

## Neighbourhood Forum 5

## Wollongong's Heartland



Coniston, Figtree,  
Gwynneville, Keiraville,  
Mangerton, Mount  
Keira, Mount St  
Thomas, North  
Wollongong, West  
Wollongong,  
Wollongong City.

### Agenda for meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 by email

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| 1  | Presentation     | None possible  |
| 2  | Apologies        | None necessary   |
| 3  | Minutes          | of meeting of 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022 and matters arising: see pp. 19-22  |
| 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 Braeside Avenue Footpath: see p.2  |
| 6  | Reports          | 6.1 University liaison: see pp.2,3<br>6.2 World Cycling Event: see <b>rec p.3</b><br>6.3 Freight on Rail: see <b>rec p.4</b><br>6.4 The Slow Journey to Faster Rail: see <b>rec p.4</b><br>6.5 Waverly Council Initiative: see <b>rec p.5</b><br>6.6 Keiraville Matters: see p.5 <b>rec p.6</b><br>6.7 Waste Management: see p.6, <b>rec p.7</b><br>6.8 Electric Scooters: see p. 7, <b>rec p.8</b><br>6.9 Mobile Food Vending Policy: see p.8<br>6.10 Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct: see p.9, <b>rec p.10</b><br>6.11 Pioneers Rest Park Upgrade: see p. p.10, <b>rec p.11</b><br>6.12 Wollongong Major Events Site: see p. p.11, <b>rec p.12</b><br>6.13 Wollongong Arts Centre: see <b>rec p.12</b> |
| 7  | Priorities       | 7.1 Livability: see p.12.<br>7.2 City Centre: see p.12<br>7.3 Active Transport: see p.812  |
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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 411 households**

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## 5 Responses 5.1 Braeside Avenue Footpath

Thank you for your email about the residents' disappointment with the Braeside footpath being planned after the UCI event. We have a significant number of Civil design jobs in our current Infrastructure Delivery Program and we have to prioritise. I will request our Civil Assets team to come back to NF5 on the ranking of the Eastern Avenue footpath against the other footpath requests we have received."

Director Infrastructure + Works

### Comment

The Director has checked and advises that unfortunately it is not feasible to advance the Braeside footpath for completion before the Sep UCI event, because available resources already need to be rescheduled to enable completion of existing programmed projects due to the disruptive effects throughout the industry by covid and long periods of rain. It is understood the UCI routes have not yet been finalised and it is advised that Council will continue to liaise with the organisers regarding road closure, traffic and re-opening processes and details, particularly regarding safety aspects for pedestrians and vehicles.

## 6 Reports 6.1 University liaison

The quarterly on-line liaison meeting is greatly appreciated and the March one included:

- i enrolments are up to 95% of pre-covid levels. Covid restrictions are based on the recommendations of NSW Health;
- ii International House has been re-opened and quickly reached 75% occupancy. Other University accommodation occupation is now at 95% capacity; Weerona has been sold to a developer (not Council) and Market View is in the process of being sold;
- iii traffic congestion has been subdued, and few parking issues, partly because of the rain and partly because staff and students are increasingly reverting to on-line lectures;
- iv Under the VPA the University paid Council in Jan 2022 for those elements of the Planning Agreement for them to construct (including Braeside Avenue) and are progressing with detailing otherworks (eg pedestrian crossings) they will construct. The Kooloobong Ovals were not discussed;
- v there is a need to re-visit the timing and routes of cycle tracks to the University;
- vi further input has been invited to the Health and Wellbeing Precinct plans;

- vii Five Committees/working groups have been established, ie Sustainable Futures, Renewable Energy, Teaching & Learning, Engagement and Governance;
- viii Negotiations with TfNSW are continuing re the Mount Ousley Interchange (northern access to the university) including acquisition of some land. Pre-registration of Design & Construct tenders is proceeding;
- ix The University expects to be able to operate as usual during the UCI cycling event in Sep 2022 despite the potential interruption to access.

## 6.2 World Cycling Event

The Wollongong 2022 Community Engagement Manager briefed NF5 executive in March and we now have a much better idea of the Event, its positive impact on the City and the potential benefits. We indicated that the Forum is very supportive in what the sponsors, the Council in particular, and all of the other Organisations involved, are doing.

It was emphasised that it is important to ensure that those in the community who are going to be inconvenienced or more, understand the background, the reasons and that, especially with road closures and rearrangements the inconvenience is kept to a minimum by adequate management and communication. Homes and businesses in and around road closure areas will have limited car access at times. Wollongong 2022 advised they are working to make arrangements to manage parking, deliveries and access for residents, visitors, customers and staff.

