

MINUTES

CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

at 9.15 am

13 February 2019

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the powers delegated to Council by the Road Transport Act 2013 and the Roads Act 1993, as outlined in the RMS document 'A guide to the Delegation to Councils for the Regulation of Traffic – including the operation of Traffic Committees':

- 1 The remaining Recommendations of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee (excluding all Temporary Road Closures which require adoption by full Council), be adopted.
- 2 Appropriate persons and Departments be advised of Council's decisions.

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The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee is not a Committee of Wollongong City Council however a Technical Committee of the Roads & Maritime Services (RMS). The Committee operates under the authority conferred to Council by the RMS under the Transport Administration Act 1988. Council has resolved to manage the Traffic Committee under a Charter which sets out the membership, timelines for the preparation of the Agenda and the

distribution of Minutes, in accordance with the RMS document 'A guide to the delegation to councils for the regulation of traffic' (including the operation of Traffic Committees.)

Council has been delegated certain powers, from the RMS, with regard to traffic matters upon its local roads. A condition of this delegation is that Council must take into account the Traffic Committee recommendations.

There are four permanent members of the Traffic Committee, *each of whom has a single vote only.*

- The members are representatives of the NSW Police Force, the Roads & Maritime Services, the Local State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon), and a representative of Wollongong City Council.
- If the RMS or NSW Police Force disagrees with any Traffic Committee recommendation, or Council's resolution on any Traffic Committee recommendation, that member may lodge an appeal with the Regional Traffic Committee for determination. The appeal must be lodged in writing within 14 days of Council's resolution. Any action relative to any issue under appeal must cease until the matter is determined. The Regional Traffic Committee is chaired by an independent chairperson and submissions and representations are welcomed from all interested parties.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Council can only recommend that:

- 1 The Traffic Committee recommendation be adopted.**
- 2 The Traffic Committee recommendation not be adopted.**
- 3 The Traffic Committee reconsider this issue.**

PRESENT	
Lindsay Dunstan - Chair	Wollongong City Council
Danny Benedetti	Roads and Maritime Services
Snr Constable Andrew Cotton	NSW Police
Les Dion	Dion's Bus Service
David Cratchley	Premier Illawarra
Stephen Burridge	Busabout
<i>Represented by Merlinda Hyde via telephone</i>	
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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Welcome

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

An Acknowledgement of Country was presented by the Chairperson Lindsay Dunstan.

1.3 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 Apologies

Nil

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes Arising from Previous Minutes

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee confirmed the previous minutes as an accurate record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 THIRROUL - WARD 1 - Clyde Close, Turning T, Parking Restrictions

BACKGROUND

Clyde Close is part of the Sandon Point subdivision and the northern boundary is on Thomas Gibson Park. On weekends there is a high parking demand due to visitors to the Park. The Turning T is frequently used for parking but prevents access to adjoining properties and inhibits other road users from turning at the end of the Street. Residents have no objections to parking restrictions in the Turning T which are required to keep the Cul de sac free of parked vehicles.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has been carried out with adjoining residents.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Install no stopping restrictions around the Turning T at the northern end of Clyde Close, Thirroul.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 WOONONA - WARD 1 - Robert and Russell Streets - Installation of Stop Sign for Robert Street Traffic.

BACKGROUND

Robert Street meets Russell Street, Woonona at a T Junction and the approach is on an uphill gradient. Parked vehicles in Russell Street, even some distance from the intersection can affect the sight distance. A stop sign for Robert Street traffic and the installation of the standard no stopping restrictions of 10 metres in length on each leg of the intersection will assist.

CONSULTATION

No consultation required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Install a stop sign and associated line-marking in Robert Street, Woonona at the intersection of Russell Street together with no-stopping restrictions for the standard 10 metres on each leg of intersection by way of continuous yellow lines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 LAKE HEIGHTS - WARD 1 - Weringa Avenue – Timed Parking Restrictions

BACKGROUND

Some of the traders at the northern end of Weringa Avenue have noticed long term parking is occurring at some of the spaces adjacent to the shops while there are significant vacant spaces within the surrounding streets. In these circumstances it is appropriate to install 1 hour timed parking during business hours Monday to Friday for the angled parking spaces adjacent to the shops.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has taken place with the traders in the neighbourhood shopping centre of Weringa Avenue and with council's rangers.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Install 1 hour timed parking 8.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday on the angled parking spaces at the northern end of Weringa Avenue, Lake Heights.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

