

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Traffic Committee Minutes of Meeting

29 January 2020



MINUTES

CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

at 9.40 am

29 January 2020

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the powers delegated to Council by the Road Transport Act 2013 and the Roads Act 1993, as outlined in the TfNSW (previously 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.

Author's Name	Author's Title	Date
Lindsay Dunstan	Senior Traffic Engineer	5 February 2020
Andrew Byers	Traffic and Transport Unit Leader (Acting)	6 February 2020
Mark Roebuck	Infrastructure Strategy and Planning – Manager (Acting)	7 February 2020
Andrew Carfield	Director – Infrastructure and Works	11 February 2020
Name	Title	Date
Greg Doyle	General Manager	11 February 2020

Wollongong City Council

Infrastructure, Strategy and Planning Division
Transport and Stormwater

The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee is not a Committee of Wollongong City Council however a Technical Committee of Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW). The Committee operates under the authority conferred to Council by TfNSW 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 TfNSW 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 TfNSW, 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, Transport for New South Wales, the Local State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon), and a representative of Wollongong City Council.
- If TfNSW 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
Rob Gaudiosi	Wollongong City Council
Ellen Dreghorn	Wollongong City Council
Mel Lausz – Road Safety Officer	Wollongong City Council
Senior Constable Andrew Cotton	NSW Police
Danny Benedetti	Transport for New South Wales
Luke Simmich	Transport for New South Wales
Justin Miles	Wollongong City Council (11.16am – 11.40pm)
John Burns	Representing the Member for Keira and Member for Wollongong

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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

Apologies were received and accepted by Stephen Burrige.

Les Dion, David Cratchley and Jon Granland were noted as absent.

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 STANWELL PARK - WARD 1

The Drive – Trucks Prohibited Signage

BACKGROUND

A resident has raised concerns with Council that large trucks continue to use The Drive, Stanwell Park when there is an alternative route via Park Parade. A No Trucks restriction has been considered however under this rule exemptions are available for any vehicle with a destination in the area. As it is desirable to direct vehicles to the more suitable route on Park Parade to access the eastern end of The Drive, a warning sign is more appropriate than the No Trucks regulatory sign.

CONSULTATION

Consultation should take the form of a letterbox drop to residents in The Drive to indicate that the new signs are designed to discourage heavy vehicle drivers using the narrow western end of this street however vehicles making deliveries in the area or providing waste services will not be affected.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Install signs at each end of The Drive, Stanwell Park to indicate that this road is unsuitable for vehicles longer than 7 metres.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 TOWRADGI - WARD 1

Murrarar Road – Bus Stop Relocation

BACKGROUND

The Illawarra Retirement Trust (IRT) has submitted a request to relocate the bus stop on Murrarar Road in front of the decommissioned buildings. The current location is now outside an unused part of the IRT property and it will be easier for residents to access the bus stop in a new location. The bus stop relocation will be organised by the IRT including all associated costs.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with the bus service providers is required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Relocate the existing bus stop on Murrarar Road outside IRT Towradgi 90 metres east, to be arranged and funded by the Illawarra Retirement Trust.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 WEST WOLLONGONG - WARD 2

Powell Street – Bus Zone

BACKGROUND

Council is proposing to install school zone times on the existing Bus Zones located either side of Powell Street near Woodlawn Avenue, West Wollongong. Council has consulted with bus operators and have confirmed that both Bus Zones are only used for school services. The roadway of Powell Street is wide enough to permit parking at the Kerb whilst leaving sufficient width of travel lane, and these bus stops are likely to be used by residents for parking after hours.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is required with bus operators as a condition of approval.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Install standard school times on the Bus Zone located on the western side of Powell Street across from Woodlawn Avenue
- Install standard school times on the Bus Zone located on the eastern side of Powell Street, north of Woodlawn Avenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.4 WOLLONGONG - WARD 2

Richardson Street – Change to Timed Parking

BACKGROUND

Wollongong Central Management has requested 5-minute parking on the eastern side of Richardson Street to accommodate online food ordering services. Existing parking arrangements allow 15-minute parking from 6am to 6pm Monday to Friday and No Parking 6pm to 6am Monday to Friday.

