

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 on 5th April 2023 by email

- 1 Presentation None possible
- 2 Apologies
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5 Responses

5.1 Construction Noise and Vibration

“I can confirm that Council ensures the issues associated with this concern are currently addressed through the development assessment process and the imposition of Conditions of Consent.

Allowable construction activity noise levels must be within the limits identified in the NSW EPA Interim Construction Noise Guidelines (ICNG) July 2009. ICNG are also applied for blasting, rock hammer and drilling, external plant and equipment. The Interim Construction Noise Guideline document can be found on the web site of the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

You may be aware the EPA published an updated Noise Guide for Local Government in January 2023. Council is reviewing the document as related to any amendments required to our standard condition.”

Manager Development Assessment and Certification

Recommendation

Council be requested to advise:

- i how it monitors compliance with these conditions and whether it is aware that the presence of hard rock under much of the city centre means that special measures are required, when excavating basements for example;
- ii whether conditions of consent relating to noise and vibration are included in all approvals for construction and, if so, when this was implemented, since it was not included in the recent consent for 16 Smith Street where nearby residents complain of incessant construction noise for about 3 months;

5.2 Transport of Ethanol to Port Kembla

Ryan Park MP has received a response to ur query from the Minister of Transport for NSW:

“Transport for NSW supports the movement of goods in a safe, sustainable and productive way and considers access by road to be a viable alternative to heavy rail, in accordance with our obligations under the National Heavy Vehicle Law as Road Manager of the state road network.

The part of the Metropolitan Rail Network in question, already moves a high volume of freight services around Port Kembla, thus available times and capacity are limited. The Metropolitan Rail Network is a shared network between passenger and freight. However, under NSW legislation, there is reasonable priority given to passenger services over freight services.

During periods of intense use of the network by passenger services, such as the morning and afternoon passenger peaks, all available capacity is utilised by passenger services.

Freight operations are therefore restricted to the shoulders of the peaks, or other times of lower use of the network by passenger services.

Further, conditions to restrict Performance Based Standards (PBS) vehicles at certain times of day on the NSW road network, or certain periods such as Sundays and Public Holidays, would deliver perverse outcomes. It would encourage the use of a greater number of less productive vehicles during the identified hours, and potentially encourage an increased use of general access heavy vehicles, at all times of day, to achieve the freight task. PBS vehicles are specifically designed to have a high level of performance, and to meet strict safety and infrastructure standards, to ensure they are suited to the road network.”

Recommendation

Ryan Park MP be thanked for his representations and he request TfNSW to enable Manildra operations by rail, by ensuring track availability for the relatively infrequent and short periods, so that safety of motorists is not compromised by additional long heavy vehicles, particularly on the Kiama bends, as recently reported.

5.3 Outstanding responses

- i Impact of WIN development, a meeting has been arranged.
- ii Land Valuations, a meeting is being arranged.
- iii CBD Bus Layover, a meeting is being arranged.
- iv Keiraville Gwynneville Access & Movement Study Implementation – meeting now arranged.

6 Reports

6.1 N S W Election

Both our local MPs retained their seats with increased majorities and our local Ward Councillor increased her party’s primary vote by over 30%.

Recommendation

That the Forum congratulate Paul Scully and Ryan Park on their election success, potential ministerial positions and look forward to continue to work with them for the Wollongong community.

6.2 University Liaison

The regular meeting with University representatives discussed a number of issues.

- i Health & Wellbeing Precinct – The NSW Southern Regional Planning DA determination meeting was postponed to mid 2023 after receiving Council’s request for further information, this time re heritage studies and Indigenous community engagement, which are underway
- ii NSW Ambulance Facility – The NSW government has decided to use Innovation Campus land to build a new ambulance station and is proceeding to appoint a contractor, who is expected to start by mid 2023
- iii Dragons Development – UoW has agreed with St George Illawarra Dragons to use Innovation Campus land for a CHPC (Community and High Performance Centre, and Council is currently assessing the DA
- iv Transport – the Gong Shuttle agreement expires in 30 June 2024 and the Government’s ongoing requirements for funding contributions by UoW and Council will be discussed in due course. EV charging facilities are being installed at the Wollongong Campus and upgraded at the Innovation Campus

Recommendation

That the University be thanked for providing such a comprehensive update of issues

6.3 Stuart Park Landscape Plan

On 20 March Council considered a report on Stuart Park (SP) draft Landscape Master Plan (Landscape Plan) following staff’s consideration of submissions in November 2021 and 2022. Council resolved to adopt the Landscape Plan, note the draft Implementation table, and added that a future site be identified in the broader Blue Mile area and surrounds for a half- court basketball court and workout park to enable grant opportunities to be pursued.

