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**Agenda of Annual General Meeting on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 by email**

- 1      Election            Officers bearers are to be elected for a two year term.  
Following the call for nominations emailed to members on Wednesday  
15<sup>th</sup> March the following have been received:  
Convenor:     Harold Hanson  
Co-convenor: John Riggall  
Secretary:     David Winterbottom  
Members       Philip Laird  
                     Jenny Bayly  
  
As the number of candidates is fewer than the number of positions  
there is no need for an election.
- 2      Apologies:     Not necessary
- 3      Minutes of meeting of 7th April 2021 and matters arising: see p.2
- 4      Annual Report:    see p. 4.  
                     Recommendation  
                     The Annual Report be adopted.
- 3      Policies:    see pp. 6-13  
                     Recommendation  
                     The policies be endorsed, subject to any changes proposed and  
                     endorsed by the executive.
- 4      Locality Plans:    see p. 11  
                     Recommendation  
                     The Locality Plans be re-endorsed, subject to any changes proposed  
                     and adopted endorsed by the executive.
- 5      General Business.

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**Minutes of Annual General Meeting on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by email**

- 1      Election            It was resolved to congratulate the executive on their election:  
Convenor – Harold Hanson; Co-convenor – John Riggall; Secretary –  
David Winterbottom; Members – Philip Laird and Kim Jackson.
  
- 2      Apologies:        None necessary
- 3      Minutes of meeting of 4th April 2020 were adopted
  
- 4      Annual Report:    The Annual Report was adopted. It was noted that priorities for  
2021/22 were: 1 liveability for our suburbs; 2 City Centre Planning  
& Development; 3 Stormwater Management.
  
- 3      Policies:            The 32 Policies for 5 Places, 9 Planning, 7 Process and 11  
Preservation were endorsed.
  
- 4      Locality Plans:    The Locality Plans were endorsed.
  
- 5      General Business.
  
- 6      Convenor's minute.  

The Convenor insists on this minute despite protest from the Secretary:  
“ The Convenor wishes to express sincere thanks to the Secretary  
David Winterbottom and co- convenor John Riggall for their  
contributions to assist Neighbourhood Forum 5 to continue its work  
during difficult Covid times. The huge workload contributed by David  
is exceptional both in his professional capacity as a former Chief City  
Planner and in the drafting and circulation of a large volume of  
paperwork in the Business Papers to about 400 households, answering  
correspondence, requests, attending meetings, consultations and the  
like, all of which has been enormously valuable over many years.  
NF5 could not function as it does without David's expertise and many  
hours of voluntary participation. The City and its community owes  
David a huge vote of thanks.  
Harold HANSON”

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## 2022-23 Annual report.

REPORT	COMMENT
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	
The distribution list of those receiving agendas is just over 400 (excluding 27 at Council).	
Nearly all meetings have been by e-mail.	Let us hope Covid threats soon reduce to levels where everybody is comfortable about coming to face-to-face meetings
Some 188 letters have been sent to Council or to State Departments in response to calls for submissions and/or raising various issues	Local MPs Paul Scully and Ryan Park have been very helpful raising issues with Ministers on our behalf.
A number of the NF5's policies under <b>Places</b> (4); <b>Planning</b> (4); <b>Process</b> (4); and <b>Preservation</b> (6) need reviewing	
<b>PLANNING</b>	
<b>Major Development Applications:</b>	
For one reason or another it has not been possible to provide a detailed breakdown on these.	Suffice it to say there is usually agreement between the Forum's submissions and the final determination. Although less so of late.
<b>Dual Occupancy DAs</b>	
For one reason or another it has not been possible to provide a detailed breakdown on these.	There remains a fundamental difference of opinion between the community and Council on these for two reasons: They seem to accept that side-by-side dual occupancies are not intrusive into a street of detached houses, and they continue policies which result in denser development going to remoter locations.

