

## ITEM 16

## CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON VARIOUS DATES IN 2022

The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee meeting has been held on various dates throughout 2022. The recommendations on items listed in Section 3 of the Traffic Committee Minutes, relating to temporary road closures, are referred to Council for consideration. Temporary road closures, in accordance with the Regulations on public roads for works or events by independent parties, must be considered by Council. Road closures are not considered under delegated authority to the General Manager.

The items in Sections 2 and 4 to 6 of Local Traffic Committee Minutes are endorsed under delegated authority to the General Manager and do not require referral to Council. Items that appear in sections 2 and 4 to 6 of previous Wollongong Traffic Committee will form part of the published minutes.

### RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the delegated authority to Council, the Minutes and Recommendations of the Wollongong Traffic Committee held on various dates in 2022 in relation to Regulation of Traffic as outlined within this report, be adopted.

### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Jeremy Morgan, Manager Infrastructure, Strategy + Planning

Authorised by: Joanne Page, Director Infrastructure + Works

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Council - 30 August 2022 - Crown Lane, Wollongong
- 2 Council - 27 September 2022 - Augusta Street East Corrimal
- 3 Council - 27 September 2022 - Yallah Bay Road
- 4 Council - 25 October 2022 - WIN Stadium TLTCP
- 5 Council - 25 October 2022 - Freedom of Entry
- 6 Council - 25 October 2022 - TCP\_2023 Australia Day Aquathon\_Elliots Rd and Cliff Rd\_V2
- 7 Council - 25 October 2022 - Aquathon TCP Cliff Road\_001
- 8 Council - 25 October 2022 - Australia Day Aquathon 001 Detour
- 9 Council - 25 October 2022 - Australia Day Aquathon TCP Elliots Road 002
- 10 Council - 25 October 2022 - Belmore Street Wollongong TCP

## 1. WOLLONGONG, CROWN LANE – OUTDOOR DINING

### BACKGROUND

Wollongong Council is committed to supporting local business through COVID 19 economic recovery. One of the initiatives to support the hospitality industry is extended outdoor dining opportunities within our streets. Council delivered outdoor dining in Crown Lane. The closure has been in effect since 24 November 2021 with approval until 4 October 2022.

Council has received positive feedback from the closure of Crown Lane for extended outdoor dining activities when we went out to consultation to the 500+ surrounding residents. We are seeking the approval of extending the closure due to its recent success and review opportunities for a permanent closure.

The impact of closing the lane will have minimal effect to the road network function, with pedestrian safety improved in this high pedestrian area, through the temporary removal of vehicles through the lane. While not all businesses will be able to have outdoor dining due to the slope of the road, all will benefit from improved pedestrian access and amenity to their businesses. Emergency vehicles will still be able to access the area via Rawson Street and Crown Street, if required. This item was previously reported to the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee as an e-meeting on 1 November 2021 and was supported by the Committee.

## PROPOSAL

Extend the November 2021 Local Traffic Committee recommendation of the Crown Lane closure (vehicle traffic) until 12 April 2024.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Another round of consultation has been completed, with positive feedback for the closure from both residents and business owners.

## 2. EAST CORRIMAL, AUGUSTA STREET – CHRISTMAS CAROLS

### BACKGROUND

Council has received a request from the Corrimal Community Church for a street party including carols on the lawn to be held on Sunday 11 December 2022 from 4pm to 9pm. The Church has also provided evidence from adjoining residents that there is no objection to the road closure taking place for this event.

Detour signs are required on both approaches. Vehicle mitigation is also proposed in the provided plan.

## PROPOSAL

1. The road closures be approved in accordance with the submitted Traffic Control Plan and [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#).
2. Barrier boards (soft closure) are to be placed at the intersection of Augusta Street and Pioneer Road, allowing residents only between the intersection and the closure. U-turns should not be permitted.
3. Vehicles are to be parked on the road like in past years (parking on the grass is not permitted).
4. Residents impacted by the closure are to be notified, noting this event has been taking place for approximately five (5) years and the church has a good relationship with the residents.
5. Road rules to be adhered to.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Consultation with the surrounding community has been carried out.

## 3. DAPTO, YALLAH BAY ROAD – UPGRADE TO TALLAWARRA POWER STATION

### BACKGROUND

Clough Group made application for a road closure of Yallah Bay Road, Dapto, to upgrade the existing Power Station. The original application was to close the road from 1 December 2021 to 1 November 2022. This proposal was previously discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting of 12 October 2021, with the committee's recommendation that a detour footpath around the footbridge be constructed prior to closing the road. This approval will shortly lapse.

Clough Group has requested this proposal be extended for a further 12 months up to 1 November 2023.

A shared path around the road closure has been provided to ensure the continuation of the pathway network at this location.

## PROPOSAL

The extension to the road closure be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plan and [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#).

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Consultation with affected property owners is a condition of approval.

### 4. BULLI, OWEN STREET – CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

#### BACKGROUND

Council has received a request from residents in Owen Street for a street party to be held on Saturday 3 December 2022 from 2pm to 7pm. The request is for a full road closure of Owen Street between Franklin Avenue and Waterloo Street, Bulli. Diversion of traffic around the closure is expected to have minimal inconvenience upon drivers.

#### PROPOSAL

1. The proposed road closure be approved subject to [Council's Standard Conditions for Street Parties](#) and the submitted Plan.
2. Within the footprint of the road closure, there are to be no vehicle movements during the closure – any vehicles movements are to take place prior/post the closure.
3. There is to be a nominated (non-intoxicated) person who will be available to move the posted "hostile mitigation" vehicles to ensure access for emergency vehicles.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Residents in the affected area have indicated their support of the road closure via signed consent, which was submitted with the Application for Road Closure.

### 5. EAST CORRIMAL, STATION STREET – CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

#### BACKGROUND

Council has received a request from residents in Station Street for a street party to be held on Saturday 3 December 2022 from 6:30pm to 11pm. The request is for a full road closure of Station Street between No 5 and No 13 Station Street. This will be the seventh time this street party has taken place, with any residents that needed to exit or enter Station Street being able to do so safely. Diversion of traffic around the closure is expected to have minimal inconvenience upon drivers.

#### PROPOSAL

1. The proposed road closure be approved subject to [Council's Standard Conditions for Street Parties](#) and the submitted Plan.
2. Within the footprint of the road closure, there are to be no vehicle movements during the closure – any vehicles movements are to take place prior/post the closure.
3. There is to be a nominated (non-intoxicated) person who will be available to move the posted "hostile mitigation" vehicles to ensure access for emergency vehicles.
4. Detour signage to be put in place, as an advance warning of the road closure on the side road.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Residents in the affected street have been notified of the proposed closure.

