

## Neighbourhood Forum 5

## Wollongong's Heartland



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

### Agenda for meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 by email

- 1 Presentation None possible
- 2 Apologies None necessary
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> May and any matters arising included in the agenda:  
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- 4 Comments If you wish to comment on, or object to, any of the recommendations  
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## **5 Responses 5.1 Stormwater Asset Management**

“The Stormwater Asset Management Plan is currently being reviewed and when the review is finalised a copy will be provided. Our Stormwater Assets include: 4342 headwalls, 358 bank support, 260 scour protection devices, 835 km of stormwater pipes, 30 445 pits, 100 trash racks, 114 water quality treatment devices, 127 stormwater detention basins.

Given the large number of assets our inspections are prioritised based on the level of risks and available resources. At this stage of the review, I can advise that to date approximately 22% of the 835km of the stormwater pipes network has been inspected by CCTV. This is well in line with the percentage of network inspected by NSW councils. Inspections are prioritised in areas where the pipe network is older, as this is where the risk of damage and the need for repair or upgrade are generally most needed.

Our flood assets comprise (but are not limited to) declared and non-declared dams. Declared dams generally present the highest risk to our community and are managed in accordance with the NSW Dam Safety Legislation. As such all our declared dams are inspected on a monthly basis.

We have also recently completed a review of our entire network for stormwater inlet risks and a prioritised program of works has been developed and is being delivered.”

Transport, Asset and Stormwater Manager

### **Comment**

We look forward to receiving the Stormwater Asset Management Plan for consideration, which hopefully will include provision for upgrading infrastructure necessary to accommodate changes in stormwater characteristics due to increased densities by urbanisation.

## **5.2 Stuart Park Master Plan**

“In Phase One of the engagement process, we heard from 861 people about their priorities for Stuart Park. Submissions ranges from drawings from children, surveys for young people and ideas from the broader community. Since Phase One closed in late 2021, we’ve been working closely with the local Aboriginal community as Stuart Park is an important place with significant cultural value. This has included several meetings and a cultural mapping process, working with the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council. All this information will be used to inform the draft Master Plan.

We will continue the cultural mapping process and meetings with the local Aboriginal community, in the process of drafting the Master Plan. The draft Master Plan will go to Council, to be endorsed for Public Exhibition.

During the Public Exhibition phase we are planning to seek community feedback in a range of ways, including online and on-site information sessions, workshops and a survey. NF5 members will be invited to share feedback as part of this process. At this stage, we're aiming for the public exhibition period to be between August-October, with UCI and September school holidays both a factor in the timing."

Engagement Coordinator

#### Comment

It seems that Council has struck major problems & delays negotiating with Aboriginal representatives. In addition there may be internal conflicts between priorities of various sections (unfortunately no "Place Manager" with responsibility for Stuart Park) eg:

- i licencing/leasing areas;
- ii creating hard surfaces for active recreation;
- iii more hard surfaces for car parking;
- iv fewer hard surfaces and any changes be to improve passive use of the park.

#### Recommendation

Council again be requested to initiate a working party of key stakeholders (similar that set up in the late 1990s which helped develop the 2000 Plan of Management), given the many and varied types of responses to the public exhibition, and recognising competing interests for future uses of the scarce available spaces in this regionally unique popular public park for passive use by high numbers of residents and visitors.

## 6 Reports

### 6.1 Community Strategic Plan 2032

Council's 10-year Draft Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is on exhibition until 31 May 2022. The Local Government Act includes: Following an ordinary election of councillors, the council must review the community strategic plan before 30 June following the election. The council may endorse the existing plan, or develop or endorse a new community strategic plan, as appropriate, to ensure that the area has a community strategic plan covering at least the next 10 years.

Previous CSP have been adopted after extensive community engagement processes, particularly the initial 20-year plan in 1992, and since then Council has conducted two-yearly statistically reliable Community Satisfaction Surveys. The current 10-year CSP was adopted in 2018 and it is surprising that it has not been updated for endorsement, instead of spending significant resources and time on a “re-inventing the wheel” exercise.

