

Neighbourly Committee No 4
Incorporating Neighbourhood Forum No 4
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NF4 Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 Meeting:
In Person Meeting @ Towradgi Community Hall

Topic: NF4 May Meeting Zoom Link

Time: May 7, 2024 at 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: [Cut and Paste exactly into browser]

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MINUTES

Open Meeting- 07.00pm

Apologies – Anne Marrett, Sam Tannous, Cr. Richard Martin, Jean Groves,
Lola Flanagan

Minutes of Previous Meeting April 2024 - Previously Distributed via email

Business Arising from Minutes -

• Chair reported on follow-up communication from previous meeting where Towradgi Community members raised the response from Council regarding work not yet undertaken to clean sand from and restore Towradgi Pool. As the April Meeting was planned to highlight the proposed WCC draft Budget, the Chair reported on some of the intended inclusions for the NF4 footprint which weren't shared at the last meeting. Attention was drawn to the Council Engagement Pages of the WCC Website where the Budget Documents could still be viewed at the time.

• Due to a strong attendance from residents concerned over the impact of the 4 April Storm event, Standing Business was suspended to move to General Business.

General Business:

1. Serious concerns were expressed about the consequences of the April flooding experiences of many residents in this area. Residents with experience of the August 1998 event as well as the April 2024 event expressed strong views that neither Council

nor the State Government have acted in their respective capacities to manage the known issues of flooding to safely plan and enact actions for the increasingly, inevitable storm events. Since the 1998 event, the behaviour of creeks in the Cabbage Tree Arm of Fairy Creek, Towradgi Creek catchment, especially North Corrimal Creek, and the streams into Bellambi Lagoon have been known and mapped and should have been prioritised for more extensive works program upgrades prior to the April 2024 event. Some members expressed the need for a such a listing of bridges, culverts and pipe systems to be subject to a management plan aligned to the 1% storm risk consequences.

Some members shared personal experience of how the unnamed feeder creeks of Cabbage Tree Creek in Parkview Grove and Cabbage Tree Lane, Mount Ousley, where culverts and water courses from public areas broke into houses and placed family members at great personal danger.

The meeting was asked to send submissions to State Representatives as well as Councillors to express their frustration at the buck-passing of responsibility between these levels of government that is placing lives at risk.

The previous submissions from residents and NF4 about the viability of existing road links in terms of the new State Housing Strategy now being implemented in Corrimal, are further highlighted by the recent flooding event.

It was also moved that Federal members to be asked to recognize the growing problem with insurance. The increasing frequency of these flooding events is making the viability of home insurance unsound, with many representatives fearing that new policy renewals will be totally beyond affordability.

2. Members from NF5 have asked for NF4 to be included in the discussions about the Mt Ousley interchange. This is especially because Mt Ousley, Mt Pleasant and Fairy Meadow are suburbs adjoining Mt Ousley Road and they fall within NF4's footprint. Concern was expressed about the TfNSW decision to delete the pedestrian overbridge from the interchange. This was a major feature of the original promised development that was fully funded in the 2016 proposal. The resulting change has left a circuitous, far less efficient option for pedestrian and active transport access to the UOW campus and the existing and planned links through the local area including the UOW Innovation Campus site and the shared route along the highway in Fairy Meadow between Wollongong High School and Balgownie Rd.

Members have asked why the proposal did not include indexed funding to maintain its features in real time? Members wish to remind the Parliamentary representatives that existing State policies require pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to be included and the original design was safer and more usable.

Further, this intersection does not just adjoin the UOW home campus, but links students of all ages travelling to the TAFE and two adjoining High Schools. It was also noted that Federal MP Catherine King had announced available funding for active transport infrastructure and that this should be asked for in line with this proposal.

3. Flowing on from the Mt Ousley interchange discussion, it was shared that a proposal has been floated to revert the Princes Highway/Mt Ousley Road intersection to a traffic light intersection. The meeting expressed the view that this would be a backward step for several reasons.

a) It already carries a large amount of traffic closely adjoining existing traffic light intersections creating a more severe backlog of traffic.

b) The existing northbound entry to the roundabout reduces from three to two lanes just prior to the roundabout and this has already become a traffic hazard. There is existing space for dedicated left lanes to be created for traffic entering Old Mt Ousley Rd and similarly, to exit Old Mt Ousley Rd into the Princes Hwy northbound. This would reduce traffic impact on the roundabout.

c) An active shared path is planned along the western highway verge from Wollongong High School to Fairy Meadow Demonstration [Public] School and Guest Park via the Fairy Meadow Town Centre. This intersection needs to be smoothly and safely operational.

