

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 1
Meeting 7pm Wednesday 11 May 2022
Otford Community Hall
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance	As per attendance register (limited to 30 people as per current restrictions)
Apologies	Cr Richard Martin, Merilyn House, Jacquie Boyce and Alan Bond
Chair	Warwick Erwin
Acting Co-Chair	Jenny Sherratt
Councillor Present	Cr Cameron Walters

Meeting Opened 7:00 pm

Police

If you see something report it – 131444
Helensburgh Patrol Truck 0400 761 423
Wollongong Station 4226 7899

Confirmation of Previous minutes – April 13, 2022

Community Strategic Plan 2032, Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2022-2023

Vicky Abela from Wollongong City Council presented the 'Draft Our Wollongong Our Future 2032 Strategic Planning Suite' which will guide decisions being made for building, operating and managing infrastructure projects over the next financial year. This investment in the community includes over 700 projects, \$4b of assets, a \$407m capital program and a \$211m operations and maintenance budget. Key projects for 22/23 in the Neighbourhood Forum1 area with 20 projects worth \$1.9m, include the design of the new Helensburgh Library and Community Centre, Gateway Centre drainage, Gynea Glades Playground, Helensburgh Village Centre – Stage 3 and Otford Community Centre kitchen, amenities and accessibility. The draft plans will be on exhibition from May 4 – 31 2022 and can be viewed at Council's engagement platform Engagement HQ on it's website. Submissions can also be made through Engagement HQ or emailing 'engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au or by mail.

Helensburgh Community Centre and Library update

Jenny Thompson, Wollongong City Council Manager Library and Community Services provided an update on the new Helensburgh Community Centre and Library. The current community centre has been closed for a while now and will eventually be demolished and the site turned into green space. A site adjacent to the Helensburgh swimming pool is the preferred site due to being less fire prone compared to the site at Walker Street where the present library stands. However, the swimming pool site is on crown land which provides some restrictions. The larger swimming pool has a project over two years to replace the liner and separate the filtration systems..

Package Liquor Licence 19 – 21 Walker Street Helensburgh update

All community submissions in regards to the proposed package liquor licence for Liquor Land at 19 – 21 Walker Street Helensburgh, have been placed on the Liquor and Gaming Authority's website and will be considered before a final decision is made on granting the licence.

Helensburgh Town Centre Plan Walker Street and Short Street southern blister.

Concerns have been raised by the community about the proposed southern blister in Short Street as part of the Helensburgh Town Centre Plan. Council's response is that the blister was included for pedestrian reasons, but the community feel it is unnecessary and will lead to traffic congestion.

General Business

Wollongong City Council will not be supporting the new toilets grant for Rex Jackson Oval.

Next meeting 7pm Wednesday 8 June 2022
Meeting Closed 10.00 pm