3.1 THIRROUL - WARD 1 – Seaside Festival - King and McCauley Streets Seaside – Road Closures

BACKGROUND

As in previous years the business community of Thirroul are holding the Annual Thirroul Seaside Festival which involves the road closures of King and McCauley Streets on Saturday 6 April 2019. The closures take effect from 7.00am to 5.00pm on the day and allow street stalls and entertainment within the closed streets. Lawrence Hargrave Drive is not affected except that pedestrians will be prevented from crossing at any points other than the refuge crossing near King Street and the signalised crossing at Raymond Road.

The Festival then moves to Cliff Parade and the beach reserve for Sunday 7 April 2019 and there are no road closures and therefore no regulation of traffic plans are required.

The submitted traffic management plans provide for water filled barriers at the road closures and for the pedestrian warning facilities on Lawrence Hargrave Drive, which comply with the assessment under [the Crowded Place Guidelines](#).

CONSULTATION

It is a condition of approval that the organisers consult with the immediate community affected by the road closures.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

The proposed road closures for King and McCauley Streets be approved subject to the submitted traffic management plans, Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures and Police and Roads & Maritime Services approvals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 WOLLONGONG - WARD 3 – Victoria Street – Weekly Road Closures for Construction

BACKGROUND

The building construction work on the south west corner of Keira and Victoria Streets will require a number of road closures to allow the safe construction of the building when major concrete pours are required. The footpath and part of the roadway in the vicinity of the building have some limitations for standing heavy cranes and accordingly a larger area of roadway is required during concrete pours.

The closures will take effect on Victoria Street between Keira Street and Keira Lane from 5.00am to 6.00pm on each day. The builder has requested road closures at an average rate of 1 per week for the 24 months between March 2019 and March 2021. The timing of each concrete pour will be affected by the weather and the progress of construction. Subsequent to the meeting suitable Traffic Control Plans have been tabled.

CONSULTATION

It is a condition of approval that the builder consults with the community affected by the road closures.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

The weekly road closures proposed for the period March 2019 to March 2021 for Victoria Street be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plans, Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures and approval from Roads & Maritime Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 WOLLONGONG - WARD 3 – Wollongong Entertainment Centre and Win Stadium Events for 2019 Regulation of Traffic

BACKGROUND

Venues NSW have advised that there are 6 major events in 2019 for Win Stadium and the WEC, 5 NRL games and the annual KidzWish Christmas Party. These events use the Type 2 Traffic Management Plans for crowd numbers between 10,000 – 15,000 and involve short road closures on Harbour Street between Stewart and Crown Streets and significant changes to parking regulations and the management of pedestrians. It should be noted that the Southern Stars School Spectacular will also have some road closures however will be managed separately to these events.

MAJOR EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR WIN SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRES 2019

(AS AT 10/01/2019) Date

Saturday, 20th April – Main Game 7:30pm
 Sunday, 26th May – 4:00pm
 Friday, 28th June – Main Game 6:00pm
 Thursday, 4th July – Main Game 7:50pm
 Sunday, 14th July – Main Game 6:00pm
 December 2019 - date to be confirmed

WIN Stadium Major Events

Dragons V Manly Sea Eagles
 Dragons V Cronulla Sharks
 Dragons V North Queensland Cowboys
 Dragons V Melbourne Storm
 Dragons V Canberra Raiders
 KidzWish Christmas Party

The road closures and traffic controls will take effect from 3.00pm to 9.00pm for the 6.00pm games, 4.00pm to 10.00pm for the 7.30pm and 7.50pm games, and for the KidzWish function (December 2019) from 9.30am until 2.00pm on the day.

CONSULTATION

It is a condition of approval that the application consults with the community affected by the road closure.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

The proposed regulation of traffic and road closures for the KidzWish Event and the NRL games listed be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Management Plans, Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures and approval from Roads & Maritime Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DESIGN MATTERS

4.1 CONISTON - WARD 2 – Bridge Street – Pedestrian Bridge Crossing

BACKGROUND

Council is proposing to replace the existing Zebra Crossing in Bridge Street, Coniston (between Tate Street and Old Springhill Road). The new Pedestrian Refuge Crossing will restrict the carriageway to a single lane in each direction and will provide a better crossing point than a Zebra Crossing. It should also have a traffic calming effect.

