

Neighbourly Committee No 4
Incorporating Neighbourhood Forum No 4
Executive Committee
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**NF4 Tuesday, April 4, 2023 Hybrid Meeting:
In Person Meeting @ Towradgi Community Hall
Plus a ZOOM connection if needing to attend *virtually*.**

Time: April 4, 2023 – 7:08 PM

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Open Meeting- 07.08pm

Chair thanked members for attending with a special welcome to WCC representatives. The April meeting is now an annual opportunity to hear about budgetary plans for the 2518 and 2519 footprint area covered by Neighbourhood Forum 4.

Apologies – S.Cavill, Cr. R. Martin, A.Marrett.

Minutes of Previous Meeting- Distributed via email

Business Arising from Minutes-

Current DAs:

2021/554/B - 14/6 Bellambi Ln - 5 Apr - Increase patron capacity +outdoor dining

2021/657/A - 5 Highcrest Ave Balgownie - 11 Apr - Redesign/construct Retaining Wall

2022/1261 - 15/15A Ryan St Balgownie - 6 Apr - Multi residential construction.

2022/926/A - 147 NewMtPleasant Rd - 12 Apr - redesign balcony awning.

2022/917/A - 7 Lavender St Bellambi - 12 Apr - Adjust roof Pit

DA-2023/

174 - 39 Foothills Rd Balgownie - 3 Apr - retaining wall and Fence.

226 - 27 Foothill Rd Mt Ousley - 6 Apr - Demolish/Construct new dwelling

219 - 26 Bond St Bellambi - 12 Apr Swimming Pool

Committee brought to the notice of visiting Council Staff NF4's concerns about the relisting of D.A.s up to two years later with modifications that are **not visible** to local residents. The clear concern here is that these potentially seek to remove conditional features that neighbours considered of high importance such as flood mitigation or waste management measures.

- As a specific case in point, the Balgownie representative asked of any follow-up concerning DA-2022/781/A 112 Balgownie Rd which has sought the removal of **Condition 7d, the on-site detention basin**.

As this involves water management in Cabbage Tree Creek, [Fairy Creek catchment,] this is of significant importance to Neighbourhood Forums.

Correspondence In –

- WLPP Agendas - Yet to come.
- D Saunderson WCC - Wilga St Block Report before Council 3 April.
- A Schipp WCC - Update: Wollongong Coastal Management Study

Correspondence Out –

Reports:-

Community Campaigns: *No Updates for this meeting.*

- **Corrimal Community Action Group**
- **East Corrimal Open Space Committee**
- **William Street Balgownie Precinct**

General Business:

Council Staff Presentation "Delivery Program and Operation Plan 2023-24"

Alissa Tran[Community Engagement Strategy], Alison Walsh and Barb Forlano [Corporate Strategy], Matt Cascio[Infrastructure Strategy] from WCC.

Program on exhibition from 4 April. Available on WCC Website via the ***Our Wollongong*** button which is the home of **Community Engagement**.

- Engagement are working on streamlining procedures for community contact and communication, seeking a broad range of feedback across all stakeholders. The Decision-Making Wheel is a helpful in showing the range of factors Council Officers need to consider in the process, of which community feedback is just one. Planning desire to renotify local residents of alterations and adjustments. [*Comments from the floor over this.*]

As this is a Draft Program, notice the *genuine request* for community feedback, echoed by the Lord Mayor in his weekly spots on local radio and the article in the *Illawarra Mercury*. Staff want contact concerning projects thought to be missing or reprioritised.

In terms of Infrastructure, \$5 billion in assets managed across the city.

Over 4yrs \$380m in Capital infrastructure and \$290m in maintenance to be outlaid.

60/40 or 70/30 split intended between new or renewal projects.

10% of budget in 2518/9 area.

2 May Deadline for community submissions.

- Discussion followed of cases where Communication between Lead Council Officers and Stakeholder representatives has broken down in the past.

East Corrimal Open Space Committee pointed out that they have long-standing issues with communication to Council.

- * Cases of non-reply to communication
- * Representatives being unavailable to meet with committee representatives to view issues.
- * Rangers when they do attend an issue, not having the power to enforce the written policies [e.g. Dog Policy: Visitors, quite aggressively, responding to Council staff informing about the regulations. This is too low a low priority for Police involvement so the policy doesn't work in practice.

- Chair referred to the example of 5 The Avenue Corrimal [DA-2023/243].

Listed in Application Tracking, not the DA Listings.

Reference to neighbour notifications as May/June.

Will those neighbours include 5, 7 and 9 Francis St whose properties adjoin this development? Point of note, South Corrimal Creek, the embankment intending to be stabilised, travels through these properties. The creek is **not** the property boundary.

- Development Proposal for entrance facility to the Balgownie Bush Cycling Track in association with National Parks NSW.

* Development of the formal cycle tracks are considered a positive feature to appropriately use the city's forest environment however –
Concerns were expressed about the proximity to the Miner's Memorial.

1. Development needs to be respectful of the Miner's Memorial as a place of local significance to the workers from one of the city's foundational industries.
2. Parking Bay is a worthwhile idea as a shared provision for the memorial as well as access to the cycle track and therefore its location should not detract from it.
3. Proposed Amenities Block needs to be located further north on available land to not damage the ambience of the Memorial precinct; be of appropriate design and include suitable landscaping and planting.

Members were asked to support this item with individual submissions.

Close Meeting – Thanks to all who were in attendance. **8:40pm.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2 May 2023 at 7:00pm

Notice of Annual General Meeting. Tuesday 6 June 2023 at 7:00pm.

Neighbourly Forum 4 meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Towradgi Community Hall, Corner of Moray Road and Towradgi Road Towradgi at 7pm

*****All Welcome- No cost*****