

## Neighbourhood Forum 5

### Wollongong's Heartland

*Collaborating with Council  
on community aspirations,  
visions, needs & concerns*



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Wollongong City.**

#### Agenda for meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 by email

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| 1 | Presentation     | None possible  |
| 2 | Apologies        |  |
| 3 | Minutes          | of meeting of 5 <sup>th</sup> April and matters arising included in the agenda: see pp. 17-19  |
| 4 | Comments         | If you wish to comment on, or object to, any of the recommendations in this agenda, please respond before the meeting date.  |
| 5 | Responses        | 5.1 Construction Noise and Vibration: see p. 2 & <b>rec p.3</b><br>5.2 Complying Development Notification: see p 4<br>5.3 On-site Development Signs: see p. 4 & <b>rec p.5</b><br>5.4 Outstanding responses: see p.5   |
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| 7 | Planning         | 7.1 Planning DA: see <b>rec p 13</b><br>7.2 DA determinations: see p.14  |
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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 410 households**

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## 5 Responses

### 5.1 Construction Noise and Vibration

On 2 December 2020 NF5 Agenda included Council's reply to Minute on 7 Oct 2020 requesting they review, and introduce if necessary, policies, guidelines and practices to control and monitor construction noise. The response included that Councils in NSW typically do not have specific policies re construction noise management.

On 5 April 2023 NF5 Agenda item provided Council's reply to Minute on 1 March requesting their urgent action re unacceptable construction noise and vibration nuisance following representations for residents in the east Smith St area. The response referred to the NSW EPA Interim Construction Noise Guidelines (ICNG) July 2009, and the EPA Noise Guide for Local Government updated in Jan 2023, which are very helpful. It was then agreed that Council be requested to advise how it monitors compliance with conditions of consent, and this is awaited.

The Construction Noise guidelines show noise levels which residents say have regularly been exceeded for long periods up to 6 days a week for the past 15 months on a site in the east Smith St area, whilst rock hammers excavate in the predictably hard sandstone typically found in parts of Wollongong CBD. Residents raised the noise issues with Council but received advice in April 2023 that "if the noise making is within the daily times allowed (ie per the conditions of consent) then nothing can be done." Yet the development's conditions of consent include that construction activity noise must be within the ICNG guidelines (but which are regularly exceeded), and another condition has a heading re Geotechnical with 13 conditions (but some seem to lack full compliance or transparency).

The Noise Guide for LG in 2013 and updated in 2023 shows that Councils are the ARA (Appropriate Regulation Authority) "for residential construction noise that affects a residential neighbourhood." Also "other Government agencies, including the EPA, cannot direct councils on how to manage noise issues." Suggested management/regulation of relevant construction noise by Councils includes: "Negotiate changes to work practices, and/or Noise Control Notice, and/or Prevention Notice."

Also the NSW Fair Trading website states that: Certifiers are public officials and independent regulators of development. They are required to uphold the public interest. They don't work for builders or developers.

The Noise Guide refers to considering noise in the DA process, and provides information on: “Pre-application/lodgement opportunities, Assessment/determination process, Past assessment/determination process.” Figure 8 examples of common noise levels shows indicative A-weighted decibel (dBA) noise levels include: “Quiet suburban area approx 45 dBA, Jackhammer near operator approx 95 dBA” (ie twice as noisy). Another section on controlling noise at the source gives . The examples of how noise at the source can be reduced or managed, e.g. ....”Use high-pressure hydraulic rock crushers to split rock instead of hydraulic or pneumatic hammers.”

Unfortunately residents advise that noise issues raised during the past 15 months re the east Smith St development have not been adequately addressed nor resolved by Council.

Therefore the purpose of this relative brief summary includes to highlight the needs to:

- i recognise concerns expressed by residents affected by residential construction noise and vibration, over prolonged periods in recent years, particularly in the east Smith St area;
- ii support seeking clarification of Council’s responsibilities, policies, management practices and outcomes, as the ARA;
- iii take into account EPA Guidelines and legislative requirements;
- iv consider all phases of developments, from thorough geotechnical site investigations, pre-application/lodgement, through project planning, construction, complaints management, compliance assurance, accessible monitoring, and a completion report with recommendations for improvements;
- v collaborate with representatives of affected residents through an agreed community engagement strategy which ensures transparency;
- vi identify opportunities for improvements to systems;
- vii assist in prioritising actions, and to develop an implementation plan re improvements

#### Recommendation

That the General Manager be requested to arrange discussions with relevant senior representatives of Council, NF5 Executive and a group of affected residents in the east Smith St area to discuss this report and establish a working group to advance this matter.

