



MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRIFFITH ON 14 OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Sergeant Mark Andrews (Police), Michael Buckley (RMS), Fazlul Hoque (RMS Network & Safety Officer), John Bonetti (representing Adrian Piccoli)

STAFF PRESENT

Development Engineer, Joe Rizzo; Traffic Engineer, William Wood; Road Safety Officer, Greg Balind; Minute Secretary, Jenny O'Donnell-Priest

CL01 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

CL02 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and RMS representative that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 September 2014, having first been circulated amongst members, be confirmed.

CL03 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Update on Festival of Gardens - Citrus Sculptures

Mr Buckley commented that the design of the sculptures is working well although he noted that the sculptures are facing out towards the traffic and not in as agreed. Councillor Curran explained that they are 3D but the signs are facing outward and he would take this on board and advise the Committee for next year.

The noted reduction in traffic conflict areas is good. Appreciation was noted for Council's Parks & Gardens staff and roads crew who assisted by marking out the 4 metre boundary and putting the traffic barriers in place.

Mr Bonetti commended the FOG Committee and organisers on a job well done and the resulting appealing tourism attraction.

3.2 Pilloni Road Sight Issue

Mr Bonetti asked for an update regarding the traffic sight issue on Pilloni Road. Mr Rizzo advised that a meeting is yet to be organised with the land owner to discuss. Councillor Curran asked that Patrick's also be informed of the concern so that they may be able address this with transport drivers.

3.3 Speed Zone Review

Councillor Curran requested an update on the speed zone review. Mr Buckley advised that work on the current road listing was progressing and the speed zone review will be an ongoing process. Mr Balind stated that further requests were being put forward and these will be forwarded to the RMS as determined.

CL04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CL05 'NO PARKING ZONE' - ANIMOO AVENUE

Mr Rizzo advised that concerns were raised pertaining to the safety of the intersection between Animoo Avenue and Koorungal Avenue, Griffith. The Committee members discussed DA requirement for provision of parking spaces.

Councillor Curran advised a letter had been sent to the owners of Griffith Medical Centre however no response had been received as yet. Councillor Curran suggested the Committee wait for a response from Griffith Medical Centre prior to making a recommendation.

Mr Wood advised that he contacted the medical centre this morning and left his contact details.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti that the report LAY ON THE TABLE.
Carried.**

CL06 APPLICATION FOR B-DOUBLE ROUTES - TEERMAN'S TRANSPORT

The Traffic Committee discussed Council had received a request from Teerman's Transport Leeton requesting Council approval for B-double access to McCarthy Road, Murray Road and Research Station Road for the purpose of transporting produce from the packing industries situated on the roads.

RMS advised that they were not in a position to make recommendations with regards to Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Sgt Andrew that the recommendation of the Transport Committee be noted.

CL07 SALE VEHICLE EXCLUSION ZONE POLICY

Since the implementation of the restricted parking along Banna Avenue, Council staff have become aware of the increasing presence of sale vehicles in other areas such as Beelbanger and the intersection of Hickey Crescent and Wakaden Street and believe that other areas may soon

become affected by the sale vehicles.

Council staff have reinvestigated the possibility of implementing formal policy to govern the areas in which the sale of a private vehicle on a public road is not permitted. A count conducted on 11 June 2014 resulted in 41 vehicles being offered for sale along Banna Avenue. Mid July the vehicle count was 52 and by the end of September 2014 the number had reached 60. The Committee discussed the report and implications of putting exclusion zones in place.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Michael Buckley that the Committee support the implementation of a policy for the enforcement of exclusion zones prohibiting the sale of private vehicles on public roads under the authority of Section 68 of the Local Government Act with an amendment to Section 2.0 Exemptions to the Exclusions of the policy, to include the southern side of Banna Avenue between Crossing Street and Blumer Avenue, as per current signage permits.

CL08 TOURIST ATTRACTION SIGNPOSTING ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE SIGNAGE - WINERIES

The issue concerning the Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee (TASAC) signage for Griffith based wineries was first raised in the Traffic Committee on 8 April 2014 by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Representative of the Traffic Committee. The RMS Representative outlined that the signs were classified as non-compliant and were to be removed.

Council passed a motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 9 September 2014 to refer the matter back to the Traffic Committee for reconsideration. RMS representative stipulated to the Committee that it is not an RMS decision but a TASAC decision to remove the non-compliant signage from the road reserves. The members discussed the Griffith area being isolated and agreed that a letter requesting special consideration would be sent to TASAC. A letter to Yarran Wines was tabled from TASAC advising that they have approval until November 2014.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and RMS representative that the Committee request a letter be sent to TASAC requesting that the wineries that currently do not comply with the guidelines relating to opening hours, be reconsidered for TASAC signage and that special consideration be applied due to geographical isolation and economic impact on a rural region.

CL09 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE TRIAL MATCH - E. W. MOORE OVAL 7 FEBRUARY 2015

Mr Balind advised that Griffith City Council has been approached by Griffith Leagues Club regarding a proposed National Rugby League game to be held at E. W. Moore Oval on Sunday 7 February 2015. Traffic control is requested by the Griffith Leagues Club to assist with the management of the vehicle and pedestrian traffic associated with the event. Mr Balind advised it has been closed prior for previous major events. This event is still in the early stages of planning and logistics are still to be finalised.

The Committee discussed alternate routes and mitigation of potential traffic/pedestrian conflict after the game. Mr Balind advised that it had not yet been formalised but as there was only a three month period to lodge a TMP the Committee was being put on notice for November meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Michael Buckley and John Bonetti that the Committee note the initial notification of the proposed National Rugby League game and pending Traffic Management Plans proposed for the same.

CL10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 La Festa Traffic Management Plan

Mr Balind advised that the La Festa Committee is proposing to hold the 2015 event in Memorial Park and therefore have requested closure of Railway Street and the Railway Street car park for three days commencing Thursday.

Members of the Committee clarified that if the set up was to be done on the Thursday that this would mean that there will be an actual four day closure (Thursday to Sunday). Concern was raised that by closing Railway Street and the car park on the Thursday would create unnecessary disruption to the shopping precinct and emergency services.

It was recommended that closure occur on Friday at 8:00 am until Sunday 4:00 pm. Mr Balind stated that he would take this concern back to the organisers and this would be considered in the Traffic Management Plan.

CL11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is to be held on 11 November 2014 at Griffith City Council, Murray Room commencing at 10.30 am

There being no further business the meeting closed the time being 11.51 am.

Councillor Rossetto advised he had received a complaint from one of the businesses affected by the road closures in place during the Festival of Gardens. Councillor Rossetto suggested further consideration be given to this and that a walkway from one lawn area to the other be provided. The Mayor advised that comments would be taken into consideration for next year's event.