The current 15 minute parking does not seem to provide for sufficient turnover and the committee agreed that 5 minute parking as proposed may be more useful to short term visitors. It was noted that there are only 2 parking spaces available at this location and that for a number of takeaway restaurants in the shopping centre the existing spaces may not be sufficient for the on-line food ordering services. Therefore, it may be appropriate for Council to discuss other options with centre management to provide for these food services within the existing car park as well.

The No Parking restrictions from 6pm to 6am are designed to manage guests at the hotel on the corner of Market and Keira Streets. However, it is understood that this business has closed and that the 5 minute parking proposed is now appropriate for the area without licenced premises being located nearby.

CONSULTATION

Wollongong Central is the adjacent landowner who supports the changes.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Remove existing parking signs and install full time 5-minute parking on the eastern side of Richardson Street to replace the 15 minute parking.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.5 WONGAWILLI - WARD 3

Smiths Lane and Wongawilli Road – Proposed Give Way Sign

BACKGROUND

A Wongawilli resident has requested a review of the T-intersection located at Smiths Lane and Wongawilli Road, Wongawilli which does not have a Give Way or Stop sign. Council's Traffic Unit has reviewed this intersection on site and proposed a Give Way sign for southbound motorists on Smiths Lane. The intersection has sufficient sight distance and meets the criteria for a Give Way sign at this location.

Council has plans to reconstruct Wongawilli Road including the intersection with Smiths Lane. The associated Give Way line marking will be provided once a road reconstruction has occurred at this location.

CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Install a Give Way sign on Smiths Lane for southbound motorists at the intersection of Wongawilli Road, Wongawilli.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.6 WINDANG - WARD 3

Fern Street – Access Way to the Surf Life Saving Club

BACKGROUND

Council has been notified by a representative from the Windang Surf Life Saving Club regarding congestion along the accessway that links Fern Street to Windang Surf Life Saving Club, adjacent to the Tourist Park. Drivers are parking along the west side (lake side) creating one-way traffic and causing access issues for emergency services and those who work at the club.

CONSULTATION

The Windang Surf Life Saving Club has been consulted.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Install No Stopping restrictions on the west side (lake side) of the accessway adjacent to the Windang Beach Tourist Park from Fern Street, Windang to the angle parking at the Windang Foreshore.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.7 BERKELEY - WARD 3

Hertford Street – No Stopping Signage

BACKGROUND

Council has received a request to install No Stopping at the intersection of Hertford Street and Bedford Street (outside 68 Hertford Street) to improve sight distance when turning out of Bedford Street. The proposed restrictions will compliment the existing restrictions in this area and may encourage more visitors to Fred Finch park to use the existing car park instead of on-street parking.

Additionally, the crest on Hertford Street has existing No Parking restrictions between 24 to 36 Hertford Street. A resident has advised that drivers are travelling in the middle of the road along this section. It was initially proposed that double barrier lines be installed between 24 to 36 Hertford Street to ensure drivers stay on the correct side of the road. Instead of a new restriction by way of double lines it was agreed that a crest warning signs with an advisory speed of 35km per hour would be more appropriate.

CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Install No Stopping restrictions on Hertford Street (outside number 68) 10 metres east of the Bedford Street intersection.
- Install crest warning signs on each approach to the crest on Hertford Street together with a speed advisory sign of 35km per hour.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

3.1 THIRROUL - WARD 1

Thirroul Seaside & Arts Festival – Road Closures

BACKGROUND

The Thirroul Seaside & Arts festival is to be held on the weekend of the 3rd to 5th April 2020 with similar arrangements to previous years. 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 road closures will take place on Saturday 4th April 2020 only from 7.00am to 5.00pm to allow street stalls and entertainment within the closed streets. This will include:

- McCauley Street between Lawrence Hargrave Drive and the Bath Street intersection.
- King Street between Lawrence Hargrave Drive and the Thirroul Plaza car park.

As in previous years, the festival will move to the Thirroul beach area off Cliff Parade on Sunday 5th April 2020 and no road closures will be involved. As the road closures involve access points to Lawrence Hargrave Drive, a concurrent road occupancy licence will be required from Transport for NSW.

