



**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING COMMENCING ON SITE
IN BANNA AVE AND RESUMED IN THE MURRAY ROOM, GRIFFITH CITY
COUNCIL ON 12 AUGUST 2014 AT 10.30 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Sergeant Colin Lonsdale (Police), Sergeant Mark Andrews (Police), Michael Buckley (RMS).

STAFF PRESENT

Engineering Design and Approvals Manager, Graham Gordon; Traffic Engineer, William Wood; Road Safety Officer, Greg Balind; Minute Secretary, Jenny O'Donnell-Priest, Joe Rizzo, Traffic Engineer.

CL01 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of RMS representative and Sergeant Lonsdale that apologies be received from John Bonetti (representing Adrian Piccoli).

CL02 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of RMS representative and Sergeant Andrews that the minutes of the previous meeting held on having first been circulated amongst members, be confirmed.

CL03 BUSINESS ARISING

Matters to be raised in General Business.

CL04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NON PECUNIARY INTEREST

Greg Balind - CL05 - St Patrick's Bus Zone - End of Trial Report
Reason: Mr Balind's children attend St Patrick's School.
Make a declaration, stay in the meeting and participate in discussion.

CL05 ST PATRICK'S BUS ZONE - END OF TRIAL REPORT

As a result of the closure of the off-street school bus bay on Warrambool Street, a new 105 metre long on-street bus zone was installed on the eastern side of Warrambool Street on a trial basis to service the St Patrick's Primary School. Mr Gordon reported that the trial has been done for the term and was considered successful.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of RMS representative and Sgt Andrews that the Traffic Committee note the contents of the report and confirm the permanent application of the school bus zone on Warrambool Street.

CL06 BANNA AVENUE PRIVATE VEHICLES FOR SALE

Councillor Curran advised that this matter was discussed at the Transport Committee meeting the previous evening and the Transport Committee did not support the recommendation for an exclusion zone. RMS representative advised that he would abstain from decision or influence discussion as it is Council jurisdiction. The report was withdrawn from determination by the Traffic Committee and Mr Gordon will bring back a report when required regarding signage purpose only.

CL07 EAST GRIFFITH SHOPS - TIME RESTRICTED PARKING

Mr Gordon updated the Committee on investigations being undertaken regarding restricted parking at East Griffith Shops. The community consultation involved the survey distributed evenly to all business and one copy each sent to the property owners. As requested by Council, the number of surveys was increased from 20 to 50 per business and the study is still ongoing. Mr Gordon will update the Committee and forward request if signage is required.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of RMS representative and Sergeant Andrews that the Committee note the ongoing Community Consultation being undertaken in relation to this issue with surveys to be finalised on 15th August 2014. A completed report will be presented to the September Committee meeting.

CL08 JONDARYN AVENUE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING INVESTIGATION

The issue regarding a pedestrian crossing was raised at Council on 27 May 2014 with a request for investigation into options for pedestrian safety in the Jondaryn Avenue – Yambil Street intersection area. Mr Gordon gave a brief history on the pedestrian safety improvements including installation of bollards and pedestrian refuges since the issue was first raised. Recent engineering assessment of the area concludes that a pedestrian crossing or shared zone is not warranted. It was recommended that further safety improvements be made.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Sergeant Andrews and RMS representative that there be installation of two high visibility pedestrian barriers, at each pedestrian refuge and installation of W6-1 Pedestrian Warning and W8-25 Refuge Island signage.

CL09 ACTION REPORT

The Action Report was reviewed and updated.

08/04/14 - Intersection of Mirrool Branch Canal Road and Kidman Way

Mr Balind advised that Mr Teerman had sent an email request for an update on this issue. The Committee discussed options in regard to increasing safety at the intersection. A request to reduce the speed zone to 80km/h and also to enhance junction signage were suggested.

RMS representative advised that seed funding has been granted for improvement and design work at the intersection. The funding would cover concept designs, investigation and ground work but would not be enough to carry out required works. Commitment from RMS to improve the Mirrool Branch Canal road junction/intersection is sought.

In the interim a request for the speed reduction to 80km/h would be forwarded to the RMS. RMS representative stated that he would contact Council staff and discuss further safety recommendations. Mr Balind to advise Mr Teerman of discussion. It was also advised that a letter had been sent to the nearby property owner advising of the proposed removal of trees.

