

## 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 2nd December 2020 by email

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| 1  | Presentation     | None possible  |
| 2  | Apologies        | None necessary   |
| 3  | Minutes          | of meeting of 4th November and matters arising; see pp. 10-12  |
| 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 Construction Noise: see comment p.2  |
| 6  | Reports          | 6.1 Wollongong South beach access: <b>see rec p.3</b><br>6.2 Mt Ousley Road / Princes Motorway interchange; <b>see rec p.3</b><br>6.3 Food & Garden Organics: see p.3<br>6.4 Food van adjacent Continental Pool: see p.3<br>6.5 Pilot CBD cycleways: see p.4<br>6.6 Cycling Strategy 2030: see p.4<br>6.7 Cycling Representation and Groups: <b>see rec p.5</b><br>6.8 Infrastructure & Works Management: <b>see rec p.5</b> |
| 7  | Key Issues       | 7.1 - 7.6, 7.6 see pp. 5 - 6   |
| 8  | Planning         | 8.1 - 8.4 See DA <b>recs pp. 6 &amp; 7</b><br>8.5 DA determinations: see p.7   |
| 9  | General Business |  |
| 10 | Snippets         | see p.9  |

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## 5 Responses

### 5.1 Construction Noise

We asked about construction noise from rock excavation at 16 Smith Street, Wollongong; with a request that Council review guidelines and practices to control and monitor construction noise.

"Councils in NSW typically do not have specific policies with respect to construction noise management. You are probably aware that the relevant NSW guideline, the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (2009) applies to the NSW EPA (EPA) as well as Councils. In addition to the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (2009), Council's approach to management of noise from construction sites is comprised of a number of elements including the development assessment process, consent conditions and controls around hours of operation and other regulatory tools available in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

In regards the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (2009), staff have recently been advised by the EPA that this guideline will be reviewed shortly. The EPA advised there will be a public exhibition of the reviewed guideline. Our staff will be making a submission regarding this document, seeking clarity regarding management and compliance options.

As part of Council's approach to construction noise, staff are currently reviewing consent conditions that relate to construction noise and hours of operation. I am hopeful that the review of both the NSW Construction Noise Guideline and Council's conditions of development consent, will provide for greater outcomes for the community with respect to the minimisation of noise emissions from construction sites into the future."

Manager Regulation + Enforcement

#### Comment

It is noted that the Interim Construction Noise Guideline does apply to Councils and to say that Council's approach to management of noise from construction sites is compromised seems to be most unsatisfactory for nearby residents who have to suffer unreasonable levels of construction noise. For example initially from rock excavation (that took 3 months at 16 Smith St), then noise from cranes, machinery, alarms, movement of materials, hammering and shouting. Plus inevitable traffic and parking problems for residents from deliveries, unloading and workers vehicles.

The situation is worsening for residents in the Wollongong CBD area affected by the construction boom. In the last analysis the community relies on Council to regulate the local residential environment, not a State Agency, nor to have to take private legal action.

## 6 Reports

### 6.1 Public Access to South Wollongong Beach and Breakwater

Representations have been received expressing concerns since early 2020 the public have been prevented by 24hr/day security personnel from proceeding in vehicles or on foot from Port Kembla Rd near the Sydney Water Treatment Plant to public land at the southern end of South Wollongong Beach, or to the adjacent breakwater. There seems to be a need for negotiations with affected landowners to hopefully achieve agreements to enable access for various users, including to the Coal Loader, Sydney Water and public land for recreation.

#### Recommendation

that Council be requested to investigate and advise on how the public can resume the longstanding practice of being able to access by road and pathways to the southern end of South Wollongong Beach and to the adjacent Breakwater.

### 6.2 Mt Ousley Road / Princes Motorway interchange

#### Recommendation

that Council be requested to make representations to the NSW Government through the local MP, Ryan Park, expressing our concern that no funds were provided in the 2020 NSW Budget released on 18 November for the Mt Ousley Road / Princes Motorway interchange, with the high traffic volumes on the Princes Motorway, with a request that funds be provided in the 2021 NSW Budget to restart this project.

