



# Minutes

Traffic Authority Local Committee  
Thursday 4 April 2013  
2 pm

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



**MINUTES – 4 APRIL 2013**

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**ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Iain Stewart (LCC), Clr Peter Pilbeam (LCC), Bob Willison (LCC), Prue Britt (RMS), Senior Constable Col Shiels (CHP), Kym Snow (LCC), Joe Elbourne (State Members Representative), Stuart Peden (RMS), Gavin Jeffries and Mike Freeman (Forests NSW).

**Apologies:** Maddison Bailey (LCC)

**Officers:**

**Declaration of Interests:** Nil

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

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The minutes were endorsed by two members of the Committee being:

Prue Britt and Clr Pilbeam

The minutes were then presented to the Council on 6 May 2013.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Minutes of the meeting of 31 January 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Clr Pilbeam

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**ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**A) B-double route assessment application- various routes Lithgow LGA**

**SUMMARY**

Forest NSW has written to Council requesting that 19metre B- Double Route assessments for increased tonnage are undertaken on the following roads within the Lithgow LGA-

- **Meadow Flat Sunny Corner Road-** Start: Great Western Highway/ Finish: Boundary with Bathurst Shire
- **Dark Corner Road-** Start: Stringy Bark Road/ Finish: Wattle Creek Road
- **Cupits Lane-** Start: Dark Corner Road/ Finish: Battery Road

- **Rydal Hampton Road**- Start: Great Western Highway/ Finish: Jenolan Caves Road

#### **COMMENTARY**

Gavin Jeffries (Regional Manager Macquarie Region) and Mike Freeman (Timber Merchandising Manager Macquarie Region) from Forests NSW Macquarie Region attended the meeting to explain the issues that have arisen whilst the route assessments were conducted.

It was noted that Council has a memorandum of understanding (MOA) with Forests NSW dating back to 2006 in regard to the roads situated in the Sunny Corner area, which will see haulage from this area for the next 10 to 15 years. Council Officers present were not aware of this MOA. There is also an agreement in force with Forests NSW and Bathurst Council.

Mr. Jeffries stated that he perceives the assessments of the routes as quite straightforward, the routes being assessed are currently being used by general access 19 metre B-doubles. By increasing the tonnage the number of vehicles travelling the route will be lowered by approximately 14%. Stuart Peden of the RMS noted that the increased tonnage has a negligible effect on the roads and is a positive for road safety; the trucks have the same configuration but increased weight.

Logging in the Rydal Hampton area is expected to be completed by December 2013. The logging trucks usually operate from 4am until 5pm in the afternoon.

An issue with Cupit's Lane was discussed; Lithgow council believes that this is not in council's jurisdiction. Forests NSW can assist with clarification on this to determine if the lane belongs to Bathurst or Lithgow councils.

On the information presented to the committee, no objection can be made to the route requests.

**RECOMMENDATION – That Council approve the request for 19 metre 57.5 tonne B-double vehicle access from Forests NSW on the Meadow Flat /Sunny Corner Road, Dark Corner Road and the Rydal Hampton Road in Lithgow.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Prue Britt

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#### **ITEM: 4      ONGOING ISSUES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY**

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##### **A) Request for extended access- higher mass limits on Oakey Forest Road at Marrangaroo**

#### **SUMMARY**

A request has been received from the RMS to assess Oakey Forest Road at Marrangaroo for access of performance based standards truck and quad dogs which will operate at higher mass limits- 57.5 tonne.

#### **COMMENTARY**

Oakey Forest Road when assessed using the RMS guidelines does not have any structural items. This makes the route suitable for increased tonnage on 19 metre B-Doubles. The route is currently used by general access B-Doubles.

