

## Neighbourhood Forum 5

### Wollongong's Heartland



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

#### Minutes of meeting on Wed. 6th March 2019 in the Town Hall Ocean Room

Present 12 members and Cllr Tania Brown

- 1 Presentation. Kerry Hunt was thanked for her talk on Community Services, the City Centre and the role of Neighbourhood Forums.
- 2 Apologies were accepted
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 6th February 2019 were adopted with no matters arising.
- 4 Comments Cllr Brown reported back on a number of issues that had been raised at the last meeting and was thanked for her support.
- 5 Responses **Town Hall Sharp Organ:** noted

**Wollongong City Flood Study:** noted

#### **Lowering of Gurungaty Causeway**

It was agreed to ask Council about the Environmental Report on waterways in this vicinity.

**Feasibility Study - JJ Kelly Park Land Form Modification:** noted

#### **Footpath – Eastern Side of View Street**

It was agreed to request Council to bring forward the timing and allocate funding to construct a footpath on the eastern side of View St between Edward and Gipps St preferably within 1 year but certainly by 2020/21, taking into account the many interactions between representatives of residents and council over the past two years in exploring options for improving the liveability of View St near Smiths Hill High School

Also Council is requested to give high priority to funding the construction of a footpaths on at least one side of long established streets.

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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 388 households**

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6 Reports

**Air Conditioners**

It was agreed that Council be requested to:

- 1 add an objective to clause 4.12 of the DCP to preserve the amenity of adjoining residents in terms of noise and heat.
- 2 add to clause 4.12 of the DCP a definition of peak time for the purposes of controlling noise levels from air conditioners and that, only in the most extraordinary circumstances will noise levels in excess of those defined by State Legislation be approved; and
- 3 provide adequate resources to ensure that noise levels from air conditioners comply with the legislation and to take appropriate enforcement procedures when they do not.
- 4 investigate the specific situation at a site to be nominated.

**Parking for Disabled users of Continental Pool**

It was agreed to thank Council for the opportunities to discuss the issues and problems.

**On call Cleanup Service for Multi Unit Dwelling blocks:** noted

**Keiraville Village Streetscape Upgrade Plan**

It was agreed to request Council to ensure that:

- 1 the work is not carried out during school term times;
- 2 hedges at all corners of the intersection between Gipps Road and Grey street are trimmed down so that school children can always be seen.

**Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan :** noted for a report to the next meeting.

**draft Beach & Foreshore Access Strategy:** noted

7 Projects

**Keiraville/Gwynneville:**

It was agreed again to request Council to provide a raised crossing in Berkeley Road to protect school children.

**North Wollongong**

It was agreed that Council be requested to assess the demand for local open space in the Smiths Hill area and identify an area to be developed for local open space.

**South Wollongong & City Centre:**

It was noted that Council is proceeding with its review of planning controls in the City Centre and agree to re-iterate the Forum's policies and work on this issue.

### **Neighbourhood Forums Alliance**

It was noted that a workshop/meeting has been set down for 6.00pm on Monday 11th March in the Wollongong City Library meeting room and that members who have not yet received an agenda, and would like one, should let the secretary know.

## 8 Planning

### **DA/2019/71 Multi-dwelling houses, 46 Mathew St Wollongong**

It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged subject to Council reviewing the elevation to the street.

### **DA/2019/146 Dual Occupancy 10 Mallangong Close Figtree**

It was agreed that a submission of objection be lodged.

## 9 General Business

### **Wollongong Harbour pollution**

It was agreed that Council be requested to advise residents what measures are being implemented by the responsible authorities to prevent the recurrence of Wollongong Harbour being closed to swimmers following reports that a sewage overflow entered Council drains, then the harbour last week.

### **Pedestrian Plan**

It was resolved that the response to the Implementation of the City of Wollongong Pedestrian Plan 2017-21 be attached to these minutes.

### **Water Discharge to Gutters**

It was resolved to request Council to set investigate and take appropriate action on the apparently regular discharge of water into Council's gutter on the east side of Corrimal Street between Market and Crown Streets.

### **Grass clippings**

It was agreed to request Council to review its practices in relation to grass clippings after mowing as it was noted that these routinely remain in situ until strewn into gutters and elsewhere even though this seems to be not the case in high usage areas including some parks.

### **Use of Roundup**

It was agreed to request Council review its use of Roundup and investigate safe alternative options, since research suggests it may not be as benign as previously promoted.

**Next Meeting: 7.00 pm on Wed. 3rd April 2019, Town Hall Ocean Room.**

**Please note that this will also be the Annual General Meeting.**

## **Implementation of Wollongong Pedestrian Plan 2017-21**

The pedestrian plan contains a range of strategies relating infrastructure and non–infrastructure measures to make the city more walking friendly. Progress to date has included:

- 1 An accelerated new footpath program where over \$20M is allocated to the overall footpaths program over 4 years.
- 2 New walking links to schools, council facilities, public transport nodes, town centre walking catchments.
- 3 Accessible paths of travel to key recreational facilities.
- 4 Provision of new crossing points in a range of facility types (zebra crossings, kerb blisters, traffic signals, refuge crossings)
- 5 Safe walking education campaigns.
- 6 Additional staffing resource recently introduced to the traffic and transport planning unit to assist in implementing various plan actions

The Pedestrian Plan nominates a set of areas in the city where pedestrian infrastructure spending should be focused. Wollongong City Centre and the Wollongong Hospital precinct are among the nominated areas. These priorities are reflected in Council’s Capital Works Program with a number of new connections proposed to increase the walking catchments of these areas including new footpath links in:

- 1 Church Street, Ellen St to Swan St
- 2 Gipps St; Flinders St to Keira St, north side
- 3 Kenny St; Ellen St to Salvation Army driveway
- 4 Corrimal St; Campbell St to Smith St - East Side
- 5 Rawlinson Ave; Gladstone Ave to TAFE, north side
- 6 Rowland Ave; Allan St to Crana Pl; north side
- 7 Bligh St; Mercury St to end
- 8 Macquarie St; Robinson St to end
- 9 Robinson St; Hercules St to Denison St
- 10 View St ; Gipps St to Edward St; east side
- 11 Beatson St; 41 Beatson St to 202-206 Corrimal St

A range of footpath renewal and upgrade works are also proposed for these precincts. As planning work proceeds in the City Centre in accordance with the City for People implementation plan additional pedestrian infrastructure projects, including along Crown Street east of the hospital, will be added to subsequent iterations of the capital works program.

Senior Traffic Engineer