## 6. WOLLONGONG, WIN STADIUM – WELLINGTON PHOENIX A-LEAGUE EVENT

### BACKGROUND

The Venue Manager at WIN Sports and Entertainment Centres (WEC) is seeking approval for a Wellington Phoenix A League game occurring at WIN Stadium, which includes temporary road closures of the southern lanes of Harbour Street between Crown and Burelli Streets and full road closure of Harbour Street from Burelli to Stewart Street. The event is proposed for Saturday 10 December 2022, with the following timings:

- Road closure: 3pm
- Gates: 4pm
- Kick Off: 5pm
- Full Time: 7pm

The patronage for the game is anticipated at 4,000 to 6,000. They will not be accessing Gate D for this game, therefore Quilkey Place will not be required. The applicant also advises that there will be two events at the WIN Entertainment Centre on the same day, with an anticipated audience of approximately 1,000 each and with the following timings:

Breanna Academy of Dance

Doors: 2pm

Concert: 3pm

Conclude: 5.15pm

TJS Dance Academy

Doors: 6.30pm

Concert: 7.30pm

Conclude: 10pm

The scale of traffic management will vary based on forecast attendance and venue configuration. The game will be played using the 10-15,000 scale Traffic Control Plan. Some games will have a lower anticipated attendance and based on a risk assessment the same plan will be implemented without the 5 x truck mounted attenuators.

### PROPOSAL

1. The proposed road closure be approved subject to [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#) and the submitted Traffic Control Plan.
2. The plan must also include a temporary bus layover on Harbour Street, north of Crown Street outside the cathedral. This must include provision of traffic controllers by WIN Stadium to ensure that drivers do not park in the temporary zone.
3. Approved by TfNSW, pending updated plan as provided by WIN Stadium.
4. Until the plan is received, the WEC does not have approval to close any roads for this event.
5. Updated plan requested by Council after Traffic Committee meeting, but not yet received.

### CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Consultation with affected residents and businesses is a condition of approval for this road closure.

## 7. WOLLONGONG, BURELLI, STEWART AND CHURCH STREETS – FREEDOM OF ENTRY 2022

### BACKGROUND

The proposed road closure is for the purpose of hosting the Freedom of Entry March which is coordinated by Wollongong City Council, with the ceremonial components conducted by No 314 (City of Wollongong) Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets. The march is to occur safely and to comply with hostile vehicle mitigation measures.

The event was previously considered and approved by the Traffic Committee at its meeting of 25 January 2022, with the condition that the local bus companies are to be notified of the time and duration that the march will cross Burelli Street. The event was cancelled due to COVID.

Road closures are proposed to be implemented by authorised traffic controllers from 9:30am to 11:00am on Saturday 26 November 2022. Should it be safe to do so, the roads will be reopened earlier. The march will commence from 10am starting on the corner of Church Street and Stewart Street. The participants will head north on Church Street, turn left onto Globe Lane and right into Crown Street Mall, where the march will conclude at the eastern end before the Crown Street/Kembla Street intersection.

Road closures include:

- Burelli Street between Kembla and Keira Streets
- Stewart Street between Kembla and Church Street
- Church Street between Crown Street and George Street

### PROPOSAL

1. The proposed road closure is approved subject to the provided Traffic Control Plan and [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#). Local bus companies are to be notified of the time and duration that the march will cross Burelli Street.
2. Approved, pending updated plan that allows for bus movement.
3. The road is to be closed to all traffic while the march is taking place. Once the march has cleared Burelli Street, NSW Police will provide an all-clear to re-open Burelli Street.
4. Council's Events Team is to notify the Traffic Control Company to provide detour signs on Burelli Street westbound via Kenny Street, then to Keira Street southbound.

### CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Council's Events team has contacted bus operators, taxi operators and NSW Police, to notify them of the proposed road closure. Community consultation will be managed by Council's Events Team.

## 8. WOLLONGONG/FAIRY MEADOW, CLIFF ROAD AND ELLIOTTS ROAD – AUSTRALIA DAY AQUATHON 2023

### BACKGROUND

Activate Events have applied to hold an Australia Day Aquathon event on Thursday 26 January 2023. The event requires the road closure of Cliff Road from 6:30am to 12:30pm to allow participants to enter (northbound) from the Blue Mile at Wollongong Harbour (bottom of Cliff Road) onto Cliff Road for 200m. The event also requires the road closure of Elliotts Road between 8:30am to 10am, with runners arriving southbound cycle path parallel to Squires Way, North Wollongong (heading north) from 8:30am to 9:45am. Runners are to keep to the right side of Elliotts Road and barriers will be placed to close off Fairy Meadow Surf Club car park.

The event was previously approved by the Traffic Committee at its meeting of 12 October 2021.

Emergency access will be provided if necessary.

## PROPOSAL

1. The proposed road closure be approved subject to [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#) and the submitted Plan.
2. While the race is underway, the road is to be closed to vehicles except for those of competitors.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

It is a condition of approval that the applicant consult with residents and businesses who may be affected by the road closure. NSW Police and Premier Illawarra have been consulted by the applicant.

## 9. WOLLONGONG, BELMORE STREET – CLOSURE BETWEEN RAILWAY PARADE AND VICTORIA STREET

### BACKGROUND

Three construction companies working on large projects in Belmore Street have previously approached Council to close Belmore Street between Railway Parade and Victoria Street. The reason for the closure is to reduce the risk to the general public created by having three construction sites in close proximity. Local access is still allowed for residents, businesses and their visitors by way of traffic control.

The current road closure will continue until 19 April 2022 to 19 October 2022. The applicant has requested an extension for an additional 6 months to 19 April 2023.

