
**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM, GRIFFITH ON
TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2015 COMMENCING AT 10:32 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Senior Constable Shawn Biele (Police), Michael Buckley (RMS), John Bonetti (representing Adrian Piccoli)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Traffic Engineer, Mathew Vitucci, Road Safety Officer, Greg Balind and Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Michael Buckley that apologies be received from Matt Carroll (Police) and Engineering & Design Approvals Manager, Joe Rizzo.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Michael Buckley that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 July 2015, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 TASAC Signage

Mr Buckley requested an update on the TASAC signage issue. Mr Balind to follow this up with Council's Works Manager Maintenance.

3.2 Leo Franco Motors Traffic Management Plan

Mr Vitucci advised he had spoken with Leo Franco Motors and a TMP would be submitted in the near future.

3.3 Road Safety Assessment Murrumbidgee Avenue/Beaumont Road Intersection

Mr Bonetti enquired if the speed limit of Beaumont Road had been reviewed. Mr Buckley advised an assessment had been completed and no changes recommended. Mr Vitucci requested a written response from the RMS.

3.4 Trucks Double-Parking Hanwood Store

Mr Balind advised he had spoken to Police in relation to truck parking issues, with the Police advising that they will issue an infringement notice only if it is a serious parking issue. Other parking issues are to be dealt with by Council officers.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 2015 ROTARY CARNIVAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Committee considered a Traffic Management Plan submitted by the Rotary Club of Griffith, proposing to hold their annual Community Carnival in Memorial Park on Friday 27 November 2015.

Councillor Curran stated his concerns with reduced availability of parking areas as the Railway Street car park will be closed to traffic. Councillor Curran also requested that businesses and residents be notified of the road closure. Council staff to utilise the Variable Message Board to advise car park users of the road closure.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Bonetti and Michael Buckley that the Traffic Committee recommend the closure of the Railway Street car park between 5pm and 9pm Friday 27 November 2015 and allow its use by the Rotary Club of Griffith as per the Traffic Management Plan.

CL02 INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL DISABLED PARKING SPACE - KOOYOO STREET

The Committee considered a request for the installation of an additional disabled parking space next to the existing disabled zone in Kooyoo Street. A lay back was also requested to be installed. Mr Vitucci suggested that the shared area between the two disabled parking bays be marked/hatched for a trial period and if this is not successful a bollard may need to be installed. RMS were not in favour of installation of a bollard.

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

- (a) The installation of a new 'dual' disabled parking zone and signs on the eastern side of Kooyoo Street near the intersection with Yambil Street as per Australian Standards 2890.6.
- (b) The installation of kerb ramp adjacent to disabled zone to allow access from the new parking spaces to the nearby footpath.

CL03 INSTALLATION OF QUEUING ACROSS INTERSECTION SIGNS - BANNA AVENUE

The Committee considered various options for improving the use of main roundabouts in the Griffith CBD. Senior Constable Biele advised this issue is difficult to enforce as pulling motorists over would contribute to the congestion of traffic flow. Mr Buckley advised RMS were not in favour of additional signage being installed.

Mr Vitucci suggested a media campaign to promote the correct use of roundabouts be circulated. The Committee noted that parking and pedestrian crossings contribute to the traffic congestion issues.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Michael Buckley and John Bonetti that:

- (a) The Traffic Committee acknowledges there is a problem with use of local roundabouts.
- (b) The RMS do not support extra signage on roundabouts on State Roads.
- (c) A media / educational campaign be circulated to promote correct use of roundabouts in conjunction with a Police enforcement campaign.
- (d) RMS to investigate hatching linemarking options, if required, following media campaign.

CL04 LATE REPORT - REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE APPROACHES TO WAKADEN STREET / BLUMER AVENUE ROUNDABOUT

This report was dealt with in conjunction with CL03 above.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The Outstanding Action report was updated.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 2016 Centenary Celebrations

Mr Vitucci advised the 2016 Centenary Celebrations Committee is proposing to hold a street parade and street party in August 2016 which will require the closure of Banna Avenue. Councillor Curran stated his concerns with loss of car parking. Mr Vitucci advised a Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plans will be submitted for approval later this year.

7.2 Speed Zones Review

Mr Buckley updated the Committee on speed zone reviews on the following roads:

Watkins Ave, Overs Road, Holt Road; Kidman Way; Rankins Springs Road; Stafford Road & Sidlow Road; Walla Avenue

Councillor Curran requested that a media release be circulated to inform residents of the changes to the speed zones. RMS and Council to prepare a joint media release.

7.3 New Speed Zone Requests

Mr Balind advised he had received a request for a speed zone review of Wyangan Avenue from Ortella Street to Crump Close. Classifiers are currently installed.

7.4 Performance Based Standards for Heavy Vehicle Access

Mr Balind advised that Performance Based Standards for heavy vehicle access had been discussed recently at a RAMROC meeting. The recommendation from the meeting was that Level 1, 2A & 3A be permitted. Committee members to be emailed the details and provide a formal response. The Committee was in concurrence with the RAMROC recommendation.

7.5 Thorne Road & Murrumbidgee Avenue Intersection

Mr Bonetti requested the Thorne Road and Murrumbidgee Avenue intersection be assessed to determine if a Stop sign or advanced warning sign is required. Mr Buckley advised once the works have been completed the intersection can be assessed. Signage has been approved previously as part of the design.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 8 September 2015 at 7:00 pm

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:37 am.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON