



# Minutes

Traffic Authority Local Committee  
Thursday 6 September 2012  
2 pm

| Lithgow Traffic Authority Local Committee (TALC) |  |
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## TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES – 6 SEPTEMBER 2012

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### ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

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**Present:** Iain Stewart (LCC), Sergeant Neal Snowden (Chifley Highway Command), Prue Britt (RMS), Peter Pilbeam (State Members Representative), Maddison Bailey (LCC) and Kym Snow (LCC).

**Apologies:** Clr Fisher (LCC) and Bob Willison (LCC),

**Officers:**

**Declaration of Interest:** Nil

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### ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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The minutes were presented to the Council on 13 AUGUST 2012.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Minutes of the meeting of 2 August 2012 be taken as read and confirmed.

**MOVED:** Neal Snowden

**SECONDED:** Kym Snow

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### ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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#### 1) Aquatic centre car park- revised plan

##### SUMMARY

At the latest council meeting held on 13 August, council adopted the recommendations made by TALC on the aquatic centre. Council requested that the recommendations be publicly advertised.

##### COMMENTARY

An onsite meeting was held with the RMS to discuss the pedestrian issues along George Coates Avenue on 6 September. The RMS has advised council to undertake a traffic a management study of the area as residents, sporting groups and the community may be affected. There is not adequate room for a pedestrian facility to be placed along George Coates Avenue and any pedestrian crossing will have to meet the RMS warrant.

The 40km/h proposal would not be supported by the RMS as it would be impossible for police to enforce. The proposal to direct through traffic along Fred Burley Drive has been raised by the RMS due to the nature of the intersection. This study should include the viaduct entrance to George Coates Avenue as well as the entire sporting precinct- James Street, Fred Burley Drive, George Coates Avenue, Wylde Street, Longworth Street, Barton Avenue, Geordie Street, Coalbrook Street and Main Street. This study would provide professional advice on pedestrian and traffic issues and can stipulate what should be considered.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council seek funding from the RMS to undertake a feasibility study of the road network and associated traffic flows and volumes north of Main St extending from George Coates Ave Viaduct and James St Viaduct including Geordie St crossing and Bowenfels Rail Crossing**

**MOVED:** Neal Snowden

**SECONDED:** Peter Pilbeam

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**ITEM: 4            ONGOING ISSUES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 2 AUGUST**

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**a.) Suzuki Classic Dirt No. 9/ 7-9 September 2012**

**SUMMARY**

The Suzuki Classic Dirt is a three day event proposed to be run on 7-9 September on clear View a private property at Wallerawang. The event runs for three days, with riding on Saturday and Sunday. There is no racing at the event, only recreational riding.

The event organizers are expecting 4-500 riders and 1000 spectators over the entire weekend.

**COMMENTARY**

At the time of the meeting there has been no correspondence received as the committee has previously requested. The police have not received any information regarding the approval for the on road signage or a traffic management plan indicating the entry/exit point to the property. The committee noted their disappointment with the lack of response.

The committee noted its disappointment with event organizers not providing suitable traffic management plans for events as this is part of the Special events process.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council contact the event organiser of the Suzuki Classic Dirt Event and the Tourism Event Manager immediately to determine if the event conditions have been met.**

**MOVED:** Maddison Bailey

**SECONDED:** Neal Snowden

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**b.) 2012 Alpine Classic –Touring Road Event 13-14 October**

**SUMMARY**

The Classic Rally Car Club is planning to hold a social touring road event for classic cars on 13 and 14 October 2012- the Alpine Classic and has asked for council permission to conduct the event through our region.

The event is not a race, speed event or forest rally. Its aim is to test the map reading and navigational skills of members. All participants will follow the road traffic act. The

event is proposed to start at Lithgow on Saturday 13 October with the first vehicle leaving Lithgow at 9am. Vehicles will leave at 1 minute intervals. On the Sunday the vehicles will leave Orange at 8am and finish in Lithgow at 3.30pm. The tour avoids passing through heavily populated areas.

**COMMENTARY**

At the time of the meeting there had been no correspondence received from the event organizers as requested by TALC.