The draft CSP six Goals are the same, it’s Objectives are similar, but there are fewer action/strategy items. A positive is the performance indicators have been improved from saying “increase” by using targets allied to the Satisfaction Survey measures.

Progress towards achieving the 10-year Goals depends on priorities and resources allocated in Council’s required annual “Integrated Planning Documents” which are advertised separately, and Council’s implementation progress re efficiency and effectiveness, which should be publicly reported annually. It is not proposed to analyse the differences in this draft CSP, because it is fairly similar to the 2018 one, but with more glossy photos, and another will be required in 3 years time, after then next Council elections due in September 2024.

## **6.2 Integrated Planning Documents 2022/23**

In May Council resolved to publicly exhibit a suite of documents, as is required annually. This year the 650 pages included. 43 page 10-year Community Strategic Plan, which is considered separately above A presentation was made to NF5 executive, but some things may have been missed and/or misunderstood.

An overarching document is the 132 page 4-year Delivery Program & 1-year Operation Plan which refers to Council’s six Goals in the CSP and indicates the main Actions that each of the 33 sections propose to do per year and their finances towards achieving the goals and objectives. Measures for success include intangibles (eg “increase”), but many have been improved by becoming quantifiable using Satisfaction Survey indicators.

### Works

A most relevant document for consideration by residents is the 4-year Infrastructure Delivery Program (IDP) which lists projects and indicative year for design and for construction.

Unfortunately estimated costs per project are not shown and there is no annual reconciliation available of actual v planned works, with some projects being 2 years behind, for a variety of reasons, no doubt many being beyond Council's control due to events in recent years. Also it is understood the projects recommended by staff for inclusion in the IDP are finalised after workshops in February/March, so by the time the IDP is exhibited there seems to be no point in making submissions for changes, decisions have been made and are defended.

This is reinforced by NF5 experiences each year with rejection of well-researched proposed improvements based on local knowledge and constructive input from residents.

Whilst Council's commendable Engagement Policy initiated 17 years ago includes Involvement and Collaboration as highest levels of engagement, unfortunately despite frequent requests from community representatives, these levels that have proven successful elsewhere are seldom if ever attempted here. It appears obvious that long-standing systems need review and improvements are essential to achieve different, efficient and effective outcomes.

A major positive is that Council have recently appointed a new Director Infrastructure & Works and three new Managers are due to start soon. It is expected this will provide very capable resources and a sound basis for prompt review of performances, identify opportunities for improvements, consider options, plan necessary changes, resource, implement, monitor and report progress. It is recognised this will take time, but hopefully initial progress will be made to ensure community involvement and/or collaboration for next year's IDP projects.

### Budget

Another relevant draft document is Council's Budget 2022/23, which is most encouraging in its statement that "The estimates, particularly the Available Funds estimates, show that Council's medium and longer term financial capacity remains sound under Scenario 1 (ie 1.8% Rate Increase application to IPART instead of their state-wide peg of 1%). It is noted that estimated total Expenditure is ~\$293m of which Employee Salaries & Wages are ~\$160m (55%), with a comparatively high ~16% allocated to capital projects.

The Budget includes lists of funding for proposed Capital Projects and Studies in each of the next 4 years. Allocations in 2022/23 for the following impacting on NF5 area are most welcome, including:

Stuart Park Master Plan; City Centre Access & Movement Strategy Review; Crown Land Plans of Management; Flood Risk Management Studies Best Practice; DCP Review; Implement Keiraville/Gwynneville Access and Movement Strategy (also in 2023/24); Intergrated Transport Strategy (minimal amount also in 2023/24). Unfortunately, Botanic Gardens Design Investigation for Asset Improvement funding has been deferred until 2024/25 and 2025/26.

The Budget also lists allocations from Strategic Projects Restricted Cash funds for non-recurent projects in 2022/23 which include: UCI; Climate Change & Sustainability Program (also in 2023/24); Biennial Acquisitive Sculpture Award; Events Re-Emergence; Learning City Project & IPAC Additional Support (also in 2023/24 & 2024/25); Events Support Specialist; Cultural Festival 2022; Major Events Support; Change Management Specialist Support.