Currently this road is not approved for B-Double access over 50.5 tonne, so Council approval is required for the increased tonnage. The committee is to note that as the vehicle is 19 metres in length and has a suitable swept path; it is considered by the National Transport Commission as a general access vehicle when operating under 50.5 tonne. This means that no swept path analysis is required, only asset suitability at the mass of 57.5 tonnes.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council approve the request from Metromix for 19 metre 57.5 tonne B- Double vehicles to operate on Oakey Forest Road at Marrangaroo.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Prue Britt

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**B) Main Street laneway- Centrelink/Mort Street car park request for traffic mirror/traffic issues**

**SUMMARY**

An action request has been received by Council (CR/00585/12) in regard to the Main Street laneway specifically in the vicinity of 31 Main Street and the Mort Street Centrelink car park. Several issues have been brought up in regard to the lane way behind Main Street from the rear of the grand Central Hotel through to the rear of the Courthouse Hotel also. The issues are:

1. Speeding vehicles
2. Limited site distance when trying to exit car parks
3. Delivery vehicles blocking access for vehicles entering/exiting car parks
4. Vehicles parking in the lane
5. Limited site distance when exiting the lane onto Eskbank Street

**COMMENTARY**

It was noted that Council cannot provide the plans at this stage and that the traffic and speed count data could not be used due to a fault in the counters. A one way direction in this lane way would address the issues that have been raised.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council prepare a plan of the one way street proposal for the Main Street laneway from the rear of the Grand Central Hotel to the rear of the Courthouse Hotel and this plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of twenty one days for public comment.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Prue Britt

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**C) Crossing of the Blue Mountains Bicentennial Blue Wave route and schedule 2013**

**SUMMARY**

Lithgow City Council has received documentation for the Blue Mountains Blue Wave event which is to be held in 2013 celebrating the bicentennial of the crossing of the Blue Mountains.

It is a re-enactment of the first European crossing of the Blue Mountains from South Creek St Mary's to Hartley, over a 21 day period by the explorers Wentworth, Blaxland and Lawson.

There will be a walking party consisting of 7 people, 4 pack horses and 5 dogs.

Participants escorted by escort vehicles and personnel who have RMS traffic controller accreditation and the horses led by trained men and women who own the animals.

The route relating to Lithgow City Council is-

**Wednesday 28 May 2013- approximate journey time 4 hours and 20 minutes-**

- Enter the Great Western Highway at Mount York and continue past Cox's River Road,
- Turn right at Browns Gap Road
- Continue onto Fields Road
- Turn right onto Hartley Vale Road to the Comet Inn ( spend the night here)

**Thursday 29 May 2013 (rest day)**

**Friday 30 May 2013- approximate journey time 1 hour 50 minutes**

- Depart the Comet Inn on Hartley Vale Road
- Browns Gap Road to the Great Western Highway
- Great Western Highway to Glenroy

**Saturday 31 May 2013- approximate journey time 2 hours**

- Depart Glenroy
- Head back down Hartley Vale Road
- Left to Mid Hartley Road
- Follow Mid Hartley Road through to GWHY
- Right along GWHY through Hartley to the junction of River Lett and Cox's River

A celebration of walk completed and then the party will climb Mount Blaxland as the start of the return journey.

**COMMENTARY**

Council wrote to the event organisers referring them to the Traffic and Transport Management of Special Event booklet and advised that there are insufficient and at times conflicting details regarding the impact on traffic, the number of vehicles, traffic control plans and use of VMS for the event and requested that this information be forwarded to the committee.

An event route evaluation was received and reviewed by the committee members. It has been noted that there are issues with this which include-

- Roads labeled incorrectly
- Roads that do not meet up with other roads specified
- The information provided is not adequate, this is not a TCP.

The committee noted there are concerns with this event which include- the rolling intersection closures, the hand sweeper crew, the one lane being closed, what the safe distance is for the lead and rear vehicles and the lack of a traffic control plan for the event and if the event organizers have a road occupancy licence for travelling on the highway.