They'll be reaching out to residents and business owners directly affected by road closures with more information in the coming months as Traffic Management Plans are developed. There is no doubt that people will probably have to alter their daily routines whether to getting to work/school or Uni, travelling to the shops etc. They will be developing wayfaring maps for impacted zones communicate options for people travelling around the city, their businesses and homes. A similar approach is being made to schools, churches and other community facilities.

### Recommendation

that Wollongong 2022 be requested to give commitments that:

- i as soon as race events for a particular street have ended on each day, that the street will be open within 30 minutes for regular vehicle traffic; and
- ii all streets on the City Circuit that do not have a paved footpath be partitioned off so that pedestrians with prams or mobility aids can have a paved surface.

### **6.3 Freight on Rail**

The New South Wales and Victorian Governments have strategies that promote more freight on rail as a way of easing road congestion in cities. This is particularly important for cities such as Sydney, Wollongong and Melbourne that have ports within their areas.

The 2018 Victorian freight plan includes a Mode Shift Incentive Scheme (MSIS). However, at present, NSW does not have such a scheme (although it did have one ending some 12 years ago to move some petrol and diesel fuel by rail).

#### Recommendation

That the Forum request the Paul Scully MP and Ryan Park MP to seek from the NSW Government a commitment to introduce a Mode Shift Incentive Scheme in New South Wales that would apply to bulk as well as containerised cargo moving to and from ports, including Port Kembla.

### **6.4 The Slow Journey to Faster Rail**

The Federal Budget was preceded by an announcement that it includes a significant investment in faster rail projects to enhance connectivity between capital cities and regional centres, under the current Government's Faster Rail strategy, with a \$1 billion commitment in this budget to contribute towards faster, more frequent and more reliable services between Sydney and Newcastle.

In March 2021, a strategic business case that cost the federal government \$8 million and the NSW Government \$8m was completed. The project determined the economic, environmental and social costs and benefit of improved passenger rail services from Sydney to Bomaderry via Wollongong, and was to investigate options to provide faster passenger rail services from Sydney to Bomaderry via Wollongong.

#### Recommendations

- 1 that the Forum request the Paul Scully MP and Ryan Park MP to seek from the NSW Government an urgent release of the summary findings of this report, prepared with taxpayers funds.
- 2 that the Forum write to Sharon Bird thanking her for her service as the Member for Cunningham, and to inquire of her, or her successor, as to why the Federal Government saw fit to allocated \$1 billion to the Sydney to Newcastle line, and apparently nothing to the Sydney to Wollongong line.

## **6.5 Waverly Council initiatives**

As reported in the Sun Herald for 27 March, following a Mayoral minute, Waverly Council has adopted, by unanimous vote, resolutions expressing concern at overdevelopment. In part, this Council noted and resolved:

- i that overdevelopment is changing the nature of our built environment and destroying much of the heritage values that makes Waverley unique;
- ii Council recognises that there is a cumulative impact of ongoing overdevelopment upon residents and their amenity, the public domain and the community more broadly;
- iii Council officers investigate and report back to Council on the establishment of a community planning advocate within the organisation that is independent of the Planning, Environment and Regulatory directorate;
- iv will undertake a six-monthly community planning survey about the cumulative impacts of overdevelopment and which will be fed into the social impact assessment statements.

### **Recommendation**

that the Forum request the Lord Mayor to prepare and submit by way of a Lord Mayoral Minute a similar proposal to the next meeting of Council, in particular Waverley's items i, ii & iv.

## **6.6 Keiraville Matters**

On 15 November 2021, at a public meeting convened by KRAG Inc at Wiseman Park Bowling Club, candidates for Council elections made a number of commitments, including rezoning of land at and to the Escarpment side of Cosgrove Ave. At this meeting, concern was also expressed about overdevelopment at Keiraville.

To date, no progress of significant dimensions has been made by Council towards the rezoning of land at Cosgrove Ave. In addition, Council staff recommended conditional approval for demolition of a single house with mature tree removal at 328 Gipps Road in a R2 Low Density Residential Zone on a and the construction of 3 three townhouses with four bedrooms each, despite the many objections, including that it is obviously over-development and out of character in the locality. But this was approved by the WLPP on 8 March

## Recommendations

That the General manager be requested to advise on progress made to:

- i rezone land at and to the Escarpment side of Cosgrove Avenue, Keiraville;
- ii amending the Development Control Plan to update and increase the efficacy of the Desired Future Character of suburbs.