Noted with comment:

- 1 Access and Movement Strategy - \$125,000 in one place and \$175,00 in another – together with an Integrated Transport Study, the interaction between them is unclear;
- 2 City Centre Planning Review – given recent studies it is hoped implementation could start without waiting for further studies. The city centre needs an urgent boost to improve its image and performance.
- 3 City Wide LEP Review (2023/5) – It would be better to do this incrementally addressing the most urgent issues first, from the Forum’s standpoint by far the most urgent is the location of medium density housing types and their density.
- 4 No mention is made of the Housing Strategy despite being one of Council’s Strategic Priorities, presumably because it is being done in house, yet it is 2 years since the draft was exhibited and its provisions will be critical to changes to both LEP and the DCP desired future character statements which should and could proceed as a matter of urgency.

Conclusion

The Forum supports most of the proposals in the Plan and is keen, ready and able to assist in their implementation.

Recommendations

- 1 Council be requested to advance Figtree Oval amenities upgrade to 2022/23;
- 2 Members wishing to comment please do so by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May as submissions close the next day.
- 3 The submission, as amended be endorsed

### **6.3 Wollongong Arts Precinct**

In April NF5 requested Council to form an Arts Precinct Committee to establish a Wollongong Arts Centre, as adopted by Council in 2016 with the Gehl Implementation report. Council's response referred to the Cultural Plan 2019-2024, which includes an action to establish a working group to progress the Arts Precinct Concept Design within 2 years, ie by 2021. The Cultural Plan also calls for Council "to provide and promote creative spaces which support opportunities to network, collaborate and share resources and knowledge."

It is to be noted that Wollongong does not yet have a Cultural Centre with designated spaces, for example, the Conservatorium of Music, dance teaching and performance, linked to a spacious museum with better publicly accessible records, great stories and illustrative action about original indigenous inhabitants, the people from fifty or more nations who built the Snowy River Scheme and their offspring who settled here to inaugurate the Steel Works, the miners, the defence activities in two world wars, maritime developments and others.

Located near the performing arts centre, art gallery, Town Hall and library, a Wollongong Cultural development project of say \$50 million would not be too ambitious a target for the State Government which has just spent \$371million at Walsh Bay, Sydney, on the old wharves. Newcastle is getting large grants of money, as is Parramatta. Why not Wollongong?

Wollongong has not been one of the 9 Cities that have benefitted from Federal Government allocations under the City Deals component of the Smart Cities Plan. Hopefully the new government will expand the plan and include Wollongong for support funding, including to create much-needed infrastructure and developments in an innovative Arts Precinct.

Considerable effort will be needed to develop enough momentum to ensure the community unites, mentors and expands involvement in the existing cultural and creative arts within the context of the historical, current and future needs of the City's peoples.

It would give a huge boost to the city centre which seems to be declining as a focus for community activity and pride.

#### **Recommendation**

Council be requested to initiate plans for a Cultural Centre, preferably in association with an Arts Precinct Committee (to include appropriate community representatives) and seek Government funding for it.

#### **6.4 Meeting with the Director of Planning and Environment.**

This was a long delayed (due mainly to the Covid outbreak) meeting with the Director and her senior staff.

The Desired Future Character of suburbs will not be revised until the Local Environmental Plan has been reviewed and adopted because further changes might be needed. This is even though it could be done easily and quickly to stop the worst of the destruction of the character of our suburbs by State provisions.

The Local Environmental Plan won't be revised until Local Strategic Plan has been harmonised with the Community Strategic Plan and that won't be done until the Housing Strategy (now nearly two years since the draft was exhibited) has been adopted. This latter is expected to identify land to be up-zoned to meet housing targets and down-zoned, for example land adjacent to the escarpment like Cosgrove Avenue.

It is unclear how these changes will reflect proposals for the City Centre but this could delay things still further.

So it will probably be years before we achieve our Goal 1.5 to maintain the unique character of Wollongong.

It also became clear the engagement would not extend to collaboration so blunting the impact of Goal 4.1 to provide opportunities to inform decision making.

