

Neighbourhood Forum 5

Wollongong's Heartland

*Collaborating with Council
on community aspirations,
visions, needs & concerns*



**Coniston,
Figtree,
Gwynneville,
Keiraville,
Mangerton,
Mount Keira,
Mount St Thomas,
North Wollongong,
West Wollongong,
Wollongong City.**

Agenda for meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 1st November 2023 in the Town Hall Ocean Room.

- 1 Presentation Tyson Perry and Tim Morris on the e-Scooter Trial
- 2 Apologies Harold Hanson, Philip Laird, Jane Robertson, Jenny Bayly
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 4th October and matters arising included in the agenda. see 11-13
- 4 Comments If you wish to comment on, or object to, any of the recommendations in this agenda please respond on or before the meeting date.
- 5 Responses
 - 5.1 Blue Mile/Cliff Road Pedestrian and Cycling Safety: see p. 2
 - 5.2 Stuart Park Plan of Management: see p.2
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5 Responses 5.1 Blue Mile/Cliff Road Pedestrian and Cycling Safety

“The following responses are provided in relation to the matters raised:

- i. Council are currently in the process of developing these plans and will keep you informed and engaged as they progress.
- ii. Council rely on shared path users to extend courtesy to other users and manage their individual obligation to avoid an incident when traffic congestion occurs. To communicate the message of ‘*Share the path*’ there is signage on all approaches to the Blue Mile.
- iii. In addition to the point above, we will continue to work with neighbouring Councils and Transport for NSW on ‘*Share the path*’ education campaigns throughout the year.
- iv. We are also mindful to not create sign pollution and clutter along the foreshore any more than necessary, particularly in a premier place such as the Blue Mile and Cliff Road. Enforcement is a matter for NSW Police, who you can contact on 13 14 44.
- iv. Council are revisiting the proposal for the uphill lanes on Cliff Road following the consultation period with the community.
- v. Your feedback is appreciated and will be taken on board as we develop the controls and plans for this location. However, we do note that similar examples of a shared environment raised intersection platform have been proven successful.
- vi. Council are working on the Speed Zone Review with Transport for NSW in this location from the 40km/h to a 30km/h *High Pedestrian Activity Area*. We will consider the increased scope, which will be subject to TfNSW review and endorsement.
- vii. We thank you for your support on the Speed Zone Review on Cliff Road. We are also currently working on this with TfNSW and plan on having the Stuart Park section operating as a lower speed environment before the New Year.”

Senior Transport Planner

5.2 Stuart Park Plan of Management

“ Thank you for your email requesting that a Plan of Management be prepared over Stuart Park and that Council provide information on the process and program for the requested Plan of Management. Council officers are currently preparing a draft Wollongong City Foreshore Plan of Management.

The draft PoM includes Stuart Park, 9 other Crown reserves and some Council community land and covers the area between Stuart Park and Swan Street. The draft PoM will meet the requirements under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act). Council officers are aware of revised PoM guidelines. A working party process is not planned.

The draft PoM will be informed by the adopted Stuart Park Master Plan (March 2023), Council's progress in implementing the Blue Mile Master Plan throughout the PoM area and by previous resolutions of Council related to the development of Crown Land Management Act PoMs.

The draft Wollongong City Foreshore PoM will be reported to Council seeking approval to refer the draft to the Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands for approval to exhibit the draft PoM. Crown Lands may require changes to the draft PoM before granting Council authority to exhibit (as they have done with the draft Helensburgh Park Crown Reserves PoM).

Once the authority to exhibit a draft Wollongong City Foreshore PoM has been granted the draft PoM will be exhibited for a period of 42 days at a period minimum. The results of the public exhibition period will be reported to Council prior to any decision being made regarding the draft exhibited PoM.

Community Land Management Officer

5.3 Fairy and Cabbage Tree Creeks Floodplain

“We appreciate the Forum’s feedback regarding the Fairy and Cabbage Tree Creeks FRMSP. Efforts like yours are a key driver in the work we do to identify flood risk measures for reducing flood impact on our community. Following community consultation, we are summarising all feedback received, including the Forum’s for consideration in the study by the consultant.

The concerns raised by the Forum regarding the recent flooding in Keiraville, Gwynneville and North Wollongong are noted. The model results of the study are also in line with the recent flooding experiences throughout the catchment. The study considered many factors to identify, assess and recommend feasible flood mitigation measures throughout this catchment. There are some options (Debris Control Structures, Keiraville School floodway) on the recommendation list for the area you indicated.