The main stakeholders for the event are the Police and the RMS, council roads are being used in the event and council has noted this and will take appropriate action when required.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council hold the Blue Mountains Bicentennial Blue Wave event in abeyance until further information is received.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Prue Britt

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**D) Camp Quality- Tractor Trek- 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013**

**SUMMARY**

The Orange Camp Quality Support group is proposing to stage a Tractor Trek to raise money for Camp Quality during the 19-21 of September 2013. The route includes areas in the Lithgow City Council LGA; as such Camp Quality is seeking approval to hold the trek in our area.

**COMMENTARY**

At the time of the meeting no further information had been received.

The committee noted that the event coordinator will need to submit updated insurance documents as the current certificate of insurance expires in May 2013. It was noted that the event has been referred to the RMS and Police for their information and action and that the Event Coordinator should liaise with these parties.

It was noted that a detailed traffic control plan needs to be provided along with further information such as:

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the Event Coordinator of the Camp Quality Tractor Trek 2013 requesting further information with a date for the organiser to respond by.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Prue Britt

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**E) Bells Road Lithgow- request for speed humps**

**SUMMARY**

A resident has written to Council requesting that speed humps are installed on the large sweeping bend located past the intersection of Brook Street and Bells Road Lithgow as the resident believes that vehicles are using this as a speed way and that Zig Zag School is in this area.

**COMMENTARY**

The speed and traffic counts were conducted but there was a fault with the system so the data could not be used. New counters have been ordered and will be laid again so the data can be taken.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council hold the request for speed humps to be installed in Bells Road Lithgow in abeyance until the speed counts for Bells Road are conducted.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Prue Britt

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**F) Ironfest Traffic Management**

**SUMMARY**

Council received the documentation for Ironfest 2013.

### **COMMENTS**

The committee noted that the current TCP provided is not adequate and requested that further information including an updated traffic control plan is received before the 4 April TALC meeting. At the time of the TALC meeting the information had not been provided.

The committee noted that events such as Ironfest require an adequate traffic control plan and by not providing the required information the issues raised with the 2012/2013 event have not been addressed. This may create problems.

Issues with the 2012 traffic management plan were discussed including:

- The lack of traffic controllers on site during the event, specifically at the James Street/George Coates Avenue intersection
- The current plan is a traffic management plan, a traffic control plan is required for the event
- No traffic marshal's are shown on the current plan
- Issues with vehicles turning right onto Main Street when exiting the viaduct
- The distances between all signage is not indicated

A request has been made to have the roads closed at 9am on the Saturday morning to allow the area to be safer for people setting up at the Showground entrance. The road closure was at 12pm in 2012.

The event organiser has noted that an updated traffic management plan and application are with Robbie Parkes at Tourism. It was noted that the event organiser should refer to the Guide to Traffic and Transport for Special events.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the Ironfest event organiser requesting the required information is received as a matter of urgency and if it is not received by the event the police will be conducting inspections at the event and the appropriate fees will be charged at the organisers cost.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Joe Elbourne

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### **G) The Big Ride 4 Parkinson's**

#### **SUMMARY**

The event "The Big Ride 4 Parkinson's" is a motor cycle ride starting from Sydney Olympic Park on Saturday 4th May – Sunday 5th May 2013.

The Ride will travel up the Great Western Highway and pass through the major towns such as Bathurst, Lithgow & Orange.

The Ride will then go to "The Dish" in Parkes for a photo opportunity under the Dish and finish in Parkes Showground where the riders will stay for the night. The riders will then depart the next morning on Sunday 5th of May and make their way back to Sydney.

The participants will stop at Lake Wallace on the return leg, not the Lithgow Showground as previously noted.

#### **COMMENTS**

Concerns were raised by the Police in regard to the number of riders proposed to stop at the same time at one service station. Council received correspondence form

the event organizer noting that the riders have been divided into groups who have different service stations to stop at.

It was noted that this event will have 500 motorbike riders travelling from Sydney to Parkes with 25 groups of 20 riders departing at 1 min intervals. Police have noted that a road occupancy certificate may be required and if the weather and road surface is fine there will be no concerns with the Lithgow area.

