

<p><b>Neighbourhood Forum 5</b></p> <p><b>Wollongong's Heartland</b></p>		<p><b>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</b></p>
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### **Minutes of e-meeting on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 by email**

- 1      Presentation    None possible
- 2      Apologies     It was noted that Lord Mayor would have liked to come to the meeting.
- 3      Minutes        of meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> April were adopted with no matters arising;
- 4      Comments      received on a Development Application are noted in 8 below.
- 5      Responses
  - 5.1    Community Survey**

In March we requested Council to conduct and report on the budgeted two yearly Community Satisfaction Survey (CSS) by at least a month before Council elections on 4 Sep 2021. The most recent response from a Director is that it is not intended to advance the CSS, but a Wellbeing Survey is being conducted and its results will be included in the End of Term Report, which the Office of Local Government requires to be submitted at the last meeting of the existing Council (due early August). CSS reports have been conducted by IRIS for almost 30 years and results were presented to open Council during and before the end of its term. But this long-term practice has changed.

The Wellbeing Surveys were introduced by OLG several years ago as Community Strategic Plan indicators (some being beyond Council's control), for inclusion on the glossy selective End of Term report. The CSS report is essential to this to provide statistically reliable information on performance and trends, and is particularly valuable for councillors, management & staff to help identify, plan and implement improvements to services.

It was agreed that the General Manager again be requested to conduct and report on the community satisfaction survey for transparency and accountability to inform the next Local Government election.

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

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**6.1 WCC Operational Plan 2021-22**

It was agreed:

- i members advise NF5 Secretary by Monday 17 May the details of any changes they suggest for inclusion in the NF5 submission on Council's Plans and documents for FY 2021-22;
- ii NF5 Executive be authorised to make a submission to Council.

**6.2 Access to northern breakwater**

It was agreed:

- i that Paul Scully be thanked for his action to date and requested to seek that the responsible Minister direct NSW Ports and their lessee PKCT to restore conditional safe public access for fishers to the Port Kembla northern breakwater, prior to construction starting on the new LNG terminal, during its construction, and post construction;
- ii that Council be requested to take appropriate action to achieve this outcome.

**6.3 Smith Street Cycleway**

Further to Item 6.3 in NF5 Agenda, concerns have been raised advised including about extra travel time due to the one way street, and the potential for traffic delays when Waste trucks are collecting kerbside bins. Also commented is the need for more parking for Stuart Park users, for which representations have previously been made to Council requesting advice on their Foreshore parking strategy and its implementation.

It is recognised that some travel times will inevitably increase and it is understood Council will be monitoring the situation. Re traffic delays due to Waste collections, on 4 May an inspection of the cycleway was carried out from 6.30am, by which time most of the 3 types of bins (red, yellow and green lid) had been collected on the south and north sides of Smith St. It is understood that delays had been relatively short and Council's waste management section have been requested to advise the arrangements agreed with the collection contractor. A separate issue of scattered empty bins on the northern side has been taken up with staff, who are investigating improvements and will advise

**6.4 Bluescope Steel Liaison meeting: noted****6.5 Community Land Management Plans; noted****6.6 Train Service**

It was agreed that Paul Scully MP be thanked for his efforts in trying to secure the release of the McNaughton report, and requesting that he convey to the Minister for Transport our interest in speeding up our train services, and whether this will include replacing slow speed points at Waterfall by high speed points, as part of the work now underway near this station.

		<b>6.7</b>	<b>Destination Wollongong:</b> noted
7	Priorities	<b>7.1</b>	<b>Liveability for our Suburbs</b>
			<p>It was noted that in addition to the problems emerging from the Cosgrove Avenue proposal, there is nothing in the Council Delivery Program to introduce measures to address inappropriate development in the Low Density Residential Zones, which we have been promoting for at least the last 10 years. Matters are now much worse because of the State imposed as-of-right developments.</p>
			<p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i      Council be requested to urgently develop appropriate protocols for appeals on DA determinations that ensure Council's involvement in the Land and Environment Court's conciliation and court process is transparent including all additional documentation submitted by the developer;</li> <li>ii     Council provide for appropriate engagement of residents concerned about the DA</li> <li>iii    the resolutions of the Krag public meeting be endorsed;</li> <li>iv     Council at the very least to amend the Development Control Plan in 2021-2022 to provide meaningful "Desired Future Character Statements" for suburbs as these are the only measures currently available to curb the worst excesses, with more detailed measures following as soon as the Housing Strategy has been adopted;</li> <li>v     Ward Councillors be approached for support.</li> </ul>
		<b>7.2</b>	<b>City Centre Planning &amp; Development:</b> noted
		<b>7.3</b>	<b>Stormwater Management:</b> noted
8	Planning	<b>8.2</b>	<b>DA/2021/344, 4 Townhouses, 328 Gipps Rd Keiraville.</b> The submission of objection was endorsed.
		<b>8.3</b>	<b>DA 2020/169 N. Wollongong Surf Club Restaurant</b> It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection,
		<b>8.4</b>	<b>DA determinations:</b> noted

9 General Business **9.1 Privatisation of Public Land**

On 5 May an article in the SMH started with: “The NSW government will urge the private sector to come up with new development ideas for its extensive public property portfolio as part of a new 20- year plan for housing across the state”. Moreover: “The government will also run a pilot program with Wollongong Council to investigate the use of vacant buildings and land in the Wollongong area”.

On 5 May at a DPIE webinar the government-appointed Crown Land Commissioner spoke about delayed progress on a State Strategic Plan for Crown Land required by the 2016 Act. Apparently the #1 priority in the Plan is to use public land for public and private economic benefits. However, a report on community consultations states there were concerns this would predominantly benefit short-term private interests rather than long-term community benefits.

Unfortunately the government has been facilitating the privatisation of public land since at least 2016, after they dismissed hundreds of community submissions, ignored the Auditor General’s scathing report on the mis-management of sale & lease of Crown Land, scrapped the 1989 Crown Lands Act, and pushed through by a one vote margin the Crown Land Management Bill (now the CLM Act 2016). Therefore Wollongong’s prime public lands appear to be under threat of random privatisation,

It was agreed that the General Manager be requested to advise the purpose and details of the proposed pilot program for public land and the process involved, including community engagement carried out so far and proposed.

10 Snippets noted

**Next Meeting/Agenda: on Wed. 2nd June 2021.**