

Neighbourly Committee No 4
Incorporating Neighbourhood Forum No 4
Executive Committee
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NF4 Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 Hybrid Meeting:
In Person Meeting @ Towradgi Community Hall
Plus a *ZOOM* connection if needing to attend *virtually*.

Topic: NF4 September Hybrid Zoom Meeting
Time: Sep 5, 2023 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting - Copy to Browser:

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Meeting ID: 916 7781 3757

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MINUTES

Open Meeting- 07.00pm

Apologies – Anne Marrett,

Minutes of Previous Meeting- Distributed via email

Business Arising from Minutes-

Current DAs:

- **DA-2023/624 - 3 Hebron Avenue MOUNT PLEASANT NSW 2519 - 6 Sept.23**
Residential - alterations and additions
- **DA-2011/1565/C - Modification of DA - 25 Hamilton Street FAIRY MEADOW NSW 2519 - 6 Sept23**
Residential - additions to existing garage with attached new dwelling forming detached dual occupancy;;Modification B - alter condition 1 and reduce number of storeys from two (2) to one (1)
- **DA-2023/550 - Development Application - Corrimal Cokeworks Railway Street CORRIMAL NSW 2518 - 22 Sept23**
Residential - construction of five (5) residential buildings with basement parking, associated landscaping, construction of roundabout and internal roads
- **DA-2023/571 - Development Application - 153 Koloona Avenue MOUNT KEIRA NSW 2500 - 22 Sept23**
Residential - construction of a two storey secondary dwelling
- **DA-2023/635 - Development Application - 37 Balfour Street FAIRY MEADOW NSW 2519 7 Sept23**
Residential - demolition of existing structures, construction of attached dual occupancy and Subdivision - Torrens title - two (2) lots
- **DA-2023/621 - Development Application - 92 Hopewood Crescent FAIRY MEADOW NSW 2519 - `7 Sept 23**
Residential - Demolition of dwelling house and construction of dwelling house and detached garage with loft
- **DA-2023/642 - Development Application - 45 Lake Parade EAST CORRIMAL NSW 2518 8 Sept23**
Residential - swimming pools for Unit 1 and Unit 2 of approved dual occupancy
- **DA-2023/641 - Development Application - 61A Wellington Drive BALGOWNIE NSW 2519 - 8 Sept23**
Residential - tree removal and construction of a dwelling and swimming pool
- **DA-2023/653 - Development Application - 13 Brompton Road BELLAMBI NSW 2518 - 12 Sept23**
Residential - demolition of existing dual occupancy, construction of a new dual occupancy (attached) and Subdivision - Strata title - two (2) lots
- **DA-2023/656 - Development Application - 55 Douglas Road FERNHILL NSW 2519 - 13 Sept23**
Residential - alterations and additions
- **DA-2023/654 - Development Application - 91-97 Princes Highway FAIRY MEADOW NSW 2519 - 13 Sept23**
Demolition of existing structures and construction of a vehicle service centre with ancillary office area, vehicle showroom, car wash bay, ancillary awnings, shade structures and signage
- **DA-2022/1168/A - Modification of Development Application - 50 Marlo Road TOWRADGI NSW 2518 - 13 Sept23**
Residential - demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new dwelling and swimming pool Modification A - change in building height

Items of interest were noted but none were listed for extra mention at this time.

- **Correspondence In** – Communications from WCC. No Planning Panel notifications at this meeting.

- **Correspondence Out** –

Reports:-

Community Campaigns:

- **Corrimal Community Action Group**

_ DA for 85 Midgeley St/39 Princes Hwy Corrimal was refused by WCC. It was moved to Southern Region Planning Panel. 7 speakers spoke against with 1 representing the applicant.

_ Necessary associated roadworks were estimated at \$3 million by WCC.

_ The applicant has listed the project for a Class 1 Appeal to WCC's decision.

_ It is proposed to delete the Respite Centre plan from the Child Care component to comply with the R2 Zoning. There would be changes to the Midgeley St Access to better comply with safety issues.

_ Outstanding Issues with air monitoring, loss of 172 trees, many of which are recognized as remnant, old growth forest and the proposed access to/from the Princes Highway beyond a hill.

_ Documents are listed as PPSSTH-222 at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/planning/panels

_ A decision is expected by 13 September 2023.

Cokeworks Development

Adriana Plieciak from Brooks Community Engagement provided information on a Community Advisory Group set up as part of the 'Green Star Community Rating' listed by the project.

Legacy Property have announced new appointments of Steven Ball, Property Director, and Tim Turpin as Head of Development for this project.

A public meeting is being held on Thursday 19 October 2023 at Corrimal Community Centre.

Registrations are needed at <http://forms.gle/2AEb6ZvLiw6K45Ci6>

Through the **Community2518** Facebook Page, concern has been expressed over a series of serious incidents in the area: a murder, a house and car fire involving a petrol bomb and a home invasion, and two car pursuits involving police vehicles and helicopter surveillance.

Thefts have been reported in Towradgi, Corrimal and Balgownie causing immense community concern. Organised groups appear to be involved in the early hours targeting bikes, cars and tools. Additionally, there have been reports of disturbances by roaming individuals in the early hours knocking on doors to create nuisance.

