Neighbourhood Forum 5

Wollongong's Heartland



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

Minutes of the 2019/2020 Annual General Meeting held by email with comments made between the 25th March and 3rd April 2020

1 Comments.

It has been suggested that the Forum ought to put to Council up front the two or three most urgent actions they should implement forthwith. The executive concurred.

Council be advised that as a matter of extreme urgency they:

- i reinforce civic leadership in economic development and increase resources to identify and actively court enterprises which have the potential to move to Wollongong, especially to the City Centre;
- ii protect our suburbs and contribute to the sustainability in our city by amending the DCP, whether or not further amendments are imminent, at:
 - (a) section 3 of Chapter D1 to revise the Desired Future Character Statements for at the very least the 7 suburbs in the Neighbourhood 5 area, to replace the first or second paragraph as appropriate with:

 " (the suburb) will remain a leafy suburb with a mix of housing types ranging from detached dwelling-houses, boarding-houses, villas, townhouses and some residential flat buildings. In this regard new residential development (including boarding houses) in the Low Density Residential R2 Zone beyond 400 metres walking distance of a Commercial Zone or a major employer (eg the University or Hospital), and in the area east of Robsons Road in the case of Keiraville, must have the appearance from the street of a typical house on its own lot in that street";
 - (b) section 4.1.2.4 of Chapter D4 to replace it with "in R2 Low Density Residential zones, development not directly facing the street is limited to single storey, so as to not adversely impact on the amenity of the adjoining property."

- (c) clause 3 in Chapter E16: by adding a sub-clause:
 - No new dwellings will be approved in a designated Fire Prone Area if that area is adjacent to the Illawarra Escarpment.
- extend the webcast of Councillor Briefings to allow citizens to listen in (but not contribute), because of growing community concerns about the perception of a lack of full transparency, and the current problems with communication.
- **Apologies** None received
- **Minutes** of meeting of 4th April 2019 are confirmed with no matters arising raised.
- **Annual Report**: was adopted with the only comments received being supportive.
- **Policies**: were endorsed with no comments received.
- **Locality Plans**: were endorsed with no comments received.