### PROPOSAL

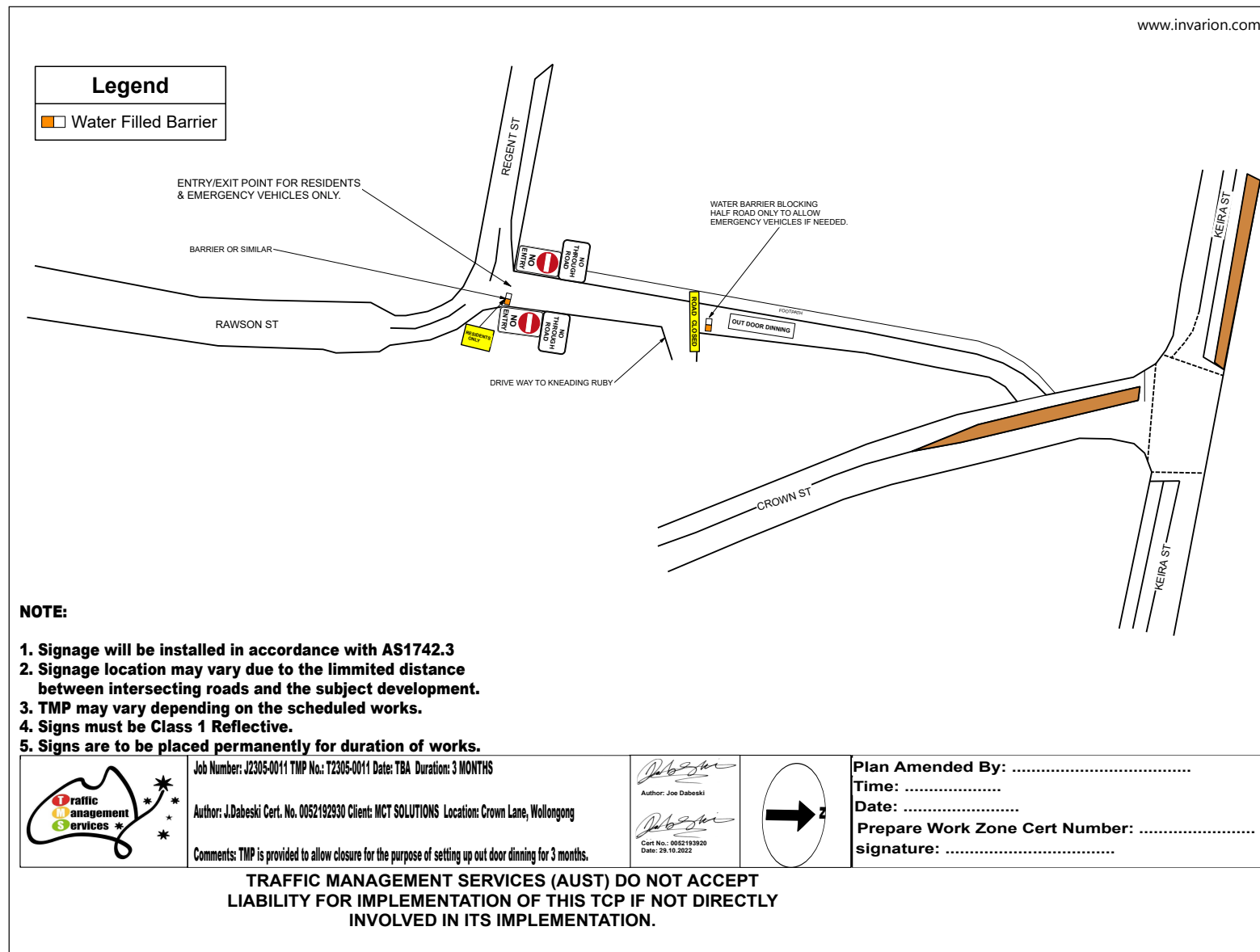
The proposed six month extension until 19 April 2023 of the road closure between 28 Belmore Street and Railway Parade, Wollongong, be approved subject to [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#) and the submitted Traffic Control Plans.

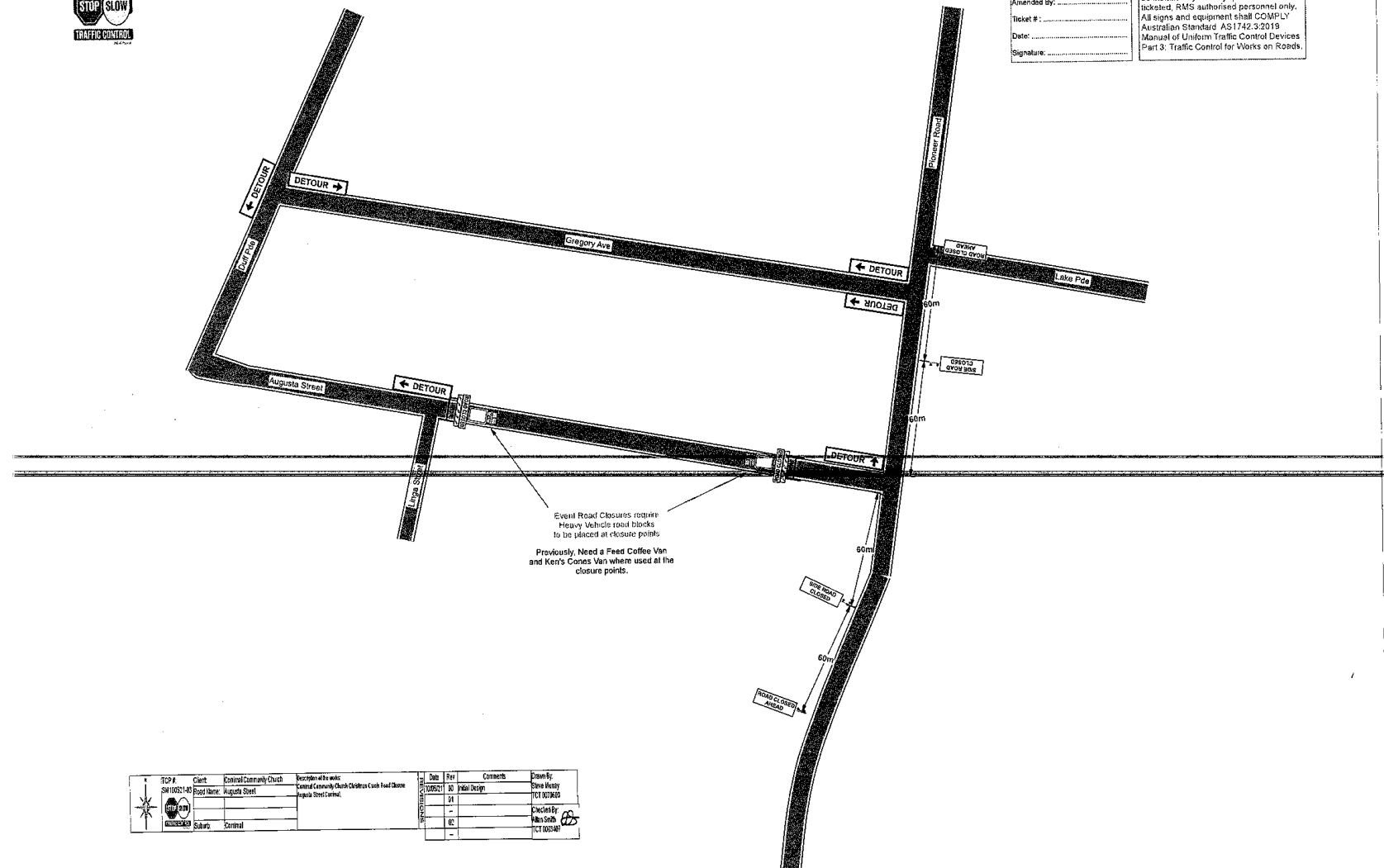
### CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The applicant must contact surrounding residences and businesses again to notify them of the extension. Council can revoke this approval if fair and reasonable consultation has not occurred.