## **5.2 Complying Development Notification**

“I confirm that the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2021 precludes the Wollongong LGA from the pre-approval notification requirement. Therefore, in the Wollongong LGA notification to neighbours is provided at a later stage in the process than in metropolitan NSW (14 days prior to approval of a CDC). As the Complying Development Certificate application is only lodged for consideration at that initial stage, the building plans are commercial-in-confidence until the Complying Development Certificate is issued (if approved). A neighbour may ask the applicant for a copy of the plans, but the applicant is not obliged to provide them.

In the Wollongong LGA, notification is required at a later stage being a Notice of Intention to Commence Work. “A complying development certificate must be issued subject to a condition that the person having the benefit of the certificate must give each neighbour written notice of the person’s intention to commence the work authorised by the certificate — at least 2 days before commencing work”. Notably, large residential subdivisions differentiate Wollongong from many other LGAs, as complying development approvals in these locations often have no physical neighbours and neighbourhoods are only just beginning to emerge.

The objective of complying development in NSW is essentially for a speedy approval process for development that can satisfy all the relevant criteria. There is no mechanism for neighbours to make any submissions and there is no right of appeal against complying development, nor is there any requirement for a certifying authority to consider any submissions.

For Wollongong Council to be included in the Complying Development Certificate pre-approval notification requirements, legislative amendment approved by the NSW Parliamentary Counsel would be required to amend Section 134 (5) of the EP&A Regulation. As indicated previously, at this point in time, the role of Council in the area of complying development and any associated notification under the regulation is not identified within Council’s scheduled reviews or studies.”

Manager Development Assessment and Certification

## **5.3 On-site Development Signs**

“The reference for on-site notification of commencement of development can be found in Section 70 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021. It stipulates the requirements for the erection of signs as follows:

## 70 Erection of Signs

This section applies to a development consent for development involving building work, subdivision work or demolition work.

- 1) It is a condition of the development consent that a sign must be erected in a prominent position on a site on which building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out:-
  - a) showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifier for the work, and
  - b) showing the name of the principal contractor, if any, for the building work and a telephone number on which the principal contractor may be contacted outside working hours, and
  - c) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.
- 2) The sign must be —
  - a) maintained while the building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, and
  - b) removed when the work has been completed.
- 3) This section does not apply in relation to —
  - a) building work, subdivision work or demolition work carried out inside an existing building, if the work does not affect the external walls of the building, or
  - b) Crown building work certified to comply with the Building Code of Australia under the Act, Part 6.”

### Comment

It seems these provisions are routinely ignored.

### Recommendation

That Council be requested to re-double its efforts to ensure conditions of consent are adhered to.

## 5.4 Outstanding responses

- i Land Valuations, a meeting is being arranged.
- ii CBD Bus Layover, a meeting is being arranged.
- iii Keiraville Gwynneville Access & Movement Study Implementation – meeting now arranged.

## 6 Reports 6.1 Revised DCP on Centres

As foreshadowed the changes are essentially housekeeping triggered in part by the State Government’s changes to definitions of the business zones. It also clarifies and updates a range of requirements which seem to be positive but in an 86 page document one cannot be sure.

The hierarchy of centres remains with out-of-centre and peripheral sales controls tightened.

## Recommendation

The revisions to Chapter B4 – Development in Centres and Peripheral Sales precincts, be supported.

### 6.2 Delivery and Operational Plan 5<sup>th</sup> May

The executive was briefed on the draft plans. It concentrated on projects – 123 of them worth m\$25 in our area. The major projects proposed are:

- i Old Courthouse roof;
- ii Wollongong Skatepark;
- iii Beaton Park to Gipps cycleway upgrade;
- iv Beaton Park tennis courts;
- v Mt Keira Mountain Bike track.

