

Neighbourly Committee No 4
Incorporating Neighbourhood Forum No 4
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NF4 Tuesday, 4th June 2024

AGM – AGENDA

Open Meeting- 07.00pm

Zoom Address:

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/93242847341?pwd=IUy2SQXeutNdSaNHQ8GCNyH73PdTSm.1>

Meeting ID: 93242847341

Passcode: 757866

Apologies – Cr Hayes, Paul Evans, Michael and Alison Blake, Sam Tannous, Marie Caine, Anne Marett,

Minutes of Previous Meeting- 6th June 2023.

Business Arising from Minutes -

Co-Chair Report:-

It continues to be an important opportunity to keep NF4 functioning and to work with the regular members and especially the representatives of our affiliated community groups in supporting matters of resident concern to Wollongong City Council. While it continues to be a challenge to make this forum better known within the footprint from Russell Vale to Fairy Meadow/Mt Ousley centred on Corrimal, from time to time, key issues arise which reconnect residents with this forum. Increasingly however, younger families and individuals find themselves time-poor and discouraged from attending face-to-face meetings as previous generations would, preferring instead to communicate via social media. This may soon lead to a serious conversation with Council about the on-going relevance of forums such as NF4. While we still function, we appreciate the direct involvement in the meetings, of Cr R Martin and Cr D Hayes from Ward 1, in providing factual guidance and perspective on the workings of Council, (and helping the co-convenor stay on topic...). We also formally thanked and farewelled outgoing Councillor Cameron Walters for his strong support of NF4 during the former term of Council.

We continue to receive respectful connection with the staff at Council through the Community Engagement Team and value the opportunity to work with them to further improve the community contact process and procedures on behalf of our residents and local businesses.

During the year, we have supplied submissions on a wide range of issues, and joined with a range of extra community groups in expressing concerns over state and council policies and programs that will significantly impact the liveability and future functioning of our community.

- The M1 Mt Ousley Interchange Development leading to a resident consortium that now regularly meets with Federal and State MPs as well as TfNSW and Fulton-Hogan representatives. A special thanks to Emma Rooksby for becoming a regular representative of NF4 (and other interests) in this consortium and to Alison Byrne MP for enabling the meetings to be established on a legitimate and respectful basis.
- Continued support for CCAG in monitoring Legacy Property's work at 'The Works' Development.
- Support alongside Ward 1 Councillors regarding the transport needs of greater Corrimal in relation to the State Housing Strategy and its impact on the immediate area, with particular reference to the Memorial Drive, Railway Street and Corrimal Railway transport zone as well as the obvious impact of 'The Works' Development.
- CCAG/NF4 finally achieve a meeting with Minister Scully to highlight the misfit of the TOD to Corrimal's situation. That a Sydney-based solution is not workable without a serious upgrade of South Coast Rail which continues to lack budget recognition in The Capital.
- East Corrimal Open Space receive and take the lead on new resident enquiries about toilet facilities near Happy Valley Park and again raise with Council the pedestrian safety issues of excessive speed along the East Corrimal reach of the Northern Cycleway, now made significantly worse by e-bikes and scooters.
- NF4 contributions to the TfNSW/WCC proposals for upgrades to pedestrian and active transport facility on Railway Street and Murray Road to and from Corrimal Railway Station.
- Continued frustration expressed that the above can be considered separately to the concerns about increased housing density and the low functioning of the South Coast Rail line embedded in the T.O.D. Policy.
- Support for Corrimal RSL's 2-stage DA of the club premises in the Town Centre.
- Again share with council staff the budget and long term directions for City Infrastructure.
- Councillors share both the economic benefits of a policy to welcome TV and Movie industries to Wollongong and the proposal to establish a Drug Court in the city as a proactive means of engaging youth and disadvantaged young people and diverting them towards rehabilitation rather than the criminal justice system.

Thank you for attending and I hope we can continue to play a useful role in the positive life of our suburbs in the coming year.

Brad Chapman

Co-Convener

Election of Office Bearers

- **Request for an Independent Manager of Proceedings**
- **Call for nominations for Positions.**
- **Determination of new Office Bearers.**

Close Meeting:

Resumption of General Meeting Protocols.

Neighbourly Forum 4 meets the 1st Tuesday of the month Currently via Zoom online until public meetings are again permitted at Towradgi Community Hall, Corner of Moray Road and Towradgi Road Towradgi at 7pm

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