

## Neighbourhood Forum 5

### Wollongong's Heartland



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

#### Agenda for e-meeting on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by email

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|----|------------------|---|
| 1  | Presentation     | None possible   |
| 2  | Apologies        | None necessary  |
| 3  | Minutes          | of meeting of 3 <sup>rd</sup> March and matters arising; see pp. 13-17  |
| 4  | Comments         | If you wish to object or comment on any of the recommendations in this agenda, please respond before the meeting date.  |
| 5  | Responses        | 5.1 Public Transport in the City Centre; <b>see rec p.2;</b><br>5.2 Cliff Road Cycleway: see p.2 & <b>rec p.4</b><br>5.3 Maldon Dombarton: see p.3<br>5.4 Northern Breakwater access see p.3<br>5.5 Parking near Letterboxes: see p.3<br>5.6 Fence at Keiraville School: see p.4  |
| 6  | Reports          | 6.1 Acquisitive Sculpture: see p.4<br>6.2 Community Engagement Policy: <b>see rec p.5</b><br>6.3 Synthetic Playing Fields: <b>see rec p.6</b><br>6.4 Fairy Creek Shared path: <b>see rec p.6 + attachment</b><br>6.5 Bike Share: see p.7<br>6.6 Public Art Principles: <b>see rec p.7</b><br>6.7 Connecting Neighbours Grants: see p.7<br>6.8 Administrative Policies: <b>see rec p.8</b><br>6.9 Stuart Park & City Foreshore Plans of Management |
| 7  | Key Issues       | 7.1 – 7.6 : see pp.8-9  |
| 8  | Planning         | 8.1 - 8.2 DAs <b>see recs pp.9-10.</b><br>8.9 DA determinations: see pp.10-11   |
| 9  | General Business |   |
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**Next Meeting/Agenda: on Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 397 households**

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## 5 Responses

### 5.1 Public Transport in the City Centre

“Council will be engaging with Transport for NSW and bus operators in relation to public transport later this year for Council’s *Access and Movement for People* project that will make recommendations in relation to public transport improvements in Wollongong City Centre. Significant community consultation will be carried out as part of that plan’s development and Neighbourhood Forum 5 will be contacted directly in this respect. Council will also review the final *Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan* when it is released and work with Transport for NSW on relevant public transport actions in that plan”

Senior Traffic + Transport Planner/Engineer

#### Comment:

Council’s two month engagement period for “Access and Movement (A&M) for People” in the city centre (CC) closed on 27 April 2020. This was stated to inform development of a draft CC A&M Strategy which when adopted would replace the 2013 A&M Strategy, which was an update of the 2005 one.

In May 2016 Council adopted the CC Vision “A City for People” and a comprehensive CC Planning Review followed. In Sep 2020 Council adopted the Review report including the CC Urban Design Framework (UDF) as a planning policy to guide development outcomes, and preparation of a draft CC Planning Strategy to include a Planning Proposal and DCP Chapter for Council to consider by June 2021. The draft Planning Strategy documents were reported to Council in Dec 2020 recommending actions. But Council resolved to defer consideration until after various other documentation was received, including the CC A&M for People study. However the above reply from the traffic section does not indicate timeframes for the study.

#### Recommendation

Council be requested to expedite completion of the draft City Centre “Access and Movement for People” study by June 2021 to prevent delays to consideration of the City Centre Planning Strategy documents.

### 5.2 Cliff Road Cycleway

“I advise that in mid 2020, Council installed numerous share the path signs along the Grand Pacific Walk between Thirroul and Windang including a number of signs in the Blue Mile section you mention. Council staff are currently investigating options for signage and line-marking improvements along this section of the Blue Mile in order to clarify existing shared path and pedestrian only areas, as well as encourage safe user behaviour. In addition to permanent signage, share the track banners and signage are erected during Council run cycling activations and events in the precinct.

Senior Traffic + Transport Planner/Engineer

## Comments

Council's The above is in response to NF5 minute Feb 2021, requesting Council to implement the "share the path" campaign as a matter of urgency along the Blue Mile. This campaign is Cycling Strategy Action Plan item 1.1, and NF5 took into account discussions by councillors at their meeting 1 Feb. Since 2016 when the Tramway path redesign was released for public exhibition, NF5 representatives have met with Council engineering staff to discuss many constructive suggestions from the community on improving the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, but to no avail.