An interactive map is available on Council’s web site which identifies about 95 projects with symbols and colour codes which unfortunately are not defined. However, most seem to be replacements or upgrades. Curiously, it does not seem to identify i above.

In terms of transport projects:

Project	Consultation brief and timing
Integrated Transport Strategy	Vision opportunities and constraints – April 23 Future direction, way forward - May 23
Wollongong City Centre Movement and Place Plan (revised Access and Movement Strategy)	Vision opportunities and constraints – May/June 23 Future direction, way forward July 23
Wollongong Cycling Network Plan	Stakeholder engagement June/July
E-scooter Wollongong pilot	Stakeholder Working Group - Pending Transport for NSW approval
Keiraville Gwynneville Access and Movement Strategy Implementation	Action plan and delivering on actions – quarterly, 2023 and 2024

## Comment

Concerns have been raised about drainage capacity in locations such as Cosgrove Avenue and Blacket Street, and about footpath priorities such as Braeside Avenue, requiring remedial measures to be brought forward.

## Recommendation

Members with concerns about any other projects advise the secretary before the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### 6.3 Impact of WIN development

A very productive meeting was held with Council staff about the potential impact of this development which we had welcomed.

NF Concerns	Response
downgrade the mall to secondary retail/services	The character of the mall is already changing towards office services
dilute the entertainment precinct focussed on the performing arts centre	The new centre will complement the existing art centre rather than compete
reinforce the need for a public transport spine through the centre	Not discussed
complicate the Crown/Keira Streets intersection	Will be considered as part of the Integrated Transport Strategy
highlight the need for upgrading the streetscape	Tis is an integral part of the proposal
require a review of the traffic arrangements	Proponent was required to plan in line with a traffic model
prompt the development and implementation of a Masterplan for McCabe Park;	No proposal to bring forward the timetable for yet another Master Plan
provide an opportunity for Council to review its plans for the city centre	Not discussed

#### Council:

- i stressed that a significant increase in nearby residential areas and increased offices is creating significant demand for retail and especially restaurants and entertainment;
- ii indicated the mall is being used back to pre-Covid levels;
- iii advised that they are making considerable efforts to involve groups on a precinct or topic basis but are getting nowhere with a Chamber of Commerce type group;
- iv stated that there is no proposal to link the development to the Kenny Street car park despite a significant deficit in on-site parking courtesy of Council's policy to discount the amount of parking generated by the previously existing buildings;

- v observed that they had no interest in the psychological impact of paid parking.

#### Recommendation

That the Forum:

- i thank Council for taking the time and trouble to respond to our concerns about the WIN development and the City Centre;
- ii protest the delay in preparing a Master Plan for McCabe Park;
- iii request Council to review its policy of discounting car parking spaces for pre-existing development unless these had been the subject of a monetary contribution;
- iv advise Council that we would very much like to work with them and others on both on-going and long term future of the city centre;
- v suggest a trial of free parking for the first hour at on-street parking metres;
- vi canvas members to form a city centre advisory group.

#### **6.4 Age-friendly Cities.**

The World Health Organisation has a Global Network of 1445 of age-friendly cities world wide with but 6 in NSW and only Kiama in our region. There is no membership fee but participation in the Network requires a commitment to invest time and resources in developing age-friendly environments, and to share learnings and achievements with fellow Network members.

In Wollongong between 2016 and 2021 the population increased by 5.4% but the population aged 70+ increased by 13.3% or more than double. In 2021 the population aged 70+ in Wollongong was 13.5%, for NSW it was 12.5%. So Wollongong has a higher than average percentage of older people and the percentage is rising rapidly.

The WHO has developed a Guide setting out criteria and advice for a number of areas which cities could look to improvements for the benefit of older people: outdoor spaces and buildings; transportation; housing; social participation; respect and social inclusion; civic participation and employment; communication and information; community support and health services.

#### Recommendation

That Council be requested to consider joining the Global Age-friendly Cities organisation



## 6.5 Stormwater Management

On 1 March 2023 NF5 agreed to request senior engineering staff to meet representatives of NF5 to discuss and clarify responsibilities, policies, management practices and outcomes for the stormwater network on Council and private land. On 31 March initial discussions were held, including advice that Council has a lead role re floodplain management, guided by the Government's 2005 Floodplain Development Manual, and Wollongong DCP 2009 Chapter E14 Stormwater Management. It is understood Council's main three mitigation measures include to control land use through planning instruments (eg LEP and DCP), promoting residents' awareness and evacuation plans, and improving physical infrastructure to reduce flooding effects.

