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

PRESENT

Councillor Simon Croce (Chair), Sergeant Mathew Carroll (Police), 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 Sergeant Mathew Carroll apologies be received from Councillor Doug Curran, Leading Senior Constable Colin Lonsdale and Michael Buckley, RMS representative.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Sergeant Mathew Carroll that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 August 2015, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 RIVERINA NURSERY ACCESS - SAFETY CONCERNS ALONG PILLONI ROAD

Mr Rizzo advised that Council has recently been contacted by Mr Kevin Torresan from Riverina Nursery regarding the safety of current access arrangements for both the nursery and the Patrick's depot. The main concern is lack of vision for vehicles leaving Riverina Nursery's carpark to see trucks approaching the Patrick's depot from the east. Council staff have met with Mr Torresan onsite on a number of occasions and discussed options outlined within the report who has been forthcoming to assist with the proposals, only to change his position after the meeting and leave the options up to Council and the RMS. Mr Bonetti

expressed his concerns over the recommendation outlined within the report as Mr Bonetti believes Mr Torresan will not be satisfied with the outcome, and that Option 4 which is outlined within the report should be implemented. However Council staff advised that works onsite regarding Option 4 had previously been rejected by Mr Torresan. As such Mr Bonetti accepted the recommendation outlined in the report but predicted that this matter would most likely be raised again in the future.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Sergeant Matthew Carroll that the Traffic Committee recommend the installation of truck warning signage together with the removal of the four trees to the east of the intersection.

CL02 2016 BACCHUS FUN RUN TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN

Mr Balind advised that Council has received notification from Griffith Feral Joggers who are proposing to hold the 2016 Bacchus Fun Run on Saturday 26th March 2016 at Lake Wyangan. The Bacchus Fun Run event is held yearly.

The Certificate of Currency with Griffith City Council and Roads and Maritime Services has been submitted.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Sergeant Mathew Carroll that the Committee approve the Traffic Management Plan for the 2016 Bacchus Fun Run.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The report was noted.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Rae Road

Mr Bonetti enquired when the roadworks would be completed on Rae Road. Mr Rizzo advised that the contractors engaged by the Sikh Temple had contacted him and advised once the weather improves the road works will continue. Mr Bonetti raised that he had been contacted in regards to the lack of signage advising motorists of the road closure along Rae Road. Council staff to contact contractors to ensure traffic control is implemented onsite as per the approved Traffic Control Plan.

7.2 Flag Poles

Mr Vitucci advised that a DA for the installation of flag poles is being submitted for approval for the 2016 Centenary Celebrations. Flag poles to be installed along Jondaryan Avenue adjacent to Central Plaza and another set of flag poles to be installed along Banna Ave west of Lenehan Road.

7.3 Vehicles Blocking Access To Footpath

Mr Balind advised that correspondence has been received regarding vehicles parking across pedestrian laybacks on Jondaryan Avenue (outside AMS.) The letter asked for No Stopping signs to be considered however the Committee is not in favour of installing signs in areas where existing legislation can be relied upon for enforcement. Mr Balind advised that the letter will be forward on to the Compliance Department for actioning.

7.4 Disused Driveways

Councillor Croce advised the Committee that disused driveways are an issue regarding parking. Mr Rizzo advised that there are numerous driveways that may appear redundant – but are still in use for access to properties. Some redundant driveways are being removed in line with the conditions of new development applications.

7.5 Parking Beelbanger Store

Mr Balind advised that the issue of heavy vehicles parking beyond legislated time periods near the Beelbanger Store was raised again by Councillor Stead at the recent Traffic Committee meeting. In the interim a variable message board will be installed at the site to reinforce the one hour heavy vehicle time limit.

7.6 Rest Areas for Truck Drivers

Mr Bonetti suggested that Council should have a rest area for truckies. There are insufficient rest areas that sustain toilets/showers and such in the Griffith LGA for truckies to stop as per their fatigue management obligations. Council to come up with a concept plan and run it by RMS. Mr Balind will write to the RMS with a view of seeking a response to the issue.

7.7 Intersection of Stokes Road and Hanwood Avenue

Councillor Croce advised that the intersection of Stokes Road and Hanwood Avenue needs to be looked at and that it needs a give way sign to advise drivers to slow down on entering Hanwood Avenue.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 13 October 2015 at 10:30 am.

Mr Balind advised that he will be an apology at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:05 am.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON