

## 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 of meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 by email

- 1 Presentation None possible
- 2 Apologies Harold Hanson, Philip Laird
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> November adopted with matters arising in the agenda
- 4 Comments Included in these minutes
- 5 Responses
  - 5.1 **Bus layover Market Square**  
It was agreed that Paul Scully MP and TFNSW Regional Director be thanked for their responses and be requested to advise the process (including community involvement) and timeframes for temporarily relocating the buses, then to a permanent site.
  - 5.2 **Mount Ousley Road**  
It was agreed that Ryan Park MP be thanked for his response and requested to seek information on traffic volumes on Mount Ousley road.
  - 5.3 **Outstanding responses:** noted
- 6 Reports
  - 6.1 **Health & Wellbeing Precinct, North W'gong**  
It was agreed that the submission of support, subject to resolution of the proposed pedestrian crossing on Squires Way, for the revised Development Application for the Health & Wellbeing Precinct, North W'gong be endorsed.
  - 6.2 **Housing Strategy**  
It was agreed that a submission, based on the Discussion Paper, be made which specifically includes;

- i giving top priority to amending the DCP suburban desired future character statements to preserve our unique character – starting with a requirement in all R2 Low Density Residential areas beyond 400m. from a commercial zone or major employer, for dwellings facing the street have the appearance of a detached house;
- ii giving next priority to amend the Local Environmental Plan to reduce the potential of large legacy sites, mostly on the escarpment;
- iii comments in the Discussion Paper on detailed proposals as submissions;
- iv requesting Council to be far more pro-active in working with communities on detailed changes in their areas.

### **6.3 draft Tree Management Policy**

It was agreed that Council be advised that;

- i the Intent and Goals of the draft Tree Management policy are supported;
- ii the impact of climate change should be included as a factor in the tree selection process;
- iii community consultation re tree planting programs on Public Land and when views have been unintentionally blocked, should be increased rather than minimised.
- iv deep planting for development proposals should be encouraged on the street frontage, not the rear of lots;
- v roof top planting should be required, or at least encouraged, on all buildings of 3 storeys or more;
- vi there is an urgent need for Council to redouble State-wide efforts to change the current pruning practices in particular by Endeavour Energy.

### **6.4 Foley Street proposals**

It was agreed that Council be:

- i thanked for consulting early with the Forum on the proposals for Foleys Road;
- ii advised that it seems that reduction in congestion will be minimal until restrictions at Throsby Drive and Gipps Road are resolved;
- iii requested to review and publicise proposals for cycleways in the vicinity before committing to that proposed in isolation;
- iv requested to raise the issue of the continued use of Gipps Street/Crawford Avenue as a bus route with users, drivers and those responsible.

- v requested to adopt an integrated approach to traffic and active transport matters on Foley St between Throsby Drive and Porter St.

### **6.5 Greenhouse Park Remediation**

It was agreed that Council:

- i be advised that the development of a remediation plan is welcome despite it being three years later than the deadline of the 2018 EPA declaration of significantly contaminated land
- ii note concern that it has taken almost 30 years after the builders tip closed for Council to finally address the obvious need for remediation, meanwhile with unknown impacts on humans, flora and fauna.
- iii be requested to establish a working group including suitably experienced community representatives to share information, review options, select priorities, help finalise a remediation action

### **6.6 University liaison:** noted

### **6.7 Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal**

It was agreed that a brief submission be made to IPART consistent with our submission to the NSW Dept of Planning regarding the Manildra application for a Port Kembla ethanol export facility (using ethanol produced at their Bomaderry plant) requesting further consideration be given to the option of rail freight rather than road freight using large road tankers (23 metre long B Doubles and the longer A Doubles)

### **6.8 Public Spaces Public Life Implementation Plan Progress:** noted

7 Planning

### **7.1 Planning** noted

### **7.2 DA.2022/1155 3 dwellings, 29 Foley St Gwynneville**

It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed

### **7.3 DA.2022/1203 Community Facility 114 Church St W’gong**

It was agreed that a submission of objection be submitted

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

It was agreed that the submission in support of the revised proposals, with a request for a review of the number and location of pedestrian crossing of Squires Way, be endorsed

### **7.5 Cosgrove Avenue DA:** noted

### **7.6 DA Determinations:** noted

**8.1 Wisemans Park Pathway**

Council proposes:

- i A pathway providing linkages throughout the park and incorporating a village square near the proposed crossing point;
- ii A 2.5m wide shared path on the southern side of Gipps Road linking Foley St to Vickery St (and school);
- iii a raised pedestrian crossing at the midpoint of the village shopping which replaces the now temporary crossing located to the east.

It was agreed that Council be advised of support for the proposals subject to a review of:

- i the need for the south eastern section of path 3;
- ii the location and timing of the long proposed path between the Bowling Club and the Oval from Foley street to the shops.



**8.2 Climate Change Mitigation Plan**

Council has developed targets for emission reduction for itself and the community. A suite of actions has been developed to move towards achieving these. It was agreed that Council be advised;

- i of support for the climate change initiatives;
- ii that items in our submission on Tree Management apply here as well;
- iii a reference group, including experienced community representatives, should be set up to review progress and suggest new initiatives

### **8.3 Compliance Cost Notice**

Council are proposing to introduce a Compliance Cost Notice charge, to recover costs associated with investigating non-compliance matters that result in an order being issued. It was agreed to support this.

### **8.4 Asbestos Policy**

This has been reviewed to make it consistent with legislative changes and was agreed to support this.

### **8.5 Manildra Port Kembla Bulk Liquid Terminal**

Paul Scully has received a response from the Minister for Transport:

“Transport for NSW is developing potential options for the future or the Freight and Ports Plan which expires in 2023. A number of options are being developed and considered by Transport for NSW, on how to best achieve the NSW Government’s freight objectives, including increasing the use of rail. This work is on-going and will be the subject of forthcoming advice to government and consultation with stakeholders.

It should be noted that the desire for a Mode Shift Incentive Scheme is an industry-led submission, but this will be considered within a suite of alternative options for a number of rail focussed initiatives for NSW.

Transport for NSW supports the movement of goods in a safe, suitable and productive way and considers access by road in accordance with their obligations under the National Heavy Vehicle Law, as road manager of the State road network. Access on local roads is a matter for the relevant council and outside of this, the movement of goods it is a matter for Manildra in terms of its commercial and productivity drivers and preference for road over rail.”

### **8.6 Innovation campus Proposals**

Recent media reports indicate that UOW has submitted a DA for construction of a St George Dragons High Performance Centre and two playing fields on Innovation Campus land occupying the north east corner. About 80% of the estimated \$50m funding comes from the NSW Government. Also UOW has submitted a DA for dismantling and relocation of the heritage listed former Migrant Buildings elsewhere on the site.

At this early stage it is not clear how these DAs would complement the existing world-class research facilities on the IC site, leading to innovative solutions, such as at the iAccelerate Centre . Submissions close on 30 Jan 2023.

9 Snippets noted

**Date of next meeting**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

**Please Note:**

Whether this meeting will be via e-mail or face-to-face will be advised later and depend on the situation in relation to Covid.

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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 427 households**

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