

Neighbourhood
Forum 7

South East Suburbs



Berkeley, Cringila,
Lake
Heights, Port Kembla,
Primbee, Spring Hill,
Warrawong, Windang.

Minutes for Neighbourhood Forum 7 meeting held on Tuesday, 19th March 2019 at 6 pm on at
Illawarra Yacht club.

1. Acknowledgement of Country by Peter Maywald
2. Attendance / Apologies
Attendance: 15
Apologies: Mayor Bradbery, Anita Clarke, Cr Dom Figliomeni, Dorathy Lucas, Paul Scully, Daryl Williams, Ben Archioni

3. Welcome to Guests and New Members.

✚ Paul Tracey Parks and Open Space Manager, Wollongong Council. Paul spoke to the meeting about the Urban Greening Strategy for the City of Wollongong.

Convener suspended the standing orders to allow Paul to address the Forum.

Paul Tracey –

Council has undertaken a survey of trees in the Wollongong region. Results showed

80% of trees were Bottle Brush, Brush Box or Crepe Myrtle. These trees are getting older and it is envisaged we will lose ½ of them in the near future. It was identified we need more shade trees.

The new group of people have aimed to provide mainly shade trees in specific areas that have been purposely identified. E.g. children's playgrounds.

They have begun this project by putting 1500 trees in the ground. New tree planting is taking effect. This group has begun with larger, semi-mature trees which will attract birds and animals.

Peoples concerns re drains, footpaths have been taken into account, with the resulting, guiding beliefs.

“Trees are more important than footpaths”, “We will repair the wall to save the tree”, “we will insert root barriers to save the tree and house / fence”, “we look at the risks and deterrents – to determine what we do with the tree,”

Community is to be involved in the planning and campaign about to start. The group will be examining the low risk, high need suburbs (currently targeting Corrimal) and begin the Summer Shade survey.

There is a matrix of species selection (interesting!! No Casuarinas). They have consulted Leon Fuller re species selection. Bio-security is also included in the strategy. Port Kembla poses some bio-security risks because of the shipping.

Edible trees in the selection – fruit and nuts but not olive.

Design will include shaded “walking paths”. Establishment of Green Plan Nursery. Plants (semi mature) will be available for purchase from the nursery at a reduced cost.

Looking for financial partnership in the Greening Strategy.

Planning for an Arboretum in the Cringila Hills.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting
Minutes presented and accepted. Moved Pavla Stupkova, Seconded David Nichols
5. Business arising from the minutes.
Minutes are now available on the website.
6. Monthly Reports from Members of Parliament, Councillors and Council Officers in attendance.

Cr Ann Martin

Explained the council budget process.

Councillors highlight what the needs are, Budget planning is a proper, strategic 4 yr plan of action. Currently council is preparing to work on or upgrade some of the requests from their forums, such as netball courts, use money to work on heritage projects (e.g. Hill 60, revisit and open up the tunnels) and work around Port Kembla.

There are some legal constraints to be considered in the work being undertaken in Port Kembla. Purry Burry Park needs more money for an upgrade. There are plans in place to “do the work” and then apply for funding.

Forum can write response to the council budget.

5. Correspondence In / Correspondence- Out

Correspondence tabled and accepted. Moved: Peter Maywald, seconded Pavla Stupkova

9. General Business.

- Complaints Re Road resurfacing – breaking up – cheap and nasty??
- Road subsidence on Northcliffe Drive – not council responsibility But will be reported to the State Government (through Paul Scully)
- Cruise ships are still coming into Port Kembla, 1 cruise company has indicated it will be doing “Lay overs” (embarking and disembarking from Port Kembla.
- Strict bio-security measures will cause some costs to rise, but it essential to maintain our bio-security.
- Report from Peter Maywald on NF Alliance Meeting. (<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Guidelines/local-strategic-planning-statements-guideline-for-councils-2018-06-12.pdf>). The big issue of Medium Density approvals suddenly becoming bigger or even high density projects. As a region we need to watch this development very carefully.
- Dix’s Wharf (see Letter from Paul Scully) which stated nothing really to be done while the government was in caretaker mode, Now election is over we will need to be pushing hard for the wharf to be returned to its “former glory”.
- Offending Oleanders (from Lake Heights track) have been removed.

Christine

- Requested bus stop signs in Lake Heights on 4 Hilltop Ave, and 12 Noble Parade.
- Presented Maps and comment sheet, for the planned community involvement in the Warrawong Library and Community centre. These have been scanned and sent out to

members. If you don't have them please email or call me and I'll get copies to you. Thanks Christine!

A big "Thank You" to our Councillors and the staff at Wollongong council who give their time to come and talk to us whenever they're asked, and for their continued interest in our Forum areas. Their efforts to ensure our issues are heard and nearly always actioned, are greatly appreciated by us.

10. Next Meeting.

NF7 meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on 16th April, 2019 at Berkeley Community Centre 40 Winnima Way, Berkeley, at 6.00pm. If you want to attend this meeting and transport is a problem, please give me a call or send off a message or email and we'll try to arrange something.

11. Meeting closed 7.30 pm

