold Hanson, Philip Laird, Jenny Bayly, Jane Robertson and Barbara Cattanur
- 2ii. Present Deputy Lord Mayor Tania Brown and 14 members
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 4th October were adopted
- 4 Comments Noted
- 5 Responses **5.1 Blue Mile/Cliff Road Pedestrian and Cycling Safety:**
It was agreed that the executive make an appropriate response seeking action to eliminate obvious safety hazards for walkers and cyclists along the Blue Mile shared path.

5.2 Stuart Park Plan of Management: (PoM):
It is welcome that a PoM is being prepared, after many requests in the 6 years since the Minister cancelled the 2000 PoM after representations by the skydiving company and Mr Ward MP.

It was agreed that Council ,in accordance with its community engagement policy, again be requested to set up a working party, including NF 5 representatives, and prepare a PoM for this 140 year-old regionally significant public park for passive recreation

5.3 Fairy and Cabbage Tree Creeks Floodplain

NF5 Minute 4 Oct requested Council to undertake comprehensive inspections with affected residents before completing their review, and Council's response was that inspections had been held. But it was noted that some affected residents consider more involvement is required

6 Reports

6.1 South Coast Line:

It was agreed that the Forum write to:

- i. Ms Alison Byrnes, MP thanking her for relaying the advice of Minister King, and to inquire the amount of federal funding provided for the 2021 strategic business case for improving the South Coast line and what conditions, if any, did the Australian government place on the NSW government for release of a summary document; also what were the considerations that led the Australian government to provide \$500 million of funding for High Speed Rail for the Sydney Newcastle line.
- ii. Hon Paul Scully, MP, seeking advice from NSW Transport Minister, the Hon Jo Haylen, MP if the 2021 strategic business case for improving the South Coast line can be released, if need be in summary form.
- iii. Hon Ryan Park, MP for Keira seeking advice as to the amount of funding by way of capital expenditure for the South Coast line (including near Waterfall, and also south of Kiama) for each financial year 2021-22 and 2022-23, and how much is projected for the financial year 2023-24, along with 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27.

6.2 Construction Noise & Vibration Levels during Excavation

Councillors who responded after discussions at NF5 October meeting were thanked, and it is understood urgent improvements will be made to future DA consent conditions to avoid excessive noise & vibration from excavation of hard rock. Ongoing disruptive noise from excavation at a very large residential units site in Crown St at Hospital Hill was raised. It was agreed to enquire of Council regarding approval and relevant conditions for the excavation of basement parking.

6.3 New Shared Paths:

It was agreed that members affected by the proposals advise the secretary of concerns and possible alternatives by 5th November so that the executive can develop and submit a suitable submission including the Ajax Avenue option.

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| 7 | Planning | <p>7.1 Planning noted</p> <p>7.2 DA-2023/752, Two dual occs, 51 Heaslip St Coniston
It was agreed to endorse the submission in support.</p> <p>7.3 DA-2023/760, Hotel & 105 units, 22-30 Kenny St W’gong
It was agreed to endorse the submission in support.</p> <p>7.4 DA-2023/759 MacDonalds. 45-49 Flinders St W’gong
It was agreed to endorse the submission in support, subject to Council being satisfied that the amenity of residents to the east will not be unreasonably affected, be endorsed.</p> <p>7.5 DA-2023/765, 13 stories, 27 units, 1-3 Stewart St W’gong
It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection.</p> |
| 8 | General Business | <p>8.1 MacCabe Park Management Plan
The urgent need for development and adoption of Master Plan for MacCabe Park was raised during discussions about yet another high rise residential unit complex in the CBD, but without any increase in public open space. It is almost 170 years since a land grant for a public park and over 40 years ago Council identified land which is progressively being acquired to consolidate and create a major park for CBD residents, workers and visitors. There has been at least 7 attempts at masterplanning, the most recent 12 years ago. Council’s City Centre Implementation Plan by Gehl Architects included finalisation of a master plan more than 4 years ago, Council’s response to NF5 request in June 2022 included they have more important priorities and resources are not available,</p> <p>Given the demand created, and the S. 94 contributions made, by DA 7.3 in Kenny street and many other similar proposals and developments in the area, it was agreed to again request Council to bring forward development of a Master Plan the Plan of Management for MacCabe Park.</p> |
| 9 | Snippets | noted. |

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 6th December 2023

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 424 households