### 6.3 Food and Garden Organics (FOGO).

At NF5 August meeting it was agreed to congratulate Council on deciding to introduce a weekly collection service of the existing green lid bin for Single Unit Dwellings to include food and garden organics (FOGO). The July report to Council indicated that implementation would start in November and it is expected the rollout will be in stages and take many months.

Council have been requested to advise the process, particularly for community engagement and education, and estimated timing of the FOGO service rollout for SUD households in the NF5 suburbs, to help alert residents. Council's website includes a handy FOGO Users Guide which is attached to this Agenda.

### 6.4 Proposed eatery adjacent to Continental Pool

An Illawarra Mercury article on 27 November was headed New beachside eatery and bar planned for the Blue Mile. Council has invited quotations for a one year rent-free licence to provide and operate a food van/trailer at the Blue Mile / Wollongong Harbour.

It will be adjacent the southern boundary of the Continental Pool in a paved area that was designed and built for disability parking, but was revoked in 2018. It is close to the popular safe family pool in the northwest corner of the Harbour. The licensee is required to provide beach furniture, be willing to obtain a relevant liquor licence, and to organise and manage live music at weekends.

This location is understood to be on Crown Land that is covered by various Management Plans including for the City Foreshore, the Blue Mile and Wollongong Harbour. It is not clear whether the plans include provision for licencing for this type of activity.

Council has been requested to provide adequate relevant information to help the community understand what is proposed, the benefits, legal and environmental implications and desired outcomes.

### **6.5 Pilot CBD cycleways**

A July article in the Illawarra Mercury revealed that Council was inviting comments on a proposal to rearrange road space in Smith St, making it one-way for eastbound vehicles to provide cycling routes that are separated from vehicles. This is one of four local projects funded by Council and TfNSW's Fast Tracked Roadside Public Spaces Program. NF5 held a meeting electronically with the then Director Infrastructure and Works to clarify proposals for Wollongong CBD, and it was stated that the pilot projects would be implemented in November. But an Integrated Transport Strategy for the CBD has not yet developed, and NF5's suggested alternative of a Cliff Rd cycleway was rejected. Cycleways are proposed in Smith St from the railway line to Harbour St, and in Kembla St from Smith to Stewart St.

Council traffic section has been requested to advise the current process and timing for implementation of the CBD pilot cycling facilities, including for community education.

### **6.6 Cycling Strategy 2030**

Council adopted the Cycling Strategy 2030 on 16 Nov after a seven week exhibition period of the draft, during which there were many submissions, as mentioned in a 30 page Engagement report. However it appears most were just noted and only minor amendments have been made from the draft strategy.

NF 5 detailed 16 point submission was mainly unsuccessful, in particular a key recommendation that funding be reallocated to areas of high active transport so that the community's priority #1 is achieved as soon as possible - ie *Dedicated cycling infrastructure, separated from pedestrians and cars.*

The Implementation Plan is an improvement on the 2014 Strategy's Action Plan, which Council staff acknowledged proved to be ineffective. However most of the 2030 Plan's Timeframes are shown as Short Term, Estimated costs are not always stated and refer to either the Infrastructure Delivery Program (IDP), Not Applicable or To Be Confirmed, Priorities of High, Moderate and Low are not defined, generally undefined Funding sources are shown as either Unfunded Operational, IDP, Not Applicable or Operational Program.

However, the Cycling Strategy 2030 has now been adopted and needs to be supported. It is hoped it will live up to its expectations and hype.

### **6.7 Cycling Representation and Groups**

It is noted that Council has recently invited applications for membership of a new Cycling Technical Advisory Group and also separately for a new Cycling Champions Advisory Group. Cyclists are already represented on Council's Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group, for which the most recent Minutes available on Council's website are 2 April 2019, ie 20 months ago. The WC & MRG replaced the previous Council's Active Transport Reference Group, which also seemed to lapse into infrequent meetings and sometimes under-representation.

#### **Recommendation**

Council be requested to clarify the framework for the varieties of groups and community representation on cycling matters, including re the strategic intent, structure, purpose, objectives, charter, roles, responsibilities, representation, procedures, desired outcomes and other relevant matters.

