

## Neighbourly Committee No 4

Incorporating Neighbourhood Forum No 4

Executive Committee

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### **NC4 Tuesday, June 7, 2022 Hybrid Meeting: In Person Meeting @ Towradgi Community Hall Plus a ZOOM connection if needing to attend *virtually*.**

#### **Topic: NC4/NF4 Monthly Zoom Meeting**

To join Zoom Meeting – copy and paste the following into your browser's address line:

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Meeting ID: **959 5101 5236**

Passcode: **669458**

#### **AGENDA**

**Open Meeting-** 07.05pm

**Apologies** – Luke Palmer, Brendan White, Emma Rooksby

**Minutes of Previous Meeting-** Distributed via email

#### **Business Arising from Minutes-**

- Resident concern that proposed crossing is now planned for Carroll Rd rather than Murray Rd which is *the major road* actually, causing the concern.
- Cr R. Martin stated that council officers have been advised of the importance of East Corrimal shops gaining greater consideration.
- Welcome to Cr Walters, acknowledging the extra distance involved [Helensburgh].

#### **Correspondence In –**

- Email Advice from Wollongong Council Engagement Team:
  1. Advice on the Reform of Employment Zones rolled out by NSW-DPE
  2. Scoping Study on City Coastal Management Plan, call for Community input.
  3. WCC - Climate Friendly Planning Framework Discussion Paper. Community Input.

#### **Correspondence Out –**

Posting our previous minutes to Engagement- WCC

#### **Reports:-**

**Recent WLPP Matters:** Tonight! Cherylyn attending as a community representative to contribute to the discussion of High Street and the Boarding House.

Council listed a number of concerns with the DA in making their determination.

## **Community Campaigns:**

### **• Corrimal Community Action Group**

#### **COUNCILLORS SUPPORTED the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN FOR the COKE WORKS**

The Corrimal Coke Works Development Control Plan (the most significant plan to underpin the redevelopment of the site) was endorsed last night (6 June 2022) unanimously by councillors, with only a minor change to enable the establishment of an off-leash dog park somewhere else on the site, away from the Grey-headed Flying-fox camp, at some time in the future.

#### **BUT WHAT ABOUT TRAFFIC???**

Four councillors voiced their concerns about the traffic the development will generate, and the plan for only one access point, but not one amendment was offered to tighten up the DCP.

This was the opportunity for Councillors to take a stand on traffic and demand solutions. They passed the responsibility on to TfNSW. But so far TfNSW have failed to provide any leadership on this. They, along with the Dept of Planning, Council and the developer seem completely unprepared to deal with the traffic issues this development will exacerbate.

TfNSW first offered a roundabout at Harbinger Street and minor changes at the intersection with Memorial Drive as the solution to traffic management. C CAG queried their traffic count and modelling and eventually produced our own. This demonstrated that the road changes offered would not work, and in fact the proposed roundabout at Harbinger St would lock up at peak hour if it was there today. C CAG's modelling was forwarded to TfNSW. After a long delay TfNSW eventually advised Council late in 2021 that the original proposed changes would not address the traffic issues generated by the Coke Works development and that a car-based community was quite inappropriate there. TfNSW stated the remedy was to restrict on-site parking and so encourage residents to use public transport, cycle and walk. While this may be an admirable concept for the future, it will not work for this development because the infrastructure is just not there to support it and Wollongong will remain a car-based community for the foreseeable future. The result will be parked cars flowing to all surrounding streets causing major inconvenience for the residents of the Coke Works and the area.

So, the community continues to point out “the elephant in the room” and gets more and more frustrated. We are demanding improved transport infrastructure as a prerequisite for all these new large-scale developments being foisted on us by State Government Rezoning policy and an acknowledgement of cumulative impacts.

There are solutions available to the traffic issues generated by the Coke Works, including a significantly smaller development along with at least one more access point which is NOT off Railway Street.

This development has revealed just how dysfunctional and developer-driven our NSW planning process is. What we desperately need is some serious long-term planning which is based on minimising the cumulative impacts on communities and local environments, which includes not just listening to the community, but acting on their genuine concerns and sensible suggestions. We need a level playing field and an open and transparent system, where the community and its quality of life and health matter.

Anne Marett  
President C CAG

### **• East Corrimal Open Space Committee**

#### **Current ECOSC issues:**

- 1/ Kerb and Guttering - Happy Valley Dobbie Ave  
Meeting held with WCC staff in May. No positive outcomes. Budget/priorities etc. cited.
- 2/ Corrimal Dunes- eradication of weed infestation.  
Meeting held with WCC staff.

Positive outcome. Vegetation management plan to be completed by Sept/Oct. Detailed plans of eradication and new planting to be developed. Community involvement during replanting phase desirable.

- **William Street Balgownie Precinct**

**General Business:**

Councillors raised the issue of the Peak hour timetable

- public transport fares were increased during the COVID emergency period. These have not yet been adjusted even though COVID restrictions have been removed.

Proposed letter to Heritage officers in Council to acknowledge their work on the heritage listing of the Coke works and recognition of its Aboriginal Heritage.

Neighbourly Forum 4 meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at Towradgi Community Hall, Corner of Moray Road and Towradgi Road Towradgi at 7pm

**\*\*\*\*All Welcome- No cost\*\*\*\***