

## Neighbourhood Forum 5

### Wollongong's Heartland

*Collaborating with Council on community aspirations, visions, needs & concerns.*



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

**Minutes of meeting MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 6 pm  
at the Wisemans Park Bowling Club, Gwynneville**

**Present:** 28 members

- 1 Presentation Jeremy Lasek was thanked for a great presentation on flooding issues.
- 2 Apologies Cllr Tania Brown, Cllr Cath Blakey, John Riggall, Harold Hanson, Theresa Huxtable, Philip Laird, Jenny Bayly, Mark North, Carol & Charles Abela, Patricia Calabro, Lynette MacMahon
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> July and matters were adopted
- 4 Comments Noted
- 5 Caveats **Noted**
- 6 Responses **6.1 Delivery Program Sub'sion: Stormwater, Transport:** noted  
**6.2 Delivery Program Performance measurement:** noted.
- 7 Reports **7.1 Future meetings:**  
It was agreed;
  - 1 that Wisemans Park Bowling Club be thanked for making a room available for our meetings;
  - 2 members, with contacts with any clubs, churches or other organisations who might be prepared to allow us to use a room for meetings, contact the secretary;
  - 3 the issue be raise with Council election candidates.**7.2 Maldon Dombarton and NSW freight transport:**  
It was agreed that NF 5 write to:
  1. University of Wollongong and Wollongong City Council expressing our appreciation of their submissions to the NSW Freight Policy Review
  2. Hon Ryan Park and the Hon Paul Scully as local NSW State MPs asking that they convey to the Minister for Transport our support for the submissions of both the University of Wollongong and Wollongong City Council, and asking for more details of the proposed

study into improving rail resilience for train tracks and whether this study will include consultation with local government, community groups and interested individuals.

**7.3 City Centre Movement and Place Plan:**

It was agreed that, following discussion a response to be submitted which welcomes the Strategy but raises issues of concern, adding improvement to signage and promotion of the Free Bus Service

**7.4 draft Waste Resource Recovery Strategy:**

it was agreed that the submission Council's Waste Strategy be endorsed.

**7.5 Flooding Management:**

It was agreed that with reference to the Government's 2023 Flood Risk Manual:

- 1 Council again be requested to review priorities and significantly increase capital works expenditure towards improving stormwater and floodplain management to accelerate implementation of Floodplain Risk Management Plans and improvement in other critical drainage areas, in close consultation with the communities in the Figtree, North Wollongong, South Wollongong, Keiraville catchments areas;
- 2 Sydney Water be requested to review priorities and significantly increase capital works expenditure towards reducing discharges into the stormwater system.

**7.6 Flooding Sub-committee:** noted

**7.7 Proposed re-zoning Irvine St Gwynneville**

it was agreed that, whilst welcoming the potential increase in affordable housing:

- 1 Homes NSW be requested to extend the deadline for submissions until after there has been a public meeting to discuss outstanding issues which follow;
- 3 Council and Homes NSW be requested not to proceed with re-zoning until:
  - a the implications of development as it proceeds on the adjacent sites are set out, not least what to do when residents or land owners do not wish to participate;
  - b arrangements for re-housing displaced residents are set out;
  - c why some areas are proposed 4 stories and others for 6 stories;
  - d how bindings is the Master Plan;

- e funds are allocated funds for upgrading the shareway between the city centre and the university, specifically to include a bridge over Northfields Avenue (Paulsgrove Ave -Madoline St - Unicentre).
  - f there is a review of parking arrangements and proposals for share car/bikes;
  - g there is a review of flood mitigation proposals ensured proper maintenance in perpetuity;
  - h funds are ensured for upgrading the shareway between the city centre and the university, specifically to include a bridge over Northfields Avenue (Paulsgrove Ave -Madoline St - Unicentre).
  - i traffic implications are reviewed particularly in the light of the Mount Ousley interchange proposals.
- 3 The Hon Paul Scully, Minister for Planning, be requested to help facilitate the public meeting and information session, and that he support an extension of time for public consultation.

**7.8 Food survey:** noted

**7.9 Crown St Mall Palm Tree:** noted

**7.10 Flagstaff Hill Traffic Study:**

It was agreed that, following traffic and parking surveys, a workshop of adjacent commercial facilities, user groups and NF 5 representatives review the situation and discuss proposals.

**7.11 Mount Ousley Interchange:** noted that meeting minutes are now available and conclude with closing remarks from:

- 1 the Hon Ryan Park: who stated that he will continue to push for the bridge and work with all the relevant stakeholders and ministers to help reach a desirable outcome;
- 2 Alison Byrnes, MP who stated we will continue to work hard to deliver for our community, go away and think about alternatives so we can reach the best possible outcome.

Together with Action Points:

- 1 Community group representatives to discussion and prepare examples of alternative active transport crossings for Mt Ousley Road.
- 2 local government members to lobby and work with government to try and get the bridge put back into the project.

- 3 Government members to organise another meeting to present these alternatives and receive updates on active transport progress.
- 8 Planning
- 8.1 **Planning** ; noted
- 8.2 **DA-2024/483 Dual Occupancy 83, Evans St W’gong**  
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8.3 **DA-2024/477 3 houses, 33 Parsons St. West W’gong**  
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8.4 **DA-2024/511 Dual Occupancy 56 Hillcrest Ave W’gong**  
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8.5 **DA-2024/476 113 units, stories, 264-6 Keira St W’gong**  
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8.6 **DA-2024/481 Mansion, 11 Elizabeth St Mangerton**  
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8.7 **DA-2022/469 24 dwellings 14, Cosgrove Ave, Keiraville**  
Noted
- 8.8 **DA determinations:** noted
- 9 General Business
- 9.1 **Pre-lodgement Meetings**  
It was agreed that Council be requested to clarify why pre-lodgement advice can no longer be offered to individuals seeking advice about Council’s planning controls.
- 9.2 **Bushfires**  
Given the build up of combustible material on the escarpment and the likelihood of a more than usually hot summer, a report come to the September meeting on the issue.
- 9.3 **Gas Appliances**  
Given the health and cost implications of gas appliances in homes and businesses, a report come to the September meeting on the issue.
- 9.4 **Council Website**  
It was noted with concern that Council’s website still gives the wrong information about meeting times.

**Next meeting 6pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
Wiseman’s Park Bowling Club.**

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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 440 households**

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