

Neighbourly Committee No 4

Incorporating Neighbourhood Forum No 4

Executive Committee

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NF4 Tuesday, 5 August, 2025, General Meeting: In Person Meeting @ Towradgi Community Hall

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AGENDA

Open Meeting- 07.00pm

Apologies – Anne Marrett, Sam Tannous,

Minutes of Previous Meeting 6 May 2025 - Distributed via email to members.

Business Arising from Minutes -

.Ward 1 Councillor's Update/ Questions of Interest: -

Correspondence In –

- WLPP Last held 29 July for properties on South Side.

Correspondence Out –

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Current DAs: [Available for Resident Comment]

DA-2025/441 - Development Application - 5 Mountbatten Street CORRIMAL NSW 2518 – 29 July

Residential - alterations and additions

DA-2025/452 - Development Application - 13 Brooker Street TARRAWANNA NSW 2518 – 29 July

Home Business - home baked cake business from unit 4

DA-2025/445 - Development Application - 22 Cross Street CORRIMAL NSW 2518 – 30 July

Residential - demolition of external garage, tree removal, alterations and additions to existing residential flat building/group home and construction of ancillary administration building, carparking and landscaping

DA-2021/993/A - Modification of Development Application - 105 -107 Princes Highway FAIRY MEADOW NSW 2519 – 30 July

Demolition of structures and construction of a take away food and drink premises

Modification A - modify condition 93, to seek approval to extend the trial 24 hour period from two years to four years - Re-notification due to error in original notification

DA-2025/470 - Development Application - 7 Cabbage Tree Lane FAIRY MEADOW NSW 2519 – 4 Aug

Signage - installation of one (1) pylon sign

DA-2025/469 - Development Application - 16 Bellambi Lane BELLAMBI NSW 2518 – 6 Aug

Change of use of existing industrial building to Recreation Facility (Indoor) (Gymnasium)

DA-2025/490 - Development Application - 55 Midgley Street CORRIMAL NSW 2518 – 5 Aug

Residential - shed

DA-2025/482 - Development Application - 53 Midgley Street CORRIMAL NSW 2518 – 5 Aug

Residential - demolition of existing rear shed and construction of a new shed

DA-2025/494 - Development Application - 17 Tallowoods Crescent RUSSELL VALE NSW 2517 – 6 Aug

Residential - dwelling house

Community Campaigns:

• Corrimal Community Action Group

• East Corrimal Open Space Committee –

• Build our Bridge Committee

**[NF4, NF5, Illawarra Bike Users Group, Healthy Cities Illawarra,
Keiraville Residents' Action Group]**

General Business: Issues from the Floor -

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Meeting Close: 9:00pm

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 ****

Attachment – Recommendation from Phillip Balding

Hello to a few folks who might be interested in getting on board with **Abundance**

I'm nearly done reading, it's very good.

If you decide to read it too, please send me your thoughts in relation to Australia.

Our federal cabinet are reading it to support their productivity agenda this term of government and its sold out in canberra:

<https://www.afr.com/policy/economy/the-book-jim-chalmers-and-all-of-canberra-is-reading-20250623-p5m9na>

Brief overview - following on from the YIMBY movement, progressives call for more building.

100 years of added restrictions on development, some worthy goals, now combine to limit supply of good things we need by physical constraints and or cost burden, and create worse outcomes.

The abundance of good intentions was to protect people and the environment from mines, factories and highways, but now instead harms by preventing the abundance of things we need, building for decarbonising and energy projects, housing, rail (in the US)

Our context - we have similar restrictive and prescriptive planning here that means sometimes we don't meet demand, leading to shortages and high prices locally of childcare centres, aged care, housing, hotels, and clean energy infrastructure state wide.

People want to build these things but arent allowed the structures required, especially in the locations where people are willing to pay enough that would make it profitable.

We are over 1000 homes behind on our housing targets, or 1% of our stock which is a lot of rentals that could be easing rents, we will catch up though being perpetually behind is the same thing as a shortage. Council blame rates and construction costs yet several suburbs and waterfront units fetch over a million and could easily can be supplied if permitted, providing the right types of housing being demanded and freeing up a thousand homes in Wollongong to improve affordability, preferencing anti-development romanticism, and extreme perfectionism like footpathlessness being unacceptable for a DA but homelessness is.

Our area north of wollongong have refused several child care centres in 4 years and are likely to refuse another 2 that are sitting with council, one with community backlash.

People want to help and would make money but aren't allowed - aged care beds are 1000 short, leading to hospital overflows, yet the aged care providers are only able to build less than 100 more beds to their sites in half of wollongong because they can't build over 2 storeys.

Historically refused projects saw Estia Health leave and never propose development here since. IRT told me they will instead build hundreds in Moruya, this is not an appropriate substitution for wollongong's aged care needs, yet building over 2 storeys is unpalatable. So while Sydney is trending to the city of no grandchildren, Wollongong is trending to the city of no grandparents.

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