



Minutes

Traffic Advisory Local Committee Thursday 1 May 2014 2 pm

Lithgow Traffic Authority Local Committee (TALC)	
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**TRAFFIC ADVISORY LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES- 1 MAY 2014**



ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Acting Sergeant Col Sheil (Lithgow Highway Patrol), Prue Britt (RMS), Geoff Ferris (State Members Representative), Cllr Peter Pilbeam (LCC), Macgregor Ross and Boris Hunt (Ironfest Committee)

APOLOGIES: Maddison Bailey

OFFICERS: Iain Stewart, Kym Snow and Robbie Park (LCC)

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Prue Britt
Col Sheil

The minutes were then presented to the Council on 12 MAY 2014.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 3 APRIL 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 3 CANCER COUNCIL WALK 2014

SUMMARY

Lithgow City Council has received an update on the Rushworth-Bender Cancer council charity walk 2014.

The event organizer agreed to;

- Seek volunteers for the event
- Contact SES to seek assistance with the event
- Contact Portland Police to seek assistance with the event (any person involved in traffic control or traffic marshalling must have the approved certification)
- Contact the Mercury and local radio stations to promote the event
- Conduct a letterbox drop to all residents living on the affected roads (some residents do not have a letterbox, may require to be hand delivered)
- Provide advertising of the event in Wallerawang and Portland
- Provide escort vehicles at the front and rear of the walk

Council shall provide:

- Traffic management plans
- Qualified traffic controllers/marshals for the event
- Advertising of road closures
- Barricades
- Notification to emergency services
- Portable VMS to advertise of the road closure on Pipers Flat Road

It has been noted that;

- Participants walk at their own risk
- All money raised is preferred to go the charity
- The event will proceed in inclement weather
- Participants are encouraged to wear high visibility clothing
- The event will commence at the Portland Golf Club- the road closure will commence after Bell Street in Portland.

The affected roads are;

- John Mackey drive
- Range Road (major road must be addressed from the highway end)
- Irondale Road
- Thompsons Creek Road
- Willowvale Lane
- Pipers Flat Road
- McDonalds Lane
- Burnett Street
- Brays Lane
- Blackberry Lane
- Daintree or Doggett's Lane
- Council will provide all signage and barricades for the event
- Road closed ahead warning signage shall be placed on Range Road when exiting from the Great Western Highway
- Lithgow City Council workers will be asked to volunteer
- The SES has been contacted and asked if they can volunteer to assist with the event. The SES is currently conducting a risk assessment and will respond to councils request when this is completed
- A traffic management plan shall be developed by council by a suitably qualified person

- Emergency services will be notified
- A briefing should be held before the event
- The event will be a rolling closure
- Participants shall use a footpath as soon as one is available
- Participants shall divert onto Brays Lane and walk through Blackberry Lane and either Doggett's Lane or Daintree Lane to access Wallerawang Main Street
- The event will take four hours to complete (estimated longest time frame).

ACTION

THAT the event organisers of the Rushworth-Bender Cancer Council charity walk 2014 need to note that future events must comply with the guidelines and conditions for a Class 2 special event and an invite is extended to them to attend the TALC meeting scheduled for 5 June for an event debrief.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 4 IRONFEST TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DEBRIEF 2014

SUMMARY

TALC met to debrief with the Ironfest Committee members and Robbie Park (Event Coordinator LCC) in regard to traffic management for the 2014 Ironfest event.

- It was estimated that 15,000 people attended the 2014 event
- D&D traffic management very professional- the only issue presented was the company not arriving on time on the Friday as this led to pedestrians entering George Coates Avenue as the barricades were not erected in time.
- Parking capacity was exceeded on the Saturday of the event
- Vehicles were utilising parking in Main Street
- Police noted that traffic along Main Street was clear when conducting patrols
- Parking in Geordie Street was a slight issue as some vehicles parked too close to the road
- Vehicles and pedestrian traffic were in conflict in the viaduct area
- A back log of vehicles was noted along James Street in regard to the parking on Watsford Oval. This was a result of drivers being asked for a donation for parking as they entered the oval site. It is felt that another way to address the donation for parking needs to be sought to address the issue of vehicles standing still on James Street/ Main Street as they wait to enter the parking area.
- The Ironfest Committee note they would like to include Barton Street through to the Tourist information Centre as part of the Festival precinct in coming years and that future TMP's may include traffic entering from the Great western highway, past the Visitor Information Centre rather than use the viaduct.

- The viaduct should be closed for future events.

General comments-

1. Signage for the donation to park was very small. Unseen by a lot of motorists which caused delays at the entry to the parking venue
2. Macgregor Ross advised that Ironfest will be levying motorists \$5 for parking for future Ironfest events
3. Implement one way traffic only at the viaduct or close it altogether
4. Macgregor Ross and Boris Hunt- utilise the Visitor Information Centre for ticketing etc. No using the George Coates Avenue viaduct for vehicles accessing the site. Parking along Barton Street can be reviewed.
5. Clr Pilbeam- review the debrief report in August 2014.

ACTION

THAT an invite is extended to the Ironfest Committee to attend the TALC meeting scheduled to be held in August to discuss the 2014 Ironfest report and that Council requires the draft traffic management plan for Ironfest 2015 by October 2014 for review and finalization of the draft must be completed by February 2015.

MOVED: Col Sheil

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 5 INTERSECTION OF RANGE ROAD AND GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY

SUMMARY

Roads and Maritime Services are undertaking an investigation of intersections along the three state highways, one of which is the Great Western Highway. The review is examining the intersections and rating them in priority order according to risk and crash history. The prioritised list will be used to support funding requests for improvements to state highways.

