

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 1st June 2022 by email

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| 1 | Presentation | None possible |
| 2 | Apologies | None necessary |
| 3 | Minutes | of meeting of 4 th May were adopted with no matters arising. |
| 4 | Comments | have been incorporated into the minutes. |
| 5 | Responses | <p>5.1 Stormwater Asset Management:
It was agreed that NF5 consider the Stormwater Asset Management Plan after receipt from Council, which hopefully will include provision for upgrading infrastructure necessary to accommodate changes in stormwater characteristics due to increased densities by urbanisation.</p> <p>5.2 Stuart Park Master Plan
It was agreed that Council again be requested to initiate a working party of key stakeholders (similar that set up in the late 1990s which help develop the 2000 Plan of Mangement), given the many and varied types of responses to the public exhibition, and recognising competing interests for future uses of the scarce available spaces in this regionally unique popular public park for passive use by high numbers of residents and visitors.</p> <p>5.3 Issues raised in May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i Braeside Avenue footpath cannot be brought forward at this stage from 2023-24;ii funding is for design, heritage investigations and studies supporting progression of the Masterplan, and NF 5 will be involved;iii Council not in a position to provide total Rating income for Neighbourhood Forum 5 vs total spend;iv the MacCabe Park Masterplan & Feasibility investigation is outside of the 4 year schedule. |

It was agreed to protest strongly to Council and the Ward Councillors at the delay in planning for the future of the iconic MacCabe Park

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| 6 | Reports | <p>6.1 & 2 Community Strategic Plan 2032 & Integrated Planning Documents 2022/23:</p> <p>It was agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i the submission, as amended by comments received, be endorsed; ii Council again be requested to urgently review the processes of community engagement for proposed works, development of studies and strategies, and implement improvements to ensure that the highest levels of Involvement and Collaboration are regularly achieved, for example using working groups with key stakeholders including community representatives, which is essential to achieve different, efficient and effective outcomes. <p>6.3 Wollongong Arts Precinct:</p> <p>It was agreed that Council be requested to initiate plans in 2022-23 for a Cultural Centre, preferably in association with an Arts Precinct Committee (to include appropriate community representatives) and seek Government funding for it.</p> <p>6.4 Meeting with the Director of Planning/Environment: noted</p> <p>6.5 Boarding Houses:</p> <p>It was agreed that the Forum support the changes to Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009 Chapter C3 Boarding Houses and Chapter E3 Car Parking, Access, etc.</p> <p>6.6 World Cycling Event update:</p> <p>Noted that the concerns of many residents and businesses about the impact of this event have been passed on to the organisers.</p> |
| 7 | Priorities | <p>7.1 Livability: noted</p> <p>7.2 City Centre: noted</p> <p>7.3 Active Transport: noted</p> |
| 8 | Planning | <p>8.1 Planning; noted</p> <p>8.2 DA determinations: noted</p> |
| 9 | General Business | <p>9.1 Flooding in Keiraville</p> <p>It was noted that there have been a number of significant flooding events in Keiraville and agreed that Council be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i requested to provide a report on causes, actions, measures proposed and timeframes to avoid a recurrence; ii advised of the Forum’s support for the submission made by the Keiraville Residents Action Group. |

9.2 Wollongong Coastal Management Program

This is to set the long-term strategy for the coordinated management of our coast and estuaries, guided by the Coastal Management Act 2016. It involves engaging with the community to understand what is loved about the coastline, how it is used and the beaches, headlands, rock platforms, and coastal creeks are enjoyed, as well any concerns about the way the coast is managed. This will help Council decide what the program needs to include, what studies need to be prepared and who needs to be involved in developing management options in later stages.

A series of activities held across the city in late June to provide residents and visitors the opportunity to speak directly with the project team: Friday markets, Crown Street Mall, Wollongong – Friday 24 June, 10am-1pm.

Comment

Sadly this looks like a continuation of WCC practice to “engage” by getting “thought bubbles” at random from whoever responds, rather than reliable information from a representative sample of the community and without engaging per level 3, collaborate, for example by using a “working party” with key stakeholders including community representatives and local experts in the subject..

Recommendation

That Council be congratulated on getting funds for this project but suggest that it would get very considerable benefit by using a “working party” with key stakeholders including community representatives.

9.3 Pedestrian Safety in North Wollongong

Concerns have been raised about the safety of pedestrians around the areas of Victoria Street, Belmore Street and Young Street Wollongong, due to the effects of ever-increasing multi-storey residential developments.

Recommendation

Council be requested to advise what it is doing, proposes to do and when to control and manage traffic and improve safety for pedestrians around the areas of Victoria Street, Belmore Street and Young Street Wollongong

10 Snippets noted

**Date of next meeting:
Wednesday 6th July 2022**

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 411 households