## Recommendation

Council's traffic section be requested to advise the expected timeframe for implementing safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists along the Blue Mile shared path

### **5.3 Maldon Dombarton and Northern Breakwater**

Paul Scully, MP has advised that he has made the appropriate enquiries and will forward the results when known.

### **5.4 Northern Breakwater**

"I have discussed this matter with Port Kembla Coal Terminal (PKCT) authority. I also visited the concerned site. I requested them when road will be open. They confirmed me this road is closed due to safety reasons. PKCT has taken lease of the concerned section of Seawall Road from Port Authority NSW, who is the owner. Since this road is under their care and control, Council is unable to overrule their action."

Traffic Engineer

### **5.5 Parking Restriction near Letter Boxes**

We asked about reviewing of parking restriction at the letter boxes in the City Centres, specifically near the letter box at Queen's Parade.

"Council appreciate your interest to inform us to review the parking restriction at the letter boxes. In order to address your requests, I consulted Council's Rangers. I am pleased to inform you they have been regularly monitoring the parking restriction near the letterbox. For your information, in between 1/1/2020 and 25/3/2021, Council's Rangers have issued 9 penalty notices near the letter box in Queen's Parade.

This would help to deter for illegal parking close to letterboxes in the city centres. At this stage, Council have not received any requests from Australia Post. I assure you that Council's Ranger would continue to monitor these areas by being more vigilant.

Comment

This is in response to NF 5's request that Council, in collaboration with Australia Post, be requested to review the location of letterboxes and adjacent parking restrictions to try and increase on-street parking in areas of high demand. The reply seems to overlook the request to review inappropriate locations for letterboxes such as in Queens Pde,

**5.6 Fence at Keiraville School**

Ryan Park, MP has responded:

"I have been in touch with the Principal recently in response to similar enquiries from the community. I have flagged the wishes of the community to engage in public consultation about access to the playing fields.

I understand the decision to install fencing was made to address significant security concerns at the school. The Principal has identified unacceptable risks to students that must be resolved urgently and considers the measures appropriate under the circumstances. The Principal has indicated there will be provisions for the community to continue to use the facilities legitimately through the mutual protection of 'community use agreements'. If this is something you are interested in, you are able to contact the school to arrange access."

**6 Reports 6.1 Acquisitive Sculpture Competition**

I am concerned about sculpture competitions by WCC at the Botanic Garden. I love visiting the Botanic Garden and I do love art but the two are seriously not meeting. \$20,000 for 'stuff' that is rubbishing our beautiful Botanic Garden is not ok. I love visiting the garden during the sculpture exhibition, this year was poor, but to think we have to permanently be subjected to underrated and uncommissioned public art is embarrassing. I realise art, not just public art, is subjective but we have an acknowledged Botanic Garden that is being subjected to poor art that we now have to view each time we visit. The first year prize was stimulating but it has become stagnant and unrefined.

Jane Chalker

A response has been received.

"It was estimated that the 2021 Wollongong Acquisitive Sculpture prize was visited by over 30,000 people and was by far the most popular of all three of the Acquisitive Sculpture in the Garden programs. There were over 700 people who voted in the People's choice award and the votes were fairly evenly spread which indicated that there was an overall value that the public showed towards all of the 18 pieces.

Council was pleased with the level of visitation, positive feedback and how it raised the profile of the Botanic Garden, particularly how it introduced the Garden to new communities of visitors from within the Wollongong LGA and beyond.

In terms of how the acquisitive piece is chosen, the judging panel is made up of a combination of internal and external panellists including representatives from the Botanic Garden. Two of the external panellists were internationally renowned experts in public art sculpture. The prize money for the acquisition assists in attracting high profile international and international artists which raises the quality of the submissions and the profile of the exhibition itself. The prize money is comparable to other acquisitive sculpture prizes in the public domain.

The final location for the winning sculpture will be determined by the Botanic Garden and the artist. We do value your feedback and your comments we will be taken on board during our upcoming debrief and will be assessed alongside all of the other feedback we have received.”

Environment + Conservation Services Manager:

## **6.2 Community Engagement policy**

Council is refreshing this policy.

