NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 7 | September 24 2024

1. Welcome & Acknowledgment of Country

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which this meeting takes place, and the Elders past and present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

2. Attendance

List of Attendees

Peter Maywald (Convenor) Kaye Adams (Secretary) Steven Adams, Lucy Andrade, Mark Baron, Tracey Baron, Anne Cutbush, Natasha De Andrade, Tony Dilevski, Menka Dilevski, Rita Glossop, Julia Irvine, Michael Irvine, Buster Jameson, Ronda Jones, Terry Koellner, Dorothy Lucas, Annie Marlow, Ann Martin, Kim Maywald, David Nicholson, Charlie Owen, Miles Rosser, Tracey Rosser, Charlie Scicluna, Polly Scicluna, Deidre Stuart.

Apologies

Julie Marlow, Cerese Whitmore, Nigel Rosser, Heath Snoek, Milena Snoek,

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Ann Martin & Seconded by Tracey Baron

4. Discussion/ Presentation

4.1 WCC – Discussion _ Proposed Changes to Traffic Management at the intersection of Lake Heights Road & Northcliffe Drive Lake Heights.

Tyson Perry & Jerah Fox presented an option for the changes to the intersection of Lake Heights Road & Northcliffe Drive. The residents from the area were pleased that Council's original plan to increase the flow of traffic had changed but voiced major objections to the moving of the bus stop and consequently increasing the need for a pedestrian refuge in front of some residents' homes.

The forum did express the view that a refuge would be better located at 85-87 Northcliffe Drive. This Tyson indicated was possible however would need further investigation. This would mean making additional changes to the project.

Tyson Perry also indicated that any changes to the revised option would not be made in this financial year.

The final outcome to the discussion was that Tyson Perry would forward an email version of the plans to NF7 for distribution and discussion and a further meeting would be held to finalise community feedback.

It was mentioned that October was the best opportunity for further discussion.

Update -

- WCC Representatives will email plans & proposal to NF7 for the residents to review and discuss.
- The subject will be discussed at the next forum meeting October 29 2024
- Outcomes of the discussion to be presented to WCC representatives at NF7 Meeting November 26
 - o Action Kaye Adams to forward plans when they become available.

4.2 – Dob in a Hoon

- Tyson Perry had advised that he would review Wollongong City Council's decision to reject the request to move the No Stopping further from the intersection of Windang Rd & Primbee Bypass.
- Tyson Perry also indicated that in future these requests should come in as Council Requests through the normal WCC channels and noise, speed, and general hoon activity should be reported via the Police.

5. General Business

5.1 Correspondence

Outstanding replies:

- Windang Bridge
- Responsible Cat Ownership

Correspondence was received from WCC advising that there will be a trial period for the opening of the toilets at Port Kembla Beach Promenade for the winter period 2025.

o Action Revisit this item in April 2025

5.2 Responsible Cat Ownership

Peter Maywald advised that The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water seemed to be addressing responsible cat ownership not just feral cats.

5.3 Wood Fire Heaters

Once the new Councillors are declared, a letter will be forwarded to WCC requesting further action to be taken regarding educating the public on regulations and health hazards of Wood fire heating.

5.4 Merinda Wharf Area

It was agreed that the area was starting to fill up with long term campers and that Paul Scully MP had been requested previously to take action. It was noted that at the very least a 'No Camping' sign should be erected. Members of the forum also advised the following

- There is un unregistered bus that appears to be vacant.
- Next to the bus is a van with a German Shepherd which constantly barks at people walking in the area.
- Forum members have witnessed the German Shepherd chained up on the actual wharf so no one else can use the wharf.
- There is constantly large amounts of rubbish left for someone else to pick up.
 - Action Peter Maywald to write to Paul Scully MP to install a No Camping sign.

5.5 Windang Foreshore Playground

- There was some discussion about the fact that the playground components were still there and very unsightly to the area. Tracy Baron requested that WCC advise a timeline of when the rest of the playground would be removed.
 - Action: Ward 3 Councillors (upon declaration) to advise.

6. Other Business

- Buster Jameson advised that the Footpath near Fins Fangs & Feathers is damaged and in need of repair.
- Buster Jameson also advised that workers were ripping up the footpath at Barber & Gallop Street with no consideration for safety.
- It was requested that we ask Paul Scully MP to arrange for the Public Toilets at Kully Bay to be open for longer periods. This is particularly relevant for residents walking in the mornings.
- Dorothy Lucas advised that the very old bus stop sign across the road from 39 Buena Vista is still there and needs to be removed.
 - Action Peter Maywald to review and take action as required

Meeting closed 7.30pm

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm - Tuesday October 29 2024-Illawarra Yacht Club