The existing crossing has not been used consistently and is located on a wide carriageway, with the result that drivers have tended not to stop for pedestrians. There has also been a risk that a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian may be overtaken by another vehicle, due to the wide carriageway. The designers will be asked to check that street lighting over the new facility will be adequate. It was noticed that the edge-lines would provide better delineation to the crossing point if the edge-lines were tapered to the curb and the curb blister islands.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is a requirement of the design process.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Plan 6419_C062_3 be approved subject to the addition of tapered edge-lines between the curb blister islands and the curb.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 INFORMAL ITEM

5.1 WOLLONGONG - WARD 2 – Cliff Road Reopening at Bourke Street

BACKGROUND

The reopening of Cliff Road at Bourke Street to vehicles turning left heading south was discussed and the RMS approved this in principle. The NSW Police requested more detailed plans before they could provide feedback. Council will prepare more detailed plans and present them back to the next Traffic Committee for endorsement. The Plans will include a new threshold at the southern end of Cliff Road with a separated cycle path for cyclists heading north on the western side of Cliff Road. The north heading cycle path is to be separated by planter boxes. The installation of a stop sign on Cliff Road is to be included as far south as practical to permit pedestrians to cross behind a vehicle making a left turn. Car park style speed humps in the south facing lane are to be installed north of the threshold. Additional restrictions are to be considered on the length and size of vehicles permitted on Cliff Road between Blackett and Bourke Streets.

CONSULTATION

Consultation will occur at a date yet to be determined.

The next meeting City of Wollongong Traffic Committee will be held on 13 March at 9.15am at the Wollongong City Council Administration Building on Level 9.

Standard Conditions for Road Closures

For Special Events and Work Related activities Within Council Road Reserves.

Following approval by Wollongong City Council, road closures are subject to the additional Council conditions:

1. **The Applicant must complete the Council form** *'Application to Open and Occupy or Underbore a Roadway or Footpath'* (Refer to Checklist below – relates to Section 138 of the Roads Act.)
2. **NSW Police Approval:** The Applicant must obtain written approval from NSW Police, where required under the Roads Act.
3. **If the Road Closure is within 100m of any traffic control signals or on a 'State Classified Road'** the Applicant must obtain a Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) from NSW Roads & Maritime Services (RMS).
4. **The Applicant must advise all affected residents and business owners** within the closure area of the date/s and times for the closure, at least 7 days prior to the intended date of works.
5. **The Applicant must advise Emergency Services:** Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Police, Taxi and Bus Companies of the closure dates and times in writing, 7 days prior to the intended date of works. The Applicant must endeavour to minimise the impact on bus services during the closure.
6. **Traffic Management Plan:** The closure must be set up in accordance with the approved **Traffic Management Plan (TMP)** prepared by an appropriately qualified traffic controller; a copy of whose qualifications must be included with the submitted TMP.
7. **Traffic Management Plan Setup:** The Traffic Management Plan must be set up by appropriately qualified traffic control persons or the NSW Police.
8. **Access to properties affected by the road closure must be maintained where possible.** Where direct access cannot be achieved, an alternative arrangement must be agreed to by both the applicant and the affected person/s.
9. **Public Notice Advertisement:** The Applicant must advertise the road closure in the Public Notices section of the local paper, detailing closure date/s and times at least 7 days prior to the closure.
10. **Public Liability Policy:** The Applicant must provide Council with a copy of their current insurance policy to a value of no less than \$20 million dollars to cover Wollongong City Council from any claims arising from the closure.

Checklist:

- ☒ **Completed Council Form:**
'Application to Open and Occupy or Underbore a Roadway or Footpath'.

