

Neighbourhood Forum 5

Wollongong's Heartland

*Collaborating with Council
on community aspirations,
visions, needs & concerns*



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

Minutes of meeting on 2nd August 2023 by email

- 1 **Presentation** None possible
- 2 **Apologies** None
- 3 **Minutes** of meeting of 5th July were confirmed
- 4 **Comments** have been included in these minutes.
- 5 **Responses** 5.1 Noted
- 6 **Reports** 6.1 **Heritage Strategy:**
It was agreed that a submission be made reflecting the comments made in the agenda.

6.2 **Library Strategy:**
It was agreed that Council be commended on its Library Strategy but request information on current performance over the past five years.

6.3 **Industrial Lands Review:** Noted

6.4 **BlueScope Community Consultative Committee:** Noted

6.5 **Urban Heating Strategy and Air Conditioners;**
It was agreed that Council be advised of further issues with air conditioners as set out in the agenda.

6.6 **Our trains and Maldon Dombarton:**
It was agreed to:
 - i Write to Ms Alison Byrnes MP for Cunningham to seek advice from the Minister for Infrastructure etc as to if the High Speed Rail Authority can release the strategic business case for improving the South Coast line, and, if such work can be advanced to accompany the upgrading of the Sydney to Newcastle line.

- ii Write to the Hon Paul Scully MP for Wollongong to seek advice from the NSW Minister for Transport if the McNaughton report can be released or at least information be given what it recommended for the South Coast line, and information be given about providing more train services on the South Coast line.
- iii Write to the Hon Ryan Park MP for Wollongong to seek advice from the NSW Minister for Transport about commencing the development of a rail network resilience plan for the South Coast region.

6.7 Yours and Owls at the University:

It was agreed to endorse the submission on the Yours and Owls Development Application

7 Planning

7.1 Planning: Noted

7.2 DA-2023/493 dual occupancy 54 Lewis Drive Figtree
It was agreed that the submission in support be endorsed.

7.3 DA-2023/507 Timbersports event Belmore Basin W'gong
It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged subject to Council being satisfied about the arrangements to control noise, parking and spectators.

7.4 DA-2023/533 Dual occupancy, 64 Grey Street Keiraville
It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged

7.5 DA-2023/541 Dual occupancy, 17 Evelyn Ave. Figtree
It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged

7.6 DA 2022/1343 3 stories, 11 units, 4-6 Georgina Ave, Keiraville
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.

7.7 DA determinations: Noted

8 General Business

8.1 Port Kembla Harbour Environment Group

The bi-monthly meeting had a presentation on seabed mapping off the coast and the impact of ships mooring. There are 750-900 ships mooring each year for 1 to 5 days and they cause problems particularly for fixed reef species. Currently ships moor fairly indiscriminately over a 40 kilometre stretch of coast.

The study showed that it was better to moor over soft sediments than reef or rock shelves. As a result 11 discreet areas have been selected which are expected to result in a 60% decrease in impact. Monitoring, particularly of fixed reef species, will take place.

The suggested windfarm sites are much further off shore in deeper water and the proponent will have to carry out extensive surveys to demonstrate what the impact might be.

8.2 Notification Times for Complying Development.

The Hon Paul Scully, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has responded to our concerns about the short period given to nearby residents.

“I appreciate that this is not a very long time, but it is an essential element of the policy to facilitate speedy approvals for straight forward home designs that strictly comply with pre-set development standards. The development standards have been set to balance the rights of landowners to develop, with the protection of amenity of nearby residents. I have asked the Department to consider your feedback and include it as part of any future review of the policy.”

It was agreed thank Minister Scully but re-iterate our concerns about the lack of communications surrounding complying development and suggest that neighbours should be advised of such applications when they are lodged because:

- i if they are unaware, it is a matter of courtesy which might defuse later inter-neighbour friction; and/or
- ii they can check that it really does comply; and/or
- iii they can seek amendments which meet their concerns without negating compliance;
- iv if they do not know about the proposal until two days before construction starts nothing can be done so why notify?

8.3 Noise from Construction Sites

A useful further meeting with Council compliance staff revealed that Council:

- i is updating conditions of consent to ensure they are enforceable and these will be discussed at our next meeting;
- ii has prepared a draft complaints process whereby contact is with the Certifier first and then Council;
- iii will meet with the applicant’s representatives on Cliff Road proposal as soon as a Construction Certificate has been issued to review their processes;

9 Snippets Noted

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 6th September 2023

Please Note:

Hopefully this will be a hybrid face-to-face/on-line meeting at a location to be advised.