## 6.7 Waste Management

In Sep 2020 NF5 made a submission on Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) Discussion Paper on domestic waste management charges (DWMC), which had found variability and relatively large increases in DWMC across Councils. IPART has now provided a draft Report that says they don't have sufficient evidence to explain why the costs of providing services have varied, but inviting submissions by 29 April on their three draft decisions, ie

- i to publish a "benchmark waste peg" each year, require Councils to explain if exceeded and consider fixing a waste peg;
- ii to provide an annual report on Councils that exceed the benchmark; and
- iii or OLG to publish "pricing principles".

The Report acknowledges a long-term lack of effective NSW Waste Strategies and huge Levy increases (which boost government revenue that is mainly spent on other-than-waste and minimal return to Councils, thus driving up costs to ratepayers). In recent years government decisions contributing to extra costs include: China's National Sword Policy; the Australian Government's export ban on waste and recyclables; NSW Container Deposit Scheme, & NSW waste levy increases.

Also, NSW recent Waste Strategy (including phasing out single-use plastics, mandating FOGO services and target increases), NSW policies (eg MWOO revocation), lack of support & regulatory risk for investment in new waste infrastructure, and inevitably market concentration for collection services, transfer stations, recycling & processing facilities and landfills.

The Report touches on some factors affecting costs, and a perusal of the government's helpful annual waste reports shows significant differences in circumstances and services for Councils (eg Kiama's typical DWMC is 44% more than Wollongong's for many identifiable reasons), which reinforces that a "benchmark waste peg" approach appears to be illogical and is unsupportable.

NF5 submission in 2020 addressed Wollongong Council's charges, which shows minimal increase in DWMC av ~2% pa in the last 7 years to FY 2022 (v Levy ~4% pa), whereas DWMC av ~12% increase in the previous 8 years to FY 2015, (v Levy~12% pa). This reduced after waste reserves had grown, and Council introduced ~24% rates increases "to address asset renewal requirements and financial sustainability" in three stages, starting from FY 2015. Allocations from waste reserves enabled Council to introduce the FOGO service for households, but unavoidable price increases for collection and processing contracts, NSW levy and essential operational costs must be included in future DWMC's.

Also IPART's proposed incremental cost method for allocation of overheads seems flawed, provides no value for ratepayers, diverts resources, adds costs and is a bureaucratic money-shuffling exercise to the general fund budget, which is already constrained by the government's annual "rate pegging" restrictions on Councils.

In addition, given the variety in DWMC increases due to differing circumstances, and the cumulative impacts on Councils and the community by government decisions, strategies & targets (eg re resource recovery and circular economy), it is essential and timely that the NSW Government be requested to urgently reform the Local Government Act 1993 to include updates and clarify requirements for items which can be included in the scope and definitions for setting Council DWMC.

Therefore IPART's "one-size fits all" benchmark waste peg proposal should be opposed, their 1.1% for FY 2023 is obviously inadequate to cover unavoidable price increases, the LG Act needs reform, and relevant "pricing principles" must be developed and published for guidance of Councils and information for residents.

#### Recommendation

that NF5 Executive seek clarification and relevant information from Council on issues raised by IPART and this agenda item, then make a submission to IPART by 29 April 2022

#### **6.8 Electric Scooters**

A Councillor's notice of motion to meeting 4 April recommends that Council request the relevant NSW Minister to select Council's area for a trial of e-scooters, which are currently illegal to use in public spaces.

The report refers to the Minister’s announcement in November 2021 about trials and includes “electric personal mobility devices (PMDs) including e-scooters, electric unicycles and electric skateboards are legal on bicycle paths, shared footpaths and local roads in Western Australia, Tasmania, Queensland and Australian Capital Territory”.

Proponents of PMDs have lobbied for many years for legalisation and the issue is controversial, particularly about safety concerns for pedestrians. The NSW Government’s Electric Scooter Working Group carried out extensive investigations and consultations in 2020 and recommended that if a trial is approved it should be limited to electric scooter shared services, not privately owned scooters, and limited to 10km/h.

In March 2022 the Queensland Minister for Transport announced a range of measures to encourage safer use of scooters, including halving speed limits to 12 km/h on footpaths, and noting “we are seeing far too many injuries in e-scooter users that are the result of speeding and many pedestrians feeling unsafe on footpaths”

#### Recommendation

that Council be requested to refer this complex issue to the Reference Group for Active Transport and consider e-scooter trials after investigations by relevant staff and a report from Council’s General Manager.

### **6.9 Mobile Food Vending Policy**

Council’s draft Mobile Food Vending Policy “to encourage both diversity in takeaway food options and activation of public spaces” is on exhibition and the closing date for submissions is 1 June 2022. Council recently started a 12-month trial until March 2023 with 10 licenced businesses at 15 locations on public land, and requests feedback from the community on their experiences.