The Landscape Plan is commendable for containing improvements including for playground, amenities, heritage, nature trail, walkers, and passive recreation. There is a need for further clarifications including re tree planting, commercial uses, parking and management. But it is expected these will be addressed in Council’s process, including community involvement, to develop a Plan of Management (PoM) for SP, which must comply with Objectives primarily as “People’s Park” used by the public for passive recreation and a nature-based refuge.

It is necessary for Council to just note the draft Implementation table, because most of the listed projects are not costed, funded or programmed. The Plan replaces the 2007 Plan which was for one of 7 precincts in the Blue Mile Master Plan.

Unfortunately most of the 2007 listed projects have not been implemented during the past 15 years, and many have been excluded from this Landscape Plan, including a multi-storey carpark, water park, chain of ponds, commercial building and southern parking area, whereas some have been retained.

Given the limitations, the report states the 1 page sketch Landscape Plan and Implementation table will help in “guiding future iterations of Council’s plan of management, capital programs and works plans.”

Stuart Park is Crown Land proclaimed almost 140 years ago in 1885, for the people of NSW to use as a Public Park, and it must be managed to comply with the 2016 Crown Land Management Act. SP is community land, categorised as a Park, which requires a valid PoM, and, as staff have previously reported to Council, the only valid PoM was adopted in 2000, but was cancelled in 2017 by the then Minister, after intensive lobbying.

Recommendation

It is again requested that development of the Stuart Park Plan of Management required by the Crown Land Management Act 2016 be expedited, and Council’s process include a working party, with community representatives, as was successfully used to initiate the 2000 SP PoM.

6.4 Coastal Management Plan

At Council’s meeting on 20 March the Agenda included a 520 page report on the draft Wollongong Coastal Management Program (CMP) Scoping Study. Council resolved to endorse the study and to progress to stage 2 of the CMP framework, including the recommended technical studies, and to endorse sea level rise projections for use in modelling of coastal hazards.

On 23 March NF5 received Council’s Environmental Strategy Officer’s email including: “We’re preparing the CMP to manage our beaches, dunes, cliffs, headlands and rock platforms, and small coastal creeks and estuaries. It will identify current and future issues along our coast and detail actions to address them in partnership with residents, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, community groups and the NSW Government.

Having a certified CMP will allow us to access funding for coastal projects and ensure everyone knows who is responsible for actions that care for our coastline.

There are five stages in developing a CMP. We have just completed Stage 1 to identify what the scope of the CMP should be and find out what our community values about the coast, how they use it and the challenges they see now and into the future.

Stage 2 will see us complete a range of studies to obtain new data and update our knowledge base before the CMP can be prepared. To stay informed as the Wollongong CMP progresses, and be involved in future engagement opportunities, or to view the full Scoping Study, visit <https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/cmp>.”

On 6 June 2022 at NF5 meeting it was agreed the Council be congratulated on getting funds for this project but suggest that it would get very considerable benefit by using a “working party” with key stakeholders, including community representatives.

On 24 June Council’s response included: “Thank you for your suggestion of a Working Party. Once our scoping stage is completed and we have a good idea of the priority issues and what technical work that needs to occur, we will be developing a governance framework for ongoing technical, government and community involvement input. Please also note, in addition to this, there will be more broader community engagement at key stages of the CMP development, particularly around evaluation management options.”

Council’s long-standing Community Engagement Policy, first adopted in 2005, includes four levels of engagement, adapted from the International Association of Public Participation Spectrum, and reinforced in a report to Council 3 April 2023, ie

lowest #1 Inform,
#2 Consult,
#3 Involve, and
highest #4 Collaborate.

Working parties (which fit into #3 Involve and #4 Collaborate) have been successfully used at WCC and are used at other Councils, but unfortunately seem to have been abandoned here, despite frequent community representations.