<b>REPORT</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
<b>KEY ISSUES</b>	
<b>City Centre:</b>	
A number of suggestions from our City Centre project are now being implemented by Council, but the latest City Centre Review ignored many others	There is still no formal City Centre Group of Community or Business Advisory.
Strategic Plans for the City Centre still seem to be inadequate.	Major developments are proceeding to quite unacceptable heights and the Mall continues to languish
<b>High Rise Residential</b>	
This should have been part of the City Centre Review but was deferred until after the Housing Strategy is settled.	Still waiting for details – the Strategy says the right things.
Lack of local open space remains a major issue which has been raised several times.	We do not seem to be able to generate any leverage on this issue.
<b>Keiraville/Gwynneville:</b>	
The Planning Proposal designed to respond to the community's concerns about unsustainable and inappropriate development is still on the table and has now become embroiled in the Housing Strategy.	This is key to getting a sensible response to the vexed medium density development problem as well as irresponsible development adjacent to the escarpment. Council are addressing this.
Desired Future Character Statements for suburbs provided.	Council is still being pressed about the urgency of this which has been going on for years with little action other than giving it a low priority in the Housing Strategy.
Further examples of good and bad streetscape provided.	Still no response.
The Access and Movement Strategy has been an engagement disgrace but hopefully recent changes in senior staff at Council will mean a more cooperative attitude.	May just be beginning to move.
<b>South Wollongong</b>	
Draft Plan prepared which does not help much. It would have helped if had been part of the City Centre Review.	It would seem we have to wait for a really big flood.
<b>Escarpment and Greening</b>	
We proposed to Council that there should be no new dwellings on their defined Fireprone land.	No response so far.
We continue to press for mandatory green roofs on major buildings.	Rejected.
We have been pressing for decades for deep planting to be at the front of lots, integrated into the streetscape.	Rejected

<b>REPORT</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
<b>LIAISON</b>	
<b>Council</b>	
It is of concern that Council seem to be moving away from a cooperative interactive form of participation.	As a result there remain serious concerns about the effectiveness of both the planning and the engineering regimes – the former clearly under resourced and the latter changing with new leadership.
Grand Pacific Walk and Blue Mile - there seems little sign that a review is in the offing.	
Waste disposal.	No details available but recent staff changes may assist.
<b>BlueScope Steel</b>	
A good relationship has been developed with Bluescope Steel and we are members of their community consultative committee.	
The issues of the use of surplus land and of environmental improvements are very much under discussion.	
<b>University</b>	
A good relationship has been developed with the University and we communicate with them regularly.	There was nearly always a University representative at Forum meetings raising awareness, doubtless to be resumed once meetings start again.
<b>Port Kembla Harbour</b>	
We are members of the Port Kembla Harbour Environment Group.	The Lord Mayor is to be congratulated on setting up this initiative.
<b>Priorities</b>	
<p>Priorities for 2021-22 were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Liveability in our suburbs</li> <li>2 City Centre planning and development</li> <li>3 Stormwater Management</li> </ol>	Unfortunately there seems to have been little progress by Council on these issue despite constant prompting by the Forum and others.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	
<p>The Covid pandemic has had a significant impact on our deliberations, particularly affecting our interaction with Councillors and staff.</p> <p>Hopefully, once this has subsided we will be able to develop a more positive interactive relationship recognising that the Forums are an integral part of the Council system not an external appendage causing extra work without adding value.</p>	<p>It is unfortunate that Council still seems to be unable or unwilling, to tap into the wealth of experience and expertise in the community freely available to them, other than on a “make a submission and we will consider it” basis.</p> <p>Staff changes at Council, particularly in the Engineering arena, offer hope for greater cooperation in the near future</p>

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## **Forum Policies**

Forum Policies come under four broad divisions: **Places**; **Planning**; **Process**; and **Preservation**. They are reviewed annually.

### **Policy Index**

Bird Strikes	Preservation 11	Low Density Residential	Planning 9
Boarding Houses	Places 1	Medium Density	Planning 5
Bushfire Protection	Preservation 10	Neighbourhood Forums	Process 3
City Centre	Planning 2	Notification	Process 4
City Centre Residential	Planning 3	Park Events	Process 6
Community Engagement	Process 1	Public Land alienation	Places 3
Emissions Reduction	Preservation 9	Service	Process 2
Escarpment	Preservation 1	Short-term Lettings	Planning 7
Food	Preservation 3	Site Specific Rezoning	Planning 6
Footpath Priorities	Process 5	Suburbs	Preservation 2
Harbour	Places 2	Sustainable Development	Preservation 6
Height Limits	Planning 4	Town Hall	Places 4
Heritage	Preservation 5	Transport	Preservation 4
Infrastructure Priorities	Process 7	Trees Under Powerlines	Preservation 8
Keiraville/Gwynneville	Places 5	Urban Greening	Preservation 7
Locality	Planning 1		

### **Places**

#### **1 Boarding Houses**

Chapter C3 of Wollongong DCP 2009 be further updated to:

- 1 exempt as a boarding house those with fewer than 5 lodgers;
- 2 require development applications from those with 5 lodgers or more;
- 3 include advice on definition like that from Ryde Council;

15th November 2015

## **2 Wollongong Harbour**

Wollongong Harbour should:

- 1 remain a working harbour;
- 2 retain its cultural heritage;
- 3 provide public access and public places;
- 4 retain existing trees;
- 5 provide only low key tourism buildings.

