

<p>Neighbourhood Forum 5</p> <p>Wollongong's Heartland</p> <p><i>Collaborating with Council on community aspirations, visions, needs & concerns.</i></p>		<p>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</p>
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**MINUTES of meeting WEDNESDAY 2nd April 2025 at 6.30
In the Library Theatre**

- 1 Presentation Jerah Fox and colleagues were thanked for their presentation on the draft Infrastructure Delivery Program 2025-2029 particularly for the NF 5 area and responding to questions.
- 2 Apologies Cllrs Tania Brown and Kit Docker; Harold Hanson, Jeremy Lasek, Dorte Ekland, Theresa Huxtable, George Tackas and Felix Bronneberg.
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 5th March were adopted with no matters arising:
- 4 Comments Noted
- 5 Caveats Noted
- 6 Responses
 - 6.1 Integrated Transport Interchange:** Noted
 - 6.2 Stormwater Infrastructure:** Noted
 - 6.3 Ken Ausburn Track** Noted
 - 6.4 issues awaiting response:** Noted
- 7 Reports
 - 7.1 Flood Plain Committees**
It was agreed to request Council to ensure that invitations be expedited seeking membership of the new Floodplain Committees, they meet more regularly than in previous years, and a combined meeting of all committees be held asap to receive an update following the April 2024 flood, and to develop a Strategy and Action Plan to minimise flooding impacts in all catchments.
 - 7.2 Protection of Wiseman Park Playground:**
It was agreed that Council be requested to improve safety measures at the Wiseman Park Playground.

7.3 Facilitator's report on City Foreshore Plan: Noted

7.4 Wollongong Harbour Breakwater path:

It was agreed that:

- 1 Transport for NSW be requested to undertake an audit and risk assessment to ensure that, for the safety of users and protection of vehicles, the Wollongong Harbour breakwater pathway is re-surfaced appropriately as a matter of urgency;
- 2 Wollongong City Council be requested to make a similar request to TfNSW;
- 3 Council and TfNSW be requested to provide an update on the planning and implementation of development projects including those listed in the Wollongong Harbour Master Plan dated October 2020.

7.5 Mount Ousley Interchange

It was agreed to thank Alison Byrnes MP for her representations to TfNSW, her support for the community working group and involvement in seeking to restore the active transport bridge across Mount Ousley Road and safety issues arising from the 2023 redesign by TfNSW.

As a result TfNSW and the MOI community Working Group seek community feedback by Friday 2 May, re a preliminary concept design for a shared path bridge over Mt Ousley Road between Dumfries Ave and the new interchange. See link:

<https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/mount-ousley-road-shared-path-bridge>

7.6 Recycling of Packaging –

It was agreed that Council be asked to make representations through local Federal and State MP to request relevant Ministers expedite system-wide regulatory reforms to address the generation, consumption and recycling of packing.

7.7 Irvine Street Gwynneville proposal:

Council's General Manager Greg Doyle attended the meeting briefly and advised he attended the public meeting on 1 April and Council's engagement proc will provide an information opportunity Wednesday 9 April from 4.30-7.30pm at Wollongong Senior Citizens Hall, Gipps Rd, Gwynneville, when representatives of Council and Homes NSW will be available to answer questions from the community.

Also submissions have been extended by a week to now close on Monday 5 May. There was some discussion on the well-attended public meeting on 1 April arranged by KRAG, which was attended by MP for Keira, Council LM, some councillors and the GM.

It was agreed that :

1. NF5 is most grateful for the attendance of local MP Ryan Park, Council's Lord Mayor Tania Brown, Councillors D Brown, A Anthony and D Stuart and General Manager Greg Doyle, at the Community Meeting 1 April 2025 organised by KRAG, re Homes NSW Gwynneville Planning Proposal in the Irvine area;
2. NF5 fully supports the resolutions from the well- attended public meeting on 1 April, which include re the proposed excessive density, need for Traffic and Parking Master Plans, Flood Risk assessment, update the Keiraville Gwynneville Precinct Plan and ensure a holistic future development;
- 3.;NF5 looks forward to Council developing and implementing asap a comprehensive Community Engagement Strategy, as required by the WLPP, endorsed at Council's meeting on 25 Nov, and arrange formal planning presentations by Council and Homes NSW at a date and location to be advised;
4. It is understood that Minister Park will facilitate discussions with Hones NSW re actively participating in the community engagement activities to take place with residents Council;
5. NF5 is grateful for the General Manager advising the NF5 meeting that:
 - a) the closing date for submissions has been extended by a week to 5 May;
 - b) there is now to be a drop-in opportunity 9 th April from 4:30pm to 7:30pm at the Gwynneville Senior Citizens Centre, including availability of representatives of Council and Homes NSW;;
 - c) there will be another community engagement opportunity closer to the 5 May deadline of submissions..

7.8 Robinson Park:

It was agreed that:

- 1 NF5 thank Lord Mayor Tania Brown, Councillors Anthony and Docker, and Council staff who attended the recent Robinson Park onsite meeting at short notice, for their prompt response;
- 2 Council be requested to engage with the community to develop options for the potential future uses, maintenance and management of Robinson Park;

		3	Council to discuss with at least one existing user organisation the prospect of them undertaking the management of the changing rooms and toilets in exchange for them being able to store equipment there;
		4	Council be requested not, at this stage, spend scarce funds demolishing a viable asset whose upkeep costs to date have been minimal.
8	Planning	8.1	Planning: noted
		8.2	DA-2025/139, Extra 6 units, 2 stories 15 Marr St, W’gong It was agreed to endorse the submission of support.
		8.3	DA-2025/175 6 townhouses, 39 Sorensen Dr, Figtree It was agreed to endorse the submission of support.
		8.4	DA-2025/122, Extra 14 units, 2 stories 81-85 Keira St Wg. It was agreed that a submission of objection be lodged.
		8.5	DA-2025/131 Dual Occ, 89 Evans St Wollongong It was agreed that the submission lodged be endorsed which noted that the proposal was completely out character with the streetscape but, despite this, should Council be minded to approve the proposal, it should be conditioned on the landscaping be revised to be in scale with the building.
		8.6	DA-2025/162 Dual Occ, 222 Gipps Road, Gwynneville It was agreed to endorse the submission of support.
		8.7	DA Determinations: noted
		8.8	Snippets: noted
9	General Business	9.1	Submission on draft DCP Access and Parking It was agreed to make a submission to Council along the lines of the report in the Late Business Agenda.
		9.2	Wollongong Botanic Gardens Master Plan Update It was agreed that Council be requested to provide an update on matters raised by NF5 in Dec 2023 and expedite exhibition of the revised draft WBG Master Plan noting the implications of Homes NSW Irvine Street proposals.
		9.3	Fairy and Cabbage Tree Creek Catchment Flooding It was noted that the flood event of 6 April 2024, was considered at the Council meeting dated 27 May 2024. https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0037/237898/Item-1-6-April-Natural-Disaster-Event-Recovery-Update.pdf

9.4 Wollongong Tourist Office

It was agreed that Council be requested to review the effectiveness of the Tourist Office in its current location together with opportunities to relocate it back into the Town Hall complex or even a new location such as adjacent to Wollongong Harbour.

Next Meeting

6.30pm Wednesday 7th May 2025

Library Theatre

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 459 households