There are also other options assessed in this area which did not qualify for recommendation as there is either not much benefit or the cost is too high. Please refer to the study report in the link below for further details:

<https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/88553/widgets/415508/documents/268241>

In response to the site visit request, we can confirm that Council staff, Consultants and Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) representatives made multiple site inspections throughout the catchment including Keiraville, Gwynneville and North Wollongong area. In addition, following the recent storm events, Council staff met with many affected residents in this area and their experiences were recorded and passed onto the consultant. The Consultant considered all the information provided to identify and assess the flood mitigation measures for this catchment.”

Transport and Stormwater Manager (Acting)

6 Reports 6.1 South Coast Line

In August 2023, the Forum wrote to Ms Alison Byrnes, MP for Cunningham seeking advice from the Minister for Infrastructure, the Hon Catherine King MP as to if the High Speed Rail Authority can release a 2021 strategic business case for improving the South Coast line.

The Minister in October advised that making the report publicly available is a matter for the NSW Government, and that we should contact the NSW Transport Minister, the Hon Jo Haylen, MP regarding this.

Noting federal funding for high speed rail for Sydney Newcastle, we also asked if for advice as to whether work such as increasing track capacity and improving alignments on the South Coast line can be advanced, at least to the planning stage in the present term of office of the Government, to accompany the upgrading of the Sydney to Newcastle line. We were advised that in effect it is up to the NSW Government to identify projects as priority for federal funding, and these would be considered; also the Australian Government is committed to maintaining a ten year \$120 billion infrastructure pipeline.

Recommendations

That the Forum write to:

- i. Ms Alison Byrnes, MP thanking her for relaying the advice of Minister King, and to inquire the amount of federal funding provided for the 2021 strategic business case for improving the South Coast line and what conditions, if any, did the Australian government place on the NSW government for release of a summary

document; also what were the considerations that led the Australian government to provide \$500 million of funding for High Speed Rail for the Sydney Newcastle line.

- ii. Hon Paul Scully, MP, seeking advice from NSW Transport Minister, the Hon Jo Haylen, MP if the 2021 strategic business case for improving the South Coast line can be released, if need be in summary form.
- iii. Hon Ryan Park, MP for Keira seeking advice as to the amount of funding by way of capital expenditure for the South Coast line (including near Waterfall, and also south of Kiama) for each financial year 2021-22 and 2022-23, and how much is projected for the financial year 2023-24, along with 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27.

6.2 Construction Noise and Vibration

Since late 2020 NF5 has made representations to Council re prolonged excessive noise from excavation of hard sandstone for residential unit developments, including in the eastern Smith Starea. A fundamental problem is that Council's conditions of consent in planning assessment reports, on which DA approvals are based, need urgent significant improvements to enable effective monitoring and enforcement, to ensure minimal noise and vibration from hard rock excavation.

Recently NF5 requested the Manager of Development Assessment to review his decision not to release the "draft Standard conditions of consent relating to construction noise and vibration", but unfortunately this has not yet occurred. The matter was discussed at NF5 meeting 4 Oct and two Ward Councillors have since advised that improvements are being investigated.

The community looks forward to positive changes to consent conditions, which are expected to include defining noise & vibration levels, based on geotechnical investigations & advice, and expert engineering advice on appropriate excavation equipment & techniques. This will enable enforcement and effective actions when necessary by Council as the Appropriate Regulatory Authority.

6.3 New Shared Paths

Council is proposing new shared paths in Wollongong and West Wollongong. Identified in Council's Cycling Strategy 2030, the proposed paths will form vital links from West Wollongong to Wollongong's foreshore. Plans have been developed and they are now seeking feedback from the community by 8th November.

The Strategy's first pillar is "Safe" and it states the community's top 3 priorities are: "1. Dedicated cycling infrastructure, separated from pedestrians and cars, 2. Off-road shared paths and on-road routes with low traffic volumes and speed, and 3. Better connectivity, particularly between existing and new cycling routes.

The proposals include Reserve Street and Gilmore St in West Wollongong and Bourke and Virginia Streets in North Wollongong. A concern is that shared cycleway footpaths on such streets with multiple vehicular driveways are proving difficult and dangerous for cyclists since there are often poor sight lines for motorists exiting their properties. The proposals do not meet the "Safe" pillar nor the community's top 3 priorities.

