

Neighbourly Committee No 4
Incorporating Neighbourhood Forum No 4
Executive Committee
Convenors: Paul Evans and Brad Chapman
Secretary: Bradley Chapman
Treasurer: Vacant
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NC4 Tuesday, 1st September 2020 via Zoom Online

AGENDA

Open Meeting – 0730pm.

Apologies – Paul Evans

Attendance: Anne Marrett, Cherylyn Fenton, Jean and Ron Groves, Brad Chapman, Susannah Cavill observing without camera access.

Welcome. Brad C thanked everyone for their commitment in attending meetings each month up until shutdown and for participating in this ZOOM experiment.

As the COVID virus shutdown had meant WCC and our little group could not safely manage a COVID-Safe plan, NC4 needed to thank Corrimal Region Uniting Church for enabling us to have free access to a ZOOM Licence to permit this reconvened meeting and belated AGM to take place.

Space for Special Guests – Postponed to a later date

AGM : Anne Marrett agreed to again act in the capacity of the returning officer to manage the appointment of the new executive.

Co-Convenors: Paul Evans and Bradley Chapman declared elected

Secretary: Bradley Chapman elected

Treasurer: Paul Evans elected

Minutes of Previous Monthly Meeting – 3rd March 2020

Distributed by email.

Business Arising from Minutes –

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Correspondence In –

• Recent DA Notifications:

17 Coolgardie St East Corrimal – Alter existing Dwelling to attach new dwelling and subdivision, 2 lots.

Lot 2 Hawthorn St Tarrawanna – Residential dwelling, shed, pool & tree removal

62 Marlo St Towradgi – Residential alterations and Additions

24 Edgar St Towradgi – Alterations and additions

1 Cresting Ave Corrimal – Residential - Demolish existing and construct dual occupancy with subdivision 2 lots

44 Robson Street Corrimal – Demolition and tree removal, construction of multi-level housing, 4 townhouses.

25 Carr St Towradgi – Alterations and Additions

Correspondence Out –

Agenda and previous minutes.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: **\$567.89**.

Recent WLPP Matters:

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Community Campaigns:

• **Corrimal Community Action Group:**

• C CAG report to NF4 meeting 1 September 2020

Since the last meeting on 3 March C CAG can report the following:

1. Heritage – have had a very successful campaign to raise the profile of the industrial heritage of the site. Council voted unanimously to list the Corrimal Coke Works in the Wollongong LEP and on the Heritage Map.

A local representative of Engineers Australia is currently completing a report on the site which will result in its nomination for the award of an Engineering Heritage Marker with Engineers Australia. This report is very comprehensive and is a good read. It will be publicly available on the Engineers Australia website when it is completed which will be in the next month or so. It is worth noting that the writer's request for access to the site was ignored by Kate Strahorn so the report had to be completed without a site visit, which is very unusual.

2. Ecology – the committee is now focusing its attention on assessment and protection of the Endangered Ecological Communities on the site. Two local experts have been investigating the classification of the EEC in the northwest corner and that in the south along Towradgi Creek. The EEC in the NW is Illawarra Grassy Woodland and is under severe threat from the plan to put an entrance road opposite Harbinger St into the site and right through this EEC. The EEC in the south is harder to classify, especially as very few people are given access to it. According to Kate Strahorn it is also to be classified as Illawarra Grassy Woodland although rainforest tress have been identified there. Illawarra Grassy Woodland classification will give it EEC status, so the task now is to get both areas environmental protection zoning.

C CAG have asked for a couple of years now that this special zoning (E3) be provided to these areas, to no avail and I was assured by Kate Strahorn recently that they will be included under the zoning Public Recreation which will apply to all the open space on the site. This will not provide any protection to the EECs and the ecosystems they harbour and will not ensure future development does not encroach on them or even remove them.

• **East Corrimal Open Space Committee**

• Report received from Luke Palmer unfortunately not received by the secretary in time for our gathering. Included here for members' information.

I regret I have to put in an apology for tonight's session. Good luck and hope to be available for next month's hookup.

I have prepared a review of **EAST CORRIMAL OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE'S** current status for sharing with the group.

1/ **ECOSC met with WCC** - Isabelle Ghetti, Ray Piatek and Deb Nichols, regarding Kerb and Guttering, Stormwater serving East Corrimal precinct

- Connaghan Ave drain cleared
- Thalassa Ave drain still under investigation
- Dobbie Ave rainwater pondage drained and channelled to stormwater
- Kerb and Guttering to Happy Valley Park eastern side under advisement.

2/ **ECOSC met with local member Ryan Park**

- Letter sent to WCC- awaiting feedback re:
- Construction kerb and guttering, Happy valley Park eastern side
- Construction of low level barrier fence to roadway, Happy Valley playground
- Suggested relocation of cycleway to western side Murray Rd carpark
- Review of signage and WCC strategies regarding Dogs on Beach - Public Access points to

East

Corrimal Beach

3/ **ECOSC submitted Plan to relocate Cycleway** to western side Murray Rd Carpark to meet WCC Strategic Cycling Strategy Plan

- Plan submitted in line with WCC key Pillars- SAFETY/ CONVENIENCE /PLANNED

4/ **WCC Land Services** investigating Deer Culling program on Bellambi Sand Dune to prevent further damage to habitat

5/ **WCC engaging consultant** to conduct FLORA review at Bellambi Sand dune.

6/ **ECOSC submitted plan** for Bellambi Lagoon and Foreshore CROWN LAND PLAN of MANAGEMENT - under advisement review, JUNE 2021

Hope all's OK with everyone during these unprecedented times. Take care and look forward to catching up next time.

Best Regards Luke

• **William St Balgownie**

WCC informed Flood Plain committee about appointing a consultant for the Risk Management study of the Fairy Creek/Cabbage Tree Creek catchment and that it will now include the William Street tributary. This is part of the regular review process council has determined for each of its creek catchments.

General Business:

1. Cheylyn contacted Community Engagement with a question about public exhibitions. Nothing currently listed. Suggestions were made about strategies, such as Zoom meetings, to maintain community involvement and to keep information cycles operating.
2. Heritage listing of the Coke Works site came to Council, CCAG asked to have reps speaking at Heritage meeting. Council declined on the basis that *'people can only speak once on an issue.'* This disenfranchises Groups when proposals continue to change over a long period of time. To counter this people would need to apply to speak *as individuals* rather than as members of a group.

3. Send letter to Community Engagement to thank the team working on the Corrimal Town Centre upgrade. Stage 1 looks really good in spite of the necessary stress on retailers. Pleased also to see that subsequent stages are quickly being followed on. Request an update on when the next major stage in the Town Centre is listed for work. Ryan Park was initially told that the whole plan would be completed by September...
[Brad Chapman]

Close Meeting: 8:40 pm.

*Neighbourly Forum 4 meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Towradgi Community Hall,
Corner of Moray Road and Towradgi Road Towradgi at 7pm*

*****All Welcome- No cost*****