There are 3 sites in the NF5 area, ie Millingaa Park Farmborough Heights, Roy Johansson Park West Wollongong and Neville McKinnon Park Wollongong. Community feedback options are on Council’s website. An unrelated Food Van trial was conducted in January 2022 adjacent the Continental Pools and advice from Council’s property manager about the evaluation process and outcomes is awaited.

### **6.10 Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct**

Mercury articles in March have revealed Council's Report dated Jan 2022 to the NSW Government titled Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct (ISEP - available on Council's website), and a Business Illawarra report for Redevelopment (a summary is on their website). The precinct comprises the NSW government-owned WIN Stadium, training field and Wollongong Entertainment Centre, operated by Venues NSW (who advise these functions are to remain in the precinct into the future).

Council's report includes that in 2020 it was asked by the Acting Minister for Sport to lead a process to inform the future of the precinct, which Council did during 2021 through the ISEP Steering Committee that includes representatives from Council (Chair), Venues NSW, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Regional NSW and Business Illawarra. Separately Business Illawarra commissioned Urbis to undertake an independent review of the site's potential and their report can be read in conjunction. Council's report states the Steering Committee's consideration focussed on enhancement opportunities to support improvements in activation, commerciality, functionality & community use of the precinct and it recommends the inclusion of adjacent lands in future Master Planning. It says the report is a "fit for purpose" redevelopment option for rebuilding the existing venues & facilities, consistent with the site's existing planning and legislative frameworks.

Council report's Principles for future Master Planning / redevelopment include: to include commercial opportunities, activate foreshore & public spaces, strive for design excellence, incorporate permeability, accessibility & views, enhance parking, public & active transport outcomes, embrace sustainability principles, respond to site context, Aboriginal heritage & culture, leverage adjoining properties to maximise development feasibility and to prioritise use of local materials & businesses.

Recommendations include that the NSW Government fund and resource Venues NSW to immediately undertake / commission a comprehensive ISEP Master Plan that includes all relevant local studies and assessments, it be supported by a detailed ISEP business case that includes market assessment and feasibility, to investigate the opportunity and/or appetite for corporate partners via an invitation process to partner in the Master Planning development process and business case, to lead a broad & comprehensive business case, and in the interim provide and maintain adequate funding to maintain & upgrade the existing facilities.

Council's report outlines the objectives of the independent Illawarra Business report and recognises that the Steering Committee's engagement has not been the subject of broad consultation, but this is requested to occur during Venues NSW comprehensive Master Planning process. Business Illawarra's summary includes the guiding vision is for a nationally significant sporting & entertainment destination, urban renewal, a vibrant place that supports economic growth, and design that enhances the connection to the waterfront. Their report states that Urbis has identified 15 nearby sites that could, pending negotiation with landholders (both public and private), be bought into a major urban renewal project. The report recommends a market-led process (eg Public-Private Partnership) to deliver the best outcomes for the community and taxpayers, the government to fund a business case, call expressions of interest to leverage the capacity & capability of the market, and commit to project completion within 5 years. Business Illawarra's Masterplan proposes a new entertainment & convention facility, upgraded WIN Stadium, revitalised Lang Park and two hotels close to the foreshore, the northern hotel 20 storeys and southern about 11 storeys.

#### Recommendation

That Paul Scully MP be informed that the Forum supports his endeavours to get funding for Venues NSW to undertake / commission a comprehensive ISEP Master Planning process including broad and meaningful community engagement.

#### **6.11 Pioneers Rest Park Upgrade**

Council are planning upgrades to Pioneer Rest Park on the corner of Kembla and Bank Streets, Wollongong to make sure the park is accessible for everyone. The upgrades will make the park more accessible, usable and enjoyable for everyone.

The proposed upgrades will include:

