

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

**Topic:** NF4 Zoom Link for 4 March Meeting  
**Time:** Mar 4, 2025 **07:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting:

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## MINUTES

**Open Meeting-** 07.00pm

**Apologies** – Anne Marrett, Sam Tannous, Paul Evans, Emma Rooksby

**Minutes of Previous Meeting 4 February 2025** - Distributed via email to members.

**Business Arising from Minutes -**

**Current DAs:** [Available for Potential Community Comment]

**DA-2025/53 - Development Application - 73 Storey Street FAIRY MEADOW NSW 2519 - 3 Mar**  
Residential - demolition of existing dwelling and garage and construction of dwelling

**DA-2025/57 - Development Application - 27 Yuill Avenue CORRIMAL NSW 2518 - 3 Mar**  
Residential - demolition of existing garage and awning and construction of detached garage, hardstand area and retaining wall

**DA-2025/55 - Development Application - 55 Underwood Street CORRIMAL NSW 2518 - 4 Mar**  
Residential - Demolition of outbuilding and construction of alterations and additions and garage

**DA-2025/72 - Development Application - 2 Yates Avenue MOUNT KEIRA NSW 2500 - 5 Mar**  
Residential - alterations and additions

**DA-2025/61 - Development Application - 16 Peace Crescent BALGOWNIE NSW 2519 - 5 Mar**  
Residential - balcony

**DA-2025/59 - Development Application - 74 New Mount Pleasant Road MOUNT PLEASANT NSW 2519 - 7 Mar**

Residential - construction of new driveway and associated landscaping

**DA-2025/85 - Development Application - 6 Blanchard Crescent BALGOWNIE NSW 2519 - 7 Mar**

Residential - construction of a dwelling to form a dual occupancy and Subdivision - Strata title - two (2) lots

**DA-2025/89 - Development Application - 60 Rothery Street BELLAMBI NSW 2518 - 10 Mar**

Dwelling House

**DA-2025/69 - Development Application - 18 Carroll Road EAST CORRIMAL NSW 2518 - 12 Mar**

Alterations and Additions and Garage.

**DA-2025/62 - Development Application - 4/51-53 Dymock Street BALGOWNIE NSW 2519 - 12 Mar**

Home Business, cake baking and decorating.

**DA-2025/90 - Development Application - 13 Para Street BALGOWNIE NSW 2519 - 14 Mar**

Demolish and build new: Garage and Carport.

• ***No Items were highlighted for comment.***

• **Correspondence In –**

• Elise Woods, WCC Corporate Strategy.

Confirmation of staff visit to April NF4 Meeting: The exhibition of the draft Community Strategic Plan 2035 and the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026.

• **Correspondence Out –.**

### **Community Campaigns:**

• **Corrimal Community Action Group**

Update on L&EC hearing of 20 February 2025

1. Thank you to community members who were able to attend. This was the first time public members were allowed onsite to listen and contribute to proceedings.
2. The next court date has been set for 7 May in Sydney.
3. Advice/Reports from hydrologists and State Heritage are still to be submitted.
4. Possibly some agreements but with conditions, hopefully on Urban Design.
5. Transport and Rail experts were also onsite. Concerns expressed about safety issues at the rail crossing.
6. Special thanks to community speakers at the hearing:
  - Prue Simpson for a detailed submission on dust from the site severely impacting local residents and raising serious health/welfare concerns.
  - Jean Groves for a submission on flooding issues and the lack of consideration of Climate Change impacts. Jean highlighted the use of outdated data sets to justify current decisions.
  - Anne Marett outlined poor design features that did not meet State Government published Apartment Design Guidelines. Anne also highlighted the intention to shift the costs of ongoing environmental maintenance onto Council where no funding provision exists.
  - Cherylyn Fenton offered a submission about the loss of the Illawarra Lowland Grass Woodland during the provisional development works and asked for an update on what now remains. She also highlighted the total lack of any plan, including co-ordination with local wildlife care agencies, to rescue and relocate any fauna that will be impacted by the draining and realignment of Nth Corrimal Creek and the removal of the two former drainage dams on site.

