

**NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 1**  
**Meeting 7pm Wednesday 13 July 2022**  
**Otford Community Hall**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

<b>Attendance</b>	As per attendance register (limited to 30 people as per current restrictions)
<b>Apologies</b>	Gill Williams and Fiona Myers
<b>Chair</b>	Warwick Erwin
<b>Acting Co-Chair</b>	Jenny Sherratt
<b>Councillor Present</b>	Crs Cameron Walters

Meeting Opened 7:00 pm

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Helensburgh Patrol Truck 0400 761 423

Wollongong Station 4226 7899

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**Helensburgh Town Centre Plan Work Update – Short St Blister**

NF1 received an email from Glen Whittaker, Manager Project Delivery, Wollongong Council saying that he is currently responding to resident submissions regarding the proposed installation of a permanent blister at the intersection of Short St and Walker St and that council had conducted extensive consultation with the community regarding the project and that one of the overall objectives of the project has been to maximise pedestrian safety in the Helensburgh CBD. Council has decided to delete the permanent installation at this time and is now proposing to install a painted blister with movable kerb units which will allow council to monitor the pedestrian and traffic flow and fully assess the impacts at this intersection. The nature of the construction will allow council to modify the proposal if the blister is found to be unsuitable. The plans for this are currently being prepared and will be distributed to the community as soon as they are finalised.

**Draft Helensburgh Park Crown Reserves Plan of Management – Public Exhibition**

Wollongong Council have drawn up a Plan of Management for a proposal to allow for the new Helensburgh Community Centre and Library to be constructed in conjunction with upgrades to the memorial pool on the site of where the pool is situated. The Council at it's 18 July meeting will vote on sending the new Plan of Management for the Helensburgh Park Crown Reserves Plan of Management to NSW Planning and Minister and on receiving it back will then put it on public exhibition and the community will be asked for comments.

**Alcohol Free Zones Review Helensburgh**

Wollongong Council is considering the re-establishment of all Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZs) and is seeking feedback to help determine whether they should be reimplemented or changed. There is currently an AFZ located in Helensburgh which has a four-year term that will expire on 30 September 2022. The aim of AFZs is to improve community safety and prevent disorderly behaviour that can arise when people drink alcohol in a public place. The council facilitates the community engagement process, review and signage while NSW Police Officers enforce the zone. Police powers enable officers to tip out or otherwise dispose of alcohol being consumed in an AFZ and ask someone to move on in any public place where they believe that the person's behaviour is in accordance with a 'move on direction'. The community is invited to provide feedback on the proposal by Friday 12 August 2022. More information and details on providing feedback can be found on council's website.

**Connecting Neighbourhood Grants**

Wollongong Council is providing grants to the community to use for events that connect neighbourhoods with a focus on the UCI Road World Championships to be held in September. Applications are open until 15 August 2022. More information can be found on council's website.

**Lot 2 Short Lane Helensburgh – update**

The applicant had appealed council's refusal in the Land and Environment court and has now updated the development application. Council is asking for further submissions.

**Otford Community Centre upgrade**

Otford Community Centre will be in service until September after which the centre will undergo a refurbishment. Alternative venues are being explored for use during the centre's closure.

**General Business**

Discussion during the NF1 meeting around toilets in Helensburgh brought up the issue of a lack of toilets in the cemetery and in the Helensburgh CBD with the closure of the Community Centre.

A suggestion was made to move the Police Station to the vacant lot on Walker St next to the Butchery.

Next meeting	7pm Wednesday 10 August 2022
Meeting Closed	9.00 pm