

**Neighbourhood
Forum 5**

**Wollongong's
Heartland**



**Coniston, Figtree,
Gwynneville, Keiraville,
Mangerton, Mount
Keira, Mount St
Thomas, North
Wollongong, West
Wollongong,
Wollongong City.**

Minutes of e-meeting on Wed 2nd September 2020 by email

- 1 Presentation None possible. The executive will action, as necessary, the recommendations accepted in these minutes.
- 2 Apologies None necessary
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 5th August and no matters arising.
- 4 Comments A number of comments noted and included in the substantive reports.
- 5 Responses **5.1 Draft Policies and Strategies:** noted
5.2 Keiraville-Gwynneville Access and Movement Study
It was agreed:
 - 1 Council be requested that at its meeting of 21 September to:
 - i call for an explanation for the delay of the Keiraville-Gwynneville Access and Movement Study following a public exhibition in May, and for advice as to when the report will be available, unless Council staff have not already provided the promised report;
 - ii request Transport for NSW (TforNSW) enter into a dialogue with Wollongong City Council with the intent of creating a working group involving Neighbourhood Forum 5 and the University of Wollongong that will ascertain what needs to be done to expedite the construction of a grade separated intersection on the Princes Motorway and the Mt Ousley Road. Copies of this correspondence be sent to the State Minister for Transport, Andrew Constance, the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Paul Toole and all local Federal and State Members;
 - iii ask TforNSW if the necessary land is held for the construction of this interchange.

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 399 households

- 2 request Council to ensure that any changes to the KG traffic and access ways in KG should only be considered in conjunction with the KG Access and Movement study.
- 3 enquire whether the proposal for reduced speeds in Gwynneville shopping went to the traffic committee and how does it comply with the Road Act and associated standards and regulations.
- 5.3 Outstanding Responses:** noted
- 5.4 Re-zoning proposal Terrie Avenue Figtree**
This has been withdrawn
- 6 Reports
- 6.1 Uni Student Accommodation:**
It was agreed to ask the University whether any consideration had been given to the use of Weerona or International House for acute accommodation needs in Wollongong – obvious one would be the homeless but could be for low income/ Centrelink recipients particularly older women and youth who can't afford current rental rates
- 6.2 Issues to be discussed with the General Manager:**
This initiative was endorsed.
- 6.3 Issues for the Director Infrastructure and Works**
This initiative was endorsed and will be reported in October.
- 6.4 Up-date on Graffiti:** noted
- 6.5 Port Kembla Harbour Environment Group**
Issues raised on behalf of NF5 included:
- i update on through put tonnages in and out of Port Kembla for 2019-2020 with the road rail split;
 - ii access for the public to the Oil Jetty;
 - iii participation in the Rail Freight and Ports Group.
- 7 Key Issues **7.1 - 7.6** noted
- 8 Planning
- 8.2 DA/2020/860 Dual Occ. 6 Mallangong Close Figtree**
It was agreed to support the proposal.
- 8.3 DA/2020/883, 3 town houses, 1 Sheppard St W. W'gong**
It was agreed not to make a submission.

9.1 draft City-Wide Development Contributions Plan 2020

As noted in previous years this is now essentially a slush fund to supplement the approved budget proposals.
It was agreed not to make a submission.

9.2 Domestic Waste Management Charges

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal is seeking feedback from Councils, ratepayers and others by 6 October (ie before next NF5 meeting 7 Oct) on its Discussion Paper on domestic waste management charges (DWMC) levied by local councils. IPART had previously decided not to regulate waste charges, but is re-considering this, or other ways to help councils and ratepayers get quality services at reasonable prices, such as improving transparency of costs and sharing best practice guidance.

The Chair says IPART are particularly interested in whether charges reflect the reasonable and efficient costs of providing waste services while meeting environmental and legislative requirements, and what opportunities there may be for greater transparency for customers and councils. One of IPART questions is: “Are overhead expenses for DWM services appropriately ring-fenced from general residential rates overhead expenses?”

Wollongong Council’s average DWMC is about 26% on top of the average residential rate, compared to waste management expenditure of about 14%. It is realised the setting of the DWMC is complex and it is not clear what amount is for overhead expenses.

It was **resolved** that the Executive seek relevant information from Council on issues raised by IPART and make a submission by 6 October.

9.3 Cliff Rd/George Hanley Drive crossing intersection safety

Over the years many concerns have been raised for the safety of pedestrians crossing Cliff Rd near the intersection of George Hanley Drive (GHD) at the entrance to Stuart Park at busy times. Vehicles turning left into Cliff Rd from GHD are required by the Road Rules to give way to pedestrians, but most do not, either due to ignorance of the law or otherwise. Recent responses from Council’s traffic section seem to indicate a continuing lack of urgency at providing options for improvements (such as a “raised threshold” crossing) to enable community comments, before they decide, advise and defend.

It was **resolved** that Council be requested urgently to investigate safety concerns at the crossing of Cliff Rd near the intersection of GHD due to most vehicles failing to give way to pedestrians crossing, and Council provide the community with relevant data and options for improvements to enable meaningful engagement to help in deciding the preferred option for implementation before the 2020 Christmas holiday peak period.

10 Snippets Noted

Next Meeting/Agenda: on Wed. 7th October 2020.