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 City.

MINUTES of meeting 5th June 2024 by open ZOOM Link

- 1 Presentation none possible
- 2 Apologies deputy Lord Mayor Tania Brown, Harold Hanson
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 1st May and matters arising were adopted.
- 4 Comments Noted
- 5. Caveats Noted
- 6 Responses **6.1 Keira/Campbell Intersection Safety**:

It was agreed to request Council to expedite pedestrian safety improvements as a matter of urgency.

- 7 Reports **7.1 NF5 Face-to-face meetings:** Noted
 - 7.2 Mount Ousley Interchange re-design and funding:

There was considerable discussion and it was agreed that:

- NF5 supports all six-items resolved at the well-attended public meeting on 20 May, in particular thanking the Federal government for an additional \$72m funding, requesting scope and works be carried out as agreed in 2016 and per the 2017 REF, and representatives of the five community groups meet with local MPs to pursue achieving key project objectives including safety, accessibility and connectivity;
- 2 TfNSW be requested to advise details of the current and any future proposed route/s for over-size and over-mass vehicles between Port Kembla and Mt Ousley;
- 3 Local MPs be requested to continue making representations to relevant Ministers to update feasibility studies and fund early construction of the long-awaited rail link to south-western Sydney, to take advantage of economic opportunities for the Illawarra

- from Sydney's new airport due to open within 2 years, as proposed over many years by Councils, representatives of Businesses, Unions, UoW, the Port Authority and residents;
- 4 TfNSW be requested to design, cost and fund construction of a bridge for pedestrians and cyclists across Mt Ousley Road as agreed in the 2016 Plan, which is a Federal government requirement for Active Transport infrastructure;
- TfNSW be requested to revert to the 2016 Plan to design and construct a roundabout linking Mt Ousley and Mt Ousley Road, rather than two signalised intersections, to ensure safety and avoid the likelihood and potentially disastrous consequences of vehicles delayed while proceeding to UoW stacking towards the downhill truck lane;
- TfNSW be requested to advise what measures are proposed to avoid the potential for flooding during construction and on completion of the works.

7.3 MOI Urban Design and Landscape Strategy:

It was noted there were some concerns about the reliabilty of information provided at a drop-in session in the Mall last Friday.

7.4 Intersection Mt Ousley Rd and Princes Highway:

It was agreed that TfNSW be requested to plan and construct improvements to the roundabout at the intersection of Mt Ousley Road and the Princes Highway at North Wollongong by addition of "slip lanes" at the South-west and North-west corners as soon as possible. It was noted this could reduce traffic on the roundabout by an estimated 20%.

7.5 Integrated Transport Study:

Councillor Blakey advised the ITS is due to be submitted to Council on 24 June.

7.6 Wilson Street Shared Zone Proposal:

It was agreed to seek the support of Ward 2 Councillors to ensure funds are allocated to build a footpath in 2024/25 budget to build a narrow footpath in Wilson Street to avoid daily safety risks to residents who have to walk along the busy road. (The acting Convenor declared an interest in this matter).

7.7 TfNSW Design of Roads and Streets Manual: Noted.

7.8 TfNSW Freight Policy Reform Consultation:

It was agreed to up date the submission on this reinforcing the need for more freight on rail and for the Maldon-Dombarton rail link.

7.9 South Wollongong Flooding:

It was agreed that Council be requested to:

- urgently exhibit, invite public submissions and conduct workshops with affected residents and premises regarding the draft Wollongong City Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan;
- review and take responsibility for its stormwater system including for "artificial watercourses", and to significantly increase funding to upgrade and augment it so that it complies with WCC Development Control Plan 2009 for Stormwater Management, and the risks of flooding are minimised.

7.10 Waste Management Strategy:

It was agreed that Council be requested to create a separate Reference Group for Waste Management to enable transparency, performance assessment and accountability.

7.11 Land Valuation Services Pricing review: noted

7.12 Dragons Community and High-Performance Centre:

It was noted that apparently the Planning Panel raised issues about flooding. Also members expressed concerns about reports on stormwater and flooding in some reports to Planning Panels, and delays in appointment of community representatives to the WLPP, and it was agreed that Council be requested to expedite this.

- 7.13 **UoW Health and Wellbeing Precinct:** Noted
- 7.14 Building Industry Rating System: Noted
- 8 Planning **8.1** Noted
 - 8.2 DA-2024/366 Dual occupancy 11 Akuna St Keiraville It was agreed not to make a submission.
 - **8.3 DA determinations:** Noted
- 9 General Business None
- 10 Snippets Noted

Next meeting 7pm Wednesday 5th July in association with the AGM

Venue to be advised, and time confirmed

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5: 429 households