#### **6.5 Boarding Houses**

Minor changes are proposed to the Development Control Plan to align with changes in State legislation. The only changes of note are to increase parking requirements in more remote areas and increase open space requirements.

#### **Recommendation**

The Forum support the changes to Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009 Chapter C3 Boarding Houses and Chapter E3 Car Parking, Access, etc.

#### **6.6 World Cycling Event update**

The UCI event from 17 to 25 September is a great opportunity to showcase Wollongong to the World. Representatives of the organisers Wollongong 2022 Ltd (W2022) and NF5 have



been liaising about details, particularly regarding issues raised by residents, including the following:

#### Responsibilities

Obviously there are many authorities and organisations involved in the organisation, operation and management of facilities and services to make this complex event successful. W2022 is responsible for the construction, management, removal of the event structures, course structures and public facilities for the conduct of the event. The W2022 Operations & Events and Sports Divisions are continuing to work closely with Wollongong Council, Government Agencies and suppliers to develop, negotiate, implement and deliver the essentials, and the community will be notified of the event ‘bump-in’ schedule in due course.

- 1 W2022 will advise re access restrictions/street closures proposed, the impact of no vehicle access (“island” effect) for residents within the route boundaries, management & responsibilities (pre, during the 9 days and after), with support from Police, Transport for NSW and W2022 contractor Altus Traffic Management;
- 2 It is understood that Council will advise their program for carrying out roadwork temporary changes before the event and rectification after, and will involve the community in planning the listed “Legacy” works and “long term solutions”.

#### Information for Residents

In week starting 9 May helpful information was mailed to affected residents including how the city will work during the event, how to get involved (eg by volunteering) and the website for information (<https://wollongong2022.com.au/community>). Also a coloured map was provided showing the City Circuit (where road closures will occur for various durations and times during the 9 days), the northern Time Trial & Road Race route (affected on 4 days) and the western Road Race route (2 days on 24 & 25 Sep). In addition a map was provided of 15 locations where Council will carry out temporary minor road infrastructure changes before the event (mainly at intersections) and a list of proposed legacy works after the event. W2022 advise that the development and approval of the Traffic Management Plan is in progress and issues around parking will be conveyed to the public in July.

Event Impacts and recommendations have been highlighted in W2022 FAQs on website <https://wollongong2022.com.au/faqs/> Content will continue to be updated in the weeks and months leading into the event following approval of Traffic Management Plans, consultation with Council, Businesses, Schools and Service Providers arounds areas such as

Waste Collection, Home Care Services, Recreation facilities etc.

W2022 continues to undertake a customised consultation process including with Community Groups (such as NF5), Chambers of Commerce, Service Providers, Highly Impacted Stakeholders such as Schools, Businesses and Sporting organisations.

W2022 recent advice

W2022 advise that as part of the development and approval of the Traffic Management Plan, parking and access is being closely considered and included. W2022 and Council have received numerous enquiries from residents and businesses concerned with these issues following the recent mail-out to households in the Wollongong LGA. In a lot of cases, W2022 has have been able to satisfy their concerns and provided solutions in specific cases. W2022 & Council are developing a detailed dynamic google map that be available in the coming weeks for the public to access more detail around the City Circuit course. In addition, W2022 and Council plan to initiate a further communication piece for residents located in and around the City Circuit Loop, which is due to be delivered in early July and will provide more detail information around access, road closures, map etc.

- 7 Priorities**
  - 7.1 Liveability** See 6.1 and 6.2
  - 7.2 City Centre** See 6.1.
  - 7.3 Active Transport.** See 6.1

- 8 Planning**
  - 8.1** There are no new significant development applications this month (indeed only 2 are listed city-wide).

