



Minutes

Traffic Advisory Local Committee Thursday 5 June 2014 2 pm

Lithgow Traffic Authority Local Committee (TALC)	
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1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Confirmation of minutes
3	Forestry Corporation NSW- new liaison officer from the Corporation for TALC matters
4	Cancer Council walk 2014-event debrief and 2015 event discussions
5	Intersection of Railway Parade and Hayley Street Lithgow- issues with bus movements
6	Pedestrian issues- Mort Street Lithgow
7	Alpine Classic event request 2014
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9	Good Luck Hollow Lithgow-update on guard rail request for pedestrian safety
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11	Speed zone review Jenolan Caves Road-update

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES- 5 JUNE 2014**



ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Cllr Peter Pilbeam (LCC), Acting Sergeant Col Sheil (Police), Prue Britt (RMS), Laurie Bender and John Kearns (Rushworth/Bender Cancer Council Walk organisers) and Tijmen Klootwijk (Forestry Corporation NSW).

APOLOGIES: Geoff Ferris (State Members Representative), Sergeant Glen Crawford (Police) and Pam Bender (Rushworth/Bender Cancer Council Walk organiser)

OFFICERS: Iain Stewart, Maddison Bailey and Kym Snow (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 2 JUNE 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 1 MAY 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Col Sheil

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 3 FORESTRY CORPORATION NSW- LIAISON OFFICER FOR TALC

SUMMARY

At the TALC meeting held in May the committee resolved to invite the new Forestry Corporation contact to liaise with TALC on any forestry issues that may be presented to the committee.

COMMENTARY

Mr. Tijmen Klootwijk attended the meeting to introduce himself and provide further information on his role. Mr. Klootwijk is the Haulage and Sales Coordinator for Forestry NSW and assists with making the heavy vehicles that haul forestry logs safer and more efficient.

It was noted that logs are being cleared from Newnes presently and this is expected to continue for approximately two years with a total 30,000 truckloads. At this stage the intention is not to replant this area. It was noted that approximately 10-15% of the loads leaving Newnes are transported to Bathurst, with the other loads being transported to Oberon, Tumut and other areas.

Mr. Klootwijk asked if the committee members had any issues with haulage trucks. The issues noted-

- Wood chip pieces flying off the back of logging trucks
- The occasional rogue driver
- Increase in number of logging trucks in the area due to the operation at Newnes

There have been no concerns/complaints received by Council in regard to the logging trucks at this time.

ACTION- THAT the attendance of Mr. Klootwijk from Forestry Corporation NSW is noted.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 4 RUSHWORTH/BENDER CANCER COUNCIL WALK DEBRIEF

SUMMARY

The event organizers of the 2014 Rushworth/Bender Cancer Council attended the meeting to participate in a debrief for the 2014 event and discuss the event for 2015.

COMMENTARY

The organisers of the event thanked Council for their support and cooperation with the event and continued assistance.

- Over 700 participants took part in the walk and the event organisers believe that this was due to the road being closed and no vehicular access.
- Over \$50,000 was raised

- Police- no negative comments received
- Walk participants raised concerns about alcohol consumption during the walk.
- SES- traffic management worked well as did the rolling road closure. No issues reported.
- The event took approximately 2.5 hours

The 2015 event shall be conducted as a Class 2 Special event as noted in the RMS Special Event guide. The organisers have noted this and have a copy of this document for their reference.

The organisers shall provide council with the event details and road closure request yearly well in advance of the event. The documents are required at least three months prior to the event.

ACTION- THAT the organisers of the Rushworth/Bender Cancer Council walk have been advised:

1. Future events must be conducted as Class 2 Special Events as per the RMS Special Event Guide.
2. Road Closure requests should be lodged yearly with Council well in advance of the event date.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 5 INTERSECTION OF RAILWAY PARADE AND HAYLEY STREET- ISSUES WITH BUS TURNING MOVEMENTS

SUMMARY

A request has been received from Lithgow Bus Lines to have the intersection of Railway Parade and Hayley Street altered to allow easier access for buses entering Hayley Street from Railway Parade.

The centre median strip located at the intersection creates issues for the bus movements when entering Hayley Street. The removal of one parking space located on the western side of Hayley Street would alleviate the issue also.

COMMENTARY

Research into the reason why the centre median strip was installed at this intersection was conducted. It is believed that the centre island was installed due to the dip in the road and vehicles turning onto the incorrect side of Hayley Street when entering Hayley Street from Railway Parade.

Parking in this area is at a premium.

ACTION- THAT the request in regard to the centre island located at the intersection of Railway Parade and Hayley Street Lithgow is placed in abeyance to enable

discussions between Council and bus company representatives until the TALC meeting scheduled to be held in July.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 6 PEDESTRIAN ISSUES MORT STREET LITHGOW

SUMMARY

A resident who accompanied a disabled person across the road in the vicinity of the Police station in Mort Street Lithgow has noted issues for pedestrians using this location. The resident has requested a convex traffic mirror and pedestrian crossing in this area.

