

Neighbourly Committee No 4
Incorporating Neighbourhood Forum No 4
Executive Committee:
Co-Convenors Bradley Chapman and Paul Evans
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NF4 Tuesday, 4th June 2024

AGM – AGENDA

Open Meeting- 07.00pm

Apologies –

Minutes of Previous Meeting- 6th June 2023.

Business Arising from Minutes -

Co-Chair Report:-

Once again it has been an important opportunity to keep NF4 functioning and to work with the regular members and especially the representatives of our affiliated community groups in progressing matters of resident concern to Wollongong City Council.

While it continues to be a challenge to make this forum better known within the 2518 and 2519 postcode areas, a couple of key issues have arisen during this year which have enabled residents to rediscover this forum and to add us to their quest to gain support for their matters of concern, and further information from both WCC and increasingly, agencies of the NSW Government directly.

It continues to be an important feature of NF4 that we enjoy the direct involvement in the meetings, of Cr R Martin and Cr C Walters from Ward 1, to provide factual guidance and perspective into the working of Council. We hope that the opportunity for regular visits from our Councillors will continue to be possible following the outcome of the upcoming election cycle.

We continue to receive respectful connection with the staff at Council through the Community Engagement Team and value the opportunity to work with them to further improve the community contact process and procedures on behalf of our residents and local businesses.

During the year, we have supplied submissions on a wide range of issues, though not always successful in achieving a positive outcome in NF4's opinion.

- Completion of Corrimal Town Centre Upgrade,
- Resident concerns over poor DA proposals, the provision of Vape Stores near schools and the unintended consequences of the e-scooter trial implementation.

- In support of CCAG submission re: Coke Works Stage 1, and the unwillingness of TfNSW to take transport infrastructure seriously.
 - Supporting Council's Rezoning of R2 Land adjoining the Escarpment.
 - Pedestrian friendly management of street trees in Corrimal Town Centre.
 - Responding to the State Housing Strategy and Corrimal as the trial implementation site.
 - Transport Corridor rezoning and loss of future development for Memorial Drive.
- NF4 has also shared with WCC community concerns over many issues:
- Corrimal RSL Club intention to restore Community Activities in the town.
 - Discussing the need for long term planning of transport infrastructure such as widening of key delivery roads, without removing existing functionality, to enable Active Transport Options without falling into the backlash hole created by the negative impact of the UCI cycling event, and the loss of credibility that has piled onto Council as a result.
 - Responding to community action around the proposed offshore windfarm, noting that we await actual scientific information and firm proposals from the Federal Government neither yet available.
 - Open discussion of the tension between the need for more housing and the equal need for appropriate transport infrastructure in line with previous submissions, rejecting the easy accusation of *NIMBYism* levelled in populist commentary.
 - Support for Towradgi residents over the strongly held view of their suburb being snubbed by council infrastructure decisions, particularly Towradgi Pool.
 - The disappointing disconnect over the Budget meeting not being locally itemised as in previous years.
 - NF4 participation at WCC Waste Strategy forum at Ribbonwood Centre Dapto.
 - Joining the consortium of groups concerned with the removal of the promised Mt Ousley Interchange Pedestrian/Cycle overpass.

Thank you for attending and I hope we can continue to play a useful role in the positive life of our suburbs in the coming year.

Brad Chapman
Co-Convener

Election of Office Bearers

- **Request for an Independent Manager of Proceedings**
- **Call for nominations for Positions.**
- **Determination of new Office Bearers.**

Close Meeting:

Resumption of General Meeting Protocols.

Neighbourly Forum 4 meets the 1st Tuesday of the month Currently via Zoom online until public meetings are again permitted at Towradgi Community Hall, Corner of Moray Road and Towradgi Road Towradgi at 7pm

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