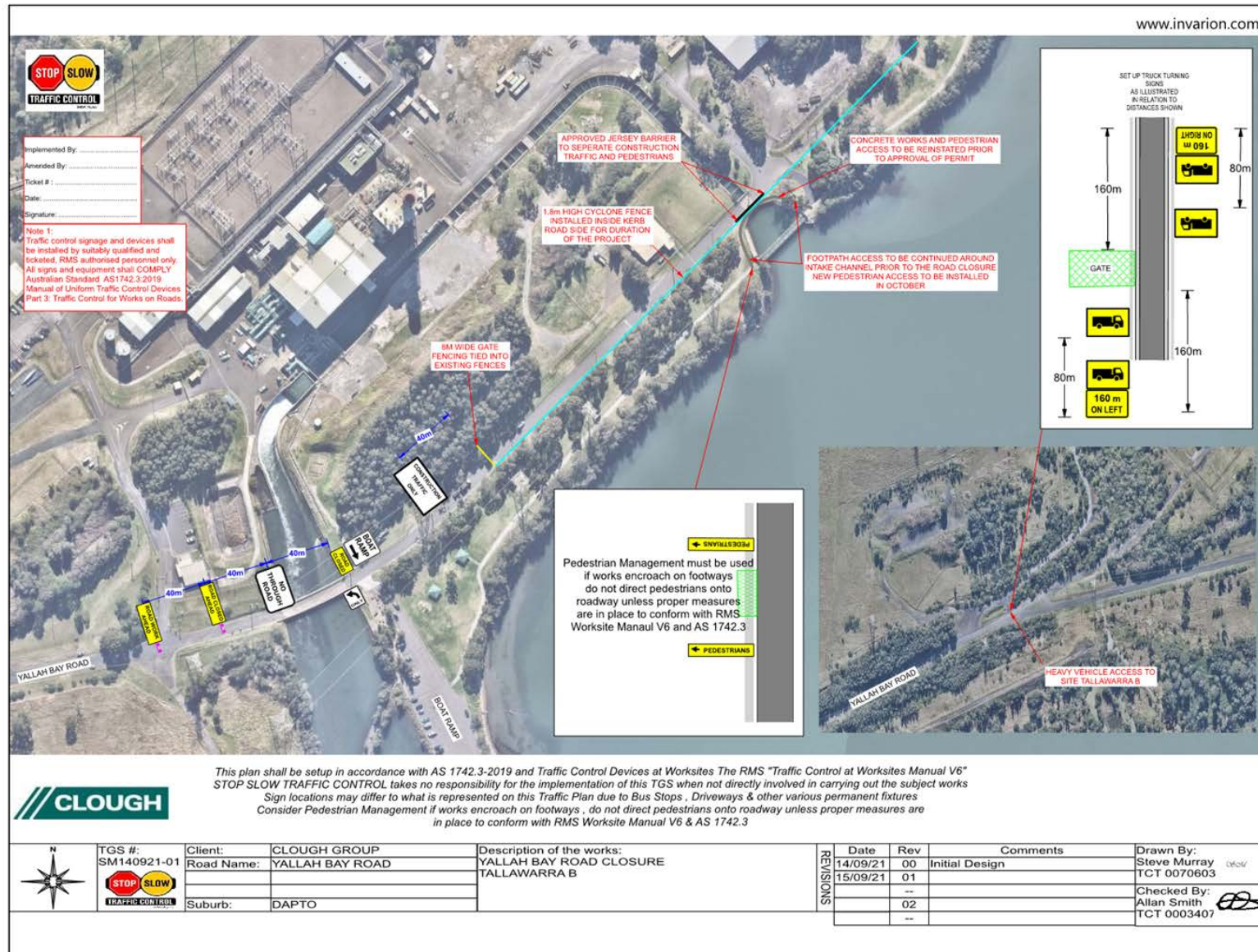
### PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

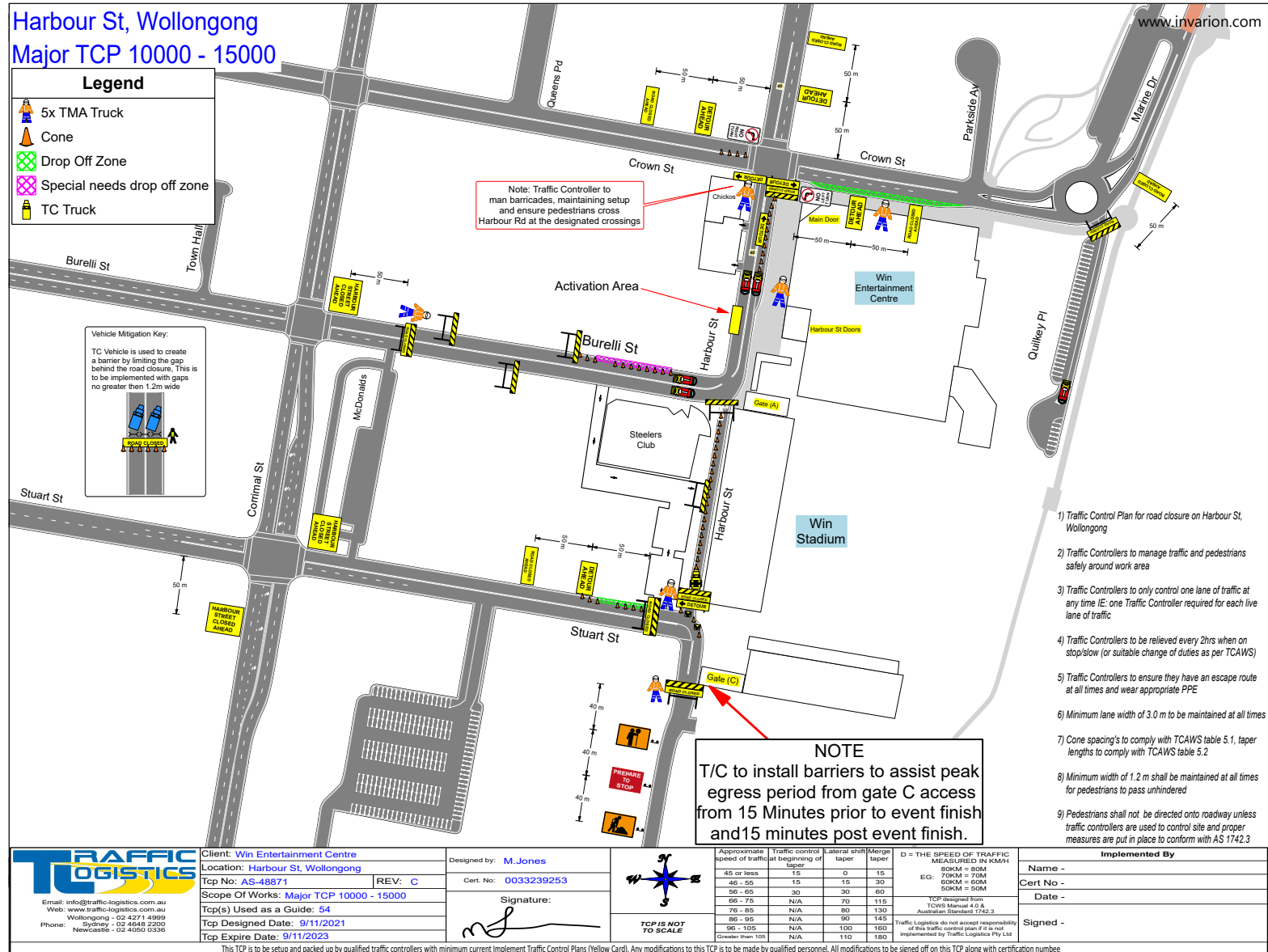
This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2032 Goal “We have affordable and accessible transport”. It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Transport Services.