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010

## **3 Sale or Lease of Public Land**

- 1 As a general principle whenever possible land in public ownership should not be alienated unless either it is of no benefit to the public or is to be leased for a commercial venture serving principally users of the park.
- 2 No community land should be used for the exclusive use of any organisation, other than Council, unless the use is of short duration for a very limited period, and the cumulative impact is acceptable, or the land is to be leased for a commercial venture serving principally users of the park..
- 3 Community Land should not be sold if it:
  - i is an integral part of a significant park;
  - ii gives possible access to a significant or lineal park;
  - iii is able to be widely used for active or passive recreation activities;
  - iv is likely to be worse maintained; or
  - v has already been alienated by stealth.

If the land is suitable to be sold then at least two-thirds of the proceeds from any sale should be used to embellish nearby open space.

- 4 No land is to be leased for a commercial venture, other than for a not for profit service for the general public already using the land, unless:
  - i public tenders have been called to ensure the best outcome;
  - ii there are the most exceptional circumstances;
  - iii there is little demand for the land to be used by the general public; and
  - iv it can demonstrated there are community and economic benefits not obtainable on another more appropriate site.

1 March 2017

## **4 Town Hall**

The Town Hall is touted as the city's key civic and community venue and ought to be the centre of local cultural life – why else have a town hall? Community groups are being squeezed out in favour of out-of-town commercial ventures.

The policy is that non-profit, volunteer managed, groups be only charged at a rate sufficient to cover basic costs such as lighting, cleaning and security.

6th May 2015

## **5 Keiraville/Gwynneville**

Following a major community engagement programme during 2013 a series of proposals were refined and adopted as policy:

- 1 the Keiraville/Gwynneville Community Plan;
- 2 the Keiraville/Gwynneville Implementation Strategy;
- 3 the Keiraville/Gwynneville Planning Proposal;
- 4 the Keiraville/Gwynneville Greening Strategy;

March 2014

## **Planning**

### **1 Locality Plans**

Comprehensive plans for localities, excluding the City Centre, were developed in 2010 and refined in 2012. These were discussed with Council officers who, whilst generally sympathetic, were not prepared to support the proposals in advance of a review of the Development Control Plan for which there does not appear to be a timetable or resources.

In the event the Keiraville/Gwynneville Community Plan built on the plans for those localities and developed a Planning Proposal which refined the plans, but, more significantly, require changes to the Local Environmental Plan.

As a result the Locality Plans for all areas were amended to conform to those adopted for Keiraville/Gwynneville. That involved using Transition Areas to replace Development Streets, eventually increasing densities in those Areas, and omitting the two-lot adjacent constraints for medium density housing.

It is also to be noted that we adopted significant changes in the vicinity of the Figtree Centre when working with Council on plans for that which, as we predicted, got nowhere.

As a result the Locality Plans were reworked and up-dated but without changing the adopted outcomes. The changes were necessary because:

- 1 the relevance of Development Control Plans had been watered down by State legislation and Land and Environment Court decisions to the point where they are ineffective for our purposes, whilst still being valuable at a detailed level;
- 2 experience from the Keiraville/Gwynneville project sets a precedence as to what can be achieved elsewhere;
- 3 specific changes in South Wollongong are proposed subject to Council's delayed study.

1st April and 5th August 2015



## **2 City Centre**

Our vision is for a strong, vibrant and viable centre which acts as a focus and place of pride for citizens.

- 1 Introduce a broad based City Centre Reference Group to monitor, advise and review activities, investment and marketing.
- 2 Substantially increase access, enterprise support, promotion, economic development and especially community activities.
- 3 Significantly increase funding to the City Centre in line with rate revenue from it.
- 4 Rationalise the rating system to remove the current inequities.
- 5 Re-direct funding emphasis from major infrastructure to Place Management and significantly improving the environment for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 6 Relocate long-term parking at the edge of the city centre near the principal access roads, within an integrated financial plan.
- 7 Rationalise short-term parking and introduce a City Centre Section 94 Plan to prevent fragmentation and achieve economies.
- 8 Concentrate commercial development on the core by rezoning to encourage residential development, and limit commercial development, in the peripheral areas.
- 9 Review height limits to reduce them.

