

<p>Neighbourhood Forum 5</p> <p>Wollongong's Heartland</p>		<p>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City</p>
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AGENDA for meeting at 7.00 pm Wed. 6th June 2019 in the Town Hall Ocean Room

- 1 Presentations Mike Dowd Council's Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 1st May 2019 and matters arising: see p.2, 3 & 4.
- 4 Comments from residents, Councillors and/or Council staff.
- 5 Responses
 - 5.1 Parking at North Wollongong Station: see p.5
 - 5.2 Crown Street Markets: see p.5 & **rec p.6**
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 - 7.10 Council Policies: see p.12
- 8 Planning DAs 8.1 to 8.7 and Report 8.8: **see recs p.12, 13 & 14**
- 9 General Business: 9.1 Appointment of WCC General Manager: **see rec p.15**
- 10 Snippets
 - 10.1 Place Quality & 10.2 Street Art: see p.16

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm on Wed. 3rd July 2019, Town Hall Ocean Room.

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 is 386 households

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MINUTES of meeting at 7.00 pm Wed. 1st May 2019 in the Town Hall Ocean Room

Present: the Lord Mayor and 28 members

- 1 Presentations Kerry Hunt, Chris Stewart, and Mike Dowd, were thanked for their presentation on WCC Delivery Program and Operational Plan, 2019 and for responding to questions.
- 2 Apologies were accepted
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 3rd April 2019 were adopted with no matters arising.
- 4 Comments from residents on the DA for townhouses, 58/60 Murphys Avenue Keiraville were noted - see p. 3 for the resolution.
- 5 Responses **Crown Street Art Work:** noted with regret.

Delivery Drones: noted

Crown Street Footpaths: noted with disbelief.
- 6 Reports **WCC Delivery Program and Operational Plan, 2019**
It was agreed that Council be advised that the Forum:
 - 1 supports all the proposals which relate to their area, but as amended in 3 below;
 - 2 seeks discussion/input into major Studies and Investigations and requests information on the timing of these:
 - i review of Fairy Cabbage Tree Creek Flood Study;
 - ii City Centre Planning Review - preferably through a Reference Group;
 - iii City Wide LEP Review - preferable in association with Neighbourhood Forum Alliance and the preparation of the Local Planning Strategy Statement;
 - iv Development of Crown Land Plans of Management;
 - v updated Landscape Master plan for Stuart and Galvin Parks, North Wollongong;
 - vi review of Inner City Parking Strategy;
 - vii the Integrated Transport Strategy;

- viii Review of Wollongong City Centre Access and Movement Strategy 2013-23;
 - ix review of the Wollongong Bike Plan;
 - x development of an Integrated and Sustainable Transport Strategy;
- 3 comments, as noted in the attachment, with amendments and additions:
- i remove reference to the mountain bike car park until such time as the Mountain Bike Strategy has been approved;
 - ii include as a matter of urgency the dredging of the Duck Pond at the Botanic Garden
 - iii include funding for an upgraded pedestrian crossing in Berkeley Road Gwynneville to safeguard children.

Roundabout on Gipps Road: noted

F6 Extension Stage 1

It was agreed that an objection be lodged to the latest Stage of the F6 Project and Ryan Park MP be supported in his endeavours on rail services.

Cycleway Signage Community Grant

It was agreed that the Forum support the grant application for such a grant.

Brian Reid

Condolences to the family were endorsed.

7 Activities

Keiraville/Gwynneville Access Study:

It was agreed that our Ward Councillors be requested to intervene and demand that greater priority be given to this important community initiative than has been the case recently.

South Wollongong: noted

Neighbourhood Forums Alliance:

It was noted that there will be a meeting of the Alliance at 6pm on 13th May in the City Library to discuss the Local Planning Strategy in general and in particular the impact of medium density development in low density areas.