6<sup>th</sup> April

### Recommendations

That Council be advised that the Forum:

- 1 requests the inclusion of Neighbourhood Forums in all four Levels of Engagement table;
- 2 requests Council to give priority to implementing with relevant Neighbourhood Forum representatives level 4 Collaborative, or if not feasible, then at least Level 3 involvement;
- 3 supports the ability to address Council meetings on items in the agenda;
- 4 regrets that Neighbourhood Forums now do not have Council administrative support and are disconnected with the workings of Council;
- 5 request Council to re-introduce annual Ward meetings into the community consultation policy;
- 6 supports the use of information stands;
- 7 seeks clarification on how surveys are conducted;
- 8 is concerned that Submission timeframes sometimes are too short and the consultation period arranged during school holidays;
- 9 supports on-line engagement;
- 10 seeks clarification on the selection process for community reps on Reference and Advisory groups and how Council responds to Group's recommendations;
- 11 notes that the Minutes for some of these groups are often not available within a reasonable time;
- 12 is concerned that there is little evidence of activity by focus groups or workshops.

### **6.3 Synthetic Playing Fields**

NSW Planning Minister Rob Stokes has asked his department to investigate sustainable alternatives to synthetic grass amid growing concerns about its environmental and health impacts. Synthetic fields cause rubber and microplastics to leach into waterways; reduce the amenity for families and dog owners; potentially increase cancer risk through the chemicals used to make them; and cause unsustainably high temperatures near and on these fields on hot days.

#### Recommendations

That Council:

- i be requested to review any current proposals to construct synthetic playing fields, including in Keiraville;
- ii not consider any new proposals until and unless the Ministerial Review supports them.

### **6.4 Fairy Creek Shared Path**

As part of Council's commitment to improve pedestrian safety and amenity, they are proposing a new shared path adjacent to a tributary of Fairy Creek between Gilmore and Vickery Streets, Gwynneville. The proposed path will also provide linkages between Acacia Avenue and Greenacre Road. Plans have been developed and Council is now seeking feedback from the community.

The Fairy Creek Corridor is a unique open space that is highly valued by the local community and within two kilometres of the Wollongong CBD. The Fairy Creek Corridor Master Plan was developed with input from the community and adopted by Council in March 2019. As a result, this project has been prioritised for delivery from that plan. The 2.5m wide shared path will provide an important east-west link, as identified in Council's Cycling Strategy 2030 and will serve as an additional connection with local schools and public transport.

Interpretive artwork will celebrate heritage by showing the earlier tramway link from Mt Keira to the harbour. There will be street tree planting in accordance with the Urban Greening Strategy. Existing trees will be retained and woodland edge planting along existing vegetation to suppress weed growth adjacent to the shared path. Construction of the Fairy Creek Shared Path is scheduled for next financial year and the Consultation Plan is attached.

#### Recommendation

Whilst not being the first priority for a Shareway in the Keiraville-Gwynneville Community Strategic Plan, nevertheless Council be advised of support for the proposals.

## **6.5 Bike Share**

Bike-share programs have in the past been designed and operated with residents as the main focus. These shared bikes have mainly been regarded as a way to solve the “last mile problem” – the distance between the final destination and the closest public transport stop that’s seen as too far to walk and too close to drive.

New published in the Journal of Sustainable Tourism challenges this position. The study findings from the Pacers Bikeshare program in the US city of Indianapolis demonstrate the incredible demand tourists can provide for bike-share programs. In turn, the community gains extra value from tourism and the overall enriched visitor experience. Visitors incurred more than twice the user fees of residents.

This all adds up to substantial revenue for the program and an economic benefit for the city. It changes the calculations about the viability and value of bike-share schemes, which provide wide economic benefits to cities.

Richard Buning

## **6.6 Public Art Guiding Principles**

Council are about to review their Public Art Strategy and are seeking feedback on their draft Guiding principles. These are: Belonging, Opportunities; Place; Elevate and Value – all of which are unexceptional. They are available on Council’s web site and include “involving our communities” and “promote our unique identity through public art”.

### Recommendation

That Council be advised of support for their Public Art Guiding Principles, and requests that Council will review the clutter in the Mall which contravenes these principles.

