

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 2nd September at 6 pm at the
Wiseman Park Bowling Club, Gwynneville**

Present 50 members.

- 1 Presentations The candidates were thanked for their presentations.
- 2 Apologies Harold Hanson, Philip Laird, Jenny Bayley, Jeremy Lasek, Dorte Ekeland, James Caldwell, Mark North, Jessica Whittaker, Suzanne De Veve, Gerald Primmer.
- 3 Minutes Noted
- 5 Caveats Noted
- 6 Responses
 - 6.1 **Planning Proposal Irvine St Gwynneville – Council:** noted
 - 6.2 **Planning Proposal Gwynneville – HomesNSW:**
It was agreed that Council and HomesNSW be advised that, in addition to resolving outstanding issues (in particular upgrading external shareways and the free bus), a Medium Density re-zoning (with perhaps floor space ratio of 1:1), is more appropriate as providing a transition from the University to the adjoining Low Density residential areas.
 - 6.3 **Crown Street Mall activity policy:** noted
 - 6.4 **Affordable Housing Policy:** noted.
 - 6.5 **New construction noise rules & policies:**
It was agreed, that whilst the response is welcome, Council be requested to:
 - 1 clarify the proposals;
 - 2 provide information relating to some DA proposals;
 - 3 review the performance of Private Certifiers in enforcing conditions of consent;
 - 4 advise affected residents how to respond to excessive noise (including deliveries) and vibration during construction.

7.1 Election candidates' responses: see attachment.

7.2 Fairy and Cabbage Tree Creeks Flooding;

It was agreed that:

- 1 Council be thanked for continuing to invest in detailed flood planning for the city;
- 2 the new Council urgently reconvenes its central flood committee, providing an update to the FCTCRMSP study based on the 6 April 2024 flood event, and include the most recent data, modelling and any recommendations as a fourth volume addendum to the current study. This would ensure the report is up-to-date and remains a 'living document' as is required;
- 3 Council review the capacity of its ageing stormwater infrastructure and identify where augmentation needs to be prioritized to cater for urban intensification in the catchment. Stormwater and drainage initiatives to be included in Council's annual review of its infrastructure program;
- 4 Council includes in future flood studies and plans, together with the 'hydraulic' and 'economic' assessment of projects, a 'human' assessment, to give greater weight to the devastating impact of major floods on people's lives and factor this into decision making;
- 5 Council bases its BCRs not on single flood events. With more frequent flood events occurring this should be factored into producing a more accurate overall BCR ratings;
- 6 Council prioritises improving emergency communications to better prepare the community for future major flood events;
- 7 as per NF 5's previous recommendations, Council reviews and reprioritises its \$100 million capital works expenditure, putting flood mitigation as its highest priority and deferring anything other than urgent or essential infrastructure works until the city is better equipped to cope with major rain events;
- 8 Council works closely with flood affected communities to develop action plans to mitigate future flood risk and improve the flow of timely public information in times of an emergency (this measure can be transferable for other emergencies such as a major bush fire);
- 9 all candidates standing for election at the 14 September WCC election be asked to put flooding, including increased investment in flood mitigation, high on their priority list should they be elected.

7.3 NF5 Flooding Subcommittee: noted

7.4 Gas Ban Proposal for New Buildings:

It was agreed that Council be requested to amend its Development Control Plan to require all new residential and commercial developments in the LGA to be fully electric.

7.5 draft Tourism Accommodation Strategy:

It was agreed that Council be advised of:

- 1 very strong objection to allowing hotels and motels in the R2 Low Density residential zone, except, if the State Government persists in destroying our residential neighbourhoods, when they are in association with proposals under the new Transit Orients Development
- 2 objection to re-defining serviced apartment as commercial when clearly they are only used for residential purposes;
- 3 objection to giving a floor space bonus of 2:1 (making up to 8:1 total) for hotels and motels in Business Centres.

7.6 Dual occupancy Design:

It was agreed that Council be requested to protest to the State Government Architect that the illustration provided as a guide to good design for a dual occupancy will result in the complete change to many residential streets and areas and ought to be replaced with an image more sympathetic to most streetscapes.

7.7 Mount Ousley Interchange: noted

7.8 Parking for Carers and Service People:

It was agreed that That Council be requested to review the parking situation in high density residential areas, particularly in the vicinity of Smith and Wilson Streets, and make provision for appropriate short term parking for care service providers, that are essential to help people with disability, older people and their carers to live independently at home and be part of the community

7.9 Rail Service to Wollongong;

It was agreed the Forum write to Ryan Park MP and Paul Scully MP asking for advice from the Minister for Transport as to:

1. Release of either the Macnaughton Report on faster rail for regional NSW and a Sydney-Wollongong faster rail business case completed in 2021-22; and,
2. A statement of when the South Coast timetable will get additional trains, both peak hour and off-peak, either with Mariyung trains, or Oscar trains (that will be released when Mariyung trains start operating on the Central Coast line)

3. Release of terms of reference for the Rail Resilience Plan for the Illawarra, including date of completion and an assurance that it will be publicly released within six months of completion, and that input will be invited from Local Government, other organisations and individuals.

7.10 Escarpment Bushfire Risk

It was agreed that the Rural Fire Service be requested to provide a briefing to the October meeting ahead of the 2024-2025 bushfire season as there is growing concern that the escarpment is long overdue for a major burn.

8 Planning

8.1 Planning: noted.

8.2 DA-2024/584 Mixed Use Burelli/Church/Stewart Sts W’gong

It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged.

8.3 DA-2024/538 Dual Occupancy 65, Gladstone Ave W’gong

It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

8.4 DA-2024/574 Dual Occupancy 57 Robertson Coniston

It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

8.5 DA-2024/596 Dual Occupancy 88 Jacaranda Ae, Figtree

It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged.

8.6 DA Determinations: noted

9 General Business

9.1 Outgoing Councillors

It was agreed that once the election results are known, outgoing Councillors and the Lord Mayor be thanked for their support during their term of office, and those incoming be congratulated.

9.2 Danger to pedestrians

Council be requested to review with the police and operators the enforcement and control of e-bikes and other non-pedestrian movement on footpaths and shared paths..

9.3 Gwynneville Public School

It was agreed to support the school’s encouragement for students to ride or walk to school.

10 Snippets

Noted

Next Meeting
6pm Monday 7th October 2024
Wiseman Park Bowling Club, Gwynneville

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 445 households