Road works may be in progress at the time the riders travel through the area. The Police noted that the Shell Service station may not be suitable for 500 riders to converge on at once due to lack of parking for this number of riders, parking on the highway is not an option due to the proximity to the traffic in the 70km/h zone. The riders are booked into the showground on the Sunday to have a rest stop.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note the incoming information received by the event organisers of the Big Ride for Parkinson's event.**

**MOVED:** Joe Elbourne

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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## **ITEM 5: NEW BUSINESS**

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### **A) Traffic issues- Sandford Avenue Lithgow**

#### **SUMMARY**

A resident of Sandford Avenue has expressed concern over traffic issues in Sandford Avenue Lithgow.

#### **COMMENTARY**

A site inspection was conducted by the committee on 4 April.

The issue of vehicles parking illegally has been forwarded to council rangers for their action.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council installs the statutory No Stopping signage and zones in Sandford Avenue, Frazer Street and Young Streets in Lithgow.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Joe Elbourne

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### **B) Issue with traffic- Roundabout Claret Ash Avenue/Amber Grove and Birch Close Southbowenfels**

#### **SUMMARY**

Council has been notified of issues with vehicles driving on the incorrect side of the roundabout at the intersection of Claret Ash Avenue, Amber Grove and Birch Close. Several drivers have been issued with infringement notices for doing this and have said that they do not believe this is a roundabout.

The police have requested that this roundabout be signposted as such and any other line marking etc to promote the roundabout to be made.

#### **COMMENTARY**

A site inspection of the roundabout was conducted by committee members on 4 April. It is noted that this is easily identified as a roundabout.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council signpost the roundabout located at the junction of Claret Ash Avenue, Amber Grove and Birch Close in Lithgow with standard roundabout signage.**

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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**C) Request for changes to current traffic signage- Williwa Street Portland**

**SUMMARY**

A resident has written to council requesting that the existing parking restrictions/facilities are reviewed out the front of her business in Williwa Street Portland. This is a business and the resident has noted that neighboring tenants park all day along the street which makes it difficult for the elderly and customers to access the business.

The resident has asked for council to consider time restricted parking or specific parking spaces to be allocated to her business and a disabled parking space in the vicinity also.

**COMMENTARY**

The committee members conducted a site inspection on 4 April. At the time of the inspection there were three vehicles parked in the vicinity of the business. It was noted that the businesses located next door have their own off street parking and there is parking across the street from the business.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the business requesting parking changes in Williwa Street at Portland advising that no further action shall be taken at this time in regard to the current parking arrangements.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Joe Elbourne

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**D) Crane Road Lithgow – request for traffic management**

**SUMMARY**

A resident has written to council requesting consideration of speed humps similar to the existing ones at the railway crossing at Ben Bullen. The resident feels that these are lower and less noisier than normal speed humps.

**COMMENTARY**

A site inspection was conducted by the committee members on April 4. It was noted that speed counts show there is not an issue with speeding on Crane Road.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the resident of Crane Road advising of the speed count data results for Crane Road Lithgow noting that this is a matter for police enforcement and that no further action is to be taken at this time.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Joe Elbourne

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**E) Fun Run/Walk in Portland April 2013**

**SUMMARY**

The owner of Ant Fitness at Portland Andrew Neville has written to council stating that he is currently fundraising for the Heart Foundation and as part of this fundraising would like to hold a Fun Run/ Walk in Portland on Sunday 28 April 2013. The course commences and concludes at Kremer Park in Portland.

The proposed streets the run/walk is planned to use are;

- Laurie Street, Wolgan Street and High Streets (all on the cement works side of the Street)
- Jamieson Street
- Kremer Street
- Kiln Street

It is noted that the event organiser has spoken with the local SES who are willing to provide traffic control on side streets to avoid road closures.

The event would commence between 8 and 9am and run for approximately 2 hours. Public Liability insurance has been supplied.

