
**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
HELD IN MURRAY ROOM, GRIFFITH ON
TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 10:30 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Michael Buckley (RMS), John Bonetti (representing Adrian Piccoli)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Engineering Design & Approvals Manager, Joe Rizzo, Traffic Engineer, Mathew Vitucci, Road Safety Officer, Greg Balind and Minute Secretary, Marisa Martinello

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and RMS that an apology be received from Constable Colin Lonsdale.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and RMS that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 November 2015, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Request for 'Stop' Sign – Whitton Road / Whitton Stock Route Yenda (Intersection)

Mr Rizzo to send Ms Kay Pellizzer a letter of response with the Committees Recommendation. "RECOMMENDED on the motion of RMS and Constable Colin Lonsdale that the Traffic Committee decline the request for a 'Stop' sign on Whitton Road at its intersection with Whitton Stock Route based on RMS guidelines, Australian Standards and a site assessment conducted on the intersection. Whitton Road and Whitton Stock Route Yenda intersection is to be reviewed by Council Staff within 12 months."

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

Greg Balind

CL02 – Application of Turning Lanes/Intersection Treatment – Marian Catholic College – Macarthur Street / Probert Avenue

Reason – Family member attends Marian College.

Councillor Doug Curran

CL02 - Application of Turning Lanes/Intersection Treatment – Marian Catholic College – Macarthur Street / Probert Avenue

Reason – Children attend the school currently and in 2016 and onwards.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 GRIFFITH CITY TO LAKE FUN RUN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr Balind explained that this year the Griffith City to Lake Fun Run will have a new starting location being Jubilee Oval along Campbell Street, Ortella Street, Wyangan Avenue, Boorga Road, Jones Road, Lakes Road and finishing at Lake Wyangan Recreation Reserve. The event will take place on Sunday 6 March 2016 commencing at 7:00am and disperse from Lake Wyangan at approximately 11:00am. The purpose of the fun run is to raise funds for the construction of the private hospital in Griffith.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and RMS that the Committee recommend the approval of the Griffith 2016 City to Lake Fun Run.

CL02 APPLICATION OF TURNING LANES/INTERSECTION TREATMENT - MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE - MACARTHUR STREET / PROBERT AVENUE

Mr Balind advised that Marian Catholic College is in the process of establishing a new onsite infrastructure including a carpark and access off Macarthur Street to accommodate the expansion of the school. Due to the existing traffic volumes along Macarthur Street and Probert Avenue - intersection treatment and turning lanes associated with the access way is required.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and RMS that the Traffic Committee recommend:

- (a) Council install an Urban Basic Right Turn (BAR) Intersection Treatment at the Macarthur Street entrance to Marian Catholic College as per the attached design.
- (b) Residents to be notified of upgrade before the report is presented to Council on the 19 January 2016.
- (c) Should any submissions be received they should be responded to immediately.

CL03 ROAD TRAIN ROUTE SIGNAGE - RIFLE RANGE ROAD/RANKINS SPRINGS ROAD INTERSECTION

Mr Vitucci advised that Griffith's Transport Management Committee requested the installation of Road Train Route advisory signage at the intersection of Rankins Springs Road and Rifle Range Road to assist truck drivers travelling through the city on the reconstruction of Jones Road being complete.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and RMS that the Local Traffic Committee recommend the installation of the proposed Road Train Route advisory signage at the intersection of Rankins Springs Road and Rifle Range Road.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and RMS that the report be updated and noted.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Trucks Turning South on Kidman Way

Mr Bonetti has concerns with the turning right lane onto Kidman Way from Thorne Road and has asked for this issue to be addressed.

RMS informed that they are looking at widening the Kidman Way between Bunnings and Hanwood. There will be turning lanes along this section.

The Committee suggested to have the trucks move around the outskirts of the city to avoid going through the city which goes past schools and parks making it unsafe.

Mr Vitucci advised that a Heavy Vehicle Strategy Plan has been adopted and grant funding being applied for stages of the Griffith Southern Heavy Vehicle Bypass.

7.2 Pedestrian Crossing Request - Village Life

Village Life has requested a pedestrian crossing in front of Village Life. Mr Balind advised that there is a pedestrian refuge in front of Village Life and footpaths. Mr Balind to respond to Village Life.

7.3 U3A

Mr Balind advised that the Mayor with his Secretary attended the U3A meeting held recently with U3A members making some requests for the town to assist the elderly.

The request was for the lowering of all guard rails at all round about across the city to improve sight distance through to the other side of the intersection.

RMS advised that at times a clear round about often allows vehicles to enter the same at a speed that is inappropriate therefore reducing the effectiveness/purpose of the structure as a traffic management tool.

7.4 Parking at the Post Office

Mr Balind advised he had received a late request from a community member (via the Mayor) for 15 minute parking to be implemented in the Railway Street cul-de-sac adjacent to the rear of the former telephone exchange to allow for elderly drivers to park away from the Banna Avenue congestion. Mr Balind advised that restricted parking at the site had been investigated in June 2015 where it was found that ten by 15 minute parking spaces and five by disabled parking spaces currently exist near the Post Office to facilitate 'high turnover' parking.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and RMS that a report relating to the request for restricted parking at the rear of the Post Office be presented at the next meeting.

7.5 Christmas and New Year Wishes

Councillor Curran wished all Committee Members and staff a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year and thanked all staff for their assistance throughout the year.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 9 February 2016 at 10:30 am

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:30 am.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON