

<p style="text-align: center;">Neighbourhood Forum 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wollongong's Heartland</p> <p><i>Collaborating with Council on community aspirations, visions, needs & concerns.</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</p>
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**Minutes of meeting MONDAY 2nd December at 6 pm
at the Wiseman Park Bowling Club, Gwynneville**

19 members present

- 1 Presentation George Takacs was thanked for his informative presentation on Health and Active Transport and the economic, social and environmental benefits of providing more footpaths and cycleways, together with lower speed limits.

- 2 Apologies were accepted

- 3 Minutes of meeting of 4th November were confirmed noting there was some dissent from the decision to request Council to apply, where possible, the Gas Ban Proposal for New Buildings.

- 4 Comments Noted

- 5 Caveats Noted

- 6 Responses
 - 6.1 **Council Planning Notifications:**
It was agreed to request Council:
 - i to reconsider its decision not to require on-site notification of development proposals;
 - ii bring forward the next review of the Community Participation Plan.

 - 6.2 **Character Statements:**
It was agreed that representations be made to Ward Councillors to get a much higher priority for the definition of Character Statements in the Development Control Plan since the current ones are useless for controlling development which is ruining the streetscape of many of our suburban streets. Moreover, they could be a vital way Council can reduce the impact of the new arbitrary controls imposed by the State Government.

6.3 Cosgrove Avenue Re-zoning:

It was agreed that Council be commended on achieving the re-zoning and responding to long term community concerns.

6.4 Speed Limits on Cliff Road:

It was agreed to invite a senior representative of TfNSW to make a presentation to the Forum on State policy in relation to speed limits, given the implications for safety, health, economic and social benefits of lower limits, and specifically to the situation in Cliff Road and Stuart Park.

6.5 Mount Ousley Interchange Revised Design:

It was noted that a meeting with representatives of TfNSW and the contractor is due on 3 Dec.

6.6 Issues awaiting responses:

Issues 1 to 4, 6 to 10 noted.

Response to draft City Foreshore Plan of Management

- The Draft City Foreshore Plan of Management (PoM) was referred to Crown Lands seeking authority to exhibit the draft PoM for community feedback as a result of Council's resolution of 11 December 2023.
- The Draft PoM covers 10 Crown reserves and 5 Council owned Community Land areas along the Blue Mile.
- Crown Lands review occurred throughout 2024.
- As a result of Crown Lands review, changes were made to the Draft PoM to meet Crown Land requirements culminating in Crown Lands providing approval to exhibit a revised Draft PoM through Departmental correspondence received in September and October 2024.
- Council officers have been updating the Draft PoM in accordance with the Department's requirements.
- It is planned to exhibit the Draft PoM as approved by Crown Lands for an extended comment period across early December, January and February 2025.
- Council's Community Land Management Officer, Martha Tyndall, would be happy to attend a future meeting of NF5 as part of the exhibition activities for the Draft PoM.

7 Reports

7.1 Neighbourhood Forum 5 meeting arrangements:

This matter has now been resolved and it was agreed to thank the Lord Mayor for her assistance.

7.2 Community Strategic Plan:

It was agreed to endorse the submission and adopt as Forum policy a vision for Wollongong as:

1. a greener city with parks and green corridors from the escarpment to the ocean, with Council enlisting greater community involvement in tree planting and local park management and with deep planting for the front, not the back, of new developments, together with mandatory green roofs;
2. a flood free city, despite climate change, through the effective management of stormwater assets, including with timely maintenance of a watercourses, and appropriate infrastructure to contain flooding and minimise its impact on residents and property.
3. a safer city with far more traffic calming, more infrastructure for active transport; promotion of street parties to encourage community development and the active use of local streets;
4. a city of harmonious residential areas with reliable, enforceable character statements for new development, and high rise development near the centre relating to adjoining buildings and have welcoming entries;
5. a city with a heart, an exciting centre showcasing our many diverse cultural communities and celebrating our industrial strength;
6. a city where education is valued, available, and relevant to the various needs of all in the community and enhances their quality of life;
7. a city where suitable jobs are available in accordance with the aspirations and needs of individuals and industry;
8. a city Council that cares for and collaborates with residents in planning and delivering affordable essential services and infrastructure efficiently and effectively.

7.3 Future of the Wesley Uniting Church:

It was agreed that Council's Heritage Officer be requested to host a meeting with the Uniting Church Synod Property Services NSW & ACT, Neighbourhood Forum 5, the National Trust - Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch and other stakeholders to discuss the site's future, that of the 140 year old organ and the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan.

7.4 Grey Street Footpath Obstructions:

It was agreed that Council be requested to liaise with the responsible power authority:

- 1 to relocate the existing 4 off power poles on the eastern side of to the western side of Grey St between Gipps Rd and #22 Grey St,
- 2 on removal of the subject power poles concrete infill the footpath depressions, so generated, to match the footpath surface;
- 3 install a pedestrian ramp in the eastern side kerb opposite # 20 Grey St,
- 4 review location of notices of parking restrictions;

5 attended to these pedestrian safety issues as soon as possible.

7.5 Sydney Water Charges:

It was agreed to:

- i request local MPs to clarify the justification for the reported proposal by Sydney Water to increase residential charges by 100% over 5 years apparently to pay for upgrades and new housing developments;
- ii request the Lord Mayor to make representations to minimise increased charges for residents in Wollongong LGA.

8 Planning

8.1 Planning: Noted

8.2 DA-2024/803 Dual Occ 34 Evans St W’gong

It was agreed to endorse the submission of support.

8.3 DA-2024/812 Dual Occ 26 Crawford Av Gwynneville

It was agreed to endorse the submission of support.

8.4 DA-2024/776 Dual Occ 14 Finlayson St W’gong

It was agreed to endorse the submission of support.

8.5 DA-2024/818 7 storey, mixed 26 units 101 Keira St W’gong

It was agreed to endorse the submission of support, subject to a significant increase of solar panels or greening on the roof.

8.6 DA-2024/860 Dual Occ 13 Braeside Ave Keiraville

It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged.

8.7 DA determinations: Noted

9 Late Business. **9.1**

Marine protected Area;

It was noted that a public meeting will be held 6.30pm Tuesday 3 Dec at the Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow to explore interest in forming a group to consider developing submissions for creation of Marine Reserves in suitable locations along the Illawarra Coast.

10 Snippets

Noted

Next Meeting;

6.30 Wednesday 5th February Library Theatre

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 445 households