Recommendation

Members review the documentation, advise the secretary of any issues and, if they believe it is important enough to form a working party, indicate they would be prepared to participate.

6.5 Traffic in Church St

NF5 Minute 1 March requested Council and TfNSW consider re-phasing the traffic lights at Smith/Church intersection during school drop-off and pick-up times. A Smith St resident has queried this, and requests NF5 Agenda note the suggestion that introduction of the cycleway has contributed to traffic congestion there by eliminating the alternative school drop-off and pick-up zone.

Early this year Council invited submissions on pop-up cycleways, and it is understood a report will be available in the near future.

6.6 Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy

Council's traffic section recently arranged a Vision workshop with stakeholders to initiate two major projects, ie the Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) and the Wollongong City Centre Movement and Place Plan (CCMP).

Council's advice includes the ITS will "create a clear citywide transport Strategy and Plan for the City Centre, that will that inform an integrated, multi modal and sustainable transport to support people, land use and services. The ITS and Plan will ensure the entire transport network supports Wollongong with high degrees of mobility, as the city grows in population.

The ITS will recognise the shared responsibility and roles between WCC, our Community, the Federal and State government and the private sector." This is most welcome, as some years ago NF5 requested that development of the ITS and review of the 2013 CCMP be expedited. After NF5 representations Council has advised there will be a session with NFs about input to the vision, then a follow-up with NFs again in May on opportunities. Outcomes of discussions with NFs will be reported to future NF5 meetings.

6.7 Sportsgrounds and Sporting Facilities Strategy

On 20 March Council considered a report on a sportsgrounds and sporting facilities strategy 2013-2027 and resolved to defer this item and a report come back to Council with a priority

list for unfunded sports field infrastructure and responses to issues raised during community consultation.

6.8 Stormwater Network

At NF5 meeting on 1 March 2023 it was agreed that Council be advised the Forum supports KRAG's concerns about the apparent inadequacy of the stormwater system in the Keiraville area and requests advice on Council's Action Plan to ensure the stormwater system is "fit for purpose".

Also it was agreed that the Director Infrastructure and Works be requested to meet with NF5 representatives to discuss and clarify responsibilities, policies, management practices and outcomes for stormwater management on Council and private land. A meeting has been arranged for 31 March and the outcomes will be advised at NF5 meeting on 5 April.

6.9 Large Lots near the Escarpment

A comprehensive report on these is on Council's agenda for 3rd April. These include a number of sites for all or part of most of which it is proposed to:

- i Change from Residential to a Conservation zoning;
- ii Reduce floor space ratio to 0.3:1;
- iii Increase minimum lot size to 4,999 m².

The sites in our area are:

- i 6-10 Moab Place, Figtree;
- ii 54 Nebo Drive, Figtree;
- iii multiple lots in O'Briens Road Figtree;
- iv multiple lots in Manna Avenue, Figtree;
- v multiple lots in Redgum Ridge, Figtree;
- vi 14 Cosgrove Avenue, Keiraville;
- vii 2 Cosgrove Avenue, Figtree;
- viii multiple lots in Koloona Avenue Mount Keira.

If adopted by Council, a draft Planning Proposal will be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination to enable exhibition.

Most of the proposals are in line with those we have been promoting for a long time but may well need tweaking. We can consider these in detail if and when they are exhibited.

6.10 Changes to various Plans and Policies

At its meeting on 3rd April Council is also expected to adopt various other changes to its DCP for exhibition. These will be reported on at the Forum's May meeting. These are:

- i Development in Centres and Peripheral Sales Precincts;

- ii Community Participation Plan;
- iii Community Engagement Strategy.

6.11 Vegetation and Tree Management Policies

At the same meeting they are expected to adopt revisions to the management of vegetation and trees. (Who would want to be a Councillor with an agenda of over 700 pages?).

The changes seem to be mainly housekeeping, however they have refused to:

- i require some deep planting on the street side of new developments; or
- ii make roof-top planting a requirement on major buildings.