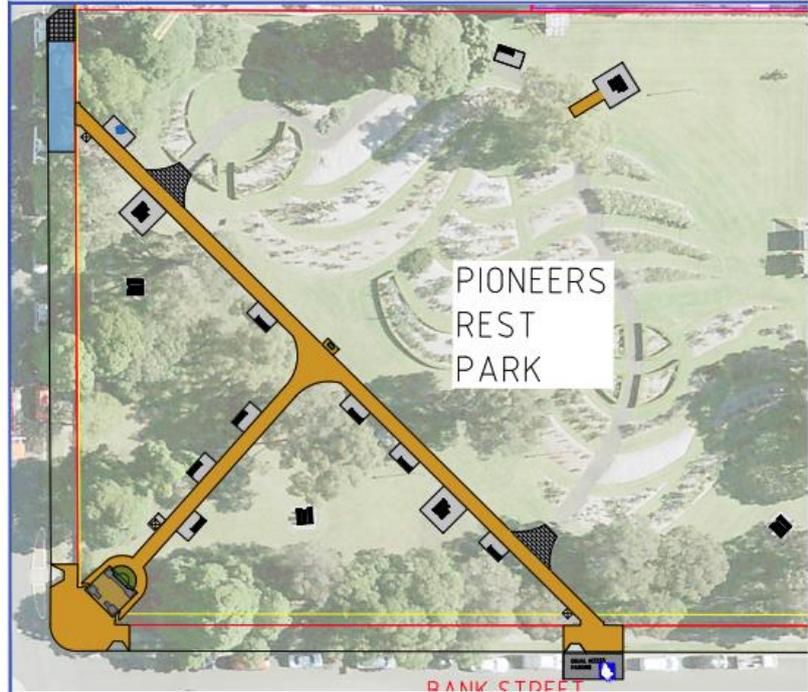
- Widening paths
- Upgraded entries to the park
- Upgrades to facilities to be more accessible
- New bin enclosures
- New accessible parking

Australian Blue Stone will be used to create a cobblestone appearance to the paths and historic styled park furniture to enhance the significance of the site. All trees will be preserved and the interpretive signs will describe the history of the site and provide a list of known burials.

Further information can be seen at:

[our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/pioneers-rest-park-upgrades](http://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/pioneers-rest-park-upgrades)

Please comment by the time of this meeting as submissions close on 18<sup>th</sup> April, ie before our May meeting.



#### Recommendation

that the executive be empowered to make a submission.

#### 6.12 Wollongong Major Events Site

Council continues to single out Stuart Park as Wollongong's Major Events site, with capacity for 30,000 people. But obviously it is unsuitable for many reasons including adverse impacts on residents in the ever-increasing developments nearby, visitors to the park, beach and cafes, disruption from access, parking and drainage problems. Stuart Park is the region's iconic park created about 140 years ago for public access and use any time.

Unfortunately for organisers they have cancelled a music festival on 2 & 3 April after spending heavily on setting up ten days in advance on the Oval/village green. This again points to the need for Council to allocate a different site that is suitable for Major Events and give certainty to organisers and patrons, promote Wollongong, generate tourism benefits and take into consideration the needs of residents and visitors.

#### Recommendation

that Council be requested urgently to investigate and allocate a site suitable for Major Events and cease to use Stuart Park as a major events site in 2023.

#### **6.13 Wollongong Arts Centre**

A report in 2017 for the Australian Council for the Arts states that engagement with the arts enriches the lives of regional Australians and creates stronger, healthier and more cohesive communities. A survey found that 84% of people living in regional Australia recognise positive impacts of the arts in their lives (84%), including by stimulating their minds, expressing themselves, thinking creatively, developing new ideas, improving child development, understanding other people & cultures, improving sense of well being and bringing customers to local businesses.

A key characteristic of regional cities with a high quality of life for residents is they have a vibrant sustainable Arts Centre. In 2016 Council adopted a report by world renowned urban designers Gehl titled Public Spaces Public Life and the Implementation Plan included to form an Arts Precinct Committee in 2016/17. In September 2020 Council adopted the Urban Design Framework, which identified the Arts Precinct as including the Art Gallery, old Town Hall, Performing Arts centre and allied public spaces.

#### Recommendation

that Council be requested to form an Arts Precinct Committee, to include Councillors and representatives of relevant organisations and the community, initially to formulate terms of reference and objectives then research, develop options and report on establishing a Wollongong Arts Centre

- 7 Priorities**
- 7.1 Liveability** See 6.5 and 6.6.
- 7.2 City Centre** Nothing new.
- 7.3 Active Transport.** See 6.2

## 8 Planning

**8.1** Please note that whilst this review, and the recommendation based on it has been prepared with all due care and objectivity, no legal responsibility is accepted for errors, omissions or inadvertent misrepresentations, nor for any outcomes which might result from the assessments. As this review has only been made with the information available, members are encouraged to make their own submissions with any additional comments to the Secretary of NF5 well before the closing date

**8.2 DA 2022/221 24 stories, hotel, 59 units 4 Auburn St, W’gong**  
24 Mar

This is a proposal for a 24 storey mixed use building consisting of a hotel with 36 rooms, three (3) commercial spaces, 59 residential units, associated parking and amenities between Auburn and Station Streets. It creates isolated sites on each side, the northern of which should be acquired. Set backs to the north and to the street at the higher levels are significantly less than requirements. Otherwise it seems to comply with all Council requirements (which allow a building of 120m.).