#### **COMMENTARY**

The committee has noted that there is no public liability for the event only the event organisers business. Information needs to be provided, a traffic control plan must be provided for the entire event including each intersection, a map of the entire route and a copy of any instructions provided to participants in regard to the event.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the event organiser of the Heart Foundation Fun Run/Walk in Portland requesting that the following information is provided as a matter of urgency;**

- 1. Public liability for the event**
- 2. A traffic control plan for the entire event, including each intersection by a certified traffic management person**
- 3. A map of the entire route**
- 4. A copy of instructions provided to participants on the route**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Joe Elbourne

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#### **F) No Stopping signage and zone James Street Lithgow**

##### **SUMMARY**

It was noted during the Australia Day celebrations in Queen Elizabeth Park that vehicles were parking very close to the railway bridge on the eastern and western sides in James Street Lithgow and causing an obstruction for traffic. The area could not be policed/ enforced as there is currently no existing signage at this location.

##### **COMMENTARY**

A site inspection was conducted by the committee on April 4.

No stopping zones should be installed on both sides of the southern end of James Street from the viaduct through to the existing driveways. On the northern side No Stopping signage exists on the eastern part of the road but should be installed on the western side commencing at the viaduct through to the existing No Stopping sign.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council install the statutory No Stopping zones and required signage on the eastern and western sides of the viaduct in James Street Lithgow.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Joe Elbourne

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## **G) Request for disabled parking zone- Lithgow Mobility Aids Main Street Lithgow**

### **SUMMARY**

The owner of Lithgow Mobility Aids has requested that a disabled parking zone be installed adjacent to the business at 23-25 Main Street Lithgow. The business provides equipment for people with special needs and sells products ranging from wheelchairs and walkers and sleep apnoea products through to electric scooters and a multitude of other items in between. Customers of the business often cannot walk short distances and have difficulty finding a park in close proximity to the store. Although there is parking in the rear lane some customers cannot access this parking or have problems walking this far to the store.

### **COMMENTARY**

A site inspection was conducted by the committee on April 4. It was noted that the footpath in front of the business has two steep stairs which would not be suitable for a ramp. This area does not comply with the Australian standards for disabled parking zones.

The suggestion of a timed disabled parking space at the rear of the business as the lane way is unsuitable and issues may be caused by parked vehicles in the laneway. The committee noted the disabled zones which have been moved to the rear of the Centrelink car park specifically for the business.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the owner of Lithgow Mobility Aids in Main Street Lithgow noting that the parking area adjacent to the business does not meet the Australian standards for disabled parking zones and note the previous actions that have been taken in regard to the issues presented.**

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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## **H) Coalbrook Street Lithgow- issues with heavy vehicles**

### **SUMMARY**

Residents of Coalbrook Street Lithgow have expressed concern over heavy vehicles over 5 tonne using Coalbrook Street as a thoroughfare.

### **COMMENTARY**

It was noted that if the heavy vehicles destination lies within the restricted tonnage Area, that legally the driver can use the road. The Rangers must have the delegated powers from the RMS to enforce the weight limit. There are no suitable sites in Coalbrook Street for the enforcement to be conducted as a static site needs to be used.

Stuart Peden from the RMS noted that the RMS Vehicle Regulations team can be contacted and requested to provide assistance with the issue. Stuart can also contact the owner of the heavy vehicles if known and he can contact them requesting they use an alternative route.

The police noted that this is an enforcement issue.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the RMS vehicle regulations office in Bathurst requesting they conduct a heavy vehicle regulation campaign in the Coalbrook Street area and write to the resident informing them of the actions taken.**

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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**I) Request for establishment of a School drop off zone- St Joseph's School Portland**

**SUMMARY**

Sergeant Mark McCulkin of the Portland sector has written to TALC requesting that a school drop off zone be established in the laneway that runs to the south east of the school, parallel to Portland Road.

- This laneway is not used by through traffic
- This provides a safe drop off zone on the same side of the road as the school

**COMMENTARY**

A site inspection was conducted on April 4 by committee members. It was noted by following the RMS procedure for a 'Drop-off and Pick-up initiative' that the laneway is not suitable for the drop off pick up zone, neither is the current bus zone in front of the school.