On the vexed issue of trees under power lines and the Providers move to increase the time between prunings thereby increasing safety distances the policy states “Council will continue to work with the Electricity Network Provider to improve the management of trees within the power network including pruning practices. Where possible, Council’s preference is to ask Electricity Network Provider to relocate infrastructure away from trees, or to undertake Aerial Bundled Cabling, the process where powerlines are bundled into a single line and insulated the result is a significantly reduced powerline clearance zone for tree pruning.”

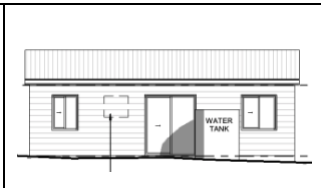
7 Planning

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 assessments. 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.2023/135 7 New Dapto Road Wollongong

20th March

This is a proposal to convert a shed at the back of the lot into a dual occupancy in an area dominated by flats. Whilst the existing shed does not comply with set-backs there will be no additional impact on neighbours.



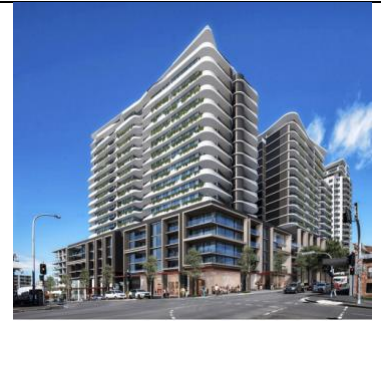
Recommendation

That the submission of support be endorsed.

7.3 DA.2023/156 c/o Crown St & Gladstone Ave Wollongong

24th March

This is a proposal for a 22 storey building with 282 units over ground floor retail with 318 car parks of which only 246 are allocated to the residential component which complies with State imposed standards. Whilst the proposal seems to comply with floorspace requirements it does not comply with height (marginally), daylight to dwellings, setbacks, building separation nor % of 3 bedroom units.



Recommendation

That the submission of objection be endorsed

7.4 DA Determinations

| DA no. 20../.... | Suburb | Address | Proposal | Forum Rec | Result Authority |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 21/1312 | W'gong | 300-2 Crown St | 11 stories, 48 dw | Support | Withdrawn |
| 21/1345 | W'gong | 11 Northcote St | Dual Occ | Support | Approved |
| 19/284 | Keiraville | 58-60 Murphys Ave | 9 town houses | Object | Approved |
| 21/1342 | W'gong | 46 Flinders St | 9 stories, 47 dw | Support | Refused appeal |
| 21/1343 | W'gong | 68, Gladstone Ave | Dual Occ | Object | Withdrawn |
| 21/1375 | W'gong | 43 Kembla St | 5 stories, 7 dw | Object | Approved |
| 21/1508 | Figtree | 111 Bellevue Rd | Dual Occ | Object | Approved |
| 21/1492 | W. 'gong | 111 Robsons Rd | Dual Occ | Object | Approved |
| 21/1344 | W. 'gong | 44 Euroka St | Dual Occ | Object | Withdrawn |
| 21/1467 | W'gong | 81-85 Keira St | 7 stories, 43 dw | Object | Refused |
| 22/14 | W'gong | 24-30 Kenny St | 18 stories, 68 dw | Support | Approved |
| 22/20 | W. 'gong | 38 Abercrombie St | Dual occ | None | Approved |
| 22/250 | Gwynville | 14A Foley St | 4 dwellings, | Support | Approved |
| 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 |
| 22/966 | 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 |

Not yet determined or not listed

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| 21/1060 | W'gong | 2, Lexton Ave | Dual Occ | Object | Not listed |
| 21/1346 | N W'gong | 10 Lysant St | Dual Occ | Object | Not listed |
| 22/61 | Figtree | 1 Malangong Close | Dual Occ | Support | Not listed |
| 21/101 | N W'gong | 3, Squires Way | UoW Health complex | Support | Current |
| 22/123 | Figtree | 253 Mt Keira Rd, | Dual Occ | Object | Not listed |
| 22/221 | W'gong | 4 Auburn St, | 24 stories, hotel 59 dw | Support | Current |
| 22/169 | W'gong | 36 Flinders St | 9 stories, 119 units | Support | Current |
| 22/938 | W'gong | 379-383 Crown St | 21 stories, 91 units | Support | Current |
| 22/952 | Keiraville | 54 Grey St | Dual Occ | Support | Not listed |
| 22/1278 | W'gong | 29-31 Denison St | 36 units, | Object | Current |
| 22/1268 | Figtree | 54 Nebo Drive | 2 lot subdivision | Support | Current |
| 22/1343 | Keiraville | 4-6 Georgina Ave | units | Object | Current |
| 23/50 | N. W'gng | 4-6 Blacket Street | 10 units | | Current |
| 23/135 | W'gong | 7 New Dapto Road | Dual Occ | Support | Current |
| 23/156 | W'gong | c/o Crown/Gladstone | 22 stories 288 units | Object | Current |