Alternative solutions need to be developed (eg the long-planned Ajax Ave route from Montague to Virginia Streets) including using streets or links with few access points or the parking lane where the street is wide enough.

Recommendation

That members affected by the proposals advise the secretary of concerns and possible alternatives by 5th November so that the executive can develop and submit a suitable submission.

7 Planning.

- 7.1 Please note that whilst this review, and the recommendations based on it, has been prepared with all due care and objectivity, no legal responsibility is accepted for errors, omissions or inadvertent misrepresentations, nor for any outcomes which might result from the assessment. As this review has only been made with the information available, members are encouraged to make their own submissions with any additional comments to the Secretary well before the closing date.

7.2 **DA-2023/752, Two dual occs, 51 Heaslip st Coniston**

1st November

This is a proposal on two lots with frontage to both Heaslip St and Pine Crescent. It seems to comply with all Council requirements and our Locality Plan for Mangerton.



Recommendation

That at the submission of support be endorsed.

7.3 DA-2023/760, 18 storey hotel & 105 units, 22-30 Kenny St W’gong
27th October

This is a proposal for an 18 storey building for 107 hotel rooms/suites and 105 units with ground floor commercial and basement carpark. There exists a valid consent for an 18storey building on24-30 Kenny Street. The proposal seems to comply with all Council requirements save an acceptable variation to building separation.

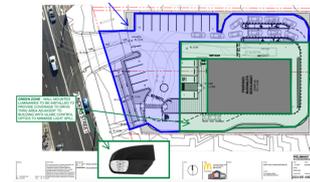


Recommendation

That at the submission of support be endorsed.

7.4 DA-2023/759 MacDonalds. 45-49 Flinders St W’gong
25th October

This is a proposal for a MacDonalds. The only issues seem to be the noise of vehicles along the eastern boundary and the underuse of the site in a time of housing need. Low lighting is proposed along the eastern boundary but a fence to reduce noise levels is not apparent. The proposal seems to comply with all Council requirements.



Recommendation

That at the submission of support, subject to Council being satisfied that the amenity of residents to the east will not be unreasonably affected, be endorsed.

7.5 DA-2023/765, 13 storey with 27 units, 1-3 Stewart St W’gong
27th October

This is a proposal for a 13 storey building with 27 units over ground floor retail on the corner of Stewart and Harbour Streets, opposite the WIN stadium. It does not comply with height limits, building separation, deep planting nor with street, side or rear setbacks, and will result in overlooking of residences to the west. Landscaping is minimal and the roof is not used for greening, although there are a few solar panels.



Recommendation

That at the submission of objection be endorsed.

7.6 DA Determinations

21/1467	W'gong	81-85 Keira St	7 stories, 43 dw	Object	Appealed
22/254	W'gong	2A Denison St	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
22/512	W. 'gong	13 Rosemont St	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
22/542	W'gong	5 Greenacre Rd	Dual Occ	Support	Withdrawn
22/250	Gwynville	14A Foley St	4 dwellings,	Support	Approved
22/320	W'gong	17-19 Gladstone Ave	9 stories, 35 units	Object	Refused
22/952	Keiraville	54 Grey St	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
22/966	W'gong	46 Burelli St	Art Gallery & Town Hall	Support	Approved
22/1203	W'gong	114 Church St	Community facility	Object	Approved
22/1247	Figtree	7 Govett Crescent	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
22/146	W'gong	22 Jutland Ave	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
22/1268	Figtree	54 Nebo Drive	2 lot subdivision	Support	Approved
23/135	W'gong	7 New Dapto Road	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
23/276	Keiraville	26 Bulwara St	2 lots	Support	Approved
23/331	Coniston	512 Heaslip St	5 town houses	Support	Approved
23/417	W'gong	132 Church St	2 stories office	Support	Approved
22/211	W'gong	4 Auburn St,	24 stories, hotel 59 dw	Support	Approved
22/1278	W'gong	29-31 Denison St	36 units,	Object	Deferred approval
23/50	N. W'gng	4-6 Blacket Street	10 units	Object	Refused
23/507	W'gong	Belmore Basin	Timbersports event	Support	Approved
23/533	Keiraville	64 Grey Street	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
23/493	Figtree	54 Lewis Drive	Dual Occ	Support	Withdrawn
23/541	Figtree	17 Evelyn Ave.	Dual Occ	Support	Refused