Bluescope Community Consultative Committee: noted

8 Planning

DA/2019/286 Dual Occupancy, 2 Eastern St Gwynneville

It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed subject to the rear setback of the dwelling on Lot 1 be complied with and/or windows eliminated.

DA/2019/292 Dual Occupancy, 28 Abercrombie St West W'gong

It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

DA/2019/330 Gymnasium, 149 The Avenue, Figtree

It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

DA/2019/284 10 townhouses, 58/60 Murphys Avenue Keiraville

It was agreed that a very strong submission of objection be lodged.

9 General/Late **Public Spaces and Neighbourhood Parks**

Business

It was agreed that:

- 1 the submission to the Annual Plan on Land Use Planning request Council to include funding in 2019-20 for a review of the local open space needs, and the achievement of the Urban Greening Strategy, of the high density residential areas in and around the City Centre and that research information be attached;
- 2 the Ward Councillors be advised of our ongoing concerns, support the proposal and, if possible, for them attend the June Forum meeting to put their point of view.

Crown Street Markets

It was agreed to advise our Ward Councillors that we are receiving consistent and regular complaints from members about the plunging decline of the markets since the change in management, and request that they ensure that staff take steps to remedy the situation.

North Wollongong Station Parking

It was agreed to request State Rail to investigate opportunities and implement the provision of additional parking near the station.

Botanic Garden Master Plan

It was agreed to ask Council about the timing for completion of this important document.

10 Snippets noted

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm on Wed. 5th June 2019, Town Hall Ocean Room.

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5 Responses

5.1 Parking at North Wollongong Station

"The NSW Government is committed to making life easier for customers who use public transport. This includes providing customers with more parking near key stations and interchanges.

For too long transport was neglected across NSW, so we are investing \$51.2 billion in long overdue improvements in roads and public transport to ensure infrastructure keeps pace with our needs. We have a transport plan for NSW that is focused on making trips faster, easier and safer. Part of this plan includes providing more free and untimed parking near interchanges and stations.

Transport for NSW is currently reviewing our approach to prioritising, locating and funding interchange upgrades and commuter car parks. This work will address the future provision of commuter car parks, such as at North Wollongong."

David, Customer Feedback Transport for NSW

Recommendation

Noted

5.2 Crown Street Markets

Councillor Tania Brown has received a response:

" When Council went out to tender in 2016 for a contractor to deliver the Friday Crown Street Mall markets, specific criteria were identified to be delivered.

These included:

- 1 Improved management
- 2 Locally authentic and authentic new products
- 3 Support new start-ups or home based businesses
- 4 Point of difference from existing retail offer – even in the case of food offers
- 5 High standard of presentation and cleanliness
- 6 Provide a wide variety of entertainment and activities in association with the market
- 7 Specific type and number of stalls for the Friday Market.

In addition, the market organiser must demonstrate they have sound waste management principles and ensure specified items such as coffee, tea, canned or bottled drinks are not offered by stallholders as they would then be in direct competition with existing Crown Street Mall retailers.

The current contractor has entered into a commercial arrangement with Council to deliver the Mall markets. They provide quarterly reports to Council on how they are delivering on the above criteria. Through this process the contractor has demonstrated they are meeting these contract requirements. While the above criteria were developed to raise the standard of stalls participating in these markets, they have also narrowed the range of stallholders who qualify for participation and the products available for sale. This criteria is something that was not part of

previous market agreements and was developed to ensure the markets provided a point of difference to offerings within the retail space.

The Crown Street Mall markets are also impacted by broad economic trends and more specifically retail trends. The trend toward online retail has extended to market stallholders, and has also impacted on overall foot traffic numbers in the Mall. The relocation of David Jones to its new location and significant number of vacant commercial premises in the Mall has also impacted on foot traffic. The market operator has advised Council that the placement of the Mall sandstone Public Art has had an impact on stallholders and market site layout. Market operators have had to re-arrange the Friday market to accommodate the Public Art as stalls cannot be set up adjacent to the sandstone boulders.