Note: "not listed" means the application does not appear on Council's DA Register.

8 General Business

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Please Note:

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9 Snippets

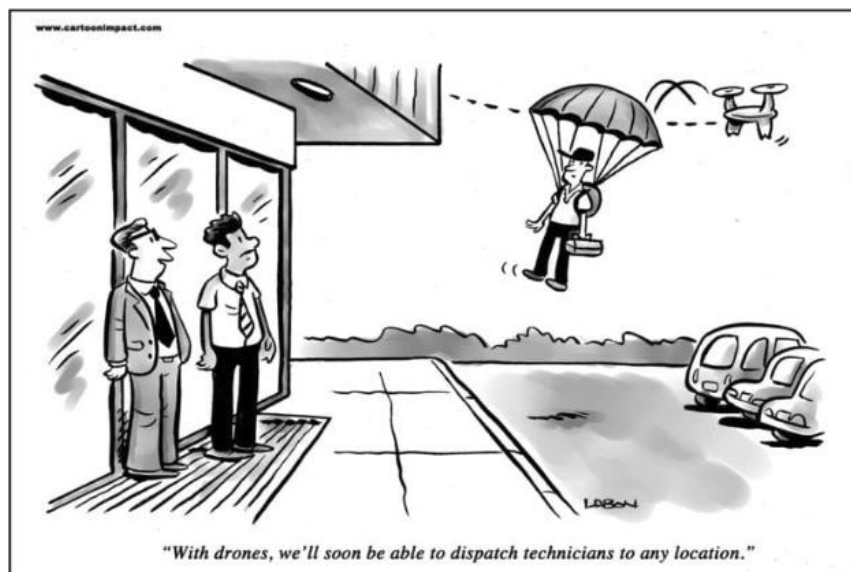
Project Skyway

Project Skyway is the largest and longest network of drone superhighways in the world. It will connect cities and towns across the country, enabled by a consortium led by Unified Traffic Management solution provider Altitude Angel. Over the course of the next two years, this group will develop 165 miles of drone superhighways, linking airspace above Reading, Oxford, Milton Keynes, Cambridge, Coventry, and Rugby.

The idea of dedicated airspace corridors for drones was predictable when manufacturers realised that it was so much cheaper to have their 'inventory' (supplies of parts) stored at the place they were made (at the maker's expense) or in the trailers of a column of heavy vehicles trekking along the motorways arriving 'just in time' to be used. Supermarkets were in the forefront, too, needing to have thousands of products sent to a regional warehouse from which mixed loads could be delivered to the individual outlets at dawn.

This astonishingly sophisticated revolution was one that took place mostly out of sight from the public, who took it for granted that their supermarket would have fresh supplies every day (while at the same time moaning about the heavy lorry traffic on the roads everywhere!). The capability of Skyway can revolutionise the way we transport goods and travel in a way not experienced since the advent of the railways did in the 18th century: the last 'transport revolution'

David Lock



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Minutes of meeting on 1st March 2023 by email

1. Presentation None possible
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2. Apologies Philip Laird
3. Minutes of meeting of 1st February were adopted
4. Comments have been included in the minutes.
5. Responses **5.1 Outstanding responses:** noted
6. Reports **6.1 Stormwater matters:**
It was agreed that Council be advised the Forum supports KRAG's concerns about the apparent inadequacy of the stormwater system in the Keiraville area and requests advice on Council's Action Plan to ensure the stormwater system is "fit for purpose".
- 6.2 Resumption of Face-to-face meetings:** noted
- 6.3 Social Infrastructure Future Directions Plan:**
It was agreed that submission by the executive be endorsed.
- 6.4 Complying Development Notifications:**
It was agreed that Council be requested to make representations through local NSW MPs to the relevant Minister to include Wollongong on the list of Councils where Private Certifiers are

required to notify neighbours prior to issuing Complying Development Certificates, in accordance with NSW EP&A Regulation Section 134.