The event can not be held unless the appropriate documents have been received and approval has been given by the police, council and the RMS.

The committee noted its disappointment with event organizers not providing suitable traffic management plans for events as this is part of the Special events process.

The event organizers have been asked to provide the appropriate documentation for this event.

The event is to commence at Lithgow Public School at 9am with vehicles leaving at one minute intervals.

The event organizers have conducted this event for the past thirteen years. The event will run under the Confederation of Motor Sport (CAMS) permit, under their rules and covered by their insurances. The permit is issued only after police, RMS and all councils have given their approvals.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that the event organizers of the Alpine Classic event will be contacted and asked to supply the appropriate documentation as soon as possible.**

**MOVED:** Maddison Bailey

**SECONDED:** Neal Snowden

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**c.) Mountain Sports-Tableland Tour Bike Race**

**SUMMARY**

The Tableland Tour Bike Race is proposed to be held on Sunday 25 November 2012 with race participants to race through RMS and local council roads from Tarana across to Oberon and back to Tarana. A traffic management plan has been submitted for this event.

**COMMENTARY**

This event has been postponed until next year by the event organizers.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that Mountain Sports have postponed the Tablelands Tour Bike Race until 2013.**

**MOVED:** Iain Stewart

**SECONDED:** Maddison Bailey

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**d.) Landa Street- Daruk and Jingai Crescent Lithgow-request for speed humps**

**SUMMARY**

Residents of Landa Street, Daruk Crescent and Adina Crescent have written to council requesting that speed humps are installed on the corner located between Jingai Crescent and Daruk Crescent in Lithgow.

The residents have requested the speed humps as a result of-

1. Vehicle crashed
2. Vehicles Unsafe speeds/ near misses

3. Safety of children and residents living in the area
4. Fear of vehicles going through a home

There has also been a request for the lighting to be improved on this corner due to vehicles using high beam of a night and the lack of lighting creating problems for vehicles driving at night.

#### **COMMENTARY**

Traffic and speed counts have been received and analysed. The counters were laid from Friday 8 June through to Monday 13 August in the 50km/h speed zone. As a result of these counts it was noted that;

- 14, 685 vehicles were counted over this period
- The maximum speed recorded was 81.9 km/h
- The minimum speed recorded was 10.1 km/h
- The mean speed recorded was 41.9km/h
- The 85<sup>th</sup> % speed was 50.4 km/h
- 1.5% of vehicles are travelling between 60 and 70km/h
- 0.1% of vehicles were recorded travelling at over 70km/h
- Over 98.4% of vehicles were travelling under 60 km/h

The recorded data does not support the installation of speed humps as requested by the resident.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that no further action be taken at this time in relation to the request for speed humps between Jingai Crescent and Daruk Crescent in Landa Street Lithgow and that the resident be informed of this outcome.**

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Neal Snowden

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#### **e.) Tablelands Triathlon**

##### **SUMMARY**

Mountain Sport has provided council with an event outline for the Tablelands Triathlon scheduled to be held in January 2013.

##### **COMMENTARY**

At the time of the meeting there was no correspondence received from the event organisers.

The committee requires a copy of insurances, a traffic management plan and appropriate papers for the event.

Mountain Sports are to provide the committee with a traffic management plan for this event. The committee awaits further information from the event organizer.

Sean Greenhill from mountain Sports noted that a site inspection of the triathlons proposed route has been conducted with Delta Electricity and Delta is pleased with the proposed event. The event organizer envisages 100 participants for the first year and making this an annual event.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note the Tablelands Triathlon event is to be held in abeyance.**

**MOVED:** Neal Snowden

**SECONDED:** Maddison Bailey

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## ITEM 5: NEW BUSINESS

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### 1.) Speed zone review No.WSZ10-11.021, MR253 Jenolan Caves Road

#### SUMMARY

The RMS has notified council that they will be conducting a speed zone review on Jenolan Caves Road between Hartley and Jenolan Caves this financial year.