Required information as shown below MUST be attached:

- ☒ A copy of the letter from the Traffic Committee authorising the closure
- ☒ The Traffic Management Plan (TMP)
- ☒ The Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) *if required*
- ☒ Written approval from NSW Police
- ☒ Public Liability Insurance

Applications may be lodged in the Customer Service Centre located on the Ground Floor of Council's Administration Building, 41 Burelli Street Wollongong between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Plan – Seaside Festival, Thirroul .page 2/3

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North approach on cycleway,
detoured at Pram Crossing

Detour Routes

Cycleway closed

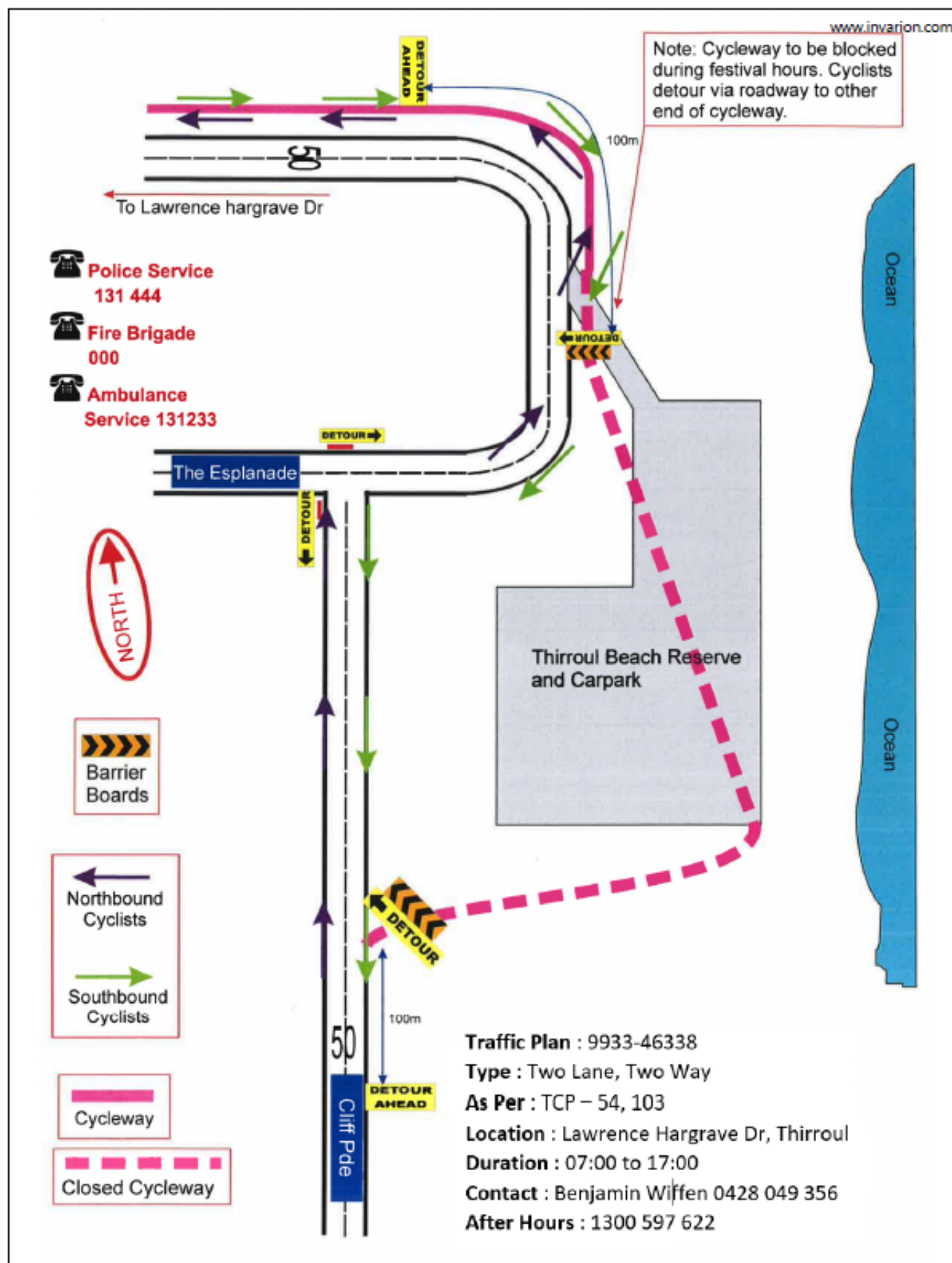
The same Pine Trees!