The intersection of Range Road and the Great Western Highway has been found to be risky and it is competing with other highways in the Western Region. A complete assessment of intersections will be conducted.

ACTION

THAT the information received from RMS in regard to the intersection of the Great Western Highway and Range Road be noted.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Shiel

ITEM: 6 PEDESTRIAN CRASHES MAIN STREET LITHGOW

SUMMARY

Josh Parkin from the Centre for Road Safety in Sydney has identified a cluster of pedestrian crashes in Main Street Lithgow. There were;

- No fatalities
- Four injury crashes
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It was noted that the pedestrian facilities in Main Street are very good. Further data is required on the pedestrian information supplied.

ACTION

THAT RMS and the Road Safety Officer will work together to create an educational program based on pedestrian safety in the Lithgow central business district specifically Main Street.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 7 FORESTRY CORPORATION NSW

SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the Forestry Corporation introducing a new representative from the Corporation who is available to liaise with TALC on forestry issues.

ACTION

THAT an invite is extended to the Forestry Corporation representative to attend the TALC meeting scheduled to be held in June.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 8 PARKING PETITION TOP END OF MAIN STREET LITHGOW

SUMMARY

Council has received a petition in regard to parking at the top end of Main Street Lithgow. The petition requests more parking spaces and a reduced amount of loading zones in the top end of Main Street.

ACTION

THAT a response letter is sent to the petition organizers noting that the Central Business District revitalisation plan which is currently being conducted by a consultant may address the parking issues in this vicinity of Main Street Lithgow.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 9 MCKANES FALLS ROAD- ISSUES WITH HEAVY VEHICLES

SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from a resident of McKanes Falls Road in regard to heavy vehicles travelling on this route and use of the road by heavy vehicles when traffic is diverted due to emergency situations on other roads in the area.

It was noted that when emergency situations arise on other roads, load limits do not apply on diversion roads.

In the case of existing load limits on roads, heavy vehicles can still use the route if their destination lies on this road as the tonnage limit does not apply in this circumstance.

ACTION

THAT a letter of response is written to the resident noting that load limits do not apply on diversion roads in cases of emergency when alternate routes are closed and that a load limit does not apply to heavy vehicles on a specific route if their destination lies on that route

MOVED: Col Sheil

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 10 PARKING REQUESTS MORT STREET LITHGOW

SUMMARY

A resident has requested that existing parking in Mort Street Lithgow adjacent to Lithgow Public School has a time limit placed on it. Currently the parking is unrestricted

The resident requests that the existing half an hour parking located adjacent to Centrelink and the Council building is patrolled as customers to his business cannot access parking.

ACTION

THAT a letter of response is written to the business owner noting that the Central Business District (CBD) revitalisation plan which is currently being conducted by a consultant may address the parking issues in this area of Mort Street Lithgow.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 11 PARKING SIGNAGE GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY LITHGOW

SUMMARY

At a previous TALC meeting the issue of parking in the vicinity of the Great Western Highway was addressed, specifically vehicles parking for long hours in the vicinity of the Tourist Information Centre though to the car dealerships. It was asked when the signage shall be erected.

ACTION

THAT it is noted the signage for the parking in the vicinity of 1127/1133 Great Western Highway Lithgow has been ordered and shall be erected when it arrives.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 12 TRAFFIC SIGN AT THE EXIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY MORT STREET LITHGOW

SUMMARY

At the exit to the University of Western Sydney on Mort Street Lithgow it was noted that a Give Way sign is currently installed, this should be a Stop sign.

ACTION

THAT the existing Give Way sign is replaced with a Stop sign at the exit to the University of Western Sydney on Mort Street Lithgow.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 13 WOLGAN ROAD LISDALE- NEW SIGNAGE ERECTED

SUMMARY

An inspection was conducted of Wolgan Road Lidsdale and it was noted that the new speed advisory and speed limit signage has been erected. RMS shall reimburse Council for the costs of some of the signage and associated work.

It was noted that guideposts have been knocked down and will need to be re erected and that one sign is incorrect and should be replaced.

ACTION

THAT it is noted that the signage works on Wolgan Road at Lidsdale are complete and that re erection of some existing signage is required.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 14 REQUEST FROM LITHGOW BUS LINES- INTERSECTION OF RAILWAY PARADE AND HAYLEY STREET LITHGOW

SUMMARY

A request has been received from Lithgow Bus Lines to have the intersection of Railway Parade and Hayley Street investigated and altered to allow easier access for buses entering Hayley Street. Currently there is a centre median located in Hayley Street at this location. The removal of the parking space on the western side of Hayley Street may address the issue for the bus movement.

ACTION

THAT investigation into the reason why the centre median strip was installed at the intersection of Hayley Street and Railway Parade Lithgow is conducted and the outcome reported back to the next TALC meeting.

MOVED: Col Sheil

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 15 REQUEST FOR WORKS COMPLETION DATE-GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY LITHGOW

SUMMARY

Council has received a request in regard to when the work on the Great Western Highway shall be finalised and the equipment removed.

ACTION

THAT Roads and Maritime Services will advise Council of the project completion date for the works on the Great Western Highway and when the equipment shall be removed from this location.

MOVED: Col Sheil

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 16 REQUEST FOR WORKS ON MCKANES FALLS ROAD AT GOOD FOREST

SUMMARY

Council has received a request from a resident requesting that McKanes Falls Road at Good Forest be graded.

ACTION

THAT the resident shall be contacted for further information in regard to the request for McKanes Falls Road at Good Forest to be graded as this is a sealed road.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

Next Meeting: 2pm on Thursday 5 JUNE 2014

Council Committee meeting room
Lithgow City Council
180 Mort Street Lithgow

Meeting Closed: With no further business the meeting was closed at 4.00 pm.