### Recommendation

That the decision not to make a submission be endorsed.

**8.3 DA 2022/169 9 stories, 119 units, 36 Flinders St W’gong**  
31 Mar

This is a proposal for two 9 storey towers with 119 units above a child care centre, commercial and basement parking. It backs onto a wide drainage easement. The lift overrun is 1.3m (4%) over the height limit, but otherwise the proposal seems to comply with all Council requirements.



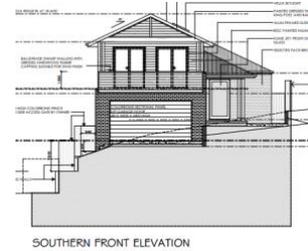
### Recommendation

That the submission of support be endorsed.

**8.4 DA 2022/245 Dual Occupancy, 54 Lewis Drive Figtree**

31 Mar

This is a proposal for a second house adjacent to one existing on a largish lot. It seems to comply with all Council requirements but not our Locality Plan for Figtree as it is over a kilometre from services.



**Recommendation**

That the submission of objection be endorsed.

**8.5 DA 2022/250 4 dwellings, 14A Foley St Gwynneville**

31 Mar

This is a proposal for four townhouses. It does not comply with lot width (but only by 2%) and is of three not two stories but is only two when seen from the street and is within the 9m height limit. There may be an issue with flooding but otherwise it seems to comply with Council requirements. There are units on either side.



**Recommendation**

That the submission of support, subject to Council being satisfied as to flooding, be endorsed.

**8.6 DA 2022/254 Dual Occupancy, 2A Denison St Wollongong**

31 Mar



This is a proposal for two detached four bedroom dwellings on a site (varying width from 6m. to 18 m.) with access to both Denison St and New Dapto Road. The proposal cannot comply with minimum site width because of the odd shaped lot. However, the frontage to New Dapto Road is essentially a double garage with a width more than 50% that of the dwelling, which is set well back, giving an unacceptable elevation to the street.

**Recommendation**

That the submission of objection be endorsed.

**8.7 DA 2022/311 Dual Occupancy, 1 Sheppard St W. W'gong**

12 April

This is a proposal for a second house on a lot at the end of Sheppard St with a long frontage to Foleys Road. The lot is triangular making the lot width requirement problematical. Apart from this it complies with all Council requirements and our Locality Plan for Fairy Creek.



**Recommendation**

That a submission of support be lodged

## 8.8 DA Determinations

<b>DA no. 20../....</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Forum Rec</b>	<b>Result Authority</b>
20/677	W'gong	30 Ellen St	17 storeys, 272 units	Support	Appealing refusal RP
21/459	W'gong	Keira St	3 units	Object	Approved
21/45	Gwynnevl	12 Gwynne St	Boarding House	Object	Refused
21/58	W'gong	130 Church St	Mixed Development	Object	Approved
20/614	W'gong	16-18 Market St	5 storey	Object	Refused
19/1356	W'gong	9-11 Park St	8 storeys,14 dw	Object	Approved
21/890	W'gong	245 Gladstone Ave	9 storey, 94 dw	Support	Approved
21/858	W'gong	19 Northcote St	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
21/705	Gwynnevl	32 Foleys St	Homeless hsg	Support	Approved
21/615	Mangertn	23 Kirala St	Dual Occ	Support	Withdrawn
Re- zoning	Figtree	Terrie Ave	Subdivision	Object	Withdrawn
20/645	W.Wgong	39 Rosemount St	Dual Occupancy	Support	Approved Delegated
21/890	W'gong	7-15 Gladstone Ave	9 stories 94 units	Support	Refused Appealing
21/845	Keiraville	42 Robsons Rd.	Dual Occ	Object	Withdrawn
21/1059	Figtree	5-7 Trusscott	4 Town houses	Object	Withdrawn
21/1405	W'gong	10 Gilmore St	Dual Occ	Support	Approved
19/980	W'gong	82A Cliff Rd.	4 storey dual occ	Object	Refusal appealing
21/1273	Keiraville	12 Dallas St	4 dwellings	Object	Approved
21/1309	Keiraville	3 Keira Mine Road	4 dwellings	Object	Approved
21/34	Keiraville	328 Gipps Road	3 dwellings	Object	Approved
21/74	Gwn'ville	20 Paulsgrove	Dual Occ	Object	Approved
21/615	Mangertn	23 Kiralo St	Dual Occ	Support	Approved

