

Neighbourhood Forum 5

Wollongong's Heartland

*Independently promoting
community aspirations,
needs & concerns to Council*



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

Minutes of meeting

**WEDNESDAY 4th March 2026
In the Library Theatrette**

- 1 **Welcome** 18 members present including Cllrs David Brown, Andrew Anthony, and Kit Docker.
- 2 **Presentation** Kathryn Morgan (Landscape Architect) and Patricia O'Brien (risk analyst/expert) were thanked for their presentation on MacCabe Park and for leading the discussion.
- 3 **Apologies** Cllrs Thomas Quinn, John Riggall, Philip Laird, John Dorahy, Harold Hanson, Ian Young, Barbara Cattunar
- 4 **Minutes** of meeting of 4th February were adopted with no matters arising.
- 5 **Comments** are incorporated into these minutes.
- 6 **Caveats** noted
- 7 **Responses** 7.1 **Issues awaiting responses:** noted.
- 8 **Reports** 8.1 **MacCabe Park:**
It was noted that a NF 5 working group has joined with the "Friends of MacCabe Park" and the "Cooling our Gong Group" to contribute to a concept Master Plan focussing on MacCabe Park being Wollongong CBD's green oasis: "the most beautiful regional urban park in Australia" and providing a more welcoming, useable space for everyday life for local workers and the thousands of existing and expected residents on nearby high rise apartments.

8.2 **Wollongong Railway Station:**
It was agreed that Transport for New South Wales be requested to advise when it proposes to renovate Wollongong Railway station to a state worthy of its position as the gateway to Wollongong and its heritage.

8.3 Wollongong Hospital precinct Plan:

It was agreed that:

- 1 that the Department of Planning and Environment be requested to reveal the draft plans for the Hospital Precinct as soon as possible;
- 2 the Forum make a submission once the plan is on exhibition.

8.4 Gwynneville Housing project:

It was noted that, along with members from KRAG, a meeting with Ryan Park MP will discuss this issue on Friday 6th March

8.5 More than a Cyclist: noted

8.6 Regional Food Hub for the Illawarra,: noted

8.7 Closed Council Meetings:

It was agreed that Council be requested to advise their process for providing timely information to the public re workshops including adequate details to ensure transparency and accountability, and compliance with the requirements of the Minister for Local Government.

8.8 Diggies Lease:

It was agreed that the NF5 Executive make appropriate submissions on the proposed lease for the existing North Beach Kiosk and the pop-up licence for a temporary kiosk nearby.

9 Planning

9.1 Planning: noted

9.2 DA-2022/938B Mixed Devt Crown & Parkinson Sts W’gong

It was agreed that the submission of support, subject to vigorous controls on vibration and noise emissions, be endorsed.

9.3 DA-2026/65 Dual Occ 89 Evans St W’gong

It was agreed that: that

- 1 a submission of objection be lodged;
- 2 Council give consideration to designating the southern end of Evans Street a Heritage Conservation Area.

9.4 DA determinations: noted

10 General Business

10.1 Mount Ousley Interchange Upcoming weekend work: noted

10.2 Glebe Island imports transfer to Port Kembla

It was agreed to:

- 1 express concern to Ryan Park MP, about the implications for Port Kembla, Wollongong and Illawarra residents of the proposed closure of Glebe Island bulk port operations
2. note that the 2024 Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan did not even mention Glebe Island;
3. request Ryan Park MP, to ask the NSW Minister for Transport for a workshop to be convened in Wollongong involving Councillors, staff and Community representatives, including NF5, to discuss how the proposed closure of Glebe Island bulk goods operations will impact on transport in the Illawarra and what compensatory transport upgrades, in particular opportunities to improve rail infrastructure, are needed to achieve significant modal shift to safer rail.

10.3 Stewart Street East carpark re-classification

It was agreed to support the Planning Proposal to reclassify two Council-owned properties at 135 Corrimal Street and 13 Stewart Street from Community Land to Operational Land to support access to the Stewart Street East Carpark, already zoned Operational

10.4 Antisocial Behaviour in Stuart Park

It was agreed to request Council to introduce further measures to identify culprits and prevent antisocial and damaging behaviour in Stuart Park

11 Snippets

noted

Next Meeting
6.00pm Wednesday 1st April 2026
Library Theatre

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 470 households

Friends of MacCabe park

A small group of locals has come together •as the Friends of McCabe Park, with a simple hope: to See MacCabe Park become a more welcoming, usable place everyday".

We'd love to see shaded picnic and BBQ areas, a children's playground. places to sit and chat, more local trees, a water feature, public art. and a café nearby — a park that people of all ages can enjoy. every day,

Council has indicated a master plan for MacCabe Park is proposed. We'd like to help ensure it's imaginative, practical, and actually delivered in ways that improve our quality of life.

If you care about MacCabe Park and would like to be part of a friendly network of Wollongong residents, we'd love to hear from you.

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