



# Minutes

Traffic Advisory Local Committee  
 Thursday 6 March 2014  
 2 pm

Lithgow Traffic Authority Local Committee (TALC)	
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**TRAFFIC ADVISORY LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES- 6 MARCH 2014**



**ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**PRESENT:** Acting Sergeant Col Sheil (Lithgow Highway Patrol), Prue Britt (RMS), Geoff Ferris (Lithgow Bus Lines), Clr Pilbeam (LCC), Pam Bender, Laurie Bender and John Kearns (Cancer Council walk organizers).

**APOLOGIES:**

**OFFICERS:** Iain Stewart, Maddison Bailey and Kym Snow

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** Nil

**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  
Clr Pilbeam

The minutes were then presented to the Council on 24 MARCH 2014.

**ACTION**

**THAT** the Minutes of the meeting of 6 February 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Clr Pilbeam

**ITEM: 3 KIRKLEY STREET PROPOSED MOTEL DEVELOPMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

Lithgow City Council has received an updated Traffic Impact Assessment in regard to the proposed motel development in Kirkley Street Lithgow.

As this item was presented to the committee after the agenda had been issued to members, it must be thoroughly reviewed.

## **ACTION**

**THAT** Council notes that the updated traffic impact assessment for the Kirkley Street Motel development Lithgow shall be forwarded to all TALC members for their review and this matter has been deferred for discussion at the next TALC meeting.

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Sheil

## **ITEM: 4 ST PATS SCHOOL LITHGOW- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND LOAD LIMIT REQUESTS**

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### **SUMMARY**

The committee met with the St Patrick's School Principal, Clive Cawthorne from Cawthorne Consulting, a member of the Parents and Friends (P&F) Committee of St Patrick's School and Grant Sharkey RMS Safety Around schools Project Officer to discuss the requests from the P&F to have the existing manned school crossing in Bent Street Lithgow upgraded to a marked foot crossing and a 5 tonne load limit installed due to vehicle and pedestrian volumes and the apparent increase in heavy vehicle movements at this location.

At the meeting the investigation conducted by Grant Sharkey was discussed. The request for a five tone load limit was addressed as well. A load limit on Bent Street would not stop heavy vehicles using the street if their destination is on that route. This is the case with vehicles travelling on Bent Street to access Lithgow Valley Shopping Centre.

### **ACTION**

**THAT** no further action be taken in regard to this matter based on advice from the RMS school safety representative.

**MOVED:** Geoff Ferris

**SECONDED:** Col Sheil

## **ITEM: 5 ANGUS PLACE- WOLGAN ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND SPEED ZONE REVIEW REQUESTS**

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### **SUMMARY**

Angus Place Colliery has requested for the existing 80km/h speed limit on Wolgan Road Lidsdale to be reduced to 50km/h in the vicinity of the entrance to the facilities car parks.

Angus Place has also requested approval from Council to establish a pedestrian colliery car park between both car parking areas to improve the safety of personnel and community members.

This has been referred to the RMS. RMS was to contact Angus Place Colliery in regard to the speed zone review and pedestrian crossing request. The appropriate pedestrian signage has been installed.

RMS has noted that no speed zone assessment shall be conducted in this location as it is an isolated area. As the request for a 50km/h speed zone will not be implemented, the installation of a pedestrian crossing shall not go ahead as a pedestrian crossing must be located in a 50km/h zone. The warrants for a pedestrian crossing will not be met in this location.

RMS will write to the Colliery explaining the decision.

## **ACTION**

**THAT** Council takes no further action in regard to the request from Centennial Coal to have a pedestrian crossing installed and speed zone review conducted on the Wolgan Road in the vicinity of Angus Place Colliery as this matter has been referred to the RMS for their information and action.

**MOVED:** Col Sheil

**SECONDED:** Geoff Ferris

## **ITEM: 6 DONALD STREET TRAFFIC ISSUES**

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### **SUMMARY**

A request has been received from residents of Union Street Lithgow for heavy vehicle traffic using Donald Street to be diverted to Bennett Street and Inch Street rather than use Donald Street.

The residents have expressed concern over the amount of heavy traffic using Donald Street through to tank Street noting that diverting traffic would result in;

1. A reduction in heavy traffic
2. A reduction in road deterioration
3. Less shaking of houses and less flying rocks

Speed and traffic counts have been taken. The data indicates there is not high numbers of heavy vehicles or speeding vehicles in this area.

This area is industrial and general access vehicles can use the roads unless there is a tonnage limit imposed which there is not. General access heavy vehicles travelling the routes are accessing businesses in the area.

## **ACTION**

**THAT** Council advise the resident that Donald Street can be accessed by general access vehicles as it is a through road which services an industrial centre.

**MOVED:** Col Sheil

**SECONDED:** Geoff Ferris

## **ITEM: 7      CANCER COUNCIL WALK**

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### **SUMMARY**

A request has been received from Sergeant Mark McCulkin of Portland Police Station and the organizers of the Cancer Charity Walk to have the Wallerawang Portland Road closed for the duration of the walk (approximately three hours), police assistance and in kind traffic control.