Northbound Route

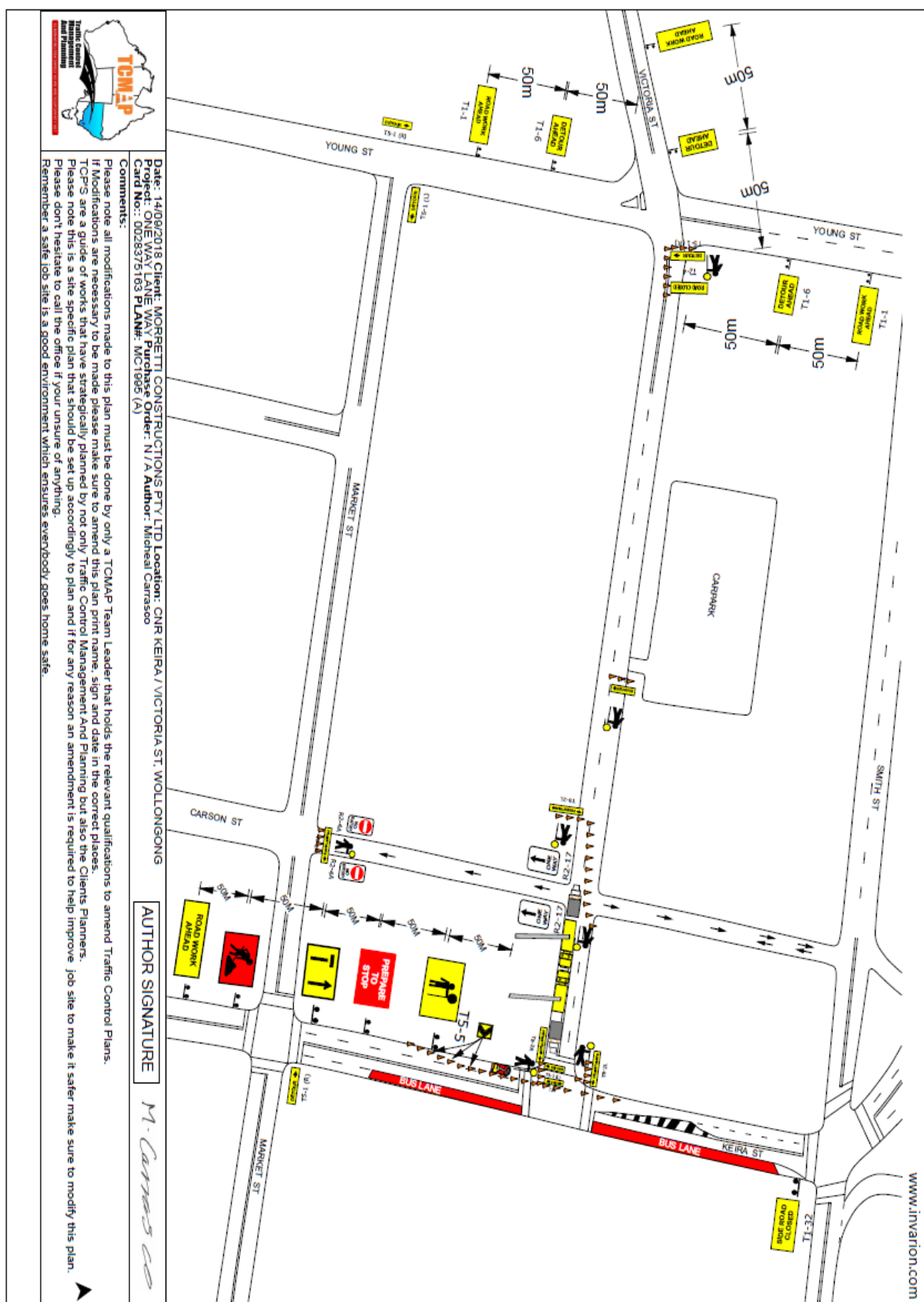
Southbound Route

South approach to cycleway
along Cliff Pde.