CONSULTATION

It is a condition of approval for the organisers to consult with adjoining residents and business operators affected by the road closures.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The road closures for King and McCauley Streets for Saturday 4th April 2020 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Management Plans, Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures, Police and Transport for NSW approvals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 WOLLONGONG - WARD 2

Burelli Street and Harbour Street

BACKGROUND

WIN Sports and Entertainment Centre have submitted 3 Traffic Control Plans to cover the 8 major events in 2020 listed below. Although the Traffic Control Plan used for a particular event depends on the estimated crowd numbers these are currently not known for the events listed below. It is noted that these are single events only with no double bookings with the Entertainment Centre and the Stadium. Therefore, it is appropriate that the type 2 TCP for crowd numbers of 10,000 – 15,000 be used for these events.

Date	Event
Friday 6 March	Super Rugby NSW Game, Main game 7:15pm, NSW Waratahs V Waikato Chiefs
Sunday 15 March	Main Game 6:15pm, Dragons V West Tigers
Sunday 12 April	Main Game 6:15pm, Dragons V NZ Warriors
Sunday 31 May	Main Game 4:05pm, Dragons V Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles
Sunday 26 July	Main Game 2:05pm, Dragons V Canberra Raiders
Saturday 15 August	Main Game 7:35pm, Dragons V Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs
Thursday 3 September	Main Game 7:50pm, Dragons V South Sydney Rabbitohs

These events involve road closures on Burelli and Harbour Streets between Stewart and Crown Streets and significant changes to parking regulations and the management of pedestrians.

The road closures and traffic controls will take effect from:

Date	Gates Open	Kick Off	Road Closure
Friday March 6	4:30pm	7:15pm	4:00pm – 9:45pm
Sunday, March 15	3:30pm	6:15pm	3:00pm – 8:45pm
Sunday, April 12	3:30pm	6:15pm	3:00pm – 8:45pm
Sunday, May 31	1:30pm	4:05pm	1:00pm – 6:35pm
Sunday, July 26	11:30am	2:05pm	11:00am – 4:35pm
Saturday, August 15	5:00pm	7:35pm	4:30pm – 10:05pm
Thursday, September 3	6:30pm	7:50pm	6:00pm – 10:20pm

The vehicle mitigation provisions shown on the Traffic Control Plans may be confusing between the vehicles on the Plan and the detailed insert. The Traffic Control Plans need to be adjusted accordingly to show minimum gaps of 1.2m between the vehicles

CONSULTATION

It is a condition of approval for the organisers to consult with adjoining residents and business operators affected by the road closures.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The road closures of Burelli and Harbour Streets, Wollongong be approved for the events listed above subject to the Traffic Control Plan Type 2, to be amended to include the maintenance of no more than 1.2 metre gap and vehicles to be angled, Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures, Police and Transport for NSW approvals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DESIGN MATTERS

4.1 CONISTON - WARD 2

Miller Street from South Coast Rail Line to Auburn Street – Pedestrian Facility Upgrade

BACKGROUND

As part of the construction for proposed civil work in Miller Street from the South Coast Rail Line to Auburn Street Coniston, Council is proposing changes to the existing traffic signs and crossing facility. Council's representative explained that this crossing point at the corner of Miller and Auburn Streets is primarily to complete planned pedestrian routes between Coniston Station and a number of workplaces in this area. The crossing point is not expected to be useful to Coniston Public School as the school collection points for students are in Miller Street to the east of Auburn Street.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is a requirement of the design process.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Plan 6682_SK20 - 3 Miller Street, Coniston be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 HORSLEY - WARD 3

Greenview Stage 3 (Lot 1 DP 26069 being 451 West Dapto Road), Signs and Line Marking.

BACKGROUND

As part of the construction of stage 3 of the Greenview subdivision new line marking and signage is proposed as part of the development. The existing stages 1 to 2 have connections to Shone Avenue and there is no proposal for a road connection to West Dapto Road from this subdivision.

CONSULTATION

Notification was undertaken as part of the DA process for the development.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The submitted drawing from KF Williams be approved subject to the line-marking for Give Way signs at roads 7 to 6 and 6 to 5 being extended across the intersection.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 INFORMAL

NSW Police raised concerns again regarding access by vehicles to Crown Street Mall in Wollongong. It was suggested that Council review accessway and signage to this area to better protect the community.

In addition to this, it was recommended that access to the Blue Mile be reviewed to limit vehicle access to reduce the any risk to the community.

