



# Minutes

Traffic Advisory Local Committee  
Thursday 6 June 2013  
2 pm

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



**MINUTES – 6 JUNE 2013**

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**ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Clr Peter Pilbeam, David Vant (RMS), Geoff Ferris (State Members Representative), Senior Constable Col Sheils (Police).

**Apologies:** Prue Britt (RMS)

**Officers:** Iain Stewart (LCC), Maddison Bailey (LCC), Bob Willison (LCC), Kym Snow (LCC)

**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:

Clr Pilbeam

David Vant

The minutes were then presented to the Council on 8 July 2013.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Minutes of the meeting of 9 May 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

**MOVED:** Clr Pilbeam

**SECONDED:** David Vant

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

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

**SUMMARY**

A further request has been received from the owner of Lithgow Mobility Aids in Main Street Lithgow to have a disabled parking zone and/or ramp and hand rail installed adjacent to the business to allow easier access for customers. This has been supported by Anthony Craig of the Democratic Labour Party. A letter has been received in support of this from a customer.

## **COMMENTARY**

It was noted that previous investigation into the matter revealed:

- The previous work completed for disabled access at the rear of the business provides sufficient access.
- The parking located at the front of the business does not meet the Australian standards for disabled parking.
- Lithgow City Council has around 4% of its total parking dedicated to disabled parking spaces which exceeds Road and Maritime standards of 2%.
- To install a ramp and handrail in Main Street would create safety issues due to the nature of the kerb and guttering and access in/out of the vehicle.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that after due consultation with the proponent Council has provided adequate disabled parking spaces.**

**MOVED:** David Vant

**SECONDED:** Col Sheils

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## **ITEM: 4      ONGOING ISSUES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 6 MAY**

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### **A) Naomi Street Lithgow**

#### **SUMMARY**

A request has been received for the direction of traffic in Naomi Street Lithgow to be reversed to provide a second exit from the car park behind the police station as the exit onto Mort Street becomes very congested at times.

#### **COMMENTARY**

This is a complex issue, with traffic counts and analysis on pedestrian movements and visibility issues required. In addition retailers in the area should be consulted.

No right turn would be allowed if the Naomi Street traffic direction was approved.

The Police agree with access to Main Street, noting that the Mort Street access is an issue at times.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council hold this item in abeyance whilst the traffic and pedestrian study is being conducted in the vicinity of Naomi Street Lithgow.**

**MOVED:** Col Sheils

**SECONDED:** Geoff Ferris

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### **B) Complaint- speeding vehicles Barton Street Lithgow**

#### **SUMMARY**

A resident has written to council expressing concern over vehicles speeding in Barton Street Lithgow, specifically in the vicinity of the Barton Street units. The resident has suggested speed humps be installed and/or elderly resident signage.

#### **COMMENTARY**

This matter has been referred to the Police, who have taskings in the area. Traffic and speed counts shall be conducted in Barton Street Lithgow as further complaints have been received in relation to this issue.

**RECOMMENDATION-** That Council note that traffic and speed counters shall be placed in Barton Street Lithgow in the next two weeks and the results reported to a future TALC meeting.

**MOVED:** Geoff Ferris

**SECONDED:** David Vant

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## **ITEM 5: NEW BUSINESS**

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### **A) Request for 8 tonne load limits on roads- Portland**

#### **SUMMARY**

A resident has requested that council place 8 tonne load limits for heavy vehicles on the entry roads and other roads throughout Portland to prevent roads being ruined and to make heavy vehicles use the main roads. Range Road is one of the roads that the load limit has been requested for.

#### **COMMENTARY**

It was noted that load limits placed on roads:

- Does not legally prevent heavy vehicles from using that road if their destination lies within that area
- Tonnage limits on roads can create conflict at intersections on other roads if they are not designed for that type of vehicle
- Range Road is currently the designated heavy vehicle route
- Range Road has had work completed with further work to continue
- Heavy vehicles would not be encouraged to use Sunny Corner Portland Road

**RECOMMENDATION-** That Council conduct speed and traffic counts on Range Road at Portland and report the results to a future TALC meeting.

**MOVED:** Geoff Ferris

**SECONDED:** David Vant

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### **B) Request from Forests NSW- increased load limit for 19 metre B-doubles on All Flats Road at Hampton**

#### **SUMMARY**

Forests NSW have placed an application with the RMS for 19 metre B-Double access for increased tonnage (exceeding 50 tonne) vehicles to use All Flats Road at Hampton.