## 8.2 DA Determinations

<b>DA no. 20../....</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Forum Rec</b>	<b>Result Authority</b>
<b>20/677</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>30 Ellen St</b>	<b>17 storeys, 272 units</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Appealing refusal RP</b>
<b>21/45</b>	<b>Gwynnevl</b>	<b>12 Gwynne St</b>	<b>Boarding House</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Refused</b>
<b>21/58</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>130 Church St</b>	<b>Mixed Development</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>21/890</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>245 Gladstone Ave</b>	<b>9 storey, 94 dw</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>21/858</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>19 Northcote St</b>	<b>Dual Occ</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>21/705</b>	<b>Gwynnevl</b>	<b>32 Foleys St</b>	<b>Homeless hsg</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>21/615</b>	<b>Mangertn</b>	<b>23 Kirala St</b>	<b>Dual Occ</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>Re- zoning</b>	<b>Figtree</b>	<b>Terrie Ave</b>	<b>Subdivision</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>20/645</b>	<b>W.Wgong</b>	<b>39 Rosemount St</b>	<b>Dual Occupancy</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Approved Delegated</b>
<b>21/890</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>7-15 Gladstone Ave</b>	<b>9 stories 94 units</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Refused Appealing</b>
<b>21/845</b>	<b>Keiraville</b>	<b>42 Robsons Rd.</b>	<b>Dual Occ</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>21/1059</b>	<b>Figtree</b>	<b>5-7 Trusscott</b>	<b>4 Town houses</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>21/1405</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>10 Gilmore St</b>	<b>Dual Occ</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>19/980</b>	<b>W'gong</b>	<b>82A Cliff Rd.</b>	<b>4 storey dual occ</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Refusal appealing</b>
<b>21/1273</b>	<b>Keiraville</b>	<b>12 Dallas St</b>	<b>4 dwellings</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>21/1309</b>	<b>Keiraville</b>	<b>3 Keira Mine Road</b>	<b>4 dwellings</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>21/615</b>	<b>Mangertn</b>	<b>23 Kiralo St</b>	<b>Dual Occ</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>21/1397</b>	<b>Figtree</b>	<b>115 Waling Ave</b>	<b>First floor pool</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>21/1508</b>	<b>Figtree</b>	<b>111 Bellevue Rd</b>	<b>Dual Occ</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>21/1426</b>	<b>Gwn'ville</b>	<b>12 Berkeley Rd</b>	<b>Dual Occ</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>22/245</b>	<b>Figtree</b>	<b>54 Lewis Drive</b>	<b>Dual Occ</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>21/1310</b>	<b>Gwn'ville</b>	<b>14-16 Acacia Ave</b>	<b>8 dwellings.</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Approved Panel</b>

### Not yet determined

21/1060	W'gong	2, Lexton Ave	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1037	Keiraville	12-14 Gipps	10 stories, 11 dw	Support	
21/1000	W'gong	23-43 Flinders	9 stories, 201 dw	Support	
21/957	W'gong	WIN	Mixed	Support	
21/1231	W'gong	3-5 Ocean St	10 stories, 9 dw	Object	
21/1312	W'gong	300-2 Crown St	11 stories, 48 dw	Support	
21/1345	W'gong	11 Northcote St	Dual Occ	Support	
19/284	Keiraville	58-60 Murphys Ave	9 town houses	Object	
21/344	Keiraville	328 Gipps Rd	3 townhouses	Object	
21/1346	N W'gong	10 Lysant St	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1342	W'gong	46 Flinders St	9 stories, 47 dw	Support	
21/1343	W'gong	68, Gladstone Ave	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1375	W'gong	43 Kembla St	5 stories, 7 dw	Object	
21/1508	Figtree	111 Bellevue Rd	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1511	Figtree	54 Cordeaux Rd	Dual Occ	Object	
22/61	Figtree	1 Malangong Close	Dual Occ	Support	
21/101	N W'gong	3, Squires Way	UoW Health complex	Support	
21/1492	W. 'gong	111 Robsons Rd	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1510	W. 'gong	55 Euroka St	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1344	W. 'gong	44 Euroka St	Dual Occ	Object	
21/1467	W'gong	81-85 Keira St	7 stories, 43 dw	Object	
22/10	W'gong	487-491 Crown St	Medical Centre	Support	
22/14	W'gong	24-30 Kenny St	18 stories, 68 dw	Support	
22/20	W. 'gong	38 Abercrombie St	Dual occ	None	
22/146	W'gong	21 Jutland Ave	Dual occ	Object	
22/123	Figtree	253 Mt Keira Rd,	Dual Occ	Object	
22/221	W'gong	4 Auburn St,	24 stories, hotel 59 dw	Support	
22/169	W'gong	36 Flinders St	9 stories, 119 units	Support	
22/250	Gwynville	14A Foley St	4 dwellings,	Support	
22/254	W'gong	2A Denison St	Dual Occ	Object	
22/311	W. 'gong	1 Sheppard St	Dual Occ	Support	
21/1218	Figtree	107 Walang Ave	Dual Occ	Object	