15th November, 2015

## **3 City Centre Residential**

The Forum supports:

- 1 responsible sustainable development;
- 2 high density residential development within reasonable proximity of the City Centre;
- 3 conformity to Council's very generous planning standards (other than height);
- 4 restricting the height of new development to within 4 stories of adjacent sites.
- 5 the provision of housing for the disadvantaged.

The Forum does not support:

- 1 variations from planning standards;
- 2 concentrating housing for the disadvantaged in large buildings;
- 3 discriminating against disadvantaged people by reducing standards;
- 4 using prime commercial sites exclusively for residential purposes.

18 November 2009

## **4 Height Limits in the LEP**

- 1 Reduce excessive height limits permitted in and around the City Centre, particularly in the vicinity of Heritage Precincts;
- 2 Give far more emphasis to the character of streets and neighbourhoods, especially in or near historic precincts or view corridors, than is currently the case'

6th November 2019

## **5 Medium Density Development**

- 1 Concentrate medium density development near local centres.
- 2 Ensure medium density elsewhere fits the character of the area.
- 3 Harmonise the LEP and DCP provisions.
- 4 Require proposals to achieve the desired future character of area.
- 5 Reduce the residential site width requirements in areas of transition
- 6 Increase site width requirements for other areas
- 7 Introduce a "fast track" category for applications meeting Code requirements.

2nd October 2019

## **6 Site Specific Rezonings**

Outstanding proposals are:

- 1 Coniston Centre needs the boundaries adjusted.
- 2 Housing on Wollongong Golf Course should be zoned Residential.
- 3 The south side of Staff Street should re-zoned for a higher density.

24<sup>th</sup> March 2009

## **7 Short-term Lettings**

- 1 a new definition "Short Term Lettings" as dwellings which are not used as solely a principal place of residence;
- 2 allowing part of a principal place of residence to be let as exempt development;
- 3 empty houses to be let, as exempt, but not complying, development provided:
  - i exemptions only apply to lettings under 30 days for each stay, provided further they are not for the purposes of a short term event (eg a week-end party)
  - ii a maximum 90 days in a calendar year;
- 4 strengthening owners' corporations' powers;
- 5 Short term lettings which are not exempt require registration and regulation.

## **8 New Subdivisions**

When new subdivisions are proposed, a condition of consent be imposed which restricts dual occupancies and/or multi unit developments to nominated sites.

4<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## **9 Low Density Residential Design Policy**

In the Low Density Residential R2 Zone localities will remain as leafy suburbs with a mix of housing types ranging from detached dwelling-houses, boarding-houses, villas, townhouses and some residential flat buildings. In this regard new residential development (including boarding houses) beyond 400 metres walking distance of a Commercial Zone or a major employer (eg the University or Hospital), must have the appearance from the street of a typical house on its own lot in that street. Moreover, dwellings not directly facing the street is limited to single storey, so as to not adversely impact on the amenity of the adjoining property.

4<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## **Process**

### **1 Community Engagement**

- 1 Major developments to be the subject of consultation at an early stage, perhaps a public meeting or a presentation to the relevant Neighbourhood Forum;
- 2 Have a similar process when considering Planning Proposals or Planning Agreements;
- 3 Require all developments to be discussed with any immediately adjacent householders before lodgement;
- 4 Require application of the Community Engagement Policy principles when determining the level of notification, based on the possible environmental and social impacts of a proposal;
- 5 Provide opportunities for mediation and alternative dispute resolution in contentious or complex situations;
- 6 Exhibit the description of the actual proposal rather than rely on that of the proponent, as this is sometimes misleading;
- 7 ensure user friendly access to information on Council's web site.

2nd October 2019

### **2 Service**

A customer focus on increasing use technology fails to address the needs of the disadvantaged and non computer literate members of society who are increasingly being marginalised. The format for the advertising of development proposals needs a radical rethink.

5<sup>th</sup> October 2011

### **3 Neighbourhood Forums**

- 1 Community Engagement should address the fundamentals of democracy, community empowerment, the development of communities and their capacity to support and complement Council activities and that this be done through a more consultative interactive process;
- 2 Forum boundaries be aligned with Wards, but with more than one Forum per Ward;
- 3 Forums each to relate to an engagement officer who acts as a consistent champion for the Forum taking a pro-active rather than a postbox roll;
- 4 Recognises the concept of Asset Based Communities with a nominated officer in each of the Council areas with which it has regular contact – planning, works, parks, environment –acting as a champion in relation to the Forum’s concerns and initiatives;
- 5 Recognises the need for community empowerment with, for example, each Forum to have an element on the Council web site to allow them to distribute information and get feedback on issues of moment and on-going policies ;
- 6 Promote the need for a community driven process in the development of precinct plans; and
- 7 recognition of the need for the development of communities by, for example, including in notifications to people who might be affected by development proposals advice of the existence of Forums and their ability to advise and review concerns and have informal planning meetings on controversial proposals.