It was stated that only about half the network of watercourses, pipes and structures are on Council owned land. A Council fact sheet includes that maintenance of a watercourse, or a channel that is fully concrete lined, or is a fully enclosed pipe on private property is the responsibility of the property owner(s), unless within a legally created Easement benefitting another party, who will then be responsible.

It is recognised the existing stormwater infrastructure is old, there are cumulative impacts due to approved intensified development, natural detention basins have been filled over the years, stormwater from Council land feeds into the network, and the use of reliable rainfall data can be inconsistent. Watercourses on private land may not have registered easements, concentration of flows are obvious since changes in land usage particularly on the escarpment, infrastructure standards for flood frequency can vary, responsibilities are unclear, and the overall system is generally under-capacity in some catchments.

It was stated that Council's consultants develop the many Flood Studies which include multiple catchments, and Risk Management Plans with evaluations of existing infrastructure capacities, shortfalls and recommendations for upgrades, but priorities, funding and implementation of actions is sporadic. It was said that 10 of the 11 old Risk Plans are under review within the next few years using guidelines updated in 2019, although initial indications are that projected flood risks will be similar.

However there is a perception that consultants' rely on computer modelling without adequate testing based on input from residents experienced in flood behaviours, and a "tipping point" has been reached in many of the catchments.

It is greatly appreciated that relevant Council staff are continuing to communicate on long-standing and complex stormwater management concerns, and a further meeting is being arranged with the Manager Development Engineering.

#### **6.6 University Health & Wellbeing Precinct**

The University prepared a flood study and undertaken works on their Campus East site. These include

- i Reshape Squires Way Vegetated bunds to remain wholly within the site boundaries;
- ii Reshape the landscaped stockpile to align with the proposed future building envelopes and provide for PMF flood storage;
- iii Amplify the stormwater infrastructure to support a 1% AEP or 1:100 year event removing localised ponding and overland flow within the H&WP boundaries;
- vi Flood Modelling provides free board supporting Finished Floor Levels to proposed built form.

As a result Flood modelling demonstrates:

- i All buildings achieve freeboard in a 1% AEP event. Additionally, critical utilities achieve freeboard in Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) event.
- ii Flood storage balance is achieved within the site for all events up to and including the PMF
- iii Nil impacts to adjacent upstream and downstream receptors.

#### **6.7 Community Engagement Strategy / Policy draft revision**

Council's website invites feedback by Monday 15 May on a draft revised Community Engagement Strategy - Council Policy (CE Policy), as reported to Council on 3 April, to replace their 2021 Policy, which is said to enable an informed and consistent approach to involving the community in decision-making. The revised policy outlines Council's principles, commitments, levels and process for engagement to guide Council's elected members, staff and consultants when engaging with the community. It has been updated to align with current Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements.

In April 2021 NF5 considered Council's then refreshed CE Policy and made a detailed submission, to which staff provided some positive responses, which is appreciated. However there are some outstanding items, as listed below. The current revised CE Policy includes the excellent table showing Levels of Engagement, which has been in place for 25 years since first adopted by Council's Administrators in 2008.

## Recommendation

Council be requested to:

- I give priority to implementing Levels of Engagement with relevant Neighbourhood Forum representatives at level 4 Collaborative, or if not feasible, then at least Level 3 Involvement;
- ii provide administrative support resources to Neighbourhood Forums to assist compliance with Council's Charter;
- iii re-introduce annual Ward meetings to enable transparency and provide opportunities to expand community involvement in decision-making processes.

### **6.8 draft Community Participation Plan Amendments and draft Polices for Council Related Development**

This is on exhibition until 29<sup>th</sup> May. Council have agreed to accept a submission after our June meeting. It is not clear how it relates to 6.7 above.

