

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.**

MINUTES meeting MONDAY 7th October at 6 pm at the Wiseman Park Bowling Club, Gwynneville

- 1 Presentation Scott Robertson and Sam Sharpe, volunteers from Mt Keira Brigade of the Rural Fire Service were thanked for their commitment and presentation on Bushfire Risks and hazard management. by Acting Convenor Jane Robertson on behalf of the meeting.
- 2 Apologies Thomas Quinne, Harold Hanson, Theresa Huxtable, Patricia Calabro and Nick Tambacus.
- 3 Minutes noted
- 5 Caveats **Noted**
- 6 Responses **6.1 Parking for Carers & Service People:**
It was agreed to:
 - 1 re-iterate to Council that what is needed is the strategic placement of some time-limited parking spaces to enable access for increasing needs for in-home care and maintenance services
 - 2 request the General Manager to provide a report on this issue in Council's agenda for consideration and review.**6.2 Danger to Pedestrians:**
It was agreed that Council be requested to increase substantially safety signage on shared paths particularly in relation to speed limits.
6.3 Ward Councillor Cath Blakey: noted
6.4 Pre-lodgement Meetings: noted
- 7 Reports **7.1 Closed Council Meetings**
It was agreed:
 - 1 the Office of Local Government be congratulated for an excellent discussion paper which, amongst other things, aims to provide greater transparency to the conduct of NSW Councils;

- 2 a submission be made to the Office of Local Government supporting the abolition of closed briefings, to increase council's transparency and increase the community's trust in Council;
- 3 support is sought from Council and Ward Councillors to stop having closed briefings, or at the very least allow a trial period for public access to these meetings.

7.2 Neighbourhood Forum 5 meeting arrangements

It was agreed that Council, and the incoming Lord Mayor and Ward Councillors be implored to resolve the NF 5 meeting room situation by providing a Council facility and cover any public liability risk either by adjusting the terms of meeting room occupation or taking out separate insurance cover, as occurs with other Councils.

7.3 Corrimal Street Footpath:

It was agreed that Council be requested to review the safety of the Corrimal Street western footpath between Gipps and Kembla Streets.

7.4 draft Wollongong Foreshore Plan of Management:

It was agreed that Council be requested to advise progress with this Plan.

7.5 University of Wollongong Liaison:

This was noted. The issue of flooding of Campus East and the potential rat run from the proposed Mount Ousley interchange to Robsons Road will be raised at the next quarterly meeting.

7.6 Community use of Local Parks:

It was agreed that Council be requested to:

- 1 define and ensure the use of park facilities by local communities is encouraged and free;
- 2 introduce a program to encourage the use and assist the maintenance of local parks;
- 3 ensure that no park infrastructure is demolished unless it has been shown that the program has failed.

7.7 Productivity Commission on Housing Supply; noted

7.8 BlueScope Community Consultative Committee: noted

7.9 Allotments and Community Gardens:

It was agreed that Council be requested to clarify the permissibility or otherwise of community gardens and allotments.

7.10 Convenor and Co-Convenor:

It was agreed that nominations be called for Convenor and for them to be submitted before 16th October.

7.11 Illawarra Escarpment Mountain Bike Project : noted

7.12 Wollongong Bus Layover Areas: noted

7.13 E-scooter trial: noted

7.14 Freight Policy Reform:

It was agreed that;

- 1 a submission is made in response to the Interim Paper requesting inclusion of the completion of the Maldon Dombarton rail link and seeking meaningful policies that will result in rail increasing its modal share of freight and passenger traffic to and from western Sydney including the new airport;
- 2 State and Federal local members of parliament be requested to redouble efforts to get the Maldon Dombarton rail link funded.

7.15 Housing Mix:

It was agreed that Council be requested to review section 6.17.2 of Chapter B1 of the Development Control Plan in the light of the Design Guide for Healthy Higher Density Living for Families

8 Planning

8.1 Planning noted

8.2 DA-2024/599. 9 stories, 109-115 Church St W'gong
It was agreed that a submission of objection be lodged

8.3 DA-2024/708. Co-living rooms, 93 Robsons Rd. W.W'gong
It was agreed that no objection be lodged.

8.4 DA_2022/469 Cosgrove Avenue proposal
It was agreed that Council be requested to accelerate the re-zoning of this site and others on the escarpment foothills to protect the environment and reduce bushfire risk to homes, as outlined in the Housing Strategy 2023

8.5 DA determinations: noted

9 General Business

9.1 Incoming Ward Councillors
It was agreed that the elected Ward Councillors be congratulated and outgoing Councillors thanked for their support and contributions..

9.2 Mount Ousley Interchange

It was noted that a report was tabled which included background information and 9 safety issues which need to be addressed. It was agreed that the executive make appropriate submissions based on these points.

9.3 DA-2024/701. Dual occ 13 Shoobert Crescent Keiraville

This is a proposal for a dual occupancy on a relatively remote site. It does not conform to setbacks, has virtually the entire frontage taken up with garages and does not conform to our locality plan for Keiraville



It was agreed that a submission of objection be lodged.

9.4 DA-2024/722. Dual occ 49 Mangerton Rd Wollongong

This is a proposal for a dual occupancy on a steep, awkwardly shaped, site with access from Norman Street to preserve the trees along Mangerton Road. There are some minor set back infringements due to the shape of the site, and it does not quite comply with our locality plan for Mangerton



It was agreed that a submission of no objection be lodged.

9.5 Council Web site notifications

It was agreed to enquire of Council why the wrong date for the NF 5 meeting is still shown and why only the first page of the agenda was included on the site and not the whole document.

9.6 Improved safety on M1 at West Wollongong

It was agreed to request TfNSW to improve signage on the M1 to notify the need for motorists to have to merge out of the left hand lane to the through lanes to travel past the Figtree exit when travelling south.

10 Snippets

Noted

Next Meeting
6pm Monday 4th November 2024
Wiseman Park Bowling Club, Gwynneville

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 447 households