Concerns expressed are;

1. Vehicles using the roadway at the time of the event in a 100km/h zone
2. No footpaths etc- walkers have to walk on the road
3. High risk to pedestrians as participants number have increased each year (approximately 600 people walked last year)

A brief explanation of the event was provided to the committee by the event organizers. Last year the event raised over \$73000.

Last year the Police noted that there were many serious issues with the event and feared that there could be serious injuries or fatalities due to people walking in a 100km/h speed zone with traffic. There was no official traffic management or traffic control in place and no insurance.

The committee noted that a traffic management and traffic control plan by a certified person must be provided for this event as well as insurance. Options were provided to the event organizers to use facilities such as Kremer Park at Portland or Lake Wallace at Wallerawang as it would be impossible to close the Portland Wallerawang Road as there are numerous other roads that feed off this road.

The committee provided the Councils Event Organizers details to the Cancer Council Walk organizers for their information and noted he can assist with the event.

### **ACTION**

**THAT** Council note that the event organizers of the Wallerawang Portland Cancer.

Council Charity event will consider all options in regard to ensuring road and pedestrian safety and report back to the Committee in regards to this matter at a later date.

**MOVED:** Prue Britt

**SECONDED:** Col Sheil

**ITEM: 8 SUBDIVISION ENTRY/EXIT ISSUES SODWALLS ROAD**

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**SUMMARY**

A development application has been received to sub divide 456 Sodwalls Road into four lots in two separate stages. Issues with site distance from access /egress into the proposed sub division is an issue.

Councils Engineers recommendations on the issue were discussed including-

- the proposed access is located off an existing access which has extremely poor site distance to the west
- the access point is unsuitable for any further development
- It is suggested that the applicant move the access point for all three lots approximately 215m east, where the geometry of the road allows for increased sight distance
- A right of carriageway from the new access over lots 103 and 102 would provide access to lots 101, 102 and 103.

Future development will have a further impact upon this site. A recess must be provided to allow all vehicles to pull off the road safely and allow access for a bus to stop and mail delivery.

**ACTION**

**THAT** Council notes the recommendations made by Councils Engineer in regard to the proposed access for development application DA244/13 located at 456 Sodwalls Road.

**MOVED:** Col Sheil

**SECONDED:** Geoff Ferris

**ITEM 9: REQUEST FOR PARKING ZONES TO BE CHANGED- LITHGOW WORKMEN'S CLUB**

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**SUMMARY**

A request has been received by the Lithgow Taxi association and the Lithgow Workmen's Club to have the existing parking zones altered adjacent to the Lithgow Workmen's Club in Tank Street Lithgow.

At present there is a taxi zone and 15 minute parking zone located on the eastern side of Tank Street adjacent to the club. There are two entrances to the facility; one has steps the other a ramp.

The existing taxi zone is located on the northern side of the pedestrian crossing which provides access to the club entrance with stairs. This is an issue as patrons can exit the taxi but have to travel uphill to access the ramp entrance.

The existing 15 minute parking zone is located directly to the south of the existing pedestrian crossing.

The request is to have the two zones interchanged.

This would allow for the taxi zone to be placed on the southern side of the pedestrian crossing and mean that patrons who use a taxi can have easy access to the ramp into the premises.

The existing signage located in the area shall be standardized as part of the proposal.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council change the existing parking zones located adjacent to the Lithgow Workmen's Club in Tank Street Lithgow specifically:

- The existing taxi zone located to the north of the pedestrian crossing will be swapped with the existing 15 minute parking zone located to the south of the pedestrian crossing.

**MOVED:** Col Sheil

**SECONDED:** Geoff Ferris

**ITEM 10: IRONFEST EVENT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

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**SUMMARY**

Information has been received from Robbie Park Event Organizer noting that contact with Ironfests traffic management provider has been made in January and plans for the event should be received shortly.

Due to the closeness of the event the committee has requested that the appropriate documentation be received as a matter of priority so any required alterations can be implemented before the event.

**ACTION**

**THAT** Council request the Ironfest Committee to supply a TCM as a matter of urgency. Failure to comply with this request may result in Council developing a TCM deducting any costs from the \$10,000 Council contribution to Ironfest.

**MOVED:** Col Sheil

**SECONDED:** Geoff Ferris

**ITEM 11: NEW PARKING VEHICLE TRIAL BATHURST**

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**SUMMARY**

Clr Pilbeam has received correspondence in regard to the number plate detection vehicle that is currently being trialed in Bathurst. The resident asked if Lithgow City Council will be purchasing one of these vehicles for parking patrols in the Lithgow LGA.

Police noted that the vehicle can read number plates but the driver must physically exit the vehicle to issue tickets.

**ACTION**

**THAT** Council receive a report on the outcomes of the trials being conducted by the parking vehicle in the Bathurst region.

**MOVED:** Geoff Ferris

**SECONDED:** Col Sheil



**ITEM 12:**

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**Next Meeting:** 2pm on Thursday 3 April 2014

Council Committee meeting room  
Lithgow City Council  
180 Mort Street Lithgow

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**With no further business the meeting was closed at 3.20pm.**