

<p>Neighbourhood Forum 5</p> <p>Wollongong's Heartland</p> <p><i>Collaborating with Council on community aspirations, visions, needs & concerns.</i></p>		<p>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</p>
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**MINUTES of meeting WEDNESDAY 7th May 2025 at 6.30
In the Library Theatre**

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| 1 | Welcome | to all and acknowledgement of country was noted as was attendance of Councillors Kit Docker and Andrew Anthony. |
| 2 | Presentation | Graham Sansom was thanked for his splendid and informative talk on the Future Directions for Local Government. |
| 3 | Apologies | accepted |
| 4 | Minutes | of meeting of 2 nd April noted with no matters arising: |
| 5 | Comments | noted |
| 6 | Caveats | Noted |
| 7 | Responses | <p>7.1 Wollongong Bus Layover:
It was agreed that: Council again be requested to advise:</p> <p>a) Arrangements to provide alternatives for users of the 80 parking spaces at Atchison Street, specifically those reserved for disabled people in the NIDIS group.</p> <p>b) an update on the process and timing for finalisation of the Integrated Transport Strategy commenced some years ago, and the City Centre Movement & Place Plan (to replace the 2013 plan), including opportunities for community involvement and how it takes into account the increase in affordable housing occupants in the area.</p> <p>7.2 Issues awaiting response: noted</p> |
| 8 | Reports | <p>8.1 Wollongong Harbour Breakwall:
It was agreed that Transport for NSW be requested urgently to undertake a Safety Audit of the Wollongong Harbour Breakwater, noting the ineffectiveness of moveable barriers, and consider replacement of the ageing, rusting, broken fence, the placement of life buoys along the breakwall and warning signs in multiple languages,</p> |

8.2 Draft Delivery & Operational Plan 2025-29:

It was agreed to request

1. Council's relevant Director/s to arrange a meeting with a small Working Group of NF5 representatives to review the process and timing for early community involvement in developing draft IDP priorities and projects;
2. Council to review and prioritise funding for the efficient and effective maintenance of its ageing assets, in particular those related to stormwater and flooding.

8.3 Our Wollongong Our Future 2035:

It was agreed that Members be encouraged to read the draft 10-year Community Strategic Plan 2035 and ensure any submissions meet Council's 7 May deadline.

8.4 Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement

It was agreed that Members be encouraged to read the draft 10-year Community Strategic Plan 2035 and ensure any submissions meet Council's 7 May deadline.

8.5 UoW Liaison: noted

8.6 UoW Access Roads Congestion:

It was agreed that NF 5 request:

1. the University of Wollongong to commit to reinstatement of the Keiraville Gwynneville free bus (even if only for peak hours) and to prepare and release a statement as to what short-term and long-term measures they are undertaking to address this situation;
2. Council to advise what short-term and long-term measures they are undertaking to address this situation.

8.7 Mount Ousley Interchange:

It was agreed that TfNSW be thanked for their responses to safety issues discussed in a meeting with NF5 reps on 10 Dec 2024, and further clarification with TfNSW and Council engineers be sought.

8.8 Irvine Street Gwynneville proposal:

It was agreed that:

- 1 NF5 requests Council to reject a R4 Rezoning but consider R3, and establish a Steering Committee to guide master planning, including representatives from Homes NSW, WCC, UoW, TfNSW, Healthy Cities Illawarra, local community and advocacy groups, including NF 5, such as was recommended by KRAG;

- 2 Residents consider the extensive documentation on websites of Council and Homes NSW and make submissions by Council's deadline of Monday 5 May.

8.9 Wollongong Station Precinct Master Plan draft:

It was agreed that Members consider the Master Plan and make submissions to TfNSW by their deadline of Wednesday 11 June, and/or if they want issues to be included in NF5 submission then advise the Secretary by Monday 2 June 2025.

8.10 Wollongong Health Precinct Strategy draft:

It was agreed that Members consider the Health Precinct Strategy and make submissions by their deadline of Wednesday 11 June, and/or if they want issues to be included in NF5 submission then advise the Secretary by Monday 2 June 2025.

8.11 Building Commissioner Certification

It was agreed that:

- 1 the representative of the NSW Building Commissioner be thanked for their advice that NF5 will be consulted re Building Certifier Insurance, and be requested to advise re other issues raised by NF5 at meetings in February and March 2025;
- 2 Council be requested to arrange a meeting with NF5 representatives to discuss how to make progress with the Building Commissioner's representative/s re these matters.

8.12 Train Services Sydney – Wollongong

It was agreed that NF5 request local MPs Paul Scully and Ryan Park to make representations to the relevant Minister/s seeking advice as to patronage increases on South Coast trains and ask when we can have more trains.

8.13 Parking restrictions adjacent Stuart Park:

It was agreed that Council be requested to review the validity of its application of the road rules as to parking infringements issued for vehicles standing in the road related parking area/shoulder at the narrow pedestrian ramps on George Hanley Drive north side and at Squires Way eastern side and advise what actions they propose to rectify any irregularities.

8.14 Port Kembla Northern Breakwater Public Access:

It was agreed that Paul Scully MP be requested to make representations to the relevant Minister seeking reinstatement of public access to the Northern Breakwater at Port Kembla.

8.15 Beaton Park Management Plan Review:

It was agreed that Council be requested to:

1. advise progress on the design of Beaton Park Multipurpose Facility budgeted in 2024/25;
2. advise the scope of works for current consultants, their processes and timing including opportunities for involving user groups and the community;
3. ensure community sporting groups and fitness classes are involved throughout the feasibility, design and implementation processes, and they are not shut out of Ted Tobin Hall unless and until they provided with facilities which are at least of equal quality and accessibility.

And that the Lord Mayor be thanked following recent media reports that Fitness groups concerned at the possibility of losing their venue at Beaton Park, the Forum welcome the intervention of the Lord Mayor.

9	Planning	9.1 Planning	noted
		9.2 DA-2025/1226, 37-39 Burelli St, W’gong:	It was agreed to endorse that no submission be made.
		9.3 DA determinations:	noted
10	General Business	10.1 Bushfire Risk	It was agreed that the Executive make an appropriate submission on the looming bushfire crisis.
		10.2 DA 2025/298 Dual Occ 13 Braeside Ave K’ville	It was agreed to object to this proposal.
		10.3 DA 2025/287 5 townhouse, 70 Mt Keira Rd K’ville	It was agreed not to make a submission.
		10.4 Flood Plain Risk Management Committee	It was agreed that Council be advised that David Winterbottom is the NF 5 nominee for this Committee.
		10.5 Community Input	David Raitelli was thanked for his impassioned plea to stop overdevelopment in the city centre environs.
11	Snippets	Noted	

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 461 households