### **6.6 Meet your Neighbours Toolkit**

Willoughby and Lane Cove Councils have developed a guide to creating a friendly and resilient community in apartment buildings. Both Councils did well-being surveys and they found that people living in apartments don't know their neighbours that well. They don't actually call their neighbour for help that often compared to people living in houses. They volunteer less. They are less connected to the community.

The Toolkit has been designed to help neighbours to get connected with each other, to help them prepare for and respond to challenges that we face in the community. For example having meaningful, trusting connections with your neighbours is really important because if something goes wrong, who are the people you turn to? It's actually the people closest to you, your friends, your family, and your neighbours.

## Recommendation

Residents of strata units who are interested in creating closer ties with their neighbours visit [www.yourstrataproperty.com.au](http://www.yourstrataproperty.com.au) and check out 358. [A toolkit to help you meet your neighbours.](#)

### **6.9 Crown Reserves Plan of Management**

Council's website on 27 April includes documents, seeking feedback by 9 June 2023, on the Draft PoM (Plan of Management) for 32 Crown Reserves, which has been approved for public exhibition by the Minister (via the DPE – Crown Lands).

The results of the public exhibition process will be reported to Council for consideration at a future meeting. Information includes:

Council manages two types of Crown Reserves in accordance with the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act).

- i Crown Reserves where Council is the ‘Council Crown Land Manager’ (51 reserves), which Council Classifies as either “Operational” land or “Community” land. For “Community” land, Council must prepare PoM in accordance with the CLM Act which, when adopted, enables Council to grant a tenure such as a license, a lease, or the granting of an easement subject to compliance with the PoM, the LG Act and the CLM Act.
- ii Reserves where Council is the caretaker of the land as directed by the NSW Government (20 reserves). For devolved reserves Council has no authority to make a PoM, and any leasing or licensing is directly through the NSW State Government.

A PoM is required to identify management Objectives, performance Targets and Action Plans for each category. Each community land Category has legislatively defined Core Objectives (from the LG Act) which guide Council’s management of the Crown land under this PoM.

Leasing and licensing of Community land under a PoM is to be consistent with the Core Objectives of the land’s Category, and the Crown Reserve Purpose. The Purpose is the primary driver of the management and use of Crown reserves, rather than the community land Category.

This PoM applies to 32 Crown Reserves Classified as Community land where Council is the ‘Council Crown Land Manager.’

Reserves in NF5 area include:

- i Gwynneville Wiseman Park: Purpose - Public Recreation; Categories - Park; Sportsground for the tennis courts and cricket oval; Natural Area Bushland;
- ii Wollongong J A Beatson Park: Purpose - Public Park; Category – Park.
- iii Wollongong Pioneers Rest Park: Purpose - Public Park; Category – Park.
- iv Wollongong Surf Life Saving Headquarters: Purpose - Community Purposes; Category - General Community Use.

PoM Already adopted:

Council has adopted other PoMs over Crown Land and Council-owned land Classified as Community land.

The 5 Reserves in NF5 area are:

- i Community Land Plan of Management 2022: adopted 14 March 2022.
- ii Wollongong Botanic Garden PoM 2020: adopted 20 July 2020.
- iii Mt Keira Summit Park PoM 2019: adopted 9 December 2019.
- iv Gwynneville Beaton Park PoM 2018: adopted 28 May 2018.
- v Wollongong City Foreshore PoM 2008: Not adopted by Minister under CLM Act. Adopted by Council 29 January 2008.

PoM to be developed in the future:

- I Wollongong City Foreshore PoM 2008 for compliance with the CLM Act
- ii PoMs for the remaining reserves, including Reserves containing Tourist Parks (Planned)

#### Recommendation

Members review the documentation on Council's website re the Draft PoM for 32. Crown Reserves, and advise the secretary by Monday 29 May 2023 of any issues proposed for consideration at NF5 June meeting

#### 6.10 Yours and Owls Concert

Yours and Owls are in the early stages of preparing a Development Application for events at the University of Wollongong (presumably rather than Stuart park) and a meeting is being set up to discuss the issues.

## 7 Planning. 7.1 DA 2023/276 2 lot subdivision, 26 Bulwarra St Keiraville

This is a proposal to sub divide an existing Dual Occupancy



#### Recommendation

The proposal be supported.