#### **COMMENTARY**

A site assessment has been conducted according to the RMS route assessment guide for restricted access vehicles. The route has been approved and a gazettal notice sent to the RMS for inclusion in the Government Gazette.

**RECOMMENDATION-** That Council note All Flats Road at Hampton has been approved as an increased tonnage 19 metre B-double route.

**MOVED:** Geoff Ferris

**SECONDED:** Col Sheils

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### **C) PsyFari Music and Arts Festival- Upper Nile Road Glen Alice**

#### **SUMMARY**

Council has received an application for the PsyFari Music and Arts Festival to be held on private property on the Upper Nile Road at Glen Alice for three days commencing on Friday 23 August until Sunday 25 August.

#### **COMMENTARY**

It was noted that:

- There are no issues with traffic as internal parking and queuing will be provided and vehicles will attend the event at intermittent intervals
- Wet weather could be an issue for vehicles
- Issues with road signage for the event- who is erecting signage and are they qualified?
- Limit of insurance for the event.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council writes to the PsyFari event organiser requesting;**

- 1. A wet weather plan for traffic attending the event**
- 2. Increased indemnity insurance to the value of 20 million dollars**
- 3. No signage to be placed on roads but road safety information provided in correspondence to attendees**

**MOVED:** David Vant

**SECONDED:** Geoff Ferris

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### **D) Ironfest Traffic Management concept 2014 Event**

#### **SUMMARY**

Ironfest Inc has submitted a traffic flow and parking concept for the 2014 event for the committee's review.

Ironfest has formally requested that Council take control of the traffic management in the vicinity of the showground.

#### **COMMENTARY**

The traffic and parking concept was reviewed by the committee and the following information noted;

- Parking overflow in general and wet weather is required to be addressed
- The use of Conran and Glanmire Ovals for parking is required to be addressed by the Sports Advisory Committee.
- Issue of parking in Geordie Street with new tree plantings
- Main Street becoming one-way for the event

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council writes to Ironfest committee advising that;**

- 1. Council cannot take on the responsibility of the traffic management for the event**
- 2. Further information is required on the traffic proposal for each intersection**
- 3. RMS will not consider a one way street proposal of Main Street for the event**
- 4. Council will work with the Ironfest committee on a detailed traffic management and parking plan for the event.**

**MOVED:** David Vant

**SECONDED:** Col Sheils

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## **E) Issues with speeding traffic- Hartley Valley Road**

### **SUMMARY**

A resident has written to council requesting that the speed and traffic counters be placed on Hartley Valley Road at Lithgow to provide an update on the issue of vehicles speeding in this street.

### **COMMENTARY**

There has been an issue with Council's vehicle classifiers with new ones ordered. As a result there is a list of roads to be completed.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the resident noting that the traffic and speed counts shall be completed and the Police are continuing enforcement in Hartley Valley Road.**

**MOVED:** Col Sheils

**SECONDED:** David Ferris

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## **F) Marjorie Jackson Soccer Fields- Parking issues**

### **SUMMARY**

Parking at the soccer fields on a Saturday is becoming increasingly dangerous as vehicles continue to park in the No Stopping parking areas. This creates issues for vehicles exiting legal parking spaces due to very limited distances to reverse.

### **COMMENTARY**

The No Stopping zones cannot be enforced at this location as it is a council car park, not a road.

Investigation into the length and width of the road is required to determine if the car parking area meets Australian Standards.

**RECOMMENDATION-That Council Officers verify the measurements of the car parking area at the Lithgow Soccer Fields and report the results to a future meeting.**

**MOVED:** Col Sheils

**SECONDED:** David Ferris

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## **G) Pedestrian Access and Mobility plan- Great Western Highway Lithgow**

### **SUMMARY**

Lithgow City Council has engaged a consultant to conduct a pedestrian access and mobility plan along the Great Western Highway commencing at the intersection of Magpie Hollow Road and the Great Western Highway and ending at the commencement of the 100km/h speed zone at Marrangaroo (just past the Tourist Information Centre). This is a request for the committee to provide feedback for the study.

### **COMMENTARY**

It was noted in regard to the study that;

- There is only one secure pedestrian crossing along this route which is located at the traffic lights at Dunn's Corner
- There is poor pedestrian access and safety along the route

- Lack of footpath on the hospital side of the Great Western Highway
- Dangerous area for pedestrians
- The area will have future growth
- The Great Western Highway is crossed by pedestrians at several locations along this route, specifically at the intersection of Rabaul Street and James O'Donnell Drive for students of La Salle Academy and with Col Drewe Drive for access to the facilities in this location
- Pedestrian safety on the footpath west of First Street Lithgow with the footpath basically situated on the road. This issue has previously been addressed with the RMS to install Armco railing for pedestrian safety.
- Mid block pedestrian lights or staged crossing facilities could be considered as the traffic on each side of the highway is stopped at different times to allow pedestrians to cross in a two movements.

