

# Wollongong's Heartland



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

Present: 30 members

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| 1 | Presentations | Mark Grimson and Angela Perkovic were thanked for their presentations on Economic Development Activity and City Centre Initiatives and for responding to questions.   |
| 2 | Apologies     | were accepted   |
| 3 | Minutes       | of meeting of 4th Dec. 2019 were adopted with no matters arising.   |
| 4 | Comments      | <p>4.2 Residents were thanked for their comments:<br/> Connie Spasich on Market Place DA;<br/> Jane Robertson on Smith St DA; and<br/> Felix Bronneberg on Cosgrove Ave DA.</p> <p>4.3 Clare Rhodes was thanked for her update on University activities.</p>  |
| 5 | Responses     | <p>5.1 <b>Squires Way Parking:</b> noted</p> <p>5.2 <b>Coal Trucks and O'Briens Drift:</b> noted</p>  |
| 6 | Reports       | <p>6.1 <b>Community Representatives</b><br/> It was agreed</p> <p>i that the community representatives on the Wollongong Local Planning Panel be invited to a workshop to discuss how community attitudes can be better reflected in the deliberations of the Panel;</p> <p>ii any member of the Forum who knows, or has contact with any of these representatives to advise the Secretary;</p> <p>iii Council be requested to investigate adding an elected Councillor to the Panel.</p> |

### Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 405 households

## **6.2 Bushfire Protection**

It was agreed that Council be requested as a matter of urgency to amend its planning policies and controls to prohibit any new dwellings on land shown as on their map as Bush Fire Prone (ie within Categories 1 or 2 Vegetation and their buffers) if it abuts the Illawarra Escarpment.

## **6.3 Boarding House Notification**

It was agreed that Council be requested to amend their current policy such that all proposals for boarding houses be publically advertised to neighbourhoods rather than just to adjacent properties.

## **6.4 Traffic lights**

It was agreed that Council's traffic committee be requested to review the performance, for both vehicles and pedestrians, of the traffic lights at the intersections of Kembla and Stewart Streets; Kembla and Burelli Streets; and Burelli and Church streets.

## **6.5 South Coast Trains**

It was agreed that local State and Federal Members be asked to obtain advice as to the release of Professor McNaughton's report on upgrading regional NSW trains lines.

# **7 Activities**

## **7.1 Keiraville/Gwynneville Access Study:**

It was agreed that:

- i that the preliminary submission be endorsed;
- ii that a group be formed to prepare a detailed response to the Report, the projects selected, their priority and time frames.

## **7.2 Neighbourhood Forums Alliance:**

It was agreed that;

- i Council be request to organise a workshop with representatives from the existing Forums, Engagement staff and those Councillors who consistently support their Forums;
- ii a report come to the March meeting on changes to the condition of consent for generic applications for events on public land.

## **7.3 University Liaison: noted**

## **7.4 Keiraville Residents Action Group (KRAG)**

It was agreed that the Forum welcomes the re-formation of KRAG and look forward to co-operating on issues in Keiraville as they arise.

# **8 Planning**

## **8.1 DA/2019/1356, 15 units 9-11 Park St Wollongong**

It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed with a supplementary submission

**8.2 DA/2019/1397 Attached dual occupancy, 30 Keira St. W'gong**  
It was agreed to endorse that no submission be made.

**8.3 DA/2019/1395 Dual Occ, 24 Abercrombie St W, W'gong**  
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.

**8.4 DA/2019/1288 14 townhouses, 2A Phillips Ave W. W'gong**  
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

**8.5 DA/2019/1455 Dual Occ, 24 Mangerton Road, Wollongong**  
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

**8.6 DA/2019/1459 Dual Occ, 360 Gipps Rd Keiraville**

It was agreed that:

- i the submission of objection, based on the premise that no addition to bushfire risk is acceptable, be endorsed, provided it conforms to the Bushfire Protection Policy adopted at 6.2 above;
- ii Council be asked to investigate whether or not neighbours were notified of the proposal in accordance with Council Policy and, if not, why not?

**8.7 DA/2020/21 Dual Occupancy 12 Hoskins St Gwynneville**  
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

**8.8 DA/2019/1375 2, Market Place Wollongong**  
It was agreed that a submission of objection be lodged.

**8.9 DA/2019/1008 1 Smith St Wollongong**  
It was agreed that the submission of objection be re-lodged.

**8.10 DA 2020/4, 14 Cosgrove Ave Keiraville**

It was agreed:

- 1 that a strong objection to the proposal be lodged and that Ward Councillors be requested to support our objection;
- 2 in association with the Neighbourhood Forums' Alliance and KRAG, the Forum make representations to:
  - i Council, Councillors and the Regional Director of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to revise as a matter of extreme urgency all statutory plans and policies to ensure the prevention of the intensification of development in areas remote from centres generally (on sustainability grounds) and in particular in vulnerable, environmentally sensitive areas (on safety and conservation grounds);
  - ii Council to amend immediately its Development Control Plan to make it crystal clear that this type of development in remote and/or sensitive locations is totally unacceptable;
  - iii local Parliamentarians to raise the issue with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

- 9      General/Late Business      The Chair indicated that the executive had met and suggest that there be a number of key issues raised at every Forum meeting reporting initiatives taken, progress and responses from Council about information sought on data and other matters..    The key issues are:
- 1          City centre - empty shops, economic initiatives, activities, markets, public places.
  - 2          High Rise Residential - population growth, census data, income generation, lack of new facilities, streetscape, reception areas, parks and events.
  - 3          Medium Density - location, design, certification.
  - 4          Keiraville-Gwynneville - access, parking, boarding houses, development.
  - 5          South Wollongong - flooding, design, free bus, development and job retention.
  - 6          Escarpment - preservation, development, bushfires, trails.

It was agreed to support the proposal in principle, for a group to be formed for each issue to follow through and that members wishing to contribute to one or more groups to advise the secretary.

10      Snippets          noted

**Next Meeting: 7.00 pm on Wed. 4th March 2020, Town Hall Ocean Room.**