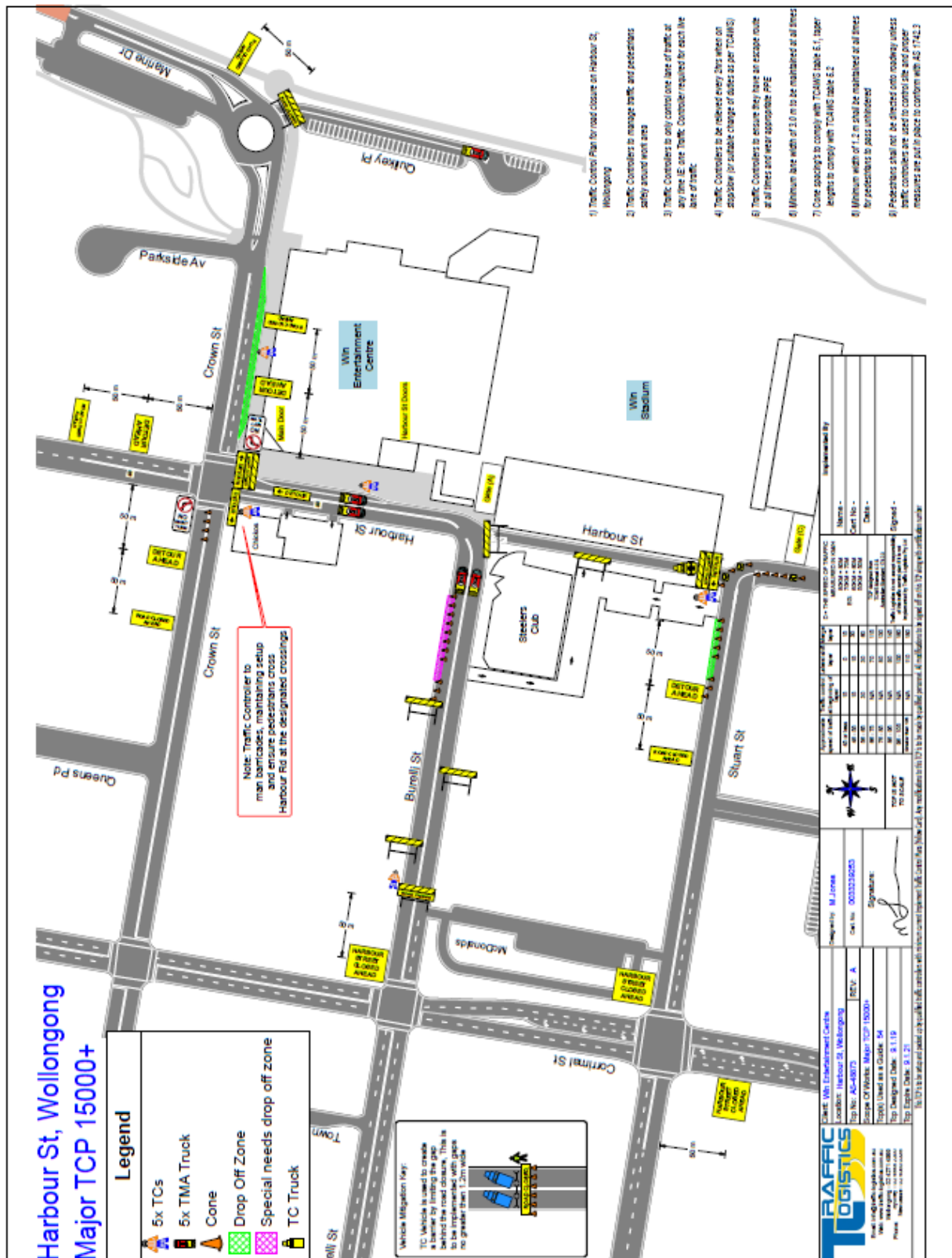
Traffic Plan : 9933-46338
Type : Two Lane, Two Way
As Per : TCP – 54, 103
Location : Lawrence Hargrave Dr, Thirroul
Duration : 07:00 to 17:00
Contact : Benjamin Wiffen 0428 049 356
After Hours : 1300 597 622



Plan – Victoria Street Road Closures



Plan – WEC and Win Stadium Events for 2019 – Type 2



Plan – Bridge Street, Coniston – Pedestrian Bridge Crossing