**RECOMMENDATION-** That Council notes that the pedestrian access and mobility plan study is currently being conducted along the Great Western Highway commencing at the intersection of the Great Western Highway and Magpie Hollow Road and concluding at the commencement of the 100km/h speed zone at Marrangaroo and that Council support the study.

**MOVED:** Geoff Ferris

**SECONDED:** Col Sheils

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#### **H) Cancer Charity Walk- Wallerawang to Portland**

##### **SUMMARY**

Concern has been expressed in regard to the Cancer charity walk.

##### **COMMENTARY**

It was noted that;

- Approximately one lane of the road was taken up by participants creating a danger for them and drivers in a 100km/h speed zone
- The large number of participants in the event
- The lack of warning signage
- The lack of escort vehicles
- No insurance presented for the event

**RECOMMENDATION-** That Council write to the organisers of the Wallerawang to Portland Cancer Charity Walk inviting them to attend a future TALC meeting to ensure the success of next years event.

**MOVED:** Col Sheils

**SECONDED:** David Ferris

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#### **I) Fullagar Avenue Lithgow-speeding issues**

##### **SUMMARY**

A letter has been received from a resident of Fullagar Avenue Lithgow requesting speed humps to be placed in Fullagar Avenue Lithgow to deter speeding drivers.

##### **COMMENTARY**

This matter has previously been addressed. Issues with speed humps can include:

- Increased noise
- Drivers using the speed humps as ramps

- Drivers increasing speed after the speed hump as they perceive the speed hump to slow down their trip time

It was noted that this is an enforcement issue and as this is a dead end road there are problems conducting enforcement.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council write to the resident noting that the Police will be providing on going enforcement of Fullagar Avenue Lithgow.**

**MOVED:** Col Sheils

**SECONDED:** Geoff Ferris

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## **ITEM 6: GENERAL BUSINESS**

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### **A) Quota Park Lithgow**

#### **SUMMARY**

A request has been received for No Stopping signage to be erected at the entrance and exits to Quota Park Lithgow as vehicles are parking and blocking access into and out of the park.

#### **COMMENTARY**

RMS was consulted on this matter due to the park being located on the Great Western Highway. It was noted that although this is an RMS road, delegation would be given to Council on this matter.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council install No Stopping signage according to the Australian Standards to provide entry and exit to Quota Park Lithgow.**

**MOVED:** David Vant

**SECONDED:** Col Sheils

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### **B) Convex traffic mirrors**

#### **SUMMARY**

The issue of signage for existing convex traffic mirrors was discussed.

#### **COMMENTARY**

It was noted that the existing convex traffic mirrors do not have the required signage attached to them. Convex mirror ahead and distorted image signs must be displayed.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council conduct an audit of the number of convex traffic mirrors and order and install the correct signage for each mirror.**

**MOVED:** David Vant

**SECONDED:** Col Sheils

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### **C) Lack of Lighting- Lithgow Valley Plaza**

#### **SUMMARY**

Concern was expressed over the lack of lighting at the Lithgow Valley Shopping Centre.

**COMMENTARY**

It was noted that the Centre Management has been spoken to in regard to this matter and it was advised that the lighting has been disconnected due to the current works being completed and the lights should be operational within two weeks.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council note the lighting at the Lithgow Valley Plaza should be operational within two weeks.**

**MOVED:** Col Sheils

**SECONDED:** David Vant

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**D) Request for higher mass limit access on Main Street Wallerawang**

**SUMMARY**

A request has been received for higher mass limit access for vehicles on Main Street Wallerawang.

**COMMENTARY**

Further information on this request has been asked for and had not been received at the time of the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION- That Council hold the request for higher mass limit vehicle access on Main Street at Wallerawang in abeyance until further information is received.**

**MOVED:** Col Sheils

**SECONDED:** Geoff Ferris

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**Meeting Closed: With no further business the meeting was closed at 3.30pm.**

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**ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING:**

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**Next Meeting:** 2pm on Thursday 4 July 2013  
Council Committee meeting room  
Lithgow City Council  
180 Mort Street Lithgow

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