

<p><b>Neighbourhood Forum 5</b></p> <p><b>Wollongong's Heartland</b></p> <p><i>Collaborating with Council on community aspirations, visions, needs &amp; concerns</i></p>		<p><b>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</b></p>
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**Minutes of meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
in the Town Hall Ocean Room.**

- 1      Presentation      Greg Doyle, General Manager WCC was thanked for his presentation on Council's recent achievements and current priorities as well as patiently responding to questions. Issues discussed included:
  - i          Community consultation - some Councillors iffy about Forums;
  - ii        Flooding in South Wollongong – on-site meeting promised;
  - iii       Stuart Park and SkyDive - will investigate;
  - iv        Excavation noise – noted that this is a major community issue and that Council as an Appropriate Regulatory Authority can intervene at any time if conditions of consent are breached;
  - v          Keiraville, Gwynneville, N. W'gong flooding – noted
  - vi        Yours and Owls – noted;
  - vii       Parking at beaches – working on it.;
  - viii      New bus layover – RMS working on it;
  - ix        Free bus to the south – high priority.
  
- 2i      Apologies          Cllr David Brown, Harold Hanson, John Riggall, Jenny Bayly, Carol & Charles Abela.
  
- 2ii.    Visitors            Deputy Lord Mayor Tania Brown and Council officers: Kerry Hunt, Chris Stewart, Jo Page; and members of Keiraville Residents Action Group.
  
- 2iii.   Present           25 members including Philip Laird in the Chair in the absence of both the Convenor and Co-Convenor.
  
- 3      Minutes            of meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September and matters arising were adopted.
  
- 4      Comments        Noted
  
- 5      Responses        **5.1      Noted**

## **5.2 Noise and Vibration Controls**

It was agreed that the Forum:

- i request the Manager of Development Assessment to review his decision not to release the “draft Standard conditions of consent relating to construction noise and vibration”;
- ii develop principles on which it would like these conditions of consent to be based;
- iii strongly oppose any developments that require vibratory extraction or the use of jack hammers to break rock or concrete.

## **6 Reports**

### **6.1 Fairy & Cabbage Tree Creeks Risk Study:**

It was agreed that Council be:

- i advised that the Forum welcomes this study but is concerned that the exceptional floods in 2022, specifically as they affected Keiraville, Gwynneville and North Wollongong, will result in the need to review the proposals;
- ii urged to undertake comprehensive site inspections with affected residents and NF 5 before completing the review.

### **6.2 City Centre Transport Proposals:**

It was agreed that Council be advised of support in principle to the draft city centre proposals but suggests, subject to the review of pop-up cycleways:

- i Cycle routes should all be “high quality” not “shared” even if that means losing some parking;
- ii a cycle route through the Mall does not seem appropriate;
- iii Victoria Street should not be a “CBD Destination road”.

### **6.3 draft Climate Change Mitigation Plan:**

It was agreed that Council be advised of support for the Climate Change Mitigation Plan but seek a more specific reference to changing planning regulations to restrict more intensive development in remoter locations to reduce travel effort and hence vehicle emissions.

### **6.4. Review of large R2 zoned lots in the Escarpment:**

It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged in line with the comments in the agenda.

### **6.5 Owls and Yours DA:**

It was agreed that Council be requested to

- i include a member of NF 5 and local residents, including representatives from KRAG, in the meetings to review the noise monitoring report.;
- ii identify an alternative location for similar events.

- 6.6 Keith Tognetti:**  
It was agreed that commiserations and sympathy be given to Irene Tognetti and her family.
- 7 Planning **7.1 Noted**
- 7.2 DA-2022/469, 42 dwellings 16- Cosgrove Av. Keiraville**  
It was agreed that a submission be lodged of strong objection to this attempt to gain approval for a totally unacceptable development by offering a quite trivial amendment.
- 7.3 DA-2023/674, Dual Occ 21 St John's Ave Mangerton**  
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.
- 7.4 DA-2023/705, 5 stories, 9 units 15-17 Blacket St N. W'gong**  
It was agreed that a submission of strong objection be lodged.
- 7.5 DA Determinations; noted.**
- 8 General Business **8.1 Stuart Park**  
It was agreed to request Council to advise when the long overdue draft Masterplan for Stuart Park will be completed for public comment.
- 8.2 Botanic Gardens**  
It was agreed to request Council to advise when the long overdue draft Masterplan for the Botanic Gardens, including the Gleniffer Brae manor house and gardens, will be completed for public comment.
- 8.3 Citizen of the Year**  
It was agreed to encourage members to nominate persons, who have made significant contributions to the community, for this award.
- 8.4 e-Scooter Trial**  
As noted in Snippets a NSW E-scooter Shared Scheme Trial has started in Wollongong for a year. A Local Working Group has been formed whose purpose is to monitor and manage the trial,  
It was agreed that John Riggall would be the NF 5 representative.

**The next meeting is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 in the Town Hall Ocean Room**

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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 423 households**

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