### **6.8 Infrastructure & Works Management**

There have been significant recent changes in senior management of the Infrastructure and Works (I & W - aka Engineering) department. It is understood that:

- 1 Director I & W: recruitment is in progress
- 2 Manager Works: Mr Corey Stoneham has been appointed
- 3 Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning (I S & P): Ms Trish McClure has been appointed.

#### **Recommendation**

that the Forum congratulate the recently appointed Manager Works Mr Cory Stoneham and the Manager I S & P Ms Trish McClure, and looks forward to communicating with each to develop and maintain effective working relationships that are mutually beneficial for Council and for the community.

## **7 Key Issues**

Most of these are planning issues and the executive is hoping to arrange an informal meeting with the Director to discuss these and how we could assist her.

**7.1 City Centre**

**7.2 High Rise Residential**

**7.3 Medium Density development**

**7.4 Keiraville-Gwynneville.**

**7.5 South Wollongong:**

**7.6 Environment**

See response at 5.1

**8 Planning**

**8.1** Please note that whilst the review and recommendations 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.

**8.2 DA 2020/307 4 townhouses 5-7 Truscott Place Figtree**  
10th September (presumably December!)

This is a revised proposal, to which we objected in May, for 4, rather than five, two-storey townhouse on a large lot in an area under development. Part of the site is flood and bushfire prone. It seems to comply with all Council requirements save width of site. Whilst the site width at the road is 20% below standard the vast majority of the site is wider. Being well outside our transition areas, it does not comply with our Locality Plan for Figtree.



**Recommendation**

That a submission of objection be lodged.

**8.3 DA 2020/1174 Dual Occ, 12 Indigo Way Figtree**  
10th December

This is a proposal for a dual occupancy on a new subdivision in a remote location. Council's web server received an invalid response so a full assessment cannot be made. However, being well outside our transition areas, it does not comply with our Locality Plan for Figtree.



## Recommendations

- 1 that a submission of objection be lodged;
- 2 that Council be requested to adopt a policy that, when new subdivisions are proposed, a condition of consent restricts dual occupancies and/or multi unit developments to nominated sites.

### 8.4 DA 2020/1159 Regent Theatre changes, Keira St W'gong 18th December

This is a proposal for minor alterations to a State listed Heritage building. It was built in the 1950's and used as an entertainment facility until about 2005 when it was "repurposed" as a place of worship. It is now proposed to restore and adapt the premises back to a full capacity entertainment venue with an artistic focus on live entertainment and film.



#### Recommendation

That a submission of support be lodged.

### 8.5 DA Determinations

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

## **9 General Business**

**Next Meeting/Agenda: on Wed. 3rd February 2021**

## 10 Snippets

### Be a Disruptive Planner

Whether you're planning for the 'smart' city, 'liveable' city, 'sustainable' city, 'resilient' city, or 'creative' city, you'll need to do things differently. And you'll need to do it fast. If you examine the 'best practice principles' of these cities, there are several commonalities. Each of them will rely on the ability of the urban planner to collaborate, innovate, experiment, apply technology, and advocate for the profession.

Go beyond working with 'other planners' and other built environment professionals. Work with artists, local entrepreneurs, health practitioners, foodies, product designers, etc, etc. We need to demonstrate the relevance of our urban planning profession but we also need to seek opportunities to collaborate with those beyond our inner-circle. I always get a great buzz from working with artists, particularly those that are involved in 'interactive public art'. Their contribution to our cities can be transformative, however, as planners we need to not only 'regulate' public art, but ensure that it does make an active contribution to the liveability of our cities.