Grant Sharkey from the RMS who is the Safety around Schools Officer has investigated the request and is not in favour of the proposal as the laneway is not wide enough and access back onto the main road is problematic.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to Grant Sharkey at the RMS requesting that the report on the Drop-off and pick up zone at St Joseph's School in Portland is provided to the committee for their information and action.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Prue Britt

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**J) Great Western Highway- traffic issues/parked vehicles**

**SUMMARY**

Concern has been expressed to the Ranger over the vehicles for sale parking along the Great Western Highway in the vicinity of the Tourist Information Centre through to 1133 Great Western Highway. The complaint is in regard to the parked vehicles impeding others from parking in this area.

**COMMENTARY**

A site inspection was conducted by committee members on 4 April. It was noted that four complaints on this issue have been received over the last two years and three of these occurred on the long weekend at Easter 2013.

It was noted that signposting can be erected under Section 9 Paragraph 7 of the local government act in regard to vehicles parking which are for sale.

The area could be sign posted; this would mean that the vehicle would park in another location and if a time limit was placed on parking who would enforce the timed parking.

It was noted that the Tourist Information Centre has adequate parking as does Quota Park. If signage was erected this would complicate the issue.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council continue to monitor vehicles parking in the vicinity of 1129 to 1131 Great Western Highway Lithgow.**

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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**K) Traffic congestion concerns Rabaul Street- La Salle Academy Lithgow**

**SUMMARY**

A resident has contacted council expressing concern in regard to safety for pedestrians and motorists in the vicinity of La Salle Academy, specifically;

- During school times vehicles park on both sides of Rabaul Street causing the street to be reduced to one lane
- Lack of visibility for vehicles entering Rabaul street from the Great Western Highway due to the crest

**COMMENTARY**

Site inspections conducted at various times. It was noted there is congestion around Rabaul Street specifically of an afternoon.

As the street design is narrow it is difficult to address the issue from an engineering perspective. There is no crash history at this location.

A letter has been sent to the Principal of La Salle in regard to pedestrian and parent safety asking for him to speak to the students as well as a school newsletter notice. The email has been forwarded to the local highway patrol for their information and action. The police noted they would investigate the matter.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council continue to monitor the parking situation in the vicinity of La Salle Academy in Rabaul Street Lithgow.**

**MOVED:** Joe Elbourne

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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**L) Intersection of Cullen Bullen Road and Limestone Creek Road Portland**

**SUMMARY**

An email has been received from residents concerned over the site distance to the right when exiting Limestone Creek Road at Portland.

**COMMENTARY**

A site inspection was conducted by committee members on 4 April. It was noted that lower hanging tree branches and tall undergrowth does impede site distance.

A mirror in this location could easily be broken. Extension of the speed limit may create issues with other residents and not address the matter in a suitable time frame.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council remove the existing undergrowth and lower tree branches on the southern side of Cullen Bullen Road when exiting Limestone Creek Road at Portland.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Joe Elbourne

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**ITEM 6: GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**A) Request for parking spaces to be marked- Main Street Lithgow****SUMMARY**

A request has been received to line mark the parking spaces in Main Street Lithgow.

**COMMENTARY**

The committee noted that there are many issues raised when parking spaces are line marked which are;

- An overall reduction in parking spaces (17%)
- Marking of the concrete pavement- re stenciling required
- On going maintenance
- Enforcement- issues with time etc to conduct enforcement

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council take no further action at this time in regard to line marking the parking spaces in Main Street Lithgow.**

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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**B) Issue with heavy vehicles Hartley Valley Road, Vale of Clwydd and vehicles speeding on Hartley Valley Road Lithgow****SUMMARY**

The committee has been asked to address issues with heavy vehicles using Hartley Valley Road and vehicles speeding on Hartley Valley Road.