Council recognises that the markets are a key activation within our City Centre. Council officers meet regularly with the markets contractor on strategies to enhance the market experience of the Mall"

Manager Community Cultural & Economic Development

Recommendation

Council be requested to advise:

- 1 how management has been improved, because our feedback from stallholders is that it is not working satisfactorily?;
- 2 whilst support for locally authentic new products and new start-ups or home based businesses are clearly desirable, how has this affected long-term traditional stallholders?;
- 3 what " wide variety of entertainment and activities in association with the market" have been provided and/or are proposed?;
- 4 what performance measures are in place, for example - number of people in the Mall on market days; and the numbers, stability and satisfaction survey of stall holders?;
- 5 given the apparent decline in providers and customers, what steps is Council taking to retrieve the situation?

6 Reports

6.1 Forest in the City

A research paper is being given to a conference in Paris using Nyrang Park as an example. Contrary to previous practice, trees were planted in the retention basin and flood area. This is now a dense urban forest with multiple social, ecological and risk management benefits.

It was argued that as tree trunks grow storage would be lost and the basin's performance compromised. In fact the leaf area index of a fully well-structured forest provides sufficient storage on leaves and surfaces to more than offset the loss of open storage lost in the trunks, in addition to the benefits of improved infiltration and moisture holding capacity of the leaf litter mulch an humus.

from Rudy van Drie

Recommendation

Council be requested to advise whether tree planting in the retention basin and flood area at Nyrang Park detention basin has been beneficial overall, and whether/how it is intended to use this method for other suitable areas in the LGA.

6.2 Boarding Houses

The Affordable Rental Housing SEPP has been amended so boarding houses are limited to 12 boarding rooms per site within the R2 Low Density Residential zone to better reflect the scale and built form of the surrounding area.

Recommendation

Council be requested to advise if/when it proposes to use the clear definition of a Boarding House in legislation for development assessment purposes, particularly in the Keiraville/Gwynneville area.

6.3 Development Register

The current practise is to remove all the supporting documentation from the "DAs on Exhibition" portal once the exhibition period has elapsed and then not put them on the "Development Register" portal until after a determination has been made. This is causing all sorts of problems if the determination is made by a Planning Panel and residents wish to research or check information arising after the exhibition period has closed.

Recommendation

That Council be requested to ensure that all documentation relating to a development application is posted on their web site from the time of first notification, and not removed during the assessment period.

6.4 Definition of Stories

Whilst development in Residential R2 zones is limited to two stories Council routinely allows two stories above garages. The statutory definition of a storey is "storey means a space within a building that is situated between one floor level and the floor level next above, or if there is no floor above, the ceiling or roof above, but does not include:

- (a) a space that contains only a lift shaft, stairway or meter room, or
- (b) a mezzanine, or
- (c) an attic".

This clearly includes implies that the garage level is a storey.

Recommendation

Council be requested to advise of their interpretation of the definition of a storey when assessing development proposals.

6.5 Wollongong Harbour

Crown Lands held an information session on changes to the Master Plan for the harbour following public exhibition, in particular retaining it as a working harbour. They seem to have endorsed most of the points we made in our submission with the only substantive changes being the removal of the kiosk/visitor centre on Flagstaff Hill, a proposed boardwalk and the phasing of proposals. The contractor for repairing the slipway will be submitting a DA to Council.

Recommendation

That Crown Lands be advised the Forum supports their draft Master Plan for Wollongong Harbour again, except for the proposed boardwalk across the end of the pier and associated beach.