### Not yet determined

21/1060	W'gong	2, Lexton Ave	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1037	Keiraville	12-14 Gipps	10 stories, 11 dw	Support	
21/1000	W'gong	23-43 Flinders	9 stories, 201 dw	Support	
21/957	W'gong	WIN	Mixed	Support	
21/1218	Figtree	107 Walang Ave	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1231	W'gong	3-5 Ocean St	10 stories, 9 dw	Object	
21/1310	Gwn'ville	14-16 Acacia Ave	8 dwellings.	Object	
21/1308	N W'gong	30 Bourke St	5 stories, 13 dw	Support	
21/1312	W'gong	300-2 Crown St	11 stories, 48 dw	Support	
21/1345	W'gong	11 Northcote St	Dual Occ	Support	
19/284	Keiraville	58-60 Murphys Ave	9 town houses	Object	
21/344	Keiraville	328 Gipps Rd	3 townhouses	Object	
21/1346	N W'gong	10 Lysant St	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1342	W'gong	46 Flinders St	9 stories, 47 dw	Support	
21/1343	W'gong	68, Gladstone Ave	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1375	W'gong	43 Kembla St	5 stories, 7 dw	Object	
21/1397	Figtree	115 Waling Ave	First floor pool	Object	
21/1426	Gwn'ville	12 Berkeley Rd	Dual Occ	Support	
21/1508	Figtree	111 Bellevue Rd	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1511	Figtree	54 Cordeaux Rd	Dual Occ	Object	
22/61	Figtree	1 Malangong Close	Dual Occ	Support	
21/101	N W'gong	3, Squires Way	UoW Health complex	Support	
21/1492	W. 'gong	111 Robsons Rd	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1510	W. 'gong	55 Euroka St	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1344	W. 'gong	44 Euroka St	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1467	W'gong	81-85 Keira St	7 stories, 43 dw	Object	
22/10	W'gong	487-491 Crown St	Medical Centre	Support	
22/14	W'gong	24-30 Kenny St	18 stories, 68 dw	Support	
22/20	W. 'gong	38 Abercrombie St	Dual occ	None	
22/146	W'gong	21 Jutland Ave	Dual occ	Object	
22/123	Figtree	253 Mt Keira Rd,	Dual Occ	Object	
22/221	W'gong	4 Auburn St,	24 stories, hotel 59 dw	Support	
22/169	W'gong	36 Flinders St	9 stories, 119 units	Support	
22/245	Figtree	54 Lewis Drive	Dual Occ	Object	
22/250	Gwynville	14A Foley St	4 dwellings,	Support	
22/254	W'gong	2A Denison St	Dual Occ	Object	
22/311	W.'gong	1 Sheppard St	Dual Occ	Support	

## 9 General Business

**Date of next meeting**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Please Note:**

Due to continuing high levels of covid infections in Wollongong this meeting will be via e-mail and we do not anticipate moving to face-to-face meetings before May at the earliest.

## 10 Snippets

### Timber towers

Wood has always been used as a construction material since humans began building – but a new engineered wood could enable us to create safe, solid, timber skyscrapers. Cross laminated timber is the first significant construction material since reinforced concrete over a century ago. Past growth of cities has not been sympathetic to the environment – but future growth can be.

Sustainable trees are designed to be planted as crops to be cut down like wheat or hay – and for every one we cut we plant more than two in its place. Sustainable forests in Europe have expanded by more than 10% in the past 20 years. Every tonne of wood holds 1.8 tonnes of carbon dioxide. By any measure it's better to build from timber rather than concrete or steel.

Prof. Michael Ramage



**The Tower, Rotterdam**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Neighbourhood Forum 5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wollongong's Heartland</b></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><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 on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 by email**

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| 1 | Presentation | None possible  |
| 2 | Apologies    | None necessary   |
| 3 | Minutes      | of meeting of 2 <sup>nd</sup> February were confirmed with the matter arising addressed in item 6.1  |
| 4 | Comments     | incorporated into the relevant items.  |
| 5 | Responses    | <p><b>5.1 Food Van on c/o Gipps and Braeside, Keiraville:</b> noted</p> <p><b>5.2 Council's web site:</b> noted</p> <p><b>5.3 Footpath on Braeside Avenue, Keiraville</b><br/>It was agreed to advise the Director of residents' disappointment that construction of Braeside Avenue footpath is not planned before the UCI event and request that an alternative with a constructed footpath be used for the route eg Eastern Avenue.</p>   |
| 6 | Reports      | <p><b>6.1 Minutes of meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> February:</b><br/>It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> February be adopted with the objection to DA 2021/1467 81-85 Keira Street Wollongong</p> <p><b>6.2 Disabled Access to Wollongong Harbour:</b><br/>It was agreed that Council be requested to review arrangements for disabled access to Wollongong Harbour.</p> <p><b>6.3 Development Assessment Manager:</b><br/>It was agreed that be congratulated on his appointment as Development Assessment Manager.</p> |

**6.4 UK Highway Code:**

It was agreed that changes to the UK Highway Code be drawn to the attention of Council with the request that they discuss the opportunities presented with Transport NSW.