Sonia Kirby

#### Street Art - I See You



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#### Minutes of e-meeting on Wed 4th November 2020 by email

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|----|------------------|--|
| 1  | Presentation     | None possible  |
| 2  | Apologies        | None necessary   |
| 3  | Minutes          | of meeting of 7th October were adopted with no matters arising;  |
| 4  | Comments         | See General Business items.  |
| 5  | Responses        | 5.1 draft Greener Places guide: see p. 2<br>5.2 High-rise Residential: see p. 2<br>5.3 Awareness of the planning system: see p.2   |
| 6  | Reports          | 6.1 UoW activities: see p. 2<br>6.2 Works design: see p. 2<br>6.3 Conservatorium of Music see p. 2<br>6.4 Foreshore Parking Strategy: see p. 2<br>6.5 Cliff Rd/GHD intersection safety: see p. 2 |
| 7  | Key Issues       | 7.1 - 7.3, 7.6: noted<br>7.4 Keiraville/Gwynneville: see p. 3<br>7.5 South Wollongong: see p. 3  |
| 8  | Planning         | 8.1 - 8.6 See DA see p. 3<br>8.7 DA determinations: noted  |
| 9  | General Business | 9.1 Loading zone in Kembla St: see p. 3<br>9.2 draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan: see p.3   |
| 10 | Snippets         | noted  |

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## **5 Responses**

### **5.1 draft Greener Places Guide**

It was agreed to make representations to our Ward Councillors to require staff to review and recommend acquisition for at least one new local park in North Wollongong.

**5.2 High Rise Residential:** noted

**5.3 Awareness of the Planning System:** noted

## **6 Reports**

**6.1 UoW activities;** noted

### **6.2 Works Design**

It was agreed that Council's relevant engineering staff be requested to ensure that affected residents are engaged in two-way discussions in the early stages of design development (as has long been recognised as good practice for Councils) rather than be advised after design has been finalised, inevitably resulting in rejection of suggested practical improvements. This currently applies in the Keiraville-Gwynneville area where Council made a commitment to consult the community on such issues.

### **6.3 Conservatorium of Music**

It was agreed that the Forum congratulate Justin Ankus on his appointment and invite him to address the Forum once normal meetings have resumed.

### **6.4 Wollongong Foreshore Parking**

It was agreed that Council be requested to advise on how and when the community can be involved in discussing options for providing adequate parking for residents and visitors in the Blue Mile, Stuart Park and nearby residential areas, and also for the process for the long overdue review of the 2008 Blue Mile Masterplan, so that collaborative community engagement is achieved, in accordance with Council's policy.

### **6.5 Cliff Rd/George Hanley Drive crossing intersection safety**

The Stuart Park road system from George Hanley Drive is in effect a very long cul-de-sac providing access to parking. It is suggested the speed limit in Stuart Park road system be reduced from 40km/h to say 20 or even 10km/h through the Park.

Ian Young

It was agreed that NF5 Executive seek an urgent meeting with Council's Director Infrastructure and Works to discuss measures essential to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles at Stuart Park entrance and along the access road.

## **7 Key Issues**

**7.1 City Centre** - noted

**7.2 High Rise Residential** - noted

**7.3 Medium Density development** - noted

**7.4 Keiraville-Gwynneville.**

It was agreed that the Director and General Manager be advised of our concerns at the lack of positive interaction displayed by the Transport section particularly in relation to Keiraville/Gwynneville..

**7.5 South Wollongong:**

It was agreed to endorse the request to Council for a meeting on the designs for drainage improvement works at the Swan Street culvert, adjacent to Vikings Oval and to report to the December NF 5 meeting.

**7.6 Environment:** noted

## **8 Planning 8.2 DA/2019/1356, 14 units 9-11 Park St Wollongong**

It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection.

**8.3 DA/2019/1052, 10 dwellings, 15-17 Figtree Crescent, Figtree**

It was agreed that a submission of objection be lodged.

**8.4 DA determinations as notified from 1st July 2020:** noted

## **9 General 9.1 Loading zone Kembla Street.**

### **Business**

Can the Loading Zone 9.00am to 6.00am signs, East side of Kembla between Crown and Burelli (adjacent to Town Hall) be replaced with 30min (free) Parking 9.00am to 6.00pm. The signs are a leftover from when WCC did the pavement work along that section.

Ian Young

It was agreed that Council be requested to review the loading zone restrictions in Kembla Street.

**9.2 draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan**

This is now on exhibition until 17th December and will be reported to the December meeting.

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