**COMMENTARY**

It was noted that heavy vehicles are allowed to use roads that have a weight limit on them if their destination is within or along those roads.

The Rangers do not have the powers to enforce load limit restrictions.

The issue with vehicles speeding along Hartley Valley Road has been addressed by engineering and a behavioral perspective previously. The police have conducted enforcement which is ongoing. It was noted that speeding vehicles is a police enforcement matter.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the RMS vehicle regulations office in Bathurst requesting they conduct a heavy vehicle regulation campaign in the Hartley Valley Road/ Vale of Clwydd area and write to the resident informing them of the actions taken.**

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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**C) Grandmother's Cottages walk, bike, rail and trail marathon****SUMMARY**

Information has been received from Grandmother's Cottages outlining their charity fundraising marathon from Lithgow to Windsor over two weekends. The event takes travels through council's local government area on 25 May 2013.

**COMMENTARY**

It was noted that the participants of the event are using footpaths in this section of the event commencing at Queen Elizabeth Park and walking to the Valley Shopping Centre. The walkers shall be picked up from the Valley Shopping Centre and driven to Lawson's Long Alley at Hartley Vale where they will walk a short distance to private property.

All the required documentation has been received.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council have no objection to the Grandmother's Cottages charity event providing that any event conditions are adhered too.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Prue Britt

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**D) 2013 Cox's Road Heritage Trail**

**SUMMARY**

Council has received documentation for the Cox's Road Heritage Trail horse ride. The ride shall follow the line of Cox's original road through to Bathurst. Some riders shall be on roads, others in paddocks.

There will be approximately 60 horses and rider participating over four days on 18, 19 May and 15, 16 June.

**COMMENTARY**

It was noted that there are issues with the event and the current route. In regard to crossing the Great Western Highway this is an 80km/h zone and it there is a crash history in the vicinity of this location.

Having traffic controllers on the Great Western Highway to stop traffic for the horses to cross the highway is not appropriate. The RMS is not in favour of this due to danger for the riders, horse's and traffic controllers even on Browns Gap Road as this road has large amounts of traffic. The event would not be endorsed in its current form.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the event organiser requesting they provide an alternative route for the 2013 Cox's Road Heritage Trail event so the Great Western Highway does not need to be crossed at any time during the event.**

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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**E) Jenolan Forest Rally 2013**

**SUMMARY**

Council has received an email from the organiser of the Jenolan Forest Rally to be held on 27 April 2013. The event is run wholly within the Jenolan and Hampton State Forests.

**COMMENTARY**

An email has been sent to the Australian Motor Sport Action Group acknowledging the event. A letter shall be written to the event organiser noting that council has no objections to the event as long as event conditions are adhered by.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the event organiser stating there are no objections to the running of the Jenolan Forest Rally subject to any conditions noted by the Police and State Forests NSW.**

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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**F) Naomi Street Lithgow**

**SUMMARY**

Clr Pilbeam asked if TALC had received a request for the direction of traffic in Naomi Street Lithgow to be changed.

**COMMENTARY**

No request had been received at the time of the TALC meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council table the request for changes to be made to the direction of traffic in Naomi Street Lithgow on the agenda of the next TALC meeting.**

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Shiels

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**G) The erection of statutory 10 metre No Stopping signage**

**SUMMARY**

The question was asked if council requires permission to erect statutory 10 metre No Stopping signage or if the matter has to go before TALC each time.

**COMMENTARY**

The RMS noted that council can erect No Stopping signage and zones when it applies to the normal 10 metre statutory distance.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that requests for the installation of the statutory 10 metre No Stopping zones and signage does not have to be presented to TALC for approval, as council can erect the signage.**

**MOVED:** Col Shiels

**SECONDED:** Joe Elbourne

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**Meeting Closed: With no further business the meeting was closed at 4.15pm.**

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**ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING:**

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**Next Meeting:** 2pm on 2 May 2013  
Council Committee meeting room  
Lithgow City Council  
180 Mort Street Lithgow