

<p><b>Neighbourhood Forum 5</b></p> <p><b>Wollongong's Heartland</b></p> <p><i>Collaborating with Council on community aspirations, visions, needs &amp; concerns</i></p>		<p><b>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</b></p>
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**Minutes of meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 by email**

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| 1 | Presentation | None possible   |
| 2 | Apologies    | Philip Laird, Cllr John Dorahy  |
| 3 | Minutes      | of meeting of 5 <sup>th</sup> October adopted with matters arising in the agenda  |
| 4 | Comments     | Included in these minutes   |
| 5 | Responses    | <p><b>5.1 2022 Cycle championships:</b> noted</p> <p><b>5.2 Social Impact Statements:</b> noted</p> <p><b>5.3 Faster Trains to Wollongong</b><br/>It was agreed to thank Paul Scully MP for the response and ask him to pass on our thanks to the Minister.</p> <p><b>5.4 Outstanding responses:</b> noted</p>  |
| 6 | Reports      | <p><b>6.1 Stuart Park:</b><br/>It was agreed that:</p> <p>i a submission be lodged supporting in principle of the draft Landscape Plan for Stuart Park, subject to Council's advice on the one-page plan's role in relation to a Plan of Management required under the CLM Act, and a Master Plan, which are yet to be prepared, and satisfactory responses on matters raised by residents including lack of detail re commercial uses, access &amp; parking, and management &amp; maintenance responsibilities, particularly re drainage;</p> <p>ii Council be requested to advance the required Plan of Management which will determine uses in accordance with legislation and redress commercial uses in this public park for passive recreation;</p> |

- iii Council be requested to set up a working party to inform and contribute to the preparation of the Stuart Park Plan of Management, then a Master Plan.

**6.2 Housing Strategy;**

It was agreed to endorse a submission which specifically includes:

- i giving top priority to amending the DCP suburban desired future character statements to include a generic statement to preserve the character of most residential areas by requiring new housing to have the appearance from the street of a typical house on its own lot in that street.
- ii giving next priority to amend the Local Environmental Plan to reduce the potential of large legacy sites, mostly on the escarpment;
- iii then, in association with affected communities, re-write the Character Statements for each suburb to reflect their unique situations;
- iv comments in the Discussion Paper on detailed proposals as submissions;
- v requesting Council to be far more pro-active in working with communities on detailed changes in their areas.

**6.3 Retail, Business Strategy;**

It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged.

**6.4 Old Boys Social Club:** noted

7 Planning

**7.1 Planning:** noted

**7.2 DA.2022/1016 dual Occupancy, 22 Hill St, Mt. St. Thomas**

It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.

**7.3 DA.2022/1087 strata title 147 lots Young/Belmore Sts W’gong**

It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged.

**7.4 DA.2021/101 Health & Wellbeing Precinct, North W’gong**

Further information has been provided to us by the University – see general Business item 8.2

**7.5 Cosgrove Avenue DA**

KRAG have agreed, when making a presentation to the Regional Panel, to advise them of our support for their submission.

**7.8 DA determinations:** noted

**8.1 Graffiti**

In June 2018 we advised Council that many fences where the free gong shuttle bus shelters are located are covered in graffiti, eg: Gwynneville, Fairy Meadow or Mercury Street just to name a couple, and resolved to request Council to remove graffiti in locations, such as bus stops, where it has maximum exposure, despite the provision removal kits to residents. Despite Council's efforts the problem continues.

It was agreed that Council be requested to increase inspection of sites, such as near bus stops, which are habitually defaced by graffiti and remove it as soon as possible.

**8.2 DA.2021/101 Health & Wellbeing Precinct, North W’gong**

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A number of significant improvements have been made to the proposal although there remain some queries notably the impact of access arrangements to Squires Way. As noted in the agenda a meeting with the University is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> November which should clarify outstanding issues.



It was agreed to endorse the request that Council extend the exhibition period until 11<sup>th</sup> November so that an informed submission then be made.

**8.3 Response on Smith St cycleway**

A response has been received from our submission of November 2021 regarding Smith Street intersection improvements for Cyclists.

“Council sincerely apologises for the delay in responding to your enquiry. Bicycle detection upgrades have been completed at the Smith-Corrimal Street and Smith-Church Street intersections allowing cyclists to stay on road passing through these intersections. Council will be designing enhancements to the Smith-Kembla Street and Smith-Harbour Street intersections to separate bicycle and pedestrian flows this financial year (2022/2023) and TfNSW has indicated they will investigate the potential for bicycle phasing at the Keira-Smith intersection.

As part of Council’s commitment to monitor and evaluate the pop-up cycleways, data is being captured along the Smith Street Cycleways and a second round of User Surveys be sent out in due course. Staff from the Transport Team will be in touch with the Neighbourhood Forum to seek their input through this process.”

Traffic + Transport Unit Leader (Acting)

#### 8.4 Response on Bus Layover in Market Square

“Please be advised that Transport for NSW (TfNSW) are the responsible authority for public transport, including bus layovers, in NSW. We have provided previous communications by TfNSW dated May 2022 on the bus layover. The documents explained why the bus layover was relocated from Marine Drive/Lang Park and how the temporary locations were chosen.

We are working with TfNSW at the present time looking at alternatives for bus layover parking in the city. This piece of work includes consultation with bus operators and the Transport Workers Union.

While these discussions and negotiations continue, the temporary bus layover locations remain in operation. To minimise impact on residents and the environment, we regularly ask TfNSW and bus operators to minimise the amount of time the bus are left idling. Any permanent proposed changes will be subject to a consultative process that will include the opportunity for community feedback.”

Transport Assets and Stormwater Manager

It was agreed that Council, TfNSW and Paul Scully MP be advised that many complaints have been received from affected residents about bus layover areas at Market Square and lower Crown St including detrimental effects on health, amenity, traffic hazards and safety. Therefore the Forum requests that the use of Market Square and lower Crown for bus layovers cease within a month and buses be relocated temporarily to a safe area and we seek community involvement in the investigation and selection of suitable permanent sites. Also it is noted that TfNSW 2018 Strategic Principles for bus layovers includes “*Bus are permitted to idle for two minutes, after which they are required to turn off their engines*”, so TfNSW be requested to comply with their layover Principles immediately.

9 Snippets noted

**Date of next meeting**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Please Note:**

As high levels of covid infections continue in Wollongong this meeting will be via e-mail.  
It is hoped to resume face-to-face meetings in 2023

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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 419 households**

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