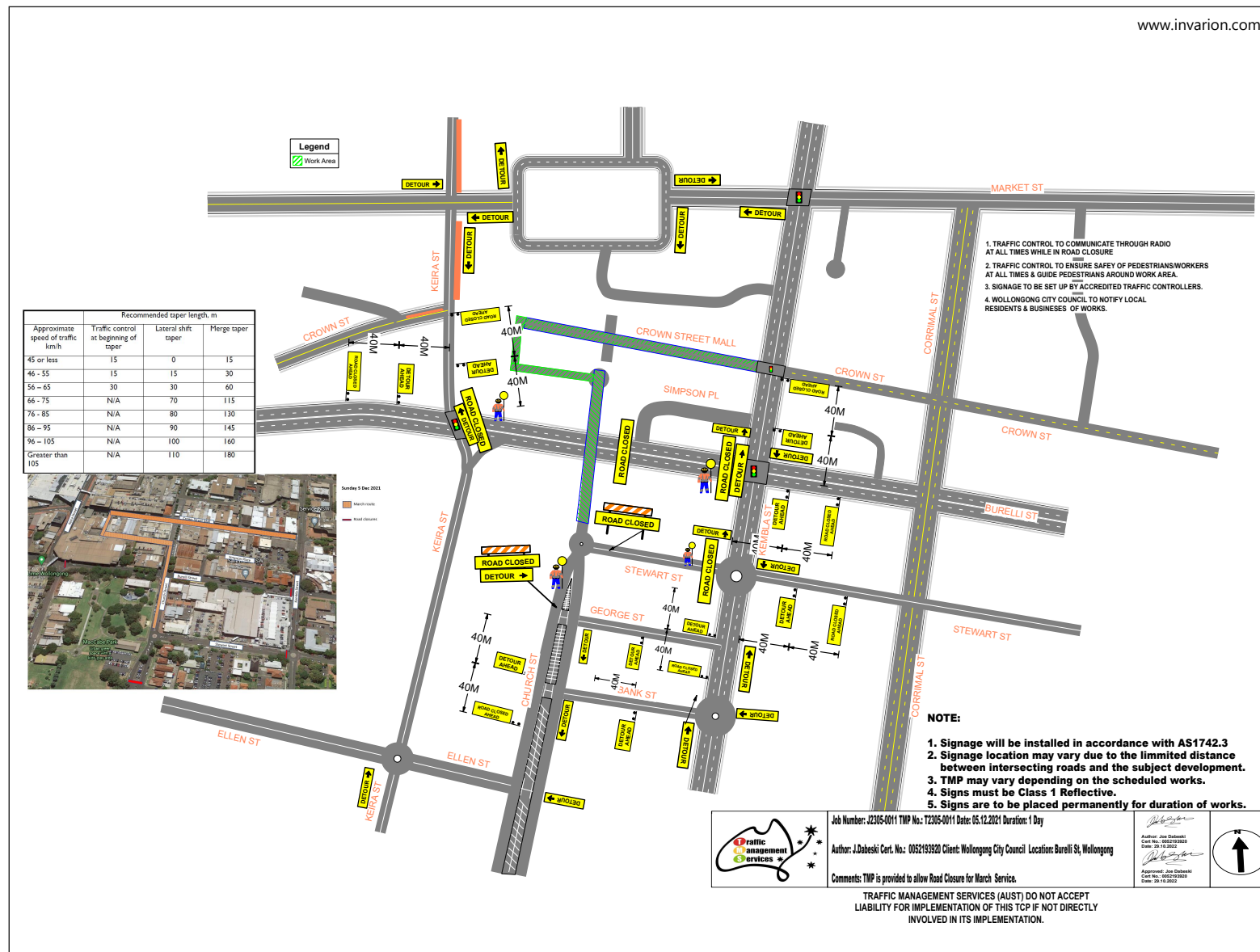












# AUSTRALIA DAY AQUATHON

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023

Proposed TCP

Cliff road and Elliots Road





## About

- Aquathon is a major summer event for Illawarra attaining national recognition
- Inception 1999
- The event includes Aquathon's (swim and run) of varying distances and a fun run/walk.
- 1200-1500 participants and 1000+ spectators expected from wider Illawarra and across NSW
- Over \$455,000 has been provided or fund raised to charities and non-for-profits since inception
- Ages range from 6 years to over 70.
- Operates successfully with a near perfect incident record
- Comprehensive risk planning, with appropriate event insurance, approvals and permits as WCC event licence, NSW Maritime Aquatic licence.
- Proposed road closure timing
- Cliff Road 6.30am-12.30pm
- Elliot's Road: 8.30am-10am

## Traffic Considerations

- Australia Day and Aquathon are well known events with public aware of general road closures and activities that occur at Wollongong Harbour.
- Aquathon proposes a short 500m road closure on Cliff Road as per TCP
- 2022 Event operated under the same TCP with no incidents recorded
- Event organisers will liaise closely with local Traffic control group on road closures, and approval from Transport NSW (Traffic light signal) and Police
- Event organisers will liaise with local business and residents to provide early notice and communicate impact and work on any concerns.
- The closure will only (partly) directly affect one business (levendi)
- The closure will allow for all residents within affected closure on Cliff Road access for exit and entry (under TC guidance)
- Access to Osborne park is maintained for public (walkers, cyclists) and emergency
- Local resident and business notifications Minimal 14 days prior
- Gong Shuttle: Affected times 9.40am-11am (public holiday schedule)
- Delayed start to 11am or re-route\* TBC with Premier Illawarra
- Emergency lane will be created on western side of cliff road pending no stalls (WCC Australia Day event manager to confirm)

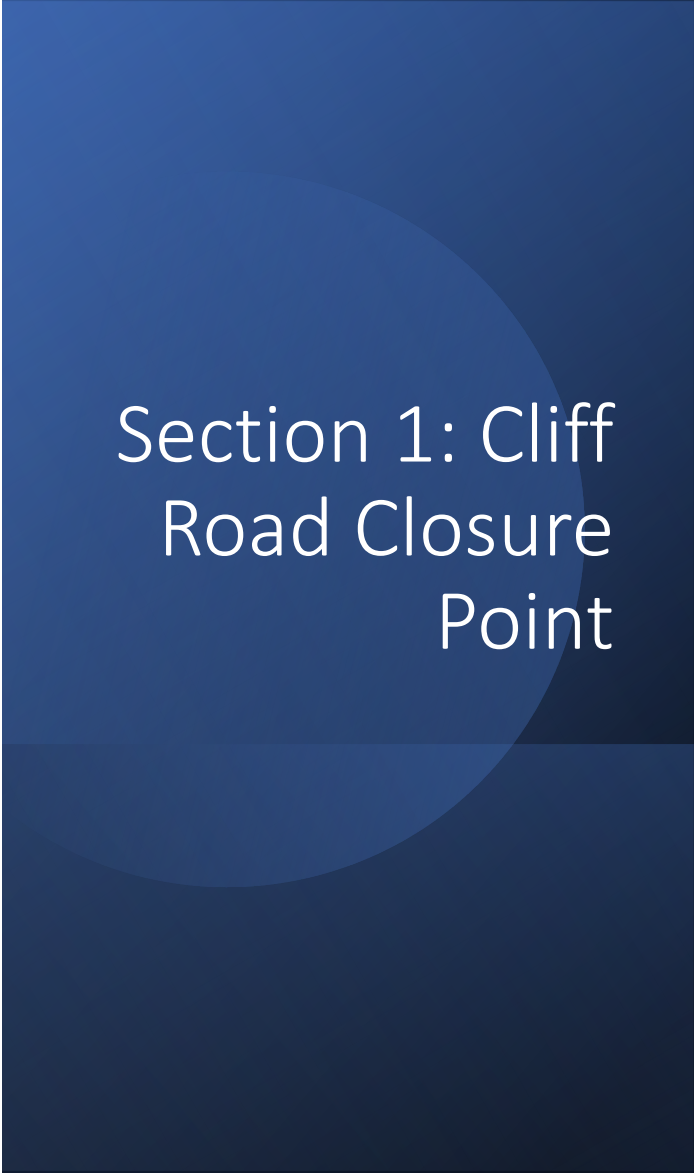
## Request for WCC closure of 5-6 parking bays along cliff road