## **6.7 Connecting Neighbours Grants**

Connecting Neighbours is a small grants program where community members can seek funding for activities that bring people together and help neighbours get to know each other. A neighbourhood could include a street, a few houses, a group, or a place where you socialise. Individuals and Community Groups are invited to apply.

<https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/connecting-neighbours>

**Applications Close Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

## **6.8 Administrative Policies**

Council are in the throes of up-dating some of these, primarily because of legislative changes but otherwise minor. They are: People with a Disability; Unsolicited Proposals; Geotech Assessment/Slope Instability and Privacy Management.

### Recommendation

That members advise the secretary of any concerns.

## **6.9 Stuart Park & City Foreshore Plans of Management**

NF5 agreed on 3 March 2021 that Council again be requested urgently advise the process and timetable for developing PoM for Crown Reserves, in particular for Stuart Park and for Wollongong Foreshore, and for revising the Blue Mile Master Plan, including opportunities for active and meaningful community involvement and collaboration. This was similar to NF5 submission Nov 2019, re PoMs, to which Council reply included: "Council has until 30 June 2021 to adopt CLM Act compliant PoMs"

On 31 March 2021 Council's Manager City Planning letter includes: Following completion of the draft Crown Reserves PoM, work will commence to update the remaining site-specific PoMs, including the Wollongong City Foreshore PoM which incorporates Stuart Park. The Community Land Management Officer would be happy to meet with Neighbourhood Forum 5 representatives to talk about their viewpoints on Stuart Park and the wider Wollongong City Foreshore PoM area. This meeting can be held remotely (i.e. online) or in person at Stuart Park.

NF5 response thanks the Manager for the opportunity to meet on site, which will be arranged. It also includes that: Given the deadline advised by Council of 30 June 2021 for adoption of compliant PoMs (ie due in 3 months time), and the many previous requests to revise the clearly outdated 2007 Blue Mile Master Plan, it is respectfully requested that Council respond to the NF5 request 3 March with relevant details. Hopefully further information from Council will be available by NF5 meeting 7 April.

# **7 Key Issues**

## **7.1 City Centre Planning Strategy**

As noted earlier this has been deferred by Council for further studies and information – see Agenda item 5.1 for input from members towards the report on the City Centre.

## **7.2 High Rise Residential – nothing new.**

## **7.3 Medium Density Development – nothing new.**



#### **7.4 Keiraville-Gwynneville.**

Staff changes give hope of a better response to collaborative implementation of the Keiraville-Gwynneville Access and Movement Strategy.

#### **7.5 South Wollongong.**

The effects of recent rainfall events have been noted. There has been no response as yet to NF's request, from the February 2021 meeting, that Council prioritise and expedite a comprehensive review of the Wollongong City 2015 Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, for consideration by Council in September 2021. A positive is that the Central area Floodplain Risk Management Committee met in February, which is 10 months since the previous meeting in April 2020.

#### **7.6 Environment:** nothing new

## **8 Planning**

**8.1** Please note that whilst these reviews, and the recommendations based on them, relating to each development application have been prepared with all due care and objectivity, no legal responsibility is accepted for errors, omissions or inadvertent misrepresentations, nor for any outcomes which might result from the assessments. As these reviews are only made with the information available, members are encouraged to make their own submissions with any additional comments to the Secretary of NF5 before the closing date.

#### **8.2 DA/2020/4, 47 dwellings 14, Cosgrove Ave Keiraville**

12<sup>th</sup> April

This is a re-run of the totally unacceptable proposal to which we objected last year and was refused by the Regional Panel.

Apart from other issues, there remains the potential for disasters in terms of bushfire, access, tree removal, instability, landscape, location and local character.



#### **Recommendation**

That a submission of strong objection be sent.

**8.3 DA/2021/308, Dual occupancy,119 My Keira Rd W.W'gong**  
15<sup>th</sup> April

This is a proposal for a new single storey dwelling at the rear of an existing dwelling. It seems comply with all Council requirements.

Apart from having a floor space ratio of 0.32:1 instead of 0.30:1 it complies with our Locality Plan for Figtree.



**Recommendation**

That a submission of support be sent.