Regular Business:

Current DAs:

DA-2024/269 - Development Application - 2 Kembla Street BALGOWNIE NSW 2519 - 8 May

Alterations to building to allow the installation of an external lift

DA-2024/260 - Development Application - 135-143 Princes Highway FAIRY MEADOW NSW 2519 - 8 May

Commercial - alterations and additions to existing premises.

DA-2022/559/A - Modification of Development Application - 33 Charles Road FERNHILL NSW 2519 - 10 May

Residential Alterations and Adjustments

DA-2024/280 - Development Application - 40 Carr Street TOWRADGI NSW 2518 - 14 May

Alterations to block brick front fence with installation of 1.2m fence along the wall.

DA-2024/274 - Development Application - 11 Cassell Avenue TOWRADGI NSW 2518 - 14 May

Residential - Dwelling House

DA-2024/294 - Development Application - 20 Chester Street BELLAMBI NSW 2518 - 15 May

Residential Dwelling House

DA-2024/293 - Development Application - 6-8 Carters Lane TOWRADGI NSW 2518 - 15 May

Residential - demolition of existing buildings, construction of two (2) dual occupancies (attached) and Subdivision - Torrens title - four (4) lots

DA-2024/282 - Development Application - Palm Court 264-268 Princes Highway CORRIMAL NSW 2518 - 15 May

Commercial - alterations and additions to existing Hotel

• No members reported any concerns for the above DA notifications.

• Correspondence In –

- WLPP Agenda for Tuesday, 7 May 2024
- WCC Request for Feedback on the Integrated Transport Strategy

Noted.

• Correspondence Out –

Community Campaigns:

• Corrimal Community Action Group

Legacy Property now have a Community Engagement Line for ‘The Works’

This number is specifically for Community Engagement and is not intended for sales. It's an easy way for the community to get in touch with Lance or Adriana, from Brooks Community Engagement, and the Legacy property team regarding any questions or concerns about the project, construction etc.

The Works Corrimal Community Engagement Line: 02 5123 1284

When community members call the line, they'll be prompted to leave a voicemail. This message is encrypted and sent to Adriana, Lance, and the Legacy Property team who will then follow up with a call as soon as possible.

Anne has sent this out in CCAg's newsletter.

- **East Corrimal Open Space Committee**
No Report issued at this meeting.

- **Meeting Closed: 8:45pm**

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*****



Nathan McBriarty

Inbox - ozemail.com.au Yesterday at 14:22

Wollongong City Council - Feedback open for Council's draft Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy

Good afternoon

Feedback open for Council's draft Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy

Thank you for your participation in workshops for the development of the draft Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy (draft strategy) which will lead transport planning and investment across the Wollongong Local Government Area over the next 10 years. The draft strategy outlines Council's vision, guiding principles, and goals to improve the way we move around our city into the future and the actions we'll take to achieve them. Until now, we've considered transport planning and delivery in a site-specific or transport-specific way through documents like the Cycling Strategy 2030, the Wollongong Pedestrian Plan and various Town Centre Masterplans. The draft strategy takes a more overarching view of the city and lays out what steps we, Transport for NSW, and our community can take to ensure sustainable, accessible, and affordable transport options are available for our growing and diverse community. We are now seeking community feedback on the draft strategy to inform the final version.

We invite you to attend a Community Drop-in Info Session, any time between 3 - 6pm at the following locations:

- Dapto on Tuesday 14 May 2024 - Scribbly Gum Room, Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 93/109 Princes Hwy, Dapto
- Wollongong on Thursday 16 May 2024 - Wollongong Library Theatre, Ground Floor, 41 Burelli St, Wollongong
- Thirroul on Thursday 23 May 2024 - Escarpment Room, Thirroul Community Centre, 352/358 Lawrence Hargrave Dr, Thirroul

For more information on how to provide feedback and to access the draft strategy visit our website at our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/draft-wollongong-integrated-transport-strategy. Alternatively you can visit one of our libraries or the Customer Service Centre, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong for printed versions of the draft strategy, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and survey.

If you have any questions or require clarification please contact engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au or call 4227 7111

Please note that the last day for feedback is **Monday 27 May 2024**.

Regards



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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our city is built, the Aboriginal people of Dharawal Country. We recognise and appreciate their deep connection to this land, waters and the greater community.