- In prior years WCC staff have closed off the parking bays along east side of Cliff road, parallel to Belmore Basin in the morning of the day prior to the event 25<sup>th</sup> January.
- This is allow's Aquathon to place part of the finish shute along the gutter in readiness to complete on event morning.
- **Given the short lead in time on event day is critical to begin the finish shute CCB placement the day prior.**
- Aquathon staff can assist placement of barriers and will have security on site the evening of 25/1/23 to 6am on 26/1/23
- Image attached for reference









## Section 1: Cliff Road Closure Point

6.30am to 12.30pm  
Thursday 26 January 2023







## Elliot's Road Fairy Meadow

- 8.30am – 10am
- Thursday 26 January 2023

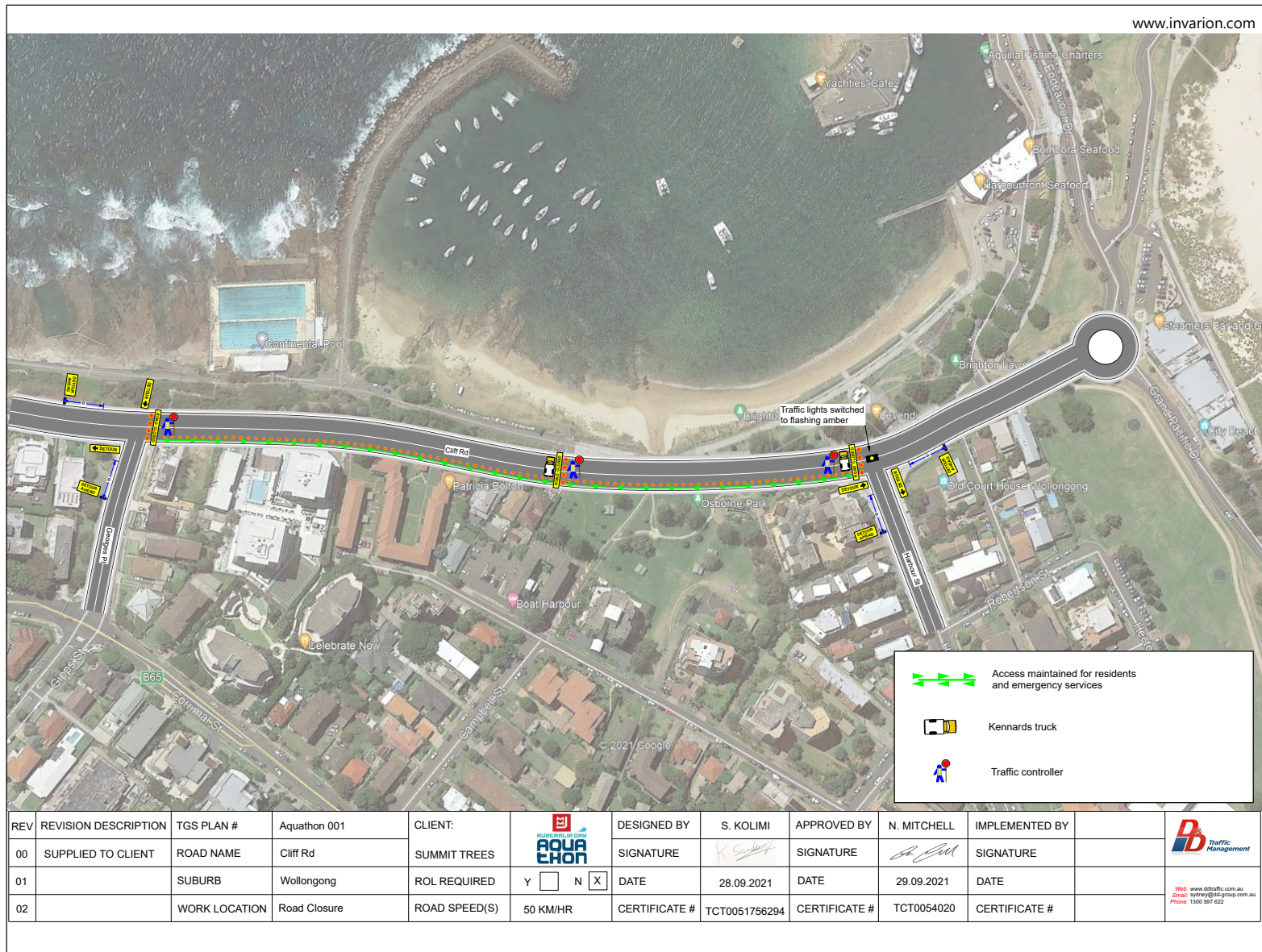


## Traffic Considerations

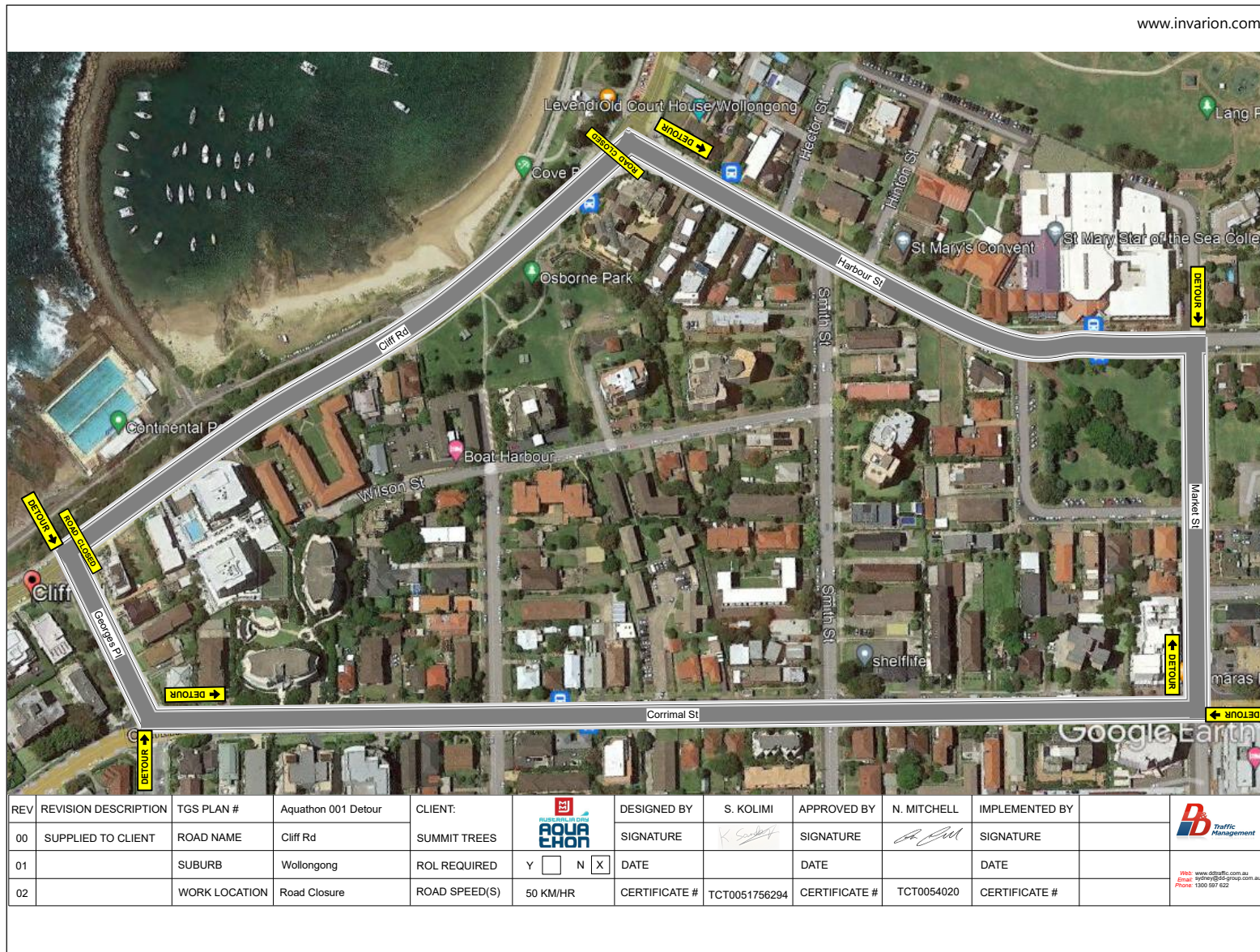
- Closure 8.30am-10am
- Runners will arrive southbound on the cycle path parallel to Squires Road (heading north) from 8.30am – 9.45am.
- Runners keeping to right side of the road (Elliot's road)
- Bunting/witches hats to ensure runners keep to right of lane
- Pedestrian access will be maintained on exiting pathway.
- Signage and course marshals to advise of event in progress.
- Barriers/vehicle to close off fairy meadow surf club car park (public) during closure period
- Fairy Meadow surf club will be consulted to ensure appropriate access for patrol members and emergency is maintained
- Emergency access maintained
- Slip lane open (emergency only) on northern side
- Warning signs for public car park exit not allowed in place