Not yet determined (most awaiting further in formation)

21/101	N W'gong	3, Squires Way	UoW Health complex	Support
22/938	W'gong	379-383 Crown St	21 stories, 91 units	Support
22/1343	Keiraville	4-6 Georgina Ave	Units	Object
23/156	W'gong	c/o Crown/Gladstone	22 stories 288 units	Object
23/349	Figtree	15 Braeside Ave	3 town houses	Object
23/358	Mangerton	11-2021/22112 St Johns Ave	6 townhouses	Object
23/360	W'gong	3 Harbour St	Dual occ	Object
23/367	W'gong	300-2 Crown St	8 stories 47 units	Support
23/368	N. W'gong	21-23 Edward St	10 stories 20 units	Support
23/646	W'gong	4 Smith/Harbour St	5 units, 4 stories,	Object
23/587	Figtree	8 O'Briens Road	Dual Occ	Support
23/587	W'gong	5 Greenacre Rd	Dual Occ	Object
23/511	W'gong	16-18 Market Pl.	5 stories, 7 units,	Object
23/674	Mangerton	21 St Johns Ave	Dual Occ	Support
23/705	N. W'gong	15-17 Blacket St	9 units, 5 stories	Object

8 General Business

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 4th December 2023

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Snippets

Liveable Neighbourhoods

The 2023 Australian Liveability Census collected over 80,000 community values, neighbourhood performance and ideas for improvement. This research has now been shared with our 60+ government, corporate and not for profit partners to help guide better decision making in local neighbourhoods.

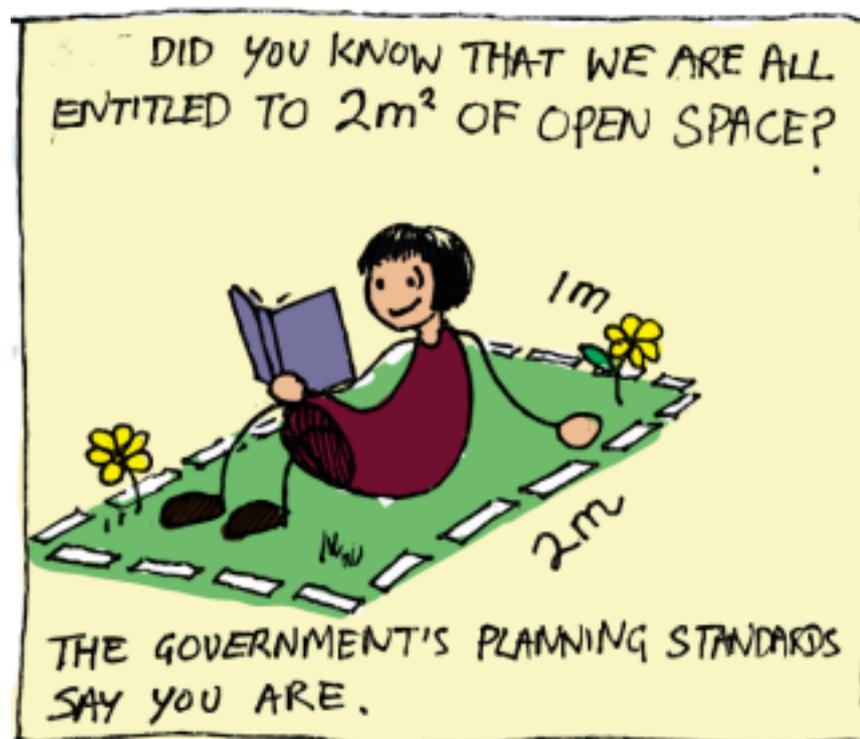
Some key findings:

#1 shared community liveability value:

71% of respondents selected 'Elements of the natural environment' as important in their ideal neighbourhood.

Across the country the best performing neighbourhood attribute is 'Welcoming to all people'.

The highest priority for neighbourhood improvement nationally is 'General condition of public open space'.



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Minutes of meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 4th October 2023 in the Town Hall Ocean Room.