#### COMMENTARY

This speed zone review originally commenced in 2010 and will be conducted by David Vant from the RMS. Tony Hendry from the RMS has spoken to Iain Stewart and noted that the speed zone review may be delayed due to issues with a small development application for the area.

The police have been asked to be informed when a speed zone review is taking place by the RMS so they can participate in the process. The RMS noted that the requests have previously been sent to police, but to the incorrect person.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that the RMS will be conducting a speed zone review on Jenolan Caves Road between Hartley and Jenolan Caves.**

**MOVED:** Iain Stewart

**SECONDED:** Peter Pilbeam

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### 2.) Col Drewe Drive Southbowenfels

#### SUMMARY

A resident has written to council requesting that a Give Way sign be erected at the end of Col Drewe Drive that is adjacent to the intersection of the Bowenfels Medical Practice as the resident nearly had an accident with a truck coming down Col Drewe Drive as her vision was blocked by parked vehicles.

#### COMMENTARY

A site inspection has been conducted by council's Works Engineer and Road Safety Officer, who have recommended that Give Way sign be installed at the intersection of the Bowenfels Medical Centre Road and Col Drewe Drive and that statutory No Stopping zones are installed on both corners adjacent to the Bowenfels Medical Centre Road on Col Drewe Drive and Three Tree Drive.

It was noted that there are heavy vehicles using Col Drewe Drive to access the new development site at the end of Three Tree Drive and they do not usually use this road.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council install a hold line at the intersection of Col Drewe Drive and the Bowenfels Medical Centre road and the statutory No Stopping signage and zones be installed on both corners adjacent to the Bowenfels Medical Centre Road on Col Drewe Drive and Three Tree Drive.**

**MOVED:** Maddison Bailey

**SECONDED:** Neal Snowden

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### 3.) Request from Rydal resident- Railway Street

#### SUMMARY

A resident of Rydal has requested that a Stop sign be placed on the corner of Railway Street and Old Western Road as it is very difficult to see traffic coming down from the railway crossing towards Railway Street.

**COMMENTARY**

A site inspection was conducted by the Road Safety Officer who noted that this is a hard to see traffic coming from Railway Street. Signage is required. The RMS recommended using the RMS guidelines for the installation of a Stop or Give Way sign to determine which sign is adequate for this intersection.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council investigate the signage required for the intersection of Old Western Road and Railway Street at Rydal and report back to the next meeting.**

**MOVED:** Maddison Bailey

**SECONDED:** Neal Snowden

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**4.) Traffic management issues- Great Western Highway- Mudgee Street**

**SUMMARY**

A resident has written to council requesting that changes be made to the current access to Mudgee Street from the Great Western Highway specifically devising a safer access to Mudgee Street by changing lane markings.

The resident expressed concerns in relation to the proposed RMS concept design. These include the road boundaries for this area which will cut into properties and the upgraded service road for Mudgee Street, a roundabout and the provision of wider traffic separation of highway traffic at Southbowenfels.

**COMMENTARY**

This information has been forwarded to the RMS. The RMS noted that a copy of this letter has been sent to April Guise, Communications Manager at the RMS and that this manager shall provide a response on the matter to the Road Safety and Traffic Officer at the RMS, who shall report back to the committee. The RMS has investigated the intersection and noted that it is built correctly with correct line marking and a dedicated right hand turn.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that the traffic management issues at the intersection of Mudgee Street and the Great Western Highway at Southbowenfels are being reviewed by the RMS.**

**MOVED:** Maddison Bailey

**SECONDED:** Iain Stewart

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**ITEM 6: GENERAL BUSINESS:**

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**1. Browns Gap Road- speed zone request**

**SUMMARY**

A letter has been received by the committee from the State Member Paul Toole from a concerned resident requesting that the speed limit on Fields Road, Brown's Gap Road and Hartley Valley Road be reduced from 100km/h to 80 km/h. This is due to dirt sections on these roads, increased traffic using Brown's Gap Road vehicles colliding with property owners fences creating issues. This letter has been tabled by Peter Pilbeam, the State Members Representative.