Questions to Council Representatives:

Are there any measures Council can take to support the Communities?

Councillors will take matter to Council in support of residents however, in the meantime, Contact the Police Assistance Line (131 444) to report events. Not 000 (unless serious threat to safety). They are prioritizing their budgets too and this builds the statistics to lobby for more resources in the 'Nature of Things'.

Is this localized or occurring elsewhere in the city. **Yes. Multiple notifications across the city.**

- **East Corrimal Open Space Committee**

Jim Middleton, on behalf of East Corrimal Open Space, spoke to a letter (now attached), about their committee's frustration over constant mis-communications with Council about decisions impacting the reserves and parks that this committee has taken long-standing support and care of.

The Councillors present were willing to receive copies of the group's letter and follow up the ongoing concerns. NF4 members agreed to support the issue outlined in Jim's report.

Sent: Wednesday, 9 August 2023 5:24 AM
To: engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au
Subject: East Corrimal Park - Happy Valley Reserve

Good evening,

I am part of a neighbourhood group – East Corrimal Open Space Committee (ECOSC).

Recently (Friday 28th July approximately), a series of trees were planted in the reserve. Quite a few people have asked how this occurred, who was consulted, why these trees, etc.

As part of Neighbourhood Forum 4, we have had many interactions with council officers. As East Corrimal Open Space Committee (ECOSC), we have had interactions with Councillors, Directors, Managers, council staff and many community engagement officers. For several years we have been told that issues affecting us, would be discussed with us beforehand (unless an emergency arrives).

As recently as April 2023 at NF4, we had a draft Engagement Policy, as well as the current Policy, which states :

1. Involve the community in decision making
2. Build relationships and trust
3. Strengthen community
4. Build a sense of belonging, and
5. Keep the community informed

The above is consistent with Engagement Policies already in place.

This policy has been *consistently ignored* for many years, and we have had apologies from many people when issues have arisen, and promises it won't happen again, but it keeps happening.

The last Senior Engagement Officer attended the NF4 to discuss the year's plan and re-iterated that works near East Corrimal would not happen without community consultation and apologised about specific examples given.

The trees planted in Happy Valley Reserve, are believed by a number of residents to be unsuitable for the park. It would appear, that there are a number of issues with planting these trees.

The Tree Management Policy states, "Species selections are made following the *Right tree / Right Place* principle and with a preference for Local Native species to create forest connectivity and biodiversity outcomes." The policy also includes, "sightlines from 3D models of surrounding residential properties will be investigated to determine the immediate, mid, and long-term impact on surrounding views". NF3 & NF7 support these principles as per the consultation regarding the **Tree Management Policy**.

Chapter E17 DCP (Preservation & Management of Trees & Vegetation), has as one of its specific objectives to "Protect and enhance native vegetation, habitat for native fauna and biodiversity."

In order to discuss with local residents, I request the following :

1. **A copy of notes, minutes, people, etc, that shows local residents had adequate consultation as per the Community Engagement Policy, which reflects "council's principles and commitments", as well as 1.3.3 "Our Community is proactively engaged in a range of initiatives that improve the sustainability of our environments."**
2. **How this planting of trees fits into Ecological Sustainability, given the Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) near Bellambi Lagoon, and how the planting includes species that are native to the area, and in sympathy with the local EEC and lagoon ecology.**
3. **The 3D modelling for impacts on views as well as the shade from the trees, that can grow up to 60m.**
4. **The process followed (per E17 DCP) to plant the trees as per the Tree Management Policy, specifically for trees that match the local flora and fauna.**

Residents are again concerned that our local community has been ignored, about issues that affect them, their children and the future of the area, in a sustainable, active and environmentally friendly manner.

Your urgent response would be appreciated. These trees may not be suitable for this location, and the local residents would be more than happy to engage in tree selection to meet our residents' and Council's greening ideals & plans.

Regards

Jim Middleton, (mob) 0407 277787

General Business:

Member issues:

1. Establishment of a Vape Store opposite Fairy Meadow Demonstration School.

Councillors agreed that the issue of DA approvals for Tobacco/Vape Businesses were a vexed issue and that they would take this matter back to Council for follow-up.

Additionally, raising the issue with Ryan Park, as State Member and Health Minister would also be worthwhile.

2. Traffic access in Storey St Fairy Meadow.

Resident complaint about the increase in traffic flow in this area negatively impacting residents. The added plans for the new Ambulance Station and the proposed Dragons Academy football facility are going to unreasonably add to the existing difficulties.

Councillors stated that a briefing is due on traffic matters in Ward 1 and that they would include this aspect in the discussions.

Other items:

Brief discussion about the need for **clear planning** for improved parking and active transport, such as the e-scooter trial and the cycle network in the city.

- The backlash fallout from the UCI Cycle event now puts Council on the wrong foot when discussing Active Transport.
- The city needs a clear plan of where and how cycleways are intended to go. Highlight that the cycleways were intended to link shops and schools to the main cycleway since the late 1970s! However, the planned route should not remove existing infrastructure but involve targeted widening of core streets and the consolidation of footpaths and cycle paths to keep faith with the community. That this was NOT done has been a disaster in the city centre.

Meeting Closed: 8:15pm

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******