7th November 2012

#### **4 Notification**

- 1 The Development Control Plan notification component is lengthy, complex and should be simplified and re-drafted.
- 2 All development applications should be notified to adjoining owners with the advice to contact the Neighbourhood Forum if they have concerns that the proposal could have a wider impact.
- 3 Wider notification should be based on the impact on the community (not a lengthy land-use table) especially when there are environmental issues (such as tree removal or flooding), potential nuisance or the restriction of views.
- 4 The size and prominence of on-site notices should be increased.
- 5 The Development Control Plan should include provision for mediation and alternative dispute resolution in the assessment process.
- 6 Newspaper advertisements should provide realistic descriptions of proposals.

8<sup>th</sup> August 2009

#### **5 Footpath Priorities**

For the City Centre and Town and Village Centres the priority is for footpaths adjacent to all properties zoned Business. Priorities for new footpaths elsewhere are on the basis of:

- 1 identifying major and minor destinations (including city centre, town and village centres, educational and health establishments);
- 2 identifying the principal routes to them together with strategic links either between them or for tourism;
- 3 estimates the pedestrian traffic likely to be generated on each of those links if possible;
- 4 seek a political determination of the percentage of funds made available for footpaths distributed into various destination types and routes;
- 5 prioritise the highest volume missing links nearest to each destinations type (because the nearer people are to their destinations the more likely they are to walk) taking into account existing footpaths and topography.

6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

#### **6 Park Events**

- 1 Community Impact Statement be included in all applications for Major Events;
- 2 Prohibit all major events on beaches if alcohol is promoted;
- 3 Require Major Events which involve significant noise, parking, potential anti-social or more than two days "bump in" or "bump out" to be located as far away from residential properties as possible.

#### **7 Infrastructure Priorities**

Pedestrian Links priority should be given to links where:

- 1 they service a public school;
- 2 the link is nearest a major destination;
- 3 it is part of a strategic route.
- 4 there is no reasonable alternative.

Pedestrian Conflict priority should be given to where:

- 1 there is a record of high incidence of accidents;
- 2 schools are involved and co-operate;
- 3 they are part of a strategic route.

Bikeway Design priority should be given to:

- 2 making Shareway profiles level, not roller-coasting driveways;
- 3 keeping Shareways away from the kerb to avoid obstacles;
- 4 having bollards astride, not in the middle, of bike lanes;
- 5 safety at pedestrian/cyclist conflict points.

Bus Routes priority should be given to routes which:

- 1 are on main road;
- 2 service denser residential development;
- 3 link to other routes;
- 4 link to rail stations.

Traffic Calming priority should be given to streets

- 1 to prevent "rat runs";
- 2 in/near village or other centres;
- 3 near schools;
- 4 with high pedestrian movement.

Parking Spaces Priority should be given to marking in streets which:

- 1 include a bikeway;
- 2 are near the University;
- 3 in village and commercial centres;
- 4 are heavily parked out.

## **Preservation**

### **1 Escarpment**

The promotion of the intrinsic values of the Illawarra Escarpment and protect it from inappropriate development by:

- 1 monitoring all development proposals that impact on the Illawarra Escarpment to ensure that:
  - i new development provides long-term benefits to the escarpment;
  - ii development which could be seen from the city below is excluded;
  - iii the visual impact from viewpoints above is considered;
  - iv isolated development at risk from unstoppable bushfires are excluded;
  - v at least two access roads to escape bushfires are guaranteed;

- vi there is no further subdivision of creek lines;
  - vii vegetated ridges are used to separate suburbs;
  - viii Planning Agreements to require Property Vegetation Plans are used.
- 2 joining with others to provide a strong and united voice in promoting the protection of the scenic and conservation values of the Illawarra Escarpment so that these values will exist for future generations;
- 3 seeking to achieve formal State level recognition of the Illawarra Escarpment as a significant biodiversity corridor linking the Royal National Park in the north to the Morton National Park to the south;
- 4 developing and/or supporting proposals that will celebrate and enhance the values of the Illawarra Escarpment;
- 5 lobbying for all Core Escarpment lands to be acquired into public ownership and managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

20<sup>th</sup> November 2013

## 2 Suburbs

Residential areas need to be freed from the domination of cars. Slower vehicle speeds and priority for pedestrians, especially the young and old, and cyclists would allow the streets to be reclaimed and used by people.