7 Activities

7.1 Keiraville/Gwynneville Access Study

Over 6 years ago in October 2012 Council endorsed NF5 to lead preparation of the Keiraville/Gwynneville (KeG) Precinct Plan. Over the next 18 months there was considerable community commitment and involvement, resulting in the KeG Community Planning Project Report. In April 2014 Council endorsed the Report's 10 vision statements and approved Council officers to assist NF5 to prepare a KeG Implementation Plan, but rejected funding a KeG Access and Movement Study (Access Study). About 4 years ago in August 2015 Council endorsed the KeG Implementation Plan (for which NF5 had provided a paper on an interim Access and Parking Strategy), and also endorsed development of the KeG Access Study. Study work was delayed pending funding availability, and significant developments have occurred at the University since 2014, including additional accommodation for students.

In September 2018 Council held a successfully facilitated fourth workshop and Council recently advised they are now finalising the KeG Access Study's Strategies and Report following feedback from the University, and shortly will be issuing invitations to a Feedback Forum to be held within the next few weeks.

Council's Manager IS&P will make a presentation at NF5 meeting on 5 June, which will include a brief overview and update on the KeG Access Study.

7.2 Climate Change Group

A sub-committee is working on researching and developing a draft climate change policy, which is expected to will raise relevant issues and assist Council. It is planned to be available for consideration by the NF5 meeting on 7 August. Council's website shows that in 2009 it assessed risks to services and infrastructure and prepared a Climate Change Adaption Strategy and Action Plan. Also the website refers to projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, references

the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2014-2022, and consideration of risks and impacts in various management documents.

7.3 South Wollongong Flooding

Wollongong City Flood Study has been reviewed after considering hundreds of submissions. Council says the Study has been revised after considering their revised Blockage Policy, recent urban developments, changes to Garungaty waterway and information from recent flooding events.

It is on public exhibition on Council's website and residents in the catchment have been advised "drop in" community information sessions will be:

- Thurs 30 May 4pm to 6pm at Wollongong Art Gallery level 3
- Saturday 1 June 10am to 12 noon at JJ Kelly Park near the playground (alternatively if weather is bad at Council offices Burelli St level 9)

Council's Manager IS&P will make a presentation at NF5 meeting on 5 June, which will include an update on the Review and he can respond to questions.

7.4 Neighbourhood Forums Alliance

The Alliance met on 13th May to discuss the approach to the Local Strategic Planning Statement. Issues agreed upon included special objectives; ways to maintain the integrity of the character of areas dominated by dwelling houses; and ways to achieve a more sustainable future by encouraging medium density housing in accessible areas.

Each Forum will now develop specific proposals for their areas to be discussed at the next meeting on 25th June. Please come then and have your say.

7.5 Re-opening Cliff/Bourke Intersection

NF5 has previously raised concerns re this intersection and Council's email 11 Oct 2018 referred, including: *This feedback will inform the proposed options/concept design for traffic management at this location, which we will also be seeking community input on.* However in April NF5 received an email advising Council is re-opening the Cliff/Bourke intersection to southbound traffic in May. NF5 then requested whether community input had been sought (apparently not), what data (eg traffic counts and accident history) was considered in arriving at this decision, and compliance with RMS standards for Shared Zones. Re-opening seems to create potential safety problems for pedestrians and cyclists in the shared zone 10 km/h area, and for vehicles at the intersection

Council's Manager IS&P will make a presentation at NF5 meeting on 5 June, which will include an update on the Re-opening and he can respond to questions.

7.6 Continental Pool Access

In Dec 2018 NF5 requested Council to re-instate access and parking spaces for people with limited mobility adjacent Continental Pool, which were shown in Council's Plans on exhibition in late 2016, discussed with NF5 representatives, and per tenders awarded in Jan 2017. This would restore access to the pool for

regulars who have used it safely over a period of about 40 years for health, recreation & social purposes.

At a meeting on 21 Feb 2019 representatives of NF5 and the community presented a compromise solution of say 6 months trial for a limited number of authorised regular users. Council representatives advised CCTV cameras will be installed along the tramway path in April, they would analyse resulting data in May, consider options, then discuss with representatives of NF5 and the community. Also staff advised 2 mobility spaces will be installed on Cliff Rd east side near the start of the tramway path and they propose to investigate providing seating on the west side of the path. In addition staff will discuss proposals to manage shared path safety problems involving pedestrians, cyclists and others after they have analysed the CCTV data.