- 1 Presentation Greg Doyle, General Manager WCC was thanked for his presentation on Council's recent achievements and current priorities as well as patiently responding to questions. Issues discussed included:
 - i Community consultation - some Councillors iffy about Forums;
 - ii Flooding in South Wollongong – on-site meeting promised;
 - iii Stuart Park and SkyDive - will investigate;
 - iv Excavation noise – noted that this is a major community issue and that Council as an Appropriate Regulatory Authority can intervene at any time if conditions of consent are breached;
 - v Keiraville, Gwynneville, N. W'gong flooding – noted
 - vi Yours and Owls – noted;
 - vii Parking at beaches – working on it.;
 - viii New bus layover – RMS working on it;
 - ix Free bus to the south – high priority.

- 2i Apologies Cllr David Brown, Harold Hanson, John Riggall, Jenny Bayly, Carol & Charles Abela.

- 2ii. Visitors Deputy Lord Mayor Tania Brown and Council officers: Kerry Hunt, Chris Stewart, Jo Page; and members of Keiraville Residents Action Group.

- 2iii. Present 25 members including Philip Laird in the Chair in the absence of both the Convenor and Co-Convenor.

- 3 Minutes of meeting of 6th September and matters arising were adopted.

- 4 Comments Noted

- 5 Responses **5.1 Noted**

5.2 Noise and Vibration Controls

It was agreed that the Forum:

- i request the Manager of Development Assessment to review his decision not to release the “draft Standard conditions of consent relating to construction noise and vibration”;
- ii develop principles on which it would like these conditions of consent to be based;
- iii strongly oppose any developments that require vibratory extraction or the use of jack hammers to break rock or concrete.

6 Reports

6.1 Fairy & Cabbage Tree Creeks Risk Study:

It was agreed that Council be:

- i advised that the Forum welcomes this study but is concerned that the exceptional floods in 2022, specifically as they affected Keiraville, Gwynneville and North Wollongong, will result in the need to review the proposals;
- ii urged to undertake comprehensive site inspections with affected residents and NF 5 before completing the review.

6.2 City Centre Transport Proposals:

It was agreed that Council be advised of support in principle to the draft city centre proposals but suggests, subject to the review of pop-up cycleways:

- i Cycle routes should all be “high quality” not “shared” even if that means losing some parking;
- ii a cycle route through the Mall does not seem appropriate;
- iii Victoria Street should not be a “CBD Destination road”.

6.3 draft Climate Change Mitigation Plan:

It was agreed that Council be advised of support for the Climate Change Mitigation Plan but seek a more specific reference to changing planning regulations to restrict more intensive development in remoter locations to reduce travel effort and hence vehicle emissions.

6.4 Review of large R2 zoned lots in the Escarpment:

It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged in line with the comments in the agenda.

6.5 Owls and Yours DA:

It was agreed that Council be requested to

- i include a member of NF 5 and local residents, including representatives from KRAG, in the meetings to review the noise monitoring report.;
- ii identify an alternative location for similar events.

- 6.6 **Keith Tognetti:**
It was agreed that commiserations and sympathy be given to Irene Tognetti and her family.
- 7 Planning 7.1 **Noted**
- 7.2 **DA-2022/469, 42 dwellings 16- Cosgrove Av. Keiraville**
It was agreed that a submission be lodged of strong objection to this attempt to gain approval for a totally unacceptable development by offering a quite trivial amendment.
- 7.3 **DA-2023/674, Dual Occ 21 St John’s Ave Mangerton**
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.
- 7.4 **DA-2023/705, 5 stories, 9 units 15-17 Blacket St N. W’gong**
It was agreed that a submission of strong objection be lodged.
- 7.5 **DA Determinations; noted.**
- 8 General Business 8.1 **Stuart Park**
It was agreed to request Council to advise when the long overdue draft Masterplan for Stuart Park will be completed for public comment.
- 8.2 **Botanic Gardens**
It was agreed to request Council to advise when the long overdue draft Masterplan for the Botanic Gardens, including the Gleniffer Brae manor house and gardens, will be completed for public comment.
- 8.3 **Citizen of the Year**
It was agreed to encourage members to nominate persons, who have made significant contributions to the community, for this award.
- 8.4 **e-Scooter Trial**
As noted in Snippets a NSW E-scooter Shared Scheme Trial has started in Wollongong for a year. A Local Working Group has been formed whose purpose is to monitor and manage the trial,
It was agreed that John Riggall would be the NF 5 representative.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 1st November 2023** in the Town Hall Ocean Room

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