**8.3 DA determinations as notified from 1st July 2020**

<b>DA no. 20/...</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Forum Rec</b>	<b>Result Authority</b>
<b>19/874</b>	<b>Keiraville</b>	<b>6, Bulwarra St</b>	<b>4 town houses</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved Court.</b>
<b>19/1008</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>1 Smith St</b>	<b>8 storey flats</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Refused Panel</b>
<b>Re- zoning</b>	<b>Figtree</b>	<b>Terrie Ave</b>	<b>Subdivision</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>15/1242</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>16-18 Market Pl</b>	<b>4 storey units</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Refused Panel</b>
<b>20/645</b>	<b>W.W'gon g</b>	<b>39 Rosemount St</b>	<b>Dual Occupancy</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Approved Delegated</b>
<b>20/339</b>	<b>Figtree</b>	<b>103 Murray Pk rd</b>	<b>Dual Occupancy</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved Delegated</b>
<b>19/748</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>264-268 Keira St &amp; 23 Kenny Street</b>	<b>Mixed develop 15 stories</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Refused Regional P.</b>
<b>19/980</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>82A Cliff Road</b>	<b>4 Storey Dual Occupancy</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Refused Panel</b>
<b>20/241</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>93-95 Kembla St</b>	<b>7 storey residential</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved Panel</b>
<b>20/632</b>	<b>Gwynnevi lle</b>	<b>14-16 Acacia Ave</b>	<b>8 townhouses</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Refused Panel</b>
<b>20/860</b>	<b>Figtree</b>	<b>6 Mallangong Close</b>	<b>Dual Occupancy</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Approved Delegated</b>
<b>20/4</b>	<b>Keiraville</b>	<b>14 Cosgrove Ave</b>	<b>Subdivision 47 dwellings</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Refused Regional P.</b>
<b>19/1356</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>9-11 Park St</b>	<b>8 storey residential</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved Panel</b>
<b>20/913</b>	<b>West W'gong</b>	<b>11 Alkera Cc</b>	<b>Dual Occupancy</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Approved Panel</b>

<b>20/528</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>359 Crown St</b>	<b>Storey hotel</b>	<b>Support concept Object details</b>	<b>Approved Regional P.</b>
<b>20/307</b>	<b>Figtree</b>	<b>5-7 Truscott Pl</b>	<b>Multi dwelling housing</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Refused Panel</b>

## **9 General Business**

**Next Meeting/Agenda: on Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

## 9 Snippets

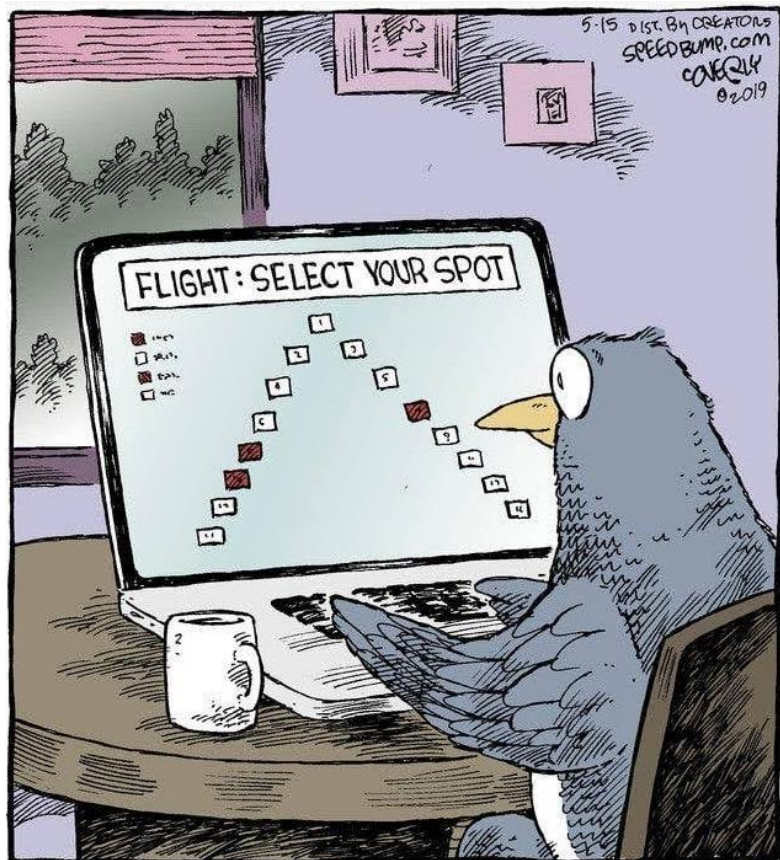
### Only one way out – be a bird!