### **COMMENTARY**

The RMS is currently conducting a speed zone review of Brown's Gap Road due to previous resident requests to have the speed zone reduced. Lithgow City Council has received \$210 000 as part of the road toll response black spot funding program which is to be spent on the upgrade of the intersection of Fields Road and Brown's Gap Road. This corner shall be reduced to a speed of 35km/h.

**RECOMMENDATION-** That Council note that the intersection of Brown's Gap Road and Fields Road at Hartley will be upgraded and that curve warning signage indicating 35km/h be installed. The RMS are currently conducting a speed zone review of Brown's Gap Road and will be reported to a future TALC meeting.

**MOVED:** Iain Stewart

**SECONDED:** Maddison Bailey

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## **2. Signage audit-Lithgow Local Government Area**

### **SUMMARY**

As part of a site inspection of the Zig Zag Railway the RMS has noted that a Give way sign on Tourist road 4011 which has a T intersection with Chifley Road approximately 7 km from Lithgow towards Sydney requires replacing.

### **COMMENTARY**

Council shall investigate the above request.

**RECOMMENDATION-** That Council approve the replacement of the existing Give Way sign located on Tourist road 4011 at Clarence.

**MOVED:** Iain Stewart

**SECONDED:** Maddison Bailey

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## **3. Pearson's Lookout at Capertee**

### **SUMMARY**

The RMS noted that Pearson's Lookout at Capertee does not have a safe entry/ exit point and requires greater sight distance for vehicles when exiting from the lookout. The RMS has advised that council may be able to obtain funding for this to be upgraded.

### **COMMENTARY**

Iain noted that this has been an ongoing issue for some years with discussion being held with ministers and the RMS. The lookout is situated on Crown land and council does not look after the lookout.

**RECOMMENDATION-** That Council note that Pearson's Lookout is situated on Crown land and that council does not maintain this area.

**MOVED:** Iain Stewart

**SECONDED:** Maddison Bailey

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#### **4. Ordnance Avenue Lithgow- disabled parking zone Family First Credit Union**

##### **SUMMARY**

The RMS noted that the disabled parking zone located adjacent to the credit union in Ordnance Avenue does not have an access ramp and is not suitable.

##### **COMMENTARY**

This matter needs to be investigated by council to determine if the disabled zone is still in use.

**RECOMMENDATION-That Council investigate current use of the disabled zone located adjacent to Family First Credit Union in Ordnance Avenue Lithgow and report back to the next meeting.**

**MOVED:** Peter Pilbeam

**SECONDED:** Maddison Bailey

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#### **5. Traffic lights at the intersection of Methven Street and Martini Parade Lithgow**

##### **SUMMARY**

The RMS noted that the traffic lights at this intersection currently have a Stop sign with black circles on it located on the posts.

##### **COMMENTARY**

These signs indicate for motorists to stop if the traffic lights are not working correctly. The RMS will investigate the use of these signs on traffic lights to determine if they are still able to be used.

**RECOMMENDATION-That Council note that the RMS will investigate if the stop signs with three black circles on them are still able to be used at traffic lights in NSW and report back to a future meeting.**

**MOVED:** Maddison Bailey

**SECONDED:** Neal Snowden

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#### **6. Vegetation on the centre median strips Great Western Highway and First Street Lithgow**

##### **SUMMARY**

The RMS raised concern over the height of the vegetation located on the centre median strip at the intersection of the Great Western Highway and First Street Lithgow.

##### **COMMENTARY**

This matter has previously been addressed by TALC who made the recommendation that the vegetation be removed. This was approved by council. The resources have been unavailable for this work to be completed as yet; the task is on the works schedule.

**RECOMMENDATION-That Council note that the matter of vegetation on the median strip located at the intersection of First Street and the Great Western Highway has been placed on the works schedule for removal.**

**MOVED:** Maddison Bailey

**SECONDED:** Neal Snowden

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## **7. Oyster Bay Motorcycle Club Championships 23 September 2012**

### **SUMMARY**

The police have received correspondence from the Oyster Bay Motorcycle Club in relation to holding a grass track meeting on the 23 September 2012. The event is to be held on private property at 500 Sunny Corner Road at Sunny Corner.