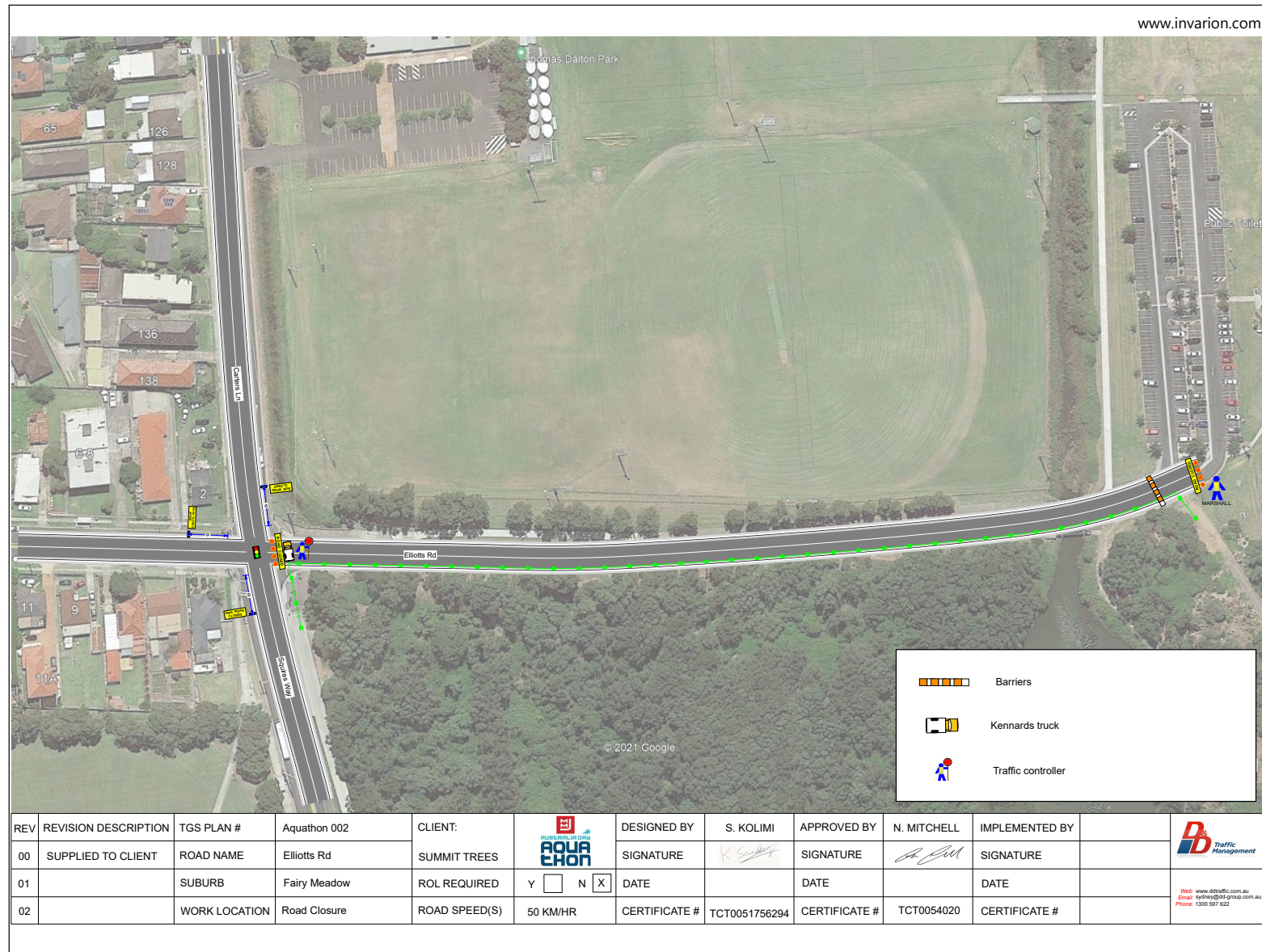




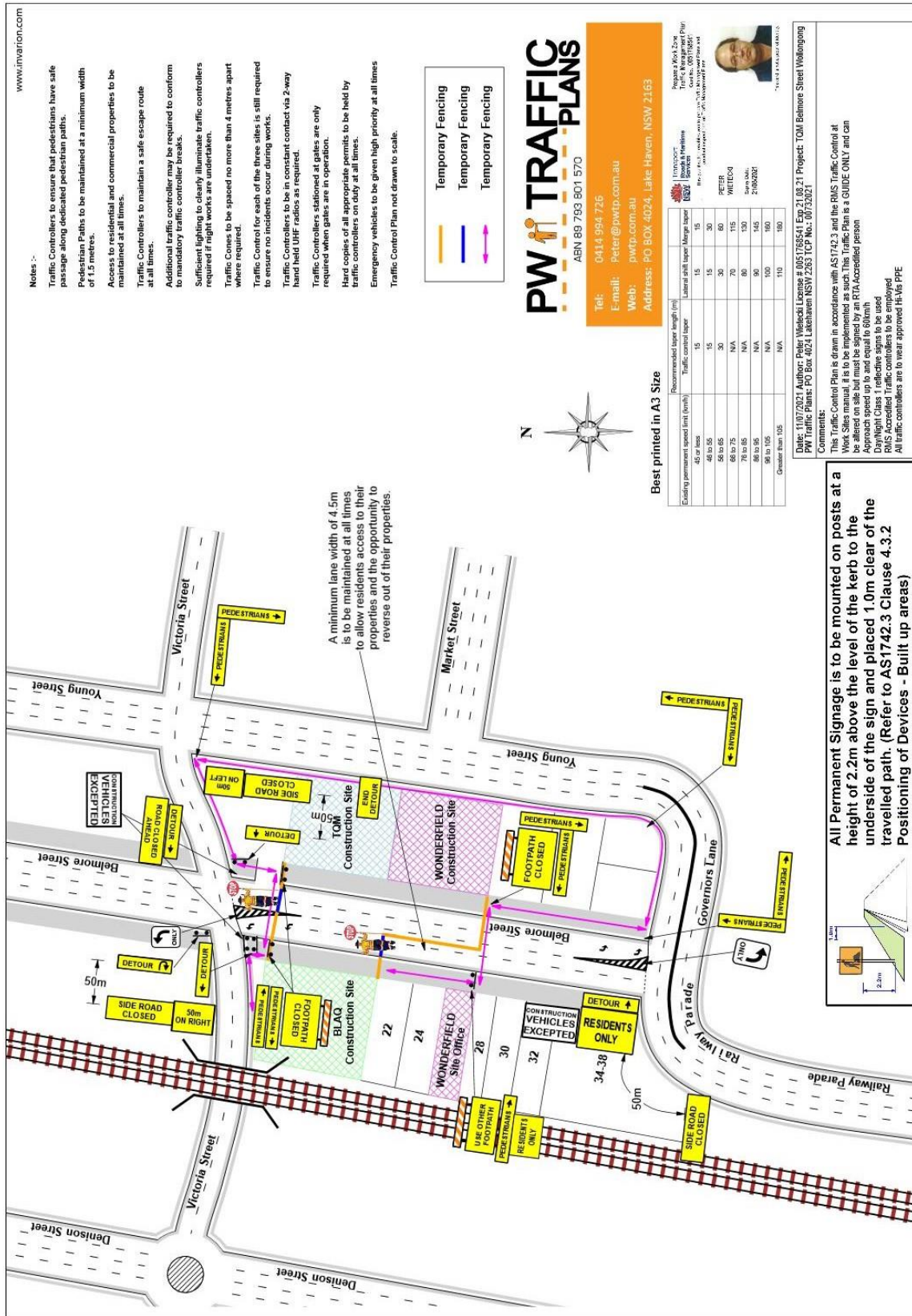