Given so many unknowns, how the world will be in March 2022 would be an educated guess. However, what is increasingly clear is there will be no “mission accomplished” moment. We are at a crossroads with two end games.

In the most likely scenario, rich countries will return to their new normal. Businesses and schools will reopen and internal travel will resume. Travel corridors will be established between countries with low transmission and high vaccine coverage. This might be between Singapore and Taiwan, between Australia and Vietnam, and maybe between all four, and more countries.

The second scenario, which sadly is unlikely to occur, is unprecedented global cooperation with a focus on science and solidarity to halt transmission everywhere.

Michael Toole,



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**Minutes of e-meeting on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 by email**

- 1      Presentation    None possible
- 2      Apologies        None necessary
- 3      Minutes            of meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> February were adopted with matters arising noted later in these minutes.
- 4      Comments        Noted later in these minutes.
- 5      Responses        **5.1      Mail box location**  
It was agreed that Council be requested to review those letterboxes in city centre areas where there are parking restrictions, specifically that in Queen's Parade.  
  
**5.2      Income from new high rise residential**  
It was agreed that Council be requested to provide further details of the expenditure and re-iterate the urgent need for a precinct plan or improvement plan for the R1 zoned area north of the Wollongong City Centre.  
  
**5.3      Wollongong Floodplain Risk Management Study**  
It was agreed that Council be requested to advise steps and dates for the Wollongong Floodplain Risk Management Study including for presentation of the draft study to Council for consideration.  
  
**5.4      Reference Committees:**  
It was noted that Council has just advised it is reviewing the Community Engagement policy and is seeking feedback by 1<sup>st</sup> April (ie within a month and before our next meeting) from key stakeholders and respondents to the earlier review in 2018. Obvious concerns continue about the disconnect in the process as community input seems to be disregarded for projects and implementation.

Residents are encouraged to provide input to the secretary by 26<sup>th</sup> March to assist the Executive in developing a submission.

6 Reports

**6.1 Mount Ousley Congestion:**

It was agreed that the matter of congestion on Ousley Road be raised with Council.

**6.2 Village signage:**

It was agreed that Council be requested to liaise with NF 5 and local traders on the design for signs at villages including at Gwynneville.

**6.3 Connecting Neighbours Program Verge Gardens**

It was agreed that the successful groups in the Connecting Neighbours Grants Program Verge Gardens Pilot programme be congratulated and indicate that the Forum would be happy to publicise their events.

**6.4 Local Planning Panel Submissions Policy**

It was agreed that the Forum support the changes to the Local Planning Panel Submissions Policy, and ask Council to advise when and how applications will be invited for community representatives on the panel.

**6.5 Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan:**

It was agreed:

- 1 Council be thanked for the opportunity to comment on their submission and their positive response to our submissions.
- 2 Local MPs be requested to ask the Minister responsible to address the shortcomings of the Plan noted in Council and our submissions.

**6.6 Access to Port Kembla Harbour Breakwater**

It was agreed:

- 1 that the Forum request Paul Scully MP to make urgent representations to the NSW Government be such that conditional public access be available, at least during weekends, to the northern break wall, with consideration of a new car park at the northern end of the northern break wall;
- 2 Council be requested to write to relevant NSW departments requesting reopening public access to the northern break wall via Port Kembla and Seawall Roads.

**6.7 Community Satisfaction Survey**

It was agreed that, given that Council elections will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>, Council be requested to conduct the 2021 Community Survey so that results are publicly available at least a month before the September elections.

### **6.8 Plans of Management, Stuart Park & Foreshore**

It was agreed that Council:

- 1 again be requested urgently advise the process and timetable for developing PoM for Crown Reserves, in particular for Stuart Park and for Wollongong Foreshore, and for revising the Blue Mile Master Plan, including opportunities for active and meaningful community involvement and collaboration;
- 2 the Forum supports, in principle, expanding playground facilities in Stuart Park but this must be done in the context of a coherent detailed plan for the Park.