5<sup>th</sup> October 2011

## 3 Food

Community gardens and the encouragement of people to grow produce in both back and front yards would help food production.

5<sup>th</sup> October 2011

## 4 Transport

- 1 Rail services need to be improved.
- 2 New measures are needed to encourage freight on the road system to go by rail.
- 3 Variations to conditions of consent affecting freight movement operations in the Port of Port Kembla must be fully justified.
- 4 Variations must include detailed consideration of all cumulative impacts.
- 5 Variations must include an estimate of all of the external costs of additional grain haulage on road.
- 6 A Code of Conduct should be applied to all truck drivers.

6<sup>th</sup> July 2011

## 5 Heritage

Support the thrust of the Heritage Strategy but include more specific measures to:

- 1 involve the community;
- 2 publicise the importance and benefits of heritage preservation;
- 3 outline funding opportunities;
- 4 for Council to manage their own heritage properties.

2nd December 2015

## **6 Sustainable Development**

Support Council to:

- 1 take a strong leadership role in promoting sustainable development, as is done, for example in Newcastle and Sydney;
- 2 work closely with other groups associated with sustainability;
- 3 implement their 2008 Action Plan on Sustainability;
- 4 sign up to the NSW Mayor's Agreement on Climate Change;
- 5 report back to the community the initiatives by other Councils presented to the Local Government conference;
- 6 formally incorporate consideration of the impact on sustainability in every decision by Council.
- 7 introduce precinct plans to improve social, economic and environmental sustainability on the basis of local needs and aspirations for a quality living environment.

## **7 Urban Greening**

Accept Council's goals, objectives and strategies, and general priority areas: those with low canopy cover (high planting opportunity) high human activity (need for shade and amenity), and high levels of social vulnerability (need for shade and quality streetscapes).

Include objectives to:

- increase vegetation cover with priority given to localities where significant trees can be grown, and less to other areas such as planting under power lines;
- plant where the vegetation will have the most visual impact such as planting on roadsides which are on busy traffic thoroughfares;
- link canopy cover, either along streets or to significant existing vegetation, on both visual and ecological grounds.

Include strategies to:

- mandate green roofs or walls for appropriate development;
- mandate the location of most of the of deep planting zones on the street frontage, given their crucial importance to streetscape, health, microclimate and ecological connectivity;

Accept Council's specific targets to:

- increase Canopy Cover from 17% to 35% by 2046;
- 20% increase in existing canopy cover by 2020;
- reduce the number of vacant tree sites in priority areas to zero by 2046;
- new planted tree mortality is below 10% (no date).

Seek to include far more specific targets:

- achievements by 2020, 2030 and 2046;
- distinguish between priority areas;
- distinguish between private property, parks and street trees;
- identify number of trees planted each year.

## **8 Trees Under Powerlines**

- 1 Stop the current practice of tree mutilation which is unacceptable and totally at variance with that of many other Authorities who are far more sympathetic to the streetscape and sensitivities of residents;
- 2 Set out in detail proposals to replace trees to be removed and the selection of plants to replace them both under powerlines and elsewhere.
- 3 set out the consequences for residents who seek to "opt out" of their tree mutilation service.
- 4 introduce a bundled cable program to obviate the need to prune trees excessively.

7th August 2019

## **9 Wollongong Emissions Reduction Target**

Have a Climate Change Action Plan which involves:

1. Mitigation - Management and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;
2. Adaption - Making adjustments to existing activities and practices so that vulnerability to potential impacts associated with climate change can be reduced or opportunities realised.
3. The setting of the following measurable targets:
  - Net-zero emissions from the community by 2050
  - Net-zero emissions from council operations by 2030

6th November 2019

## **10 Bushfire Protection**

Prohibit any new dwellings on land shown as on their map as Bush Fire Prone (ie within Categories 1 or 2 Vegetation and their buffers) if it abuts the Illawarra Escarpment.

5th Feb 2020

## **11 Bird Strikes**

Require buildings over two stories high with external glass surfaces which could result in bird strike to use bird-friendly glass products and encourage its use elsewhere.

4th March 2020