## 9 General Business

**Date of next meeting**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Please Note:**

Due to continuing high levels of covid infections in Wollongong this meeting will be via e-mail.

## 10 Snippets

### Safe Active Streets

Safe Active Streets are cycle routes on quiet local streets, where speeds have been reduced to 30 km/h (far too high!) to allow for a safer shared street space. With lower traffic speeds, the streets are much safer for pedestrians and riders of all ages and abilities, as well as for people driving.

Safe Active Streets routes also form part of wider bicycle networks, connecting to off-road shared paths and linking community activities such as schools, railway stations or shops. At major entry points to the safe active streets, blue and white Safe Active Street patches, 30 km/h speed limit signs and raised platforms help to slow traffic and alert people that they are in a bicycle and pedestrian friendly space.

“It seems New South Wales, unlike West Australia for example, is slowly waking up to this issue. It has been a hobby horse of mine for over 50 years, (my first published paper was on the Nuisances of Traffic in Residential Areas -Traffic Quarterly July 1965) and although the most recent initiatives are very welcome, they still fall far short of my vision of reclaiming local streets by making vehicles subservient to other users; pedestrians, children, dogs and cyclists, within defined precincts.”

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**Minutes of meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by email**

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| 1 | Presentation | None possible   |
| 2 | Apologies    | None necessary  |
| 3 | Minutes      | of meeting of 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 were confirmed with no matters arising.  |
| 4 | Comments     | received have been incorporated into these minutes  |
| 5 | Responses    | <p><b>5.1 Trees under power lines:</b><br/>It was agreed that Council be asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 if it is aware of any Tree Management Plan prepared by Endeavour Energy;</li> <li>2 if so, did it contribute to it by requesting, for example maximum as well as minimum clearing of vegetation from power lines;</li> <li>3 if not, could it in association with other Councils, approach Endeavour Energy to get them to prepare such a Plan in consultation with the community; and</li> <li>4 if it could review the Australian Standard 4373 Pruning of Amenity Trees in relation to Endeavour Energy's current practice.</li> </ol> <p><b>5.2 Transport Matters:</b> noted</p> <p><b>5.3 E-Scooters:</b> noted</p> <p><b>5.4 Disability Access to Wollongong Harbour:</b> noted</p> <p><b>5.5 Cosgrove Avenue re-zoning:</b><br/>It was agreed that the Council and the Ward Councillors be advised that the Forum is still of the view that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i Notwithstanding Council policy there is a legislative requirement for Council to consider a proposal through either the Local or Regional Planning Panels.</li> </ol> |

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It is outrageous to suggest that one prepared in the public interest by a community group should be required to pay a processing fee, still less a Neighbourhood Forum;

- ii there is not only strategic merit but retaining the existing zoning creates unrealistic expectations leading to a waste of everybody's time and resources;
- iii the proposal noted that it will assist in achieving the strategic objectives of:
  - the Ministerial Direction 9.1;
  - Wollongong Community Strategic Plan 2028; and
  - the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan'

**5.6 Waverley Council Initiative:** noted

**5.7 Wollongong Arts Precinct and Committee**

It was agreed that the Council be thanked for their response and indicate that the Forum would like to have a presentation on their activities.

6 Reports

**6.1 Old Boys:** noted

**6.2 World Cycling Event**

It was agreed that the organisers be thanked for their presentation the 9 day event, clarification be sought with Council representatives about roles and responsibilities including roadworks before the event, management of street closures, access for residents within the "island" created by street closures along the city centre route and community involvement opportunities and timing re legacy works and long term solutions. In addition the relevant authority be advised of ongoing concerns about access and parking, particularly in the Wollongong CBD area, and suggest:

- i provide secure "park and ride" options for CBD workers and visitors, with temporary car parks and shuttle bus services;
- ii temporarily extend the City's Free bus routes;
- iii ensure nearby on-street parking is available during daytime for affected residents;
- iv on streets of adequate width without footpaths, a section be cordoned off for pedestrians.