COMMENTARY

The residents issues were forwarded to the Police and the resident advised of the response. The matter was addressed by the Disability Access Committee who forwarded the matter to TALC.

Previous investigation into this has been conducted as a result of a past request. There were no issues identified. Recent investigation revealed that the facilities work well in this area and the Police vehicles are located off the road. There is adequate sight distance for pedestrians.

The signage shall be updated on the centre pedestrian refuge.

ACTION- THAT a letter is written to the resident requesting an onsite meeting in Mort Street Lithgow to discuss the pedestrian issues raised.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 7 ALPINE CLASSIC EVENT 2014

SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the event organiser of the 2014 Classic Rally Club for the 2014 Alpine Classic. The organisers have requested permission to conduct the event through the region.

- This event has been held in previous years.
- This year the event will commence on Saturday 18 October at 8.30am and finishing at Orange at 3.30pm.
- Cars will leave at 1 minute intervals
- On Sunday 19 October the first car will leave Orange at 8.30am and finish at Lithgow 3.30pm
- The cars avoid passing through heavily populated areas whenever possible

COMMENTARY

Police have provided approval for the event.

Further information has been requested in regard to the traffic control plan supplied. Clarification is required on the location of the barriers and witches hats and a map of the area for the start, lunch times and end of the event is requested.

Upon receipt of the required documents, no objection to the event shall be noted.

ACTION- THAT the event organisers of the 2014 Alpine Classic be contacted and asked to provide a traffic management plan for the starts/break times and end times of the event.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 8 RECREATION VEHICLE (RV) FRIENDLY PARKING-REQUEST FROM TOURISM

SUMMARY

Accreditation is being sought for Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland to become RV friendly. As part of this accreditation parking for these vehicles must be provided in specific areas.

COMMENTARY

The locations suggested in Portland and Wallerawang are supported by the committee. The locations suggested for Lithgow are not. The committee has identified Club Lithgow as a possible location and the car parking facilities located adjacent to Lithgow Valley Plaza in Lithgow Street.

ACTION- THAT the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre has discussions with Club Lithgow in regard to the possible use of their car park for RV parking and that the request for RV parking in Lithgow is included in the Central Business District revitalisation plan.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

**ITEM: 9 GOOD LUCK HOLLOW LITHGOW- UPDATE ON PEDESTRIAN
ISSUES AND GUARD RAIL REQUEST**

SUMMARY

A crash on Saturday 24 May in the vicinity of Good Luck Hollow at Southbowenfels has prompted questions from locals as to why a pedestrian guard rail has not been placed in this location.

COMMENTARY

This matter has been previously addressed with Council meeting with RMS to discuss the matter. At the meeting it was noted that:

- The provision of a shared path in this area would be funded on a 50/50 basis between RMS and Council
- There are issues with the current footpath alignment
- There are issues with the location of the storm water facilities located to the east of the footpath
- There are issues with the grade of the footpath where it connects with First Street
- Guard rail installation is unsuitable in this location.

RMS and Council agreed at this meeting that when the work on the sewerage systems located to the east of the current footpath are completed the footpath needs to be realigned and moved further east as far away from the highway as possible. The footpath is required to be relocated at the intersection of First Street with the Great Western Highway.

The pedestrian path adjacent to the Great Western Highway in Good Luck Hollow is included in the draft PAMP which is yet to be adopted by Lithgow City Council.

The recent crash in this location was identified as having speed as a contributing factor.

ACTION- THAT it is noted that discussions with the Regional Manager and Network Safety Manager of the RMS and Council are ongoing in regard to the pedestrian facilities located at Good Luck Hollow in Lithgow.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 10 PARKING ZONES AND TIMES- GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY IN THE VICINITY OF QUOTA PARK AND 1127 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY

SUMMARY

At present the parking in the above location is 2 hour parking vehicles under 6 metres excepted. It has been noted that this means that vehicles under six metres in length can park in this area all day.

COMMENTARY

The current signs are not what are required at this location.

ACTION- THAT 2 hour parking signs are erected between Quota Park and 1127 Great Western Highway Lithgow.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Col Sheil

ITEM: 11 JENOLAN CAVES ROAD UPDATE ON SPEED ZONE REVIEW

SUMMARY

RMS has been asked at the meeting to provide an update on the speed zone review of Jenolan Caves Road.

COMMENTARY

It was noted that recent crashes on Jenolan Caves Road have been in the 80km/h zone and excessive speed has been identified as contributing factor. Several of these crashes involved motorbikes.

ACTION- THAT it is noted that the speed zone review on Jenolan Caves Road by RMS is ongoing.

MOVED: Col Sheil

SECONDED: Prue Britt

Next Meeting: 2pm on Thursday 3 JULY 2014
 Council Committee meeting room
 Lithgow City Council
 180 Mort Street Lithgow

Meeting Closed: With no further business the meeting was closed at 4.10pm