### **6.9 Public transport in the city centre**

It was agreed that, in consultation with TfNSW, bus operators and the community, Council be requested to investigate how to improve public transport in and around the Wollongong city centre.

### **6.10 New Fence at Keiraville Public School**

It was agreed that Ryan Park MP and Council be asked to ensure that public consultation takes place before the scope of fencing is finalised, with a view to maintaining long standing public access to the lower playing fields at Keiraville Public School.

### **6.11 2021 Infrastructure Priority List**

It was agreed that Ryan Park MP and Paul Scully MP be asked to request the NSW Government to revise their earlier review of the Maldon Dombarton link with a view to getting it reinstated to the Infrastructure Priority List.

## 7 Key Issues

**7.1 City Centre Planning Strategy:** noted

**7.2 High Rise Residential:** noted

**7.3 Medium Density Development:** noted

**7.4 Keiraville-Gwynneville :** noted

**7.5 South Wollongong:** noted that a steering committee to assist implementation of the Access and Movement Strategy has again been requested.

**7.6 Environment:** noted, but see 5.3 above.

## 8 Planning

**8.1 Noted**

**8.2 DA/2021/95, dual occupancy, 24 Elizabeth St Mangerton**

It was agreed to endorse the submission of support.

**8.3 DA/2019/96, extra rooftop suite, Novatel Northbeach W’gong**

It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection.

**8.4 DA/2021/95 Dual Occupancy 1A Norman St Mangerton**

It was agreed not to make a submission.

**8.5 DA/2020/1456 Dual Occupancy 2 Yurunga Ave West W’gong**

It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection.

**8.6 DA determinations:** noted

9 General  
Business

**9.1 DA/2019/1008 six storey building, 1 Smith St W’gong**

The applicant has appealed against the refusal and lodged amended plans which improve but do not satisfy objections. It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection.

**9.2 Wollongong Botanic Gardens**

It was noted that to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wollongong Botanic Garden there will be an exhibition of selected photos and botanical art works from the “Discover Wollongong Botanic Garden” souvenir book in the Old Court House, Cliff Road Wollongong on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 March, 2021 between 10am to 4pm.

**9.3 UoW Health and Wellbeing Precinct**

It was noted that a presentation on this was made at the University/NF5 regular meeting (Zoomed). In essence:

- 1 on exhibition until 26th March 2021 is a DA seeking approval by the Joint Regional Planning Panel for a Concept Proposal for first phase of UoW’s H&WP, the buildings include facilities for residential aged care, self-contained dwellings, centre-based childcare, indoor recreation, food & drink, neighbourhood shops, business premises, community facilities and open space recreation area;
- 2 the extensive documentation is available on Council’s website by searching for Development Applications on Exhibition DA-2021/101, they include those for urban design, contaminated land, flooding, traffic management and many more, phase 1 work will involve site works to prepare for buildings which will be subject to a further DA on the site which is east of Squires Way and south of existing Innovation campus buildings;
- 3 a separate DA will be submitted seeking approval by the Minister for the PCHB (Primary Community Health Building) which will be west of the above-mentioned buildings, details of phase 2 buildings to the south are not yet available. The land is in NF4 area but flooding and traffic impacts will affect NF5 area south of Fairy Creek;



- 4 the Concept Plan shows future phases with a large footprint within the site on the southern, western and northern sides of the current proposal but their details and impacts are unavailable at this stage;
- 5 takes into account the impacts on traffic in Squires Way, Montague Street and Ajax Avenue and the effects of flooding in the Fairy Creek catchment.

It was agreed that submission should be lodged which includes:

- 1 supports the proposal in principle and specifically: its intergenerational nature; availability of facilities to the broader local community; and teaching and research opportunities;
- 2 suggests that the residential aged care component be divided into three: - nursing home; able; and mentally disabled;
- 3 suggests a review of that aspect of the design which puts the main vehicular access straight through the middle of the site, rather than round the edge, possibly anticipating the next phase;
- 4 suggests that the main pedestrian access has an ominous kink in the middle of the site and ought to be better integrated, perhaps helped if the main access is re-routed.

10 Snippets Noted

**Next Meeting (AGM)/Agenda: on Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 398 households**

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