• **East Corrimal Open Space Committee** –

- Still wished to reestablish communication with WCC about the need to reroute the Northern Cycleway to the western side of the East Corrimal Beach carpark. The safety issue of cyclists impacting pedestrians closer to the sand hill beach access points is ongoing.
- Desiring genuine and coordinated consultation between the Government agencies involved in the Bellambi Point renewal project, WCC and local residents. It comes down to political recognition of *Real Consultation*, and that this does not mean secret plans that are predetermined in Sydney and then dumped on the community as a [Take-it-or-Leave-it] *fait accompli*, seeking a yes/no feedback answer.

- **Build our Bridge Committee + Save Our Trees Illawarra**

**[NF4, NF5, Illawarra Bike Users Group, Healthy Cities Illawarra, Keiraville Residents' Action Group, Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council ]**

Recent Meeting with TfNSW, contractors Fulton/Hogan co-ordinated by Alison Byrnes MP.

- Representatives of most of the key groups plus the disability community attended.
- Many reps from Transport for NSW and their advisers and consultants also in attendance.
- A major update opportunity for community feedback into the bridge design process. Some thought has gone into the main span of the bridge and keeping it as short as possible to minimise tree removal; – further study ongoing for this .
- Five options for crossing Dumphries Ave Mt Ousley were presented and a preferred option [4] crossing Dumphries Ave up close to but not at the intersection with Foothills Rd, described in detail  
A pathway to run parallel to Dumphries between where the bridge reaches Dumphries south side and the point where it crosses [Lower Mt Ousley Rd], and is planned to be on a boardwalk to minimise tree removal. Discussion of slowing traffic and traffic calming measures on Dumphries, where at present many vehicles speed (average speed downhill recorded as 62km/h)  
Additional discussion of bridge design options with the preferred option being a steel construction that would sit lightly in the landscape and not dominate. Discussion also of lighting, signage, and decorations etc on the bridge. Artistic potential images shown of anticipated bridge appearance from many points including top of Old Mt Ousley Rd

Some discussion of next steps including another meeting with community, further design work and public consultation.

The process is slow; but community members present at the meeting all felt positive about what was being developed and the process for developing it.

Cheers Emma

### **General Business:**

- Proposal from Cr. Hayes to add a *Councillor Briefing Note* to the Agenda for updating the community on follow-ups from previous matters and new issues currently being considered before Council.

Meeting unanimously supported this as a regular business item on the Agenda.

- Cr R. Martin put the above into practice by informing the meeting about Towradgi Pool. Unfortunately, the proposed pump that was hoped to provide regular removal of sand build-up did not prove to be successful. Further options need to be investigated.

- Issue raised about the undesirable consequences of Private Certifiers and ‘Complying Developments.’ It is undesirable that this process isn’t just an end-run around Wollongong Council. It leaves neighbours out of the loop, denying them legitimate

communication about impact on their properties. They are also being subjected to ***Pressure Selling*** tactics by developers under the cover of the NSW Government policies.

- For the next meeting where Council Staff are attending to discuss the Draft Development and Budget Plans for the next financial periods, the meeting proposed that emails be sent, a) to the staff to highlight the proposed items earmarked for the NF4 footprint, and b) to the Member list of NF4 to suggest possible infrastructure needs in their localities that should be communicated to Council for funding consideration.
- Meeting concluded with a quick look at the Feedback Report for Stage 1 of the Safer Access Around Railway Stations Project. Corrimal is involved with two proposals in Railway Street and Murray Road.

**Meeting Close:** 8:45 pm

Neighbourly Forum 4 meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at Towradgi Community Hall, Corner of Moray Road and Towradgi Road Towradgi at 7pm.

\*\*\*\* All Welcome - No Cost \*\*\*\*