6.5 Electric Vehicle Chargers

It was agreed to support the proposal.

6.6 Heritage and Planning seminar; noted.

6.7 Housing Strategy

It was agreed Council be requested to address the matters raised by the Forum and make appropriate changes to the Housing Strategy.

5 Planning

7.1 Planning noted

7.2 DA determinations: noted

6 General Business

8.2 Owner's Corporation Network

Founded in 2002, the Owner's Corporation Network (OCN) remains the only independent organisation representing the interests of over 1.2m strata owners in NSW. 42% of strata schemes are in regional areas, including 3 LGA's in the top 10 number of schemes. OCN is working to increase our coverage to address the specific needs of regional strata, starting with Wollongong/Shellharbour and Newcastle. With funding from NSW Govt. BRD (Better Regulation Division), OCN has established a project 'Improving consumer protection and strata literacy in regional strata' to fill what we see as a void in consumer protection for regional strata residents, which is, understanding and addressing key drivers of consumer complaints by strata owners and residents in regional areas.

The project is in 4 parts:

1. Understand key drivers of consumer complaints , including complaints and concerns of multicultural groups
2. Develop and recommending proactive and preventative solutions
3. Develop and deliver interactive education trials in 2 key regional LGA's, and
4. Preparing a sustainable education program for rollout across the remaining regional LGA's

Noted

8.3 Traffic in Church St

Residents advise that, before school and after school, the traffic in Church Street is horrendous. The queue for traffic travelling south on Church Street, wanting to cross Smith Street, can extend to almost Gipps!

The flow on from the banking of traffic in Church Street can be seen in Campbell Street and Kembla Street. At times, only one or two cars can cross this intersection on the green light. This seems to be caused by the phasing of the traffic light at the Smith/Church Street intersection.

It was agreed that Council and the RMS be requested to consider that between 8am and 9am and 2:30pm and 3:30pm, during school days, the current phasing of the traffic light be altered, to improve traffic flows in the area.

8.4 Construction Noise and Vibrations

Representations have been received that during excavation for developments in certain parts of the city, most recently in the vicinity of

Harbour and Smith Streets, unacceptable noise and vibration nuisance occurs to nearby residential properties for many months due to the hard underlying rock.

It was agreed Council, in association with the Environmental Protection Authority, be requested to take urgent action to review the situation where the underlying strata is such that construction is likely to result in unacceptable noise and vibration nuisance, and put in place measures to ensure residents retain the quiet enjoyment of their premises.

8.5 Stormwater Watercourses

Agenda item 6.1 refers to stormwater matters and supports requests for Council to clarify re private ownership and responsibility of mains transporting public stormwater. Further representations have been received, and it is noted that information on Council's website includes: "Wollongong's urban watercourses are important to convey stormwater. To ensure the flow of stormwater is not obstructed, and to reduce the risk of causing damage or nuisance to your own and/or other people's properties, it is important watercourses are kept clear of rubbish and/or unauthorised or illegal human-made structures. Excess vegetation and weeds must also be managed.The maintenance of watercourses on private property is the responsibility of the property owner(s), except for those where the channel is fully concrete lined or is a fully enclosed pipe channel."

It is understood that Council is responsible for maintenance of watercourses and drainage channels in council-managed public land, and for improvements and rehabilitation. Clarification is also sought on Council's policy and management practices to effectively maintain the condition of its watercourses including to cope with stormwater runoff, reduce the risk of flood damage, prevent erosion, enhance water quality and reduce public and private maintenance costs.

For example it has been raised on many occasions that waterways in the South Wollongong area seem to need improved maintenance to overcome detrimental effects including by sedimentation, vegetation, weeds, rubbish accumulation, and erosion

It was agreed that the Director Infrastructure and Works be requested to meet with NF5 representatives to discuss and clarify responsibilities, policies, management practices and outcomes for stormwater management on Council and private land.

7 Snippets noted.

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Wednesday 5th April 2023

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