**6.3 University:** noted

#### **6.4 Maldon Dombarton:**

It was agreed that the Forum request:

- i Paul Scully MP and Ryan Park MP to seek from the NSW Government an undertaking that the 2014 Business case for completion of the Maldon Dombarton rail link will be updated as a matter of urgency, and that the updated business case is to address the value of the new link when, due to weather or other events; not only are the South Coast line and or the Moss Vale Unanderra line closed but so might be the Maquarrie Pass and other roads that preserve strategic access to the city and port.
- ii the support of Wollongong City Council to seek from the NSW Government a new and updated Business case for completion of the Maldon Dombarton rail link;
- iii the new member for Cunningham (when elected) and Business Illawarra, to make similar representations;

#### **6.5 Stuart Park Management Planning:**

It was agreed that Council be requested to advise the process (including opportunities for community involvement) for development of a Master Plan and a Plan of Management for Stuart Park

#### **6.6 Crown Land 2031 Action Plan**

It was agreed that Council and local Members be requested to:

- i make strong submissions requesting the NSW government to demonstrate how they will protect Crown land throughout NSW from ever-increasing threats of sale and lease of public land for private profit;
- ii request the relevant Minister to advise the process and timing for replacement of a Crown Land Commissioner to provide independent advice and enable transparency and accountability in the management: of the precious, essential and irreplaceable NSW Crown Land estate.

#### **6.7 Community Strategic Plan: see General Business item 9.3**

7 Priorities

**7.1 Livability:** noted

**7.2 City Centre:** noted

**7.3 Active Transport:** noted



- 8 Planning
- 8.1 Planning** noted and to include General Buisness items.
- 8.2 DA 2022/395 Health Services, 7 stories 411-417 Crown St**  
It was agreed to object to the proposal.
- 8.3 DA determinations:** noted that the determination on 107 Waling St Figtree has not yet been made.

9 General Business

**9.1 DA-2022/417 Dual Occ 138 Jacaranda Ave Figtree**

13<sup>th</sup> May

This is a proposal for an attached dual occupancy in very remote location – 2 km from Figtree Grove – in a street of single family houses, mostly single storied. It appears to comply with all Council numeric standards save that the garages are more than 50% of site frontage. It does not comply with our Locality Plan for Figtree.



Recommendation

That a submission of objection be lodged.

**9.3 Community Strategic Plan**

The executive has been briefed on the proposals and as a result Council officers are going to respond on a number of issues which were raised. A report will be circulated well before the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> May for comment by members prior to making a submission.

Recommendation

that the Executive make a submission on the Community Strategic Plan on behalf of the Forum.

**9.4. Food Van at Continental Pool**

In Jan 2022 newspaper articles advised that Council staff had provided a one-month licence for a food van trial on the Blue Mile adjacent the Continental Pools. Note this is separate from the draft Mobile Food Vending Policy and Trial on Council's website inviting submissions until 1 June 2022. On 21 Jan NF5 requested clarifications including the process and criteria to decide if this may continue in the future. The response received 4 May (which may need further clarification) is as follows:

“As you would be aware, following the EOI process undertaken, Council granted a short term licence for a food truck to operate at this location from 28 December to 27 January. This period was not extended beyond this initial timeframe and there was no intent to do so at the time of granting the licence.

This licence did not require the operator to serve alcohol, provide beach furniture or live music. Council received feedback from the community as well as the operator during this period that will be considered when determining whether a further opportunity may be provided, noting this was the first time an operator has had the opportunity to trade in this location.

As noted previously, any offering in this location is subject to all relevant approvals, likewise, any additional offerings beyond what was present for the December-January period would also need to meet any relevant additional approvals.”

Property Services Manager

10 Snippets Noted

**Date of next meeting**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**