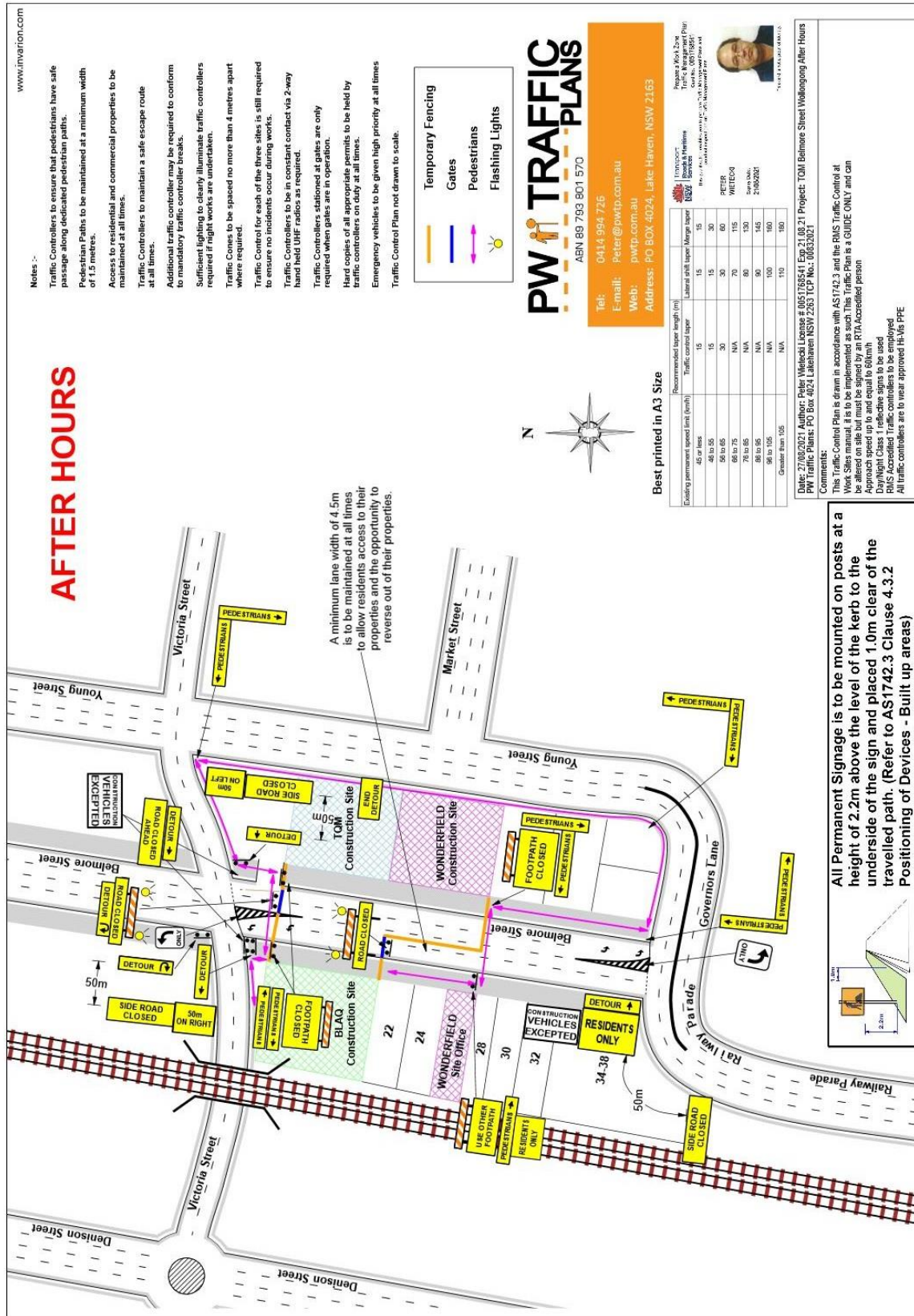


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