**6.5 Connecting Neighbours Grants:** noted

**6.6 NSW Government Priorities:** noted

**6.7 Changes to the DCP - Advertising and Signage:**

It was agreed that:

- I a submission of support be made for changes to the DCP Advertising and Signage controls
- 2 Council again be requested to amend the Community Participation Plan to require notices of Development Applications to be posted on site.

**6.8 Changes to the DCP – Disabled Access:**

It was agreed that a submission of support be made for changes to the DCP Access for People with a Disability controls.

**6.9 Changes to Planning Proposals Policy:**

It was agreed that a submission of support be made for changes to the Planning proposals Policy with the request that Council consider the inclusion of measures to assess community initiated Planning Proposals.

**6.10 Changes to Business and Industrial Zones:**

It was agreed that:

- 1 Members interested be invited to join the executive in a detail review of the current proposals;
- 2 Council be requested to invite those affected to contribute to the proposals rather than just respond to them;
- 3 this be drawn to the attention of Ward Councillors and the Lord Mayor;
- 4 Council again be requested to re-constitute the City Centre Advisory Committee;
- 5 Council be requested to consider incorporating consequential changes to the DCP at the same time to ensure that local considerations are used to modify or influence the new zone controls.

**6.11 BlueScope's Responsible Steel Certificate:**

It was agreed that BlueScope be congratulated on this Certification.

- 6.12 Inside Industry Tours:** noted
- 6.13 Wollongong Botanic Gardens:** noted
- 6.14 Requests Tracking System:**  
It was agreed that Council be thanked for changes made to the Request Tracking System
- 7     Priorities
- 7.1 Livability:** noted
- 7.2 City Centre:** noted
- 7.3 Stormwater:** noted
- 7.4 Priorities for 2022:**  
It was agreed that priorities for 2022 would be:  
Liveability;  
City Centre;  
Active transport.
- 8     Planning
- 8.2 DA 2022/14 18 stories 68 units 24-30 Kenny St W’gong**  
It was agreed to endorse the submission of support.
- 8.3 DA 2022/20 Dual Occ 38 Abercrombie St W. W’gong**  
It was agreed to endorse the decision not make a submission.
- 8.4 DA 2022/146 Dual Occ 21 Jutland Ave W’gong**  
It was agreed to endorse the submission of objection.
- 8.5 DA-2019/980 four storey Dual Occ 82A Cliff Rd W’gong**  
It was agreed to endorse the submission of strong objection.
- 8.6 DA-2022/123 Dual Occ 253 Mt Keira Rd, Mount Keira**  
It was agreed to lodge a submission of objection.
- 8.7 DA-2021/34 3 Town Houses 328n Gipps Rd Keiraville**  
It was agreed that the Forum be represented at the Panel meeting.
- 8.8 DA determinations:** noted
- 9     General Business
- 9.1 Mount Ousley Interchange Project**  
The NSW government has commenced a procurement process leading to submission of tenders and ultimately awarding a contract to design and construct the Mount Ousley Interchange to replace the existing intersection of the Princes Motorway and Mount Ousley Road and include a new northern access to UoW. The first step is that submissions will be received by 25 March from suitably experienced and qualified organisations to pre-register their interest in being invited to submit a registration of interest. Applications will be evaluated and a

short list of applicants will be invited to submit tenders to deliver the project on the basis of collaborative Design and Construct contract model, subject to allocation of adequate funds and timeframes to be advised.

The TfNSW website advises the Australian Government has committed \$240 million and the NSW Government has committed \$60 million to build the interchange, plus \$21 million from NSW for preparation work including detailed design, utility service investigations, further environmental assessment and property acquisition. A Review of Environmental Factors was publicly exhibited in late 2017 and a submissions report is available on the website which includes some design changes. The project link is: <https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/m1-princes-motorway/m1-interchange/index.html>

#### Recommendations

That Council be urged to:

1. seek the formalisation of a consultative process with TfNSW perhaps including WCC, NF5, UOW, KRAG and Illawarra Bike Users Group (IBUG);
2. finalise active transport plans to connect suburbs to the interchange;
3. ensure disruption is minimised during construction for Keiraville/Gwynneville residents.
4. undertake an urgent review of the traffic impact on Keiraville/Gwynneville and seek an undertaking from Council/TfNSW to attenuate increased through traffic flows (rat runs) through Keiraville.

10      Snippets      Noted