08/04/14 - TASAC signage

RMS representative provided list of non compliant wineries to Mr Balind. It was explained that any Winery that was not open on Sundays as per requirement of the Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee (TASAC) were classified as not complying. These wineries included Berton Vineyards, McWilliam's Hanwood Estate, The Winery (formerly Piromit Wines), Warburn Estate, Yarran Wines and Zappacosta Wines. As such RMS advised that the respective TASAC signage associated with those non compliant wineries must be removed.

11/02/14 - Jack McWilliam Road

Supply canal is restricting movement. Discussion was held between Council and Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) on 5 August. MI will advise GCC how and when improvements can be made. Item to be removed from Action List.

12/02/13 - Kidman Way

Mr Balind advised that Baiada and McWilliam's entities were working together to achieve the best outcome i.e. developing a Traffic Management Plan for the area.

10/12/13 - Oversize Machinery

Police expressed concern that the National Heavy Vehicle legislation was not clear and allowed conflicting interpretations. RMS to investigate and bring a report back to the next meeting.

CL10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Griffith Biggest Lap

The Committee was advised that Transport Committee delegates had a meeting with organisers of the Griffith Biggest Lap to ensure safety guidelines were in place. Councillor Curran reported that improvements had been made e.g. set route established, money collection point not on roadways. It is estimated that 500+ vehicles will take part. The Biggest Lap organisers have indicated that once the lap has been completed, this will be the end of the event. It was noted that vehicles may still be driven around but that will be the responsibility of the drivers.

10.2 Citrus Sculptures

A meeting was held between stakeholders to identify pedestrian and traffic safety measures in Banna Ave for the Citrus Sculpture during Festival of Gardens. On resuming the Traffic Committee meeting at Council, several of these recommendations were discussed. A proposed plan is to be drawn up with suitable placing of the sculptures, closed parking areas, barricades and trestles with ropes and flags.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of RMS representative and Sgt Andrews that the Transport Management Plan for the Festival of Gardens be amended and brought back to the Traffic Committee via email (due to time constraint) for authorisation.

10.3 B Double Request

Road Safety Officer informed the Committee that B Double requests have been received. A report will be forthcoming. He advised that the Traffic Committee have looked at these sites previously.

10.4 Stafford Road

Mr Balind advised that Councillor Croce indicated via the Transport Committee that he had been asked for a speed zone review to be conducted on Stafford Road between Kidman Way leading into Murrumbidgee Avenue. The request is for the speed to be reduced from 80 km/h to 60 km/h. This will be referred to the RMS.

10.5 Speed Zone Reviews

RMS representative reported that speed zone reviews were being done for the following roads and they would seek community consultation regarding speed reviews. Amended speed reviews site map will be forwarded to Council. The following roads have been identified for review:

- Holt Road/Overs Road
- Calabria Road
- Griffith to Beelbanger
- Walla Ave
- Wakaden Street (between Whybrow St and Blumer Ave)

10.6 Run & Swim Event - Aquatic Leisure Centre

Mr Balind advised that a 'Run & Swim' event was being organised by staff at the Griffith Aquatic Leisure Centre. Communication had taken place between organisers, himself and Council's Traffic Engineer, Mr Wood on proposed traffic plan. It was recommended that the shared footpaths be utilised for the event.

10.7 McWilliam Road Train Route Request

A road train route request has been received from McNaught's Transport. The route is B double but not adequate for road trains. If exemption were to be given it may encourage other road trains to use which would not be acceptable. McNaught's had been previously refused but request has been resubmitted as they now use a different configuration.

Mr Balind to write to John McNaught advising that RMS deemed the intersection of Doug McWilliam Rd and Kidman Way not appropriate to sustain road trains. RMS advised that advice needed to be sought from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator on the use of road trains in the area.

CL11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is to be held on 9 September 2014 in the Murray Room, Griffith City Council commencing at 10.30 am.

There being no further business the meeting closed the time being 12.50 pm.

Councillor Zappacosta having declared a Conflict of Interest vacated the chamber, the time being 7.56 pm.

0294

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Curran and Napoli that the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 12 August 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.

0295

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Croce and Stead that the TASAC signage be referred back to the Traffic Committee for reconsideration.

Councillor Zappacosta returned to the chamber, the time being 8.00 pm