### **COMMENTARY**

The event organisers have permission from the property owners at 500 Sunny Corner Road to hold the event on this property as the track is off road. Approximately 100 riders are expected to attend the event. The access to the property will be from the rear of the property with no interruption to traffic from Sunny Corner Road. The organisers have asked for agreement in principle for the event, the police have stated that they require insurances and the appropriate paperwork before they can give agreement as do council.

A TMP has been received, but a proper TMP is required for the event as outlined in the Special events documentation. The RMS will need to be contacted to determine if they have any information on this event. The committee noted that all event organisers should be adhering to the guidelines in the Special events documents, the Events Manager at Council shall be asked if this document is being issued to the relevant groups.

**RECOMMENDATION-** That Council contact the event organisers requesting that the necessary documentation be sent to Council, the RMS and police as soon as possible for the Oyster Bay Motorcycle Club Grass championships event.

**MOVED:** Iain Stewart

**SECONDED:** Maddison Bailey

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## **8. Tour de Range Charity Push Bike Challenge- 18 November 2012**

### **SUMMARY**

The police have received an emergency services notification from the Lithgow Business Association stating that as part of the Celebrate Lithgow festivities for 2012 a charity push bike ride will be held.

### **COMMENTARY**

The police noted that a copy of the event procedures was received and a map of the course. The map is hand drawn and the committee requires a traffic management plan drawn up by a qualified person for the event.

The committee noted that all event organisers should be adhering to the guidelines in the Special events documents, the Events Manager at Council shall be asked if this document is being issued to the relevant groups.

**RECOMMENDATION-** That Council contact the event organisers requesting that the necessary documentation be sent to Council, the RMS and police as soon as possible for the Tour de Range Charity Push Bike Challenge.

**MOVED:** Maddison Bailey

**SECONDED:** Neal Snowden

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## **9. Request for No Parking signage and Resident parking only- Padley Street Lithgow**

### **SUMMARY**

A resident of Padley Street has requested that a No Parking zone be installed in front of his residence as his wife will require transportation to and from their property after an operation. The resident has asked for this as the parking spaces in Padley Street are regularly taken by workers from the State Debt Recovery Office building and he has issues with getting a park.

The resident has requested that the parking on the western side of Padley street be reviewed as when the SDRO was built the residents believes that there was to be resident only parking. This was confirmed at the time to the resident by Mr. Ian Rufus.

### **COMMENTARY**

After investigation of the property in Padley Street, it was noted that the resident has access from a driveway which could be used. As stated in the residents correspondence vehicles park in front of driveways blocking access at times.

Further investigation into this matter is required.

The resident provided council with an article taken from the Lithgow Mercury from July 2008 where it states that TALC would recommend to council that a 1 hour parking limit would be placed on the western side of Padley Street except for residents who would be issued with permits for unlimited parking. The TALC minutes with this recommendation have not yet been found.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council contact the resident with a view to determining the most reasonable action on the request for a No Parking zone to be installed out the front of the property in Padley Street Lithgow and further investigation into resident only parking for Padley Street be investigated.**

**MOVED:** Maddison Bailey

**SECONDED:** Iain Stewart

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## **10. RMS position changes Lithgow TALC member**

### **SUMMARY**

Prue Britt the member of TALC for the RMS announced that she has accepted a position in Wagga.

### **COMMENTARY**

Prue Britt has notified council that she has decided to remain with the RMS in Parkes.

Prue stated that she will commence two weeks leave and then take up her new position with the RMS in Wagga.

Iain Stewart thanked Prue for her services on behalf of the committee and wished her well in her future endeavors. It is not known who shall replace Prue on the committee at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that Prue Britt the Road Safety and Traffic Officer from the RMS will no longer hold this position on the Traffic Authority Local Committee.**

**MOVED:** Maddison Bailey

**SECONDED:** Iain Stewart

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**Meeting Closed: With no further business the meeting was closed at 3.35 p.m.**

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**ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING:**

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**Next Meeting:** 2pm on Thursday 4 October 2012  
Council Committee meeting room  
Lithgow City Council  
180 Mort Street Lithgow

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