Council's Manager IS&P will make a presentation at NF5 meeting on 5 June, which will include an update on Continental Pool access for people with limited mobility and safety management improvements for tramway path users.

7.7 Foreshore Parking Strategy

In Feb 2018 NF5 noted that Council has called tenders for consultants to develop a Foreshore Parking Strategy by April 2018. The Council brief's objective is to identify the capacity, availability and usage of car parking facilities along the foreshore of the Local Government Area, rank the usage of car parks and suggest any possible opportunities for improvement. Also to focus on the Blue Mile car parks and conduct a preliminary feasibility study to review parking capacity, availability and possible additional multi-use car parking facility in Stuart Park

NF5 requested Council to advise the proposed process and timing for involving the community in reviewing a draft Foreshore Parking Strategy and the Blue Mile Master Plan, that is included in Council's Delivery Plan 2018/19

Council's Manager IS&P will make a presentation at NF5 meeting on 5 June, which will include an update on the Foreshore Parking Strategy and the review of the Blue Mile Master Plan.

7.8 Denison St Shared Path

iBUG recently forwarded a Council letter advising that a shared path (ie for pedestrians and cyclists) will be built on the eastern side of Denison St between Throsby Drive and Crown St. This raises concerns about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, and Council has been asked to advise: what is the width of the shared path, is it to be a 2 way shared path, how practical and effective will this be given there are many driveways, does this fit in with the review of Council's Wollongong City Centre Access & Movement Strategy 2013-2023 which shows Denison as major alternative traffic route around the CBD.

Council's Manager IS&P will make a presentation at NF5 meeting on 5 June, which will include an update on Denison St Shared Path

7.9 Crown Land Plans of Management

On 27 May Council adopted the recommendations of a staff report that included to develop Plans of Management (PoM) compliant with the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act) in three stages over the next 2 years to meet the Government's deadline of 30 June 2021. This applies to 46 Crown Reserves (CR) where Council is the "Council Crown Land Manager", which Council has classified and the Crown Lands department have confirmed as Community Land.

After a CR has been classified as Community Land then it can be categorised as either Park, Sportsground, General Community Use, Natural Area or an Area of Cultural Significance. Most of the 46 CR have been categorised as Park, including Brighton Lawn, Flagstaff Point, Lang Park and Stuart Park.

The Report notes that the existing 2008 Wollongong City Foreshore PoM (which includes Stuart Park) does comply with the CLM Act. This is not surprising, because as previously pointed out to Council (including by L&E Court Judge Moore) it was not a statutory PoM under the Crown Land Act 1989, never having been adopted by the Minister. Unfortunately in May 2017, after apparently misleading representations including by representatives of Council and the skydiving company, the Minister cancelled the statutory 2000 Stuart Park PoM.

The Report states the 3 stages in developing a CLM Act compliant PoM are:

- Stage 1 Preliminary Community Consultation: Information is prepared for each reserve and considered by the community to inform a future draft PoM. The information proposes one or more community land categories;
- Stage 2 Prepare Draft PoMs that Council resolves to exhibit for public comment subject to Ministerial approval;
- Stage 3: Exhibit each Draft PoM that has Ministerial approval to exhibit and report the community's feedback on the draft PoM back to Council to decide.

The Report notes that Council Officers have commenced preparing community consultation information for 46 CR and have been informally talking with key stakeholders (the Aboriginal community, current lease and license holders, neighborhood forums) about developing PoM. We look forward to discussions with NF5 representatives.

Whilst the proposed method of community consultation may be adequate for many CR, obviously there is a critical need for a community focussed engagement process for the regionally important Stuart Park CR. It is suggested that Council establish a working party for Stuart Park PoM, as proved effective in developing the compliant 2000 Stuart Park PoM, which was approved by the Minister, rather than the flawed process used in developing the non-compliant 2008 City Foreshore PoM.