## 7.2 DA Determinations

<b>DA no. 20../....</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Forum Rec</b>	<b>Result Authority</b>
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
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
22/1268	Figtree	54 Nebo Drive	2 lot subdivision	Support	Approved

### Not yet determined or not listed

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
22/1343	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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Please Note:**

Whether this meeting will be via e-mail or face-to-face will be advised later.

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## 9 Snippets

### Trees Cities of the World

Now more than ever, trees and forests are a vital component of healthy, liveable, and sustainable communities around the globe. The Tree Cities of the World programme is committed to inspiring cities and towns to care for and celebrate their urban tree canopy.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> 2023, the International Day of Forests, the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FOA) of the United Nations awarded Turin, Italy with the Trees Cities of the World Award. This the first award of its kind, established to recognise the creation of green spaces in an urban setting. Turin has around 150,000 trees in urban parks and gardens, most being over 50 years old.

The Award is part of the Trees Cities of the World Program, which began in 2019 by FOA and Arbor Day Foundation. It was launched to acknowledge cities and towns that have shown dedication to ensuring their urban forests and trees are properly and sustainably maintained and duly celebrated. The goal of the program is to ‘connect cities around the world in a new network dedicated to sharing and adopting the most successful approaches to managing community trees and forests.’

Meanwhile, in April 2022 the FOA named Canberra an International Tree City of the World, kicking off festivities for Tree Week.



At least it is a start!



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#### Minutes of meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 by email

1      **Presentation**    None possible

2      **Apologies**

3      **Minutes**            of meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> March and matters arising included in the  
agenda were adopted

4      **Comments**        have been included in these minutes.

5      **Responses**        **5.1      Construction Noise and Vibration:**

It was agreed that Council be requested to advise:

- i        how it monitors compliance with these conditions and given it is aware that the presence of hard rock under much of the city centre means that special measures are required, when blasting basements for example;
- ii       given conditions of consent relating to noise and vibration are included in all approvals for construction, 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 more than 3 months and much longer on other sites.

*If the noise making is within the daily times allowed, then nothing can be done.*

**5.2      Transport of Ethanol to Port Kembla**

It was agreed that:

The Hon Ryan Park MP be thanked for his representations, and that 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:** noted.

## **6 Reports**

### **6.1 N S W Election**

It was agreed:

that the Forum congratulate Paul Scully and Ryan Park on their election success and appointments as Ministers.

### **6.2 University Liaison**

It was agreed that University representatives be thanked for providing such a comprehensive update of issues.

### **6.3 Stuart Park Landscape Plan**

It was agreed that Council 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 Stuart Park Plan of Management

### **6.4 Coastal Management Plan**

It was agreed that Council is again requested to establish a working party with key stakeholders, including community representatives, to assist in developing the Coastal Management Program.

### **6.5 Traffic in Church St:** noted

### **6.6 Wollongong Integrated Transport Strategy:** noted

### **6.7 Sportsgrounds and Sporting Facilities Strategy:** noted

### **6.8 Stormwater Network:**

Report noted and

### **6.9 Large Lots near the Escarpment:** noted

### **6.10 Changes to various Plans and Policies:** noted

### **6.11 Vegetation and Tree Management Policies**

It was agreed that Council be requested to:

- i again consider requiring some deep planting on the street side of new developments;
- ii again consider making roof-top planting a requirement on major buildings; and

- iii negotiate with Integral Energy the removal of over-pruned trees and replacement with suitable trees on both sides of the street.
- 7 **Planning**
  - 7.1 noted.
  - 7.2 **DA.2023/135 7 New Dapto Road Wollongong**  
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.
  - 7.3 **DA.2023/156 c/o Crown St & Gladstone Ave Wollongong**  
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8 **General Business**
  - 8.1 **DA-2022/469 Development at 14, Cosgrove Ave Keiraville**  
It was noted that the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the development of this site has been withdrawn.
  - 8.2 **DA Register**  
It was noted that several Development Applications seem to have been determined by Certifiers but not included in the Development Application Register.  
It was agreed to request Council to investigate and remedy the situation.
- 9 **Snippets** noted.

**Date of next meeting**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**

**Please Note:**

Whether this meeting will be via e-mail or face-to-face will be advised later.

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