

Neighbourly Committee No 4
Incorporating Neighbourhood Forum No 4
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**NF4 Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024 Meeting:
In Person Meeting @ Towradgi Community Hall**

Topic: Wollongong NF4 Zoom Meeting Link

Time: Apr 2, 2024 - 07:00 PM

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MINUTES

Open Meeting- 07.00pm

Apologies – Anne Marrett, Sam Tannous.

Minutes of Previous Meeting March 2024 - Previously Distributed via email

Move to suspend Ordinary Business for presentation by WCC Staff:

The Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2024-2025.

Vicky Abela – Corporate Strategy Project Officer

Matt Cascio – Infrastructure Governance Manager (Acting)

Justin Kennedy – Building and Facilities Planning Manager

Anita

Business Arising from Minutes -

Current DAs:

- **DA-2022/694/A - Modification of Development Application - 2 McConnell Street BELLAMBI NSW 2518 Modification A** - deletion of all works to Lot A, amendments to windows and eaves, material and finishes to dwelling on Lot B - 3 April continued.
- **DA-2022/509/A - Modification of Development Application - 25 Ramah Avenue MOUNT OUSLEY NSW 2519 Modification A** - changes to size of carport, private open space, façade design and easement for drainage 4 April continued.
- **DA-2024/193 - Development Application - 152 Mount Keira Road MOUNT KEIRA NSW 2500 Residential** - alterations and additions - 4 April continued
- **DA-2024/205 - Development Application - 33 Park Road BELLAMBI NSW 2518 Residential** - demolition of existing structures and construction of a dwelling house - 9 April
- **DA-2024/214 - Development Application - 74 Albert Street CORRIMAL NSW 2518**

Construction of an additional car wash bay - 10 April

• **DA-2024/215 - Development Application - 2 Elliotts Road FAIRY MEADOW NSW 2519**

Residential - dual occupancy (detached) - 11 April

• **DA-2024/196 - Development Application - Part Lot 54 DP 751301 Mount Ousley Road MOUNT KEIRA NSW 2500 Residential - earthworks to stabilise the existing access driveway - 24 April**

NF4 raised no objections to any of these listed DAs.

• **Correspondence In –**

- WLPP Agenda for Tuesday, 9 April 2024
- Agenda for NF5 Zoom-Only Meeting Wed 3 April.
- Notification of Report to Monday 8 April Council Meeting re: Review of R2 Lots in Illawarra Foothills.
- Engagement Notification on Skate Park Program.

• **Correspondence Out –**

Community Campaigns:

• **Corrimal Community Action Group**

• **East Corrimal Open Space Committee**

General Business:

• Council representatives acknowledged the extra community members in attendance for this gathering. They opened with a general introduction concerning the Community Strategic Plan as a 10yr Aspirational plan for Council's developments - 33 services to work towards delivering, plus a Draft Delivery Plan for a 4year program with an associated Draft Budget to deliver.

• For the next 12 months, a proposed \$56.2m on Footpaths and roadways, \$28.2m on Pathways/cycleways. The Draft to be presented to next Council meeting and then for public submissions to be sought. Available on Council website and Hard Copies to be available for viewing at the Community Libraries.

Matt then highlighted the \$6.2B dollars allocated to Infrastructure, shared across 550 projects over the 4yr cycle, and \$740m allocated to renewal of assets.

At this point, questions from the floor began to be raised about specific issues of concern to the residents of Towradgi, East Corrimal and Bellambi (the coastal sections of Area 2518 east of the Railway).

Discussions of Big Budget Items being expended on West Dapto and Helensburgh were not well received by these community representatives. Their core argument is that these areas are being overlooked for a fair share of infrastructure expenditure.

Specific Issues wanting to be raised from the floor:

• **Promised removal of the Murrnar Rd speed humps.**

Lord Mayor's Mercury interview, saying that this was a 'mistake' and that it was listed for follow up as part of Pop-up Cycleway Feedback. Replies to submissions

promising action but after 3 months nothing had occurred, and affected residents are very frustrated by the lack of progress.

- The Cycleway and Scooter Trial Projects considered complete and expensive failures. Strongly expressed views that this community has been negatively impacted.

- Towradgi Pool cleanout of sand, as promised, not occurring.

Corrimal Marlins Winter Swimming Club prevented from starting their listed season. Completion of the Pool area facilities that have been on hold since 2022.

- Brief mention of planned upgrade to Murray Rd East Corrimal. *Adjoining the shops.* (Cr Richard Martin, Ward 1, offered to speak to this.)

Council has needed a response from *TfNSW* where road modifications are involved. Further plans include footpath cushions and speed calming devices.

Again, discussion of shared path cycleway treatments and other outcomes from the recent *Safer Routes to School* investigation were not received positively due to the association above.

- Derelict IRT Towradgi Village Site.

Nearby residents very concerned about the risks to the community. Squatters and vandals misusing the site. Missed opportunity to have the site repurposed towards the housing needs of the city.

Council staff stated that this is a private holding not a Council facility. Residents need to write to the IRT about this matter and potentially criminal behaviour is a Police matter.

Justin – civil [maintenance] Asset Manager.

In summation, the community members expressed the view that this Eastern part of 2518 feels:

- that it is being overlooked by Council for legitimate infrastructure outlay.
- that other coastal zones of the city do not have the delays in delivery experienced by Towadgi in particular.
- that when submissions are submitted, they are not taken seriously and pre-considered outcomes, *if at all*, are delivered.

As these matters were largely maintenance in nature, Justin undertook to take responsibility for further submissions coming in to seek follow up from the relevant departments on NF4's behalf.

Further information was provided about the Submission Process.

1. All submissions are received and are given a **Notification Number**
2. Submissions do not have to be in 'formal written form'. Phone, SMS or Email are also accepted. Ask for the **Notification Number** or seek it on the reply received.
3. Use the Notification Number in any follow up Communication.

After the Report the Council, Public Submissions will be opened on the 10 April and Close on 10 May 2024 before returning to full Council for implementation.

Other Item of Business

From Correspondence, mention of the Report to Council about the R2 Developments near the escarpment, for which NF4 had made a submission. One member was concerned that Council's position on this proposal may have been changed. It appears not. This was simply a notification that it was being tabled at this coming Council Meeting for discussion and potential implementation.

Council Staff were thanked for attending.

Meeting Closed: 8:40pm.

Next Meeting scheduled for 7th May 2024 at Towradgi Community Hall at 7:00pm

Neighbourly Forum 4 meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Towradgi Community Hall, Corner of Moray Road and Towradgi Road Towradgi at 7pm

*******All Welcome- No cost*******