Recommendation

Council's General Manager be requested to arrange a meeting with representatives of NF5 to develop an effective Community Engagement process for development of Plans of Management for regionally significant Crown Reserves, such as the Stuart Park, to ensure the PoMs will comply with the requirements of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

7.10 Council Policies

On 27 May Council adopted reports re various Policies.

The following draft Policies will be on public exhibition in the near future:

- Economic Development Strategy 2019-2029 (29 May-26 June)
- Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy (28 days TBA)
- Financial Assistance Policy (28 days TBA)

The following Policies were adopted after public exhibition:

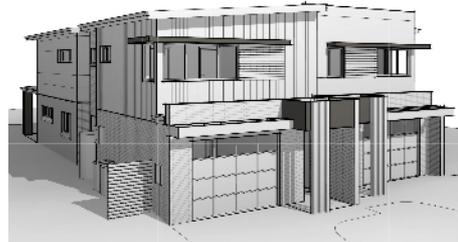
- Code of Conduct and Procedures for Administration of Codes of Conduct (no submissions)
- Code of Meeting Practice (no submissions)
- Code of Business Ethics (internal review)
- Penalty Notice Review Policy (Internal)

8 Planning

8.1 DA/2019/388 Dual Occupancy 55 Mt Keira Rd West Wollongong

14th May

This is a proposal for a dual occupancy which appears to comply with all Council requirements. However, not only is it in a remote location but also it does not look like an ordinary house on its own lot, also much of the front set-back area will be paved. It does not comply with our Locality Plan for Keiraville.



Recommendation

That the submission of objection be endorsed.

8.2 DA/2019/428 Dual Occupancy 26 Foley Street Gwynneville

25th May

This is a proposal for a dual occupancy close to the Gwynneville centre. It does not comply with two Council technicalities - the dwelling directly facing Catherine Street is two stories and not really within a rear setback, and stacked parking is proposed which is acceptable in a quiet street. Otherwise it complies with our Locality Plan.



Recommendation

That the submission of support be endorsed.

8.3 DA-2019/447 Museum 143 Gipps Road, Keiraville

27th May

This is a proposal for a shed to house a replica aircraft. There do not appear to be any issues.

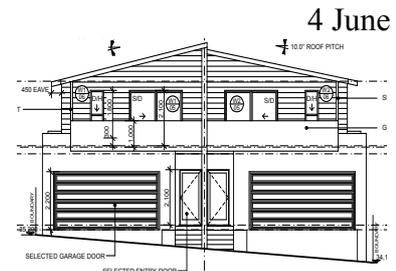


Recommendation

That the submission of support be endorsed.

8.4 DA/2019/469 Dual Occupancy 55 Grey St Keiraville

This is a proposal for a dual occupancy close to the Keiraville centre. It complies with requirements except for side boundary setbacks to garages, width of garage doors (+ 17%) and FSR (+ 3%)



Recommendation

That the submission of support be endorsed.

8.5 DA/2019/416 Dual Occupancy 105 Walang Ave Figtree

This is a proposal for a second house on a large lot to create in effect a dual occupancy which appears to comply with all Council requirements. It also complies with our Locality Plan for Figtree.



Recommendation

That the submission of support be endorsed.

8.6 DA/2018/473 Commercial & Residential 49-51 Denison St Wollongong

The DA is for demolition and construction of a mixed use building with 2 levels of basement parking for 94 cars, three ground floor commercial/retail spaces and 84 residential units above.

On 22 May WLPP deferred the application requiring amended plans to include: 3m setback to the rail corridor, reduce number of units to the rail corridor, reduce number of units per floor to improve amenity, ensure minimise vibration during construction. After receipt of amended plans Council is to provide a further report for consideration by WLPP.

