

<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 WEDNESDAY 5th February 2025 at 6.30
In the Library Theatre**

20 members present

1 Presentations Jerah Fox Council's Transport and Infrastructure Manager was thanked
f for her presentation.

Martha Tyndall was thanked for her presentation on the City Foreshore Plan of Management for which submissions close on 26th Feb.

Presentations included mention of links including:

- [Public Facing mapping pages: Maps | City of Wollongong](#)
- [Draft Wollongong City Foreshore Plan of Management | Our Wollongong](#)
- [Illawarra-Shoalhaven | Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans | Have Your Say](#)

2 Apologies were accepted.

3 Minutes of meeting of 2nd December were adopted with no matters arising.

4 Comments Noted

5 Caveats **Noted**

6 Responses **6.1 Integrated Transport Interchange:**
It was agreed that Council and TfNSW again be requested to expedite planning, funding and actions to provide major interchange facilities in the Wollongong Station area (including for rail, bus, taxis, pedestrians, cyclists and dropoff) as per TfNSW Intergrated Public Transport Guidelines for regional cites such as Wollongong

6.2 Action Plan to offset loss of CBD parking

It was agreed that Council be requested to advise when buses will be relocated from Lang Park, how many parking spaces will be created there and what restrictions are proposed. Also re provisions to overcome the loss of CBD parking, please advise details of the Action Plan and timing for implementing relevant proposals from the City Centre Plan.

6.3 Grey Street Footpath:

It was agreed that Council be requested to arrange an on-site meeting to review the situation.

6.4 Issues awaiting responses: Noted

6.5 Fairy and Cabbage Tree Creeks flooding:

It was agreed that Council be requested to:

- 1 advise on the process for appointments to the Flood Committees and that a Member of NF 5 be appointed to catchments in their area
- 2 provide a copy of the report on the impact of the floods which occurred on 6th April 2024.

7 Reports

7.1 Stormwater Infrastructure Budget 2024-2028;

It was agreed that Council be urged to:-

- 1 Develop a Stormwater Asset Management Plan to ensure stormwater drainage serves to minimise property damage, danger and disruption to the community from flooding.
- 2 Develop a stormwater capital works program to ensure Council's stormwater assets meet the following core objectives:
 - Minimise property flooding and damage.
 - Protect the health and safety of the community.
 - Minimise adverse impacts on the environment.
- 3 Allocate sufficient stormwater funds in this 4 year infrastructure budget to progress implementation of the plan;
- 4 provide an updated summary of the status of Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans (FRMSP) for each catchment in the LGA, in particular in NF5 area, and for each FRMSP the Recommended Management Measures, the Implementation Plans, timing and proposed funding.

7.2 Closed Council Meetings:

It was agreed that a submission be made to the Office of Local Government supporting the proposal to end closed briefings of Councillors, and also require re-introduction on open Committees of Wollongong Council.

7.3 14 Cosgrove Avenue, Keiraville:

It was agreed that Council be requested to

- 1 write to NPWS and UOW, inviting both organisations to join with WCC in the development of a joint management plan for the Ken Ausburn Track, and that the plan subsequently be used as the basis for grant applications to assist with the maintenance and upgrade of the track.
- 2 consider the possibility to reserve and implement the provision of a walking track to the escarpment across 14 Cosgrove Avenue, Keiraville

7.4 Priorities and Projects:

It was agreed that the priorities are:

- 1 Environment - street tree planting
- 2 Engineering - city centre parking and traffic
- 3 Economic Development - city centre focus
- 4 Publicity - raising the profile of the Forum
- 5 Planning - future character statements
- 6 Public Transport and Parking.- foreshore & CBD parking
- 7 Community – community gardens and street parties
- 8 Active Transport – priorities for upgrades of facilities
- 9 Riparian Corridors - flooding
- 10 Locality Plans – Keiraville/Gwynneville

It was also agreed that any members interested in being involved in any of these projects contact the secretary.

7.5 Pedestrian Safety in Keiraville:

It was agreed that Council be requested to commission an independent road safety audit at selected intersections in Keiraville and that the report be publicly available.

7.6 Cultural State Environmental Planning Policy:

It was agreed that:

- 1 A submission in support of the Proposed Cultural State Environmental Planning Policy be lodged with the provisor that guidelines and mandates make clear any adverse noise and other potentially adverse impacts on nearby residents can be adequately controlled and enforced.
- 2 In relation to approvals for significant cultural events Council be requested to ensure noise levels can be monitored and that measures are in place to require immediate correction of infringements and for penalties to be applied where appropriate.

7.7 UoW Liaison: Noted

7.8 BlueScope Liaison: Noted

7.9 Electric Scooters:

It was agreed that Council be requested to advise on its position regarding electric scooters and bicycles on public fairways.

7.10 Certifiers:

It was agreed that Council be:

- 1 supported in seeking to extend the time within which to challenge Certifiers decisions ;
- 2 requested to make strong representations to the NSW Government to prohibit Certifiers from issuing a Construction Certificate which is not strictly in accordance with the Development Consent before receiving a response from Council.
- 3 requested, once a construction certificate has been lodged for development on flood prone land, to check that the relevant conditions of consent have been complied with.

7.11 Consultation re Southern Tablelands:

It was agreed that:

- 1 a brief submission be lodged supporting better public transport options between Wollongong and the Southern Tablelands and Canberra; and for real measures that will allow for more freight moving to and from Port Kembla to be moved by rail, with consideration of completion of the Maldon Dombarton rail link for passengers as well as freight;
- 2 if any Member wishes to provide feedback on this report, by the closing date of 28 February, a link may be found at
<https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/sritp/south-east-and-tablelands>

7.12 Mt Ousley Intersection Design Improvements: Noted

7.13 Housing Delivery Authority:

It was agreed that the Forum advise Council of its support for any action it, or the Local Government Association of NSW, might take to curb the constant erosion of the ability of local government to reflect the views of their local communities when promoting appropriate new development but safeguarding their existing environment.

7.14 Mount Keira Road retaining wall: Noted

7.15 Yours and Owls Festival

It was agreed that Council be requested to advise on progress on finding a suitable location for events such as Yours and Owls.

7.16 City Foreshore Plan of Management:

It was agreed that:

- 1 the Forum endorse the executive to lodge a submission on the City Foreshore Plan of Management by the closing date of 26 Feb 2025, taking into account feedback from members by 20 February;
- 2 members are encouraged to make their own submissions.

8 Planning

8.1 Planning: Noted

8.2 DA-2024/875 7 stories, 58 units, 94 Kembla St W’gong

It was agreed that the submission of support, subject to more solar/greenery on the roof, be endorsed.

8.3 DA-2024/920 Dual Occ 10 Braeside Ave, Keiraville

It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

9 General Business 9.1 City Centre Bus Terminal

It was agreed to ask TfNSW about changes to bus routes proposed as a result of moving the terminal from Lang Park to Atchison Street.

Next Meeting:

6.30 Wednesday 5th March in the Library Theatrette

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 451 households