Recommendation

Noted

8.7 DA/2018/1231 North Wollongong Surf Club major internal & external alterations

On 22 May WLPP deferred this application, requiring changes mainly re heritage issues, and delegated future determination to Council's relevant Manager. Council's report had recommended approval subject to changes for heritage issues. NF5 had made a submission in December 2018 re heritage issues and concerns about the likely impact of sea level rises. Council's assessment report confirms that the site is subject to coastal hazards including geotechnical risk and future coastal erosion. It states a new seawall is proposed in the future which will provide structural support for the building and other foreshore assets. The possible detrimental effects on the beach amenity were not addressed.

Recommendation

Noted

8.8 Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code

On 28 May an article in the SMH indicated that Canterbury-Bankstown Council intends to exclude the operation of the Code across large sections of its area. The NSW Planning & Environment website states the Code commenced in July 2018, except that some Councils (including Wollongong) have a deferred commencement until 1 July 2019, ie within a month from now.

The website indicates that the Code was developed over several years and allows one and two storey dual occupancies, manor houses and terraces to be carried out under a fast track complying development approval. It is only allowed in R1, R2, R3, and RU5 zones, where medium density housing is already permitted under a Council's LEP and must meet relevant development standards. It is claimed that low rise medium density housing helps housing affordability by providing smaller homes on smaller lots that still provide all the amenities of a single dwelling and can accommodate a wide variety of lifestyles and needs, including growing families or empty nesters.

Recommendation

Council be requested to advise whether it will seek exclusion or further deferral of implementing the Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code.

9 General Business

9.1 Appointment of WCC General Manager

On 27 May Council resolved unanimously to appoint Greg Doyle as General Manager for a 4 year term commencing 1 June 2019. This followed a thorough process which included Council establishing a Recruitment and Selection Committee of the LM and 4 Councillors to oversee the appointment and recommend the most suitable applicant to the full Council for final decision. The Committee engaged Local Government NSW Management Solutions to provide external recruitment advice and to facilitate the recruitment process. Thirty two (32) high standard applications were received from candidates with broad experience, including in local government, private enterprise and government agencies. The Committee selected 7 applicants for interview and presented the confidential General Manager Recruitment Report to Councillors on 6 May. Councillors were given the opportunity to meet with the preferred candidate on 13 May for general discussions, as previously resolved by Council.

Greg is a University of Wollongong Masters graduate who has worked at Wollongong Council for over 20 years, with experience in most aspects of the organisation. Initially he was in Community Development & Planning, then Organisational Strategy & Improvement, progressing to the executive management team as Director Corporate & Community Services, then Director Infrastructure & Works, and since January as acting General Manager. Greg is a Director with many local not-for-profit organisations who provide services to the community, and he has earned a reputation as an excellent communicator.

Recommendation

NF5 welcome the appointment of Greg Doyle as Wollongong's General Manager and we look forward to working collaboratively with Greg and staff.

10 Snippets

10.1 Place Quality

The experience of place is fundamental to our physical and mental health and sense of wellbeing. Place underpins cultural activities and social opportunities. Place has an impact on the way we govern ourselves, on our democracy and local decision-making, on community togetherness and empowerment, and on much, much more.

Centrally engage local communities and local businesses in the processes of shaping and re-shaping local places in order that they become full partners in the pursuit of place quality, including facilitating, wherever possible, bottom-up aspirations and initiative.

For example by:

- i Establishing a voluntary ‘Citizen Place Board’ to consult and advise on all place-based priorities and to help hold local place-related services to account.
- ii Making available to the community, private organisations or other public bodies any prominent under-utilised land or sites for publicly beneficial temporary uses.
- iii Putting in place awareness-raising and direct technical assistance to encourage less advantaged communities to engage with their local environment and in the neighbourhood planning process.

Mathew Carmona TCPA May 2015

10.2 Street Art Crown Street West?