Council representatives agreed to provide an update to NSW Police regarding the abovementioned vehicle access areas.

The next meeting of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee will be held on 19 February 2020 at 9.15am at the Wollongong City Council Administration Building on Level 10 Conference Room 2.

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'.

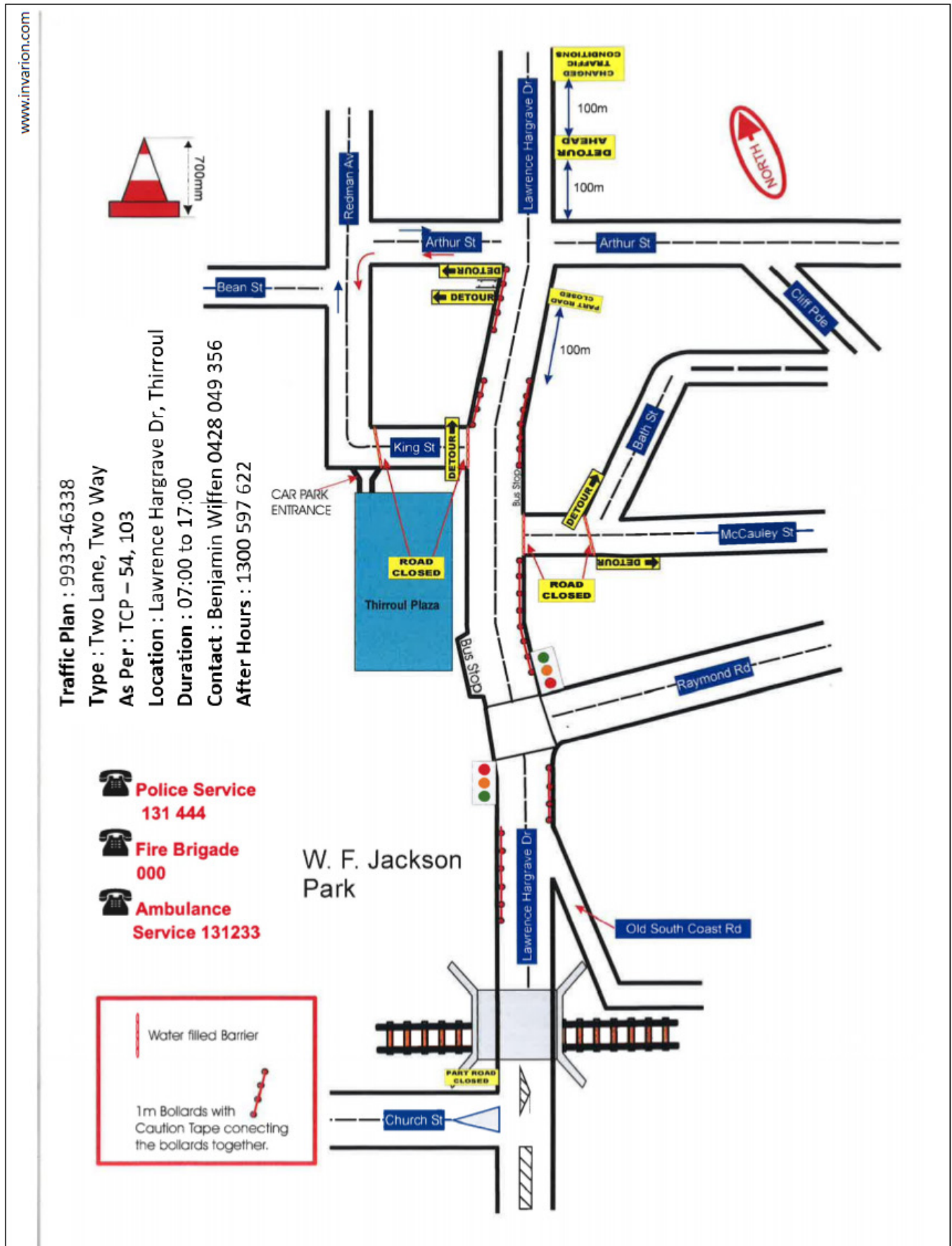
Required information as shown below MUST be attached:

- ☒ 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 1 of 3

Thirroul Seaside & Arts Festival



Plan 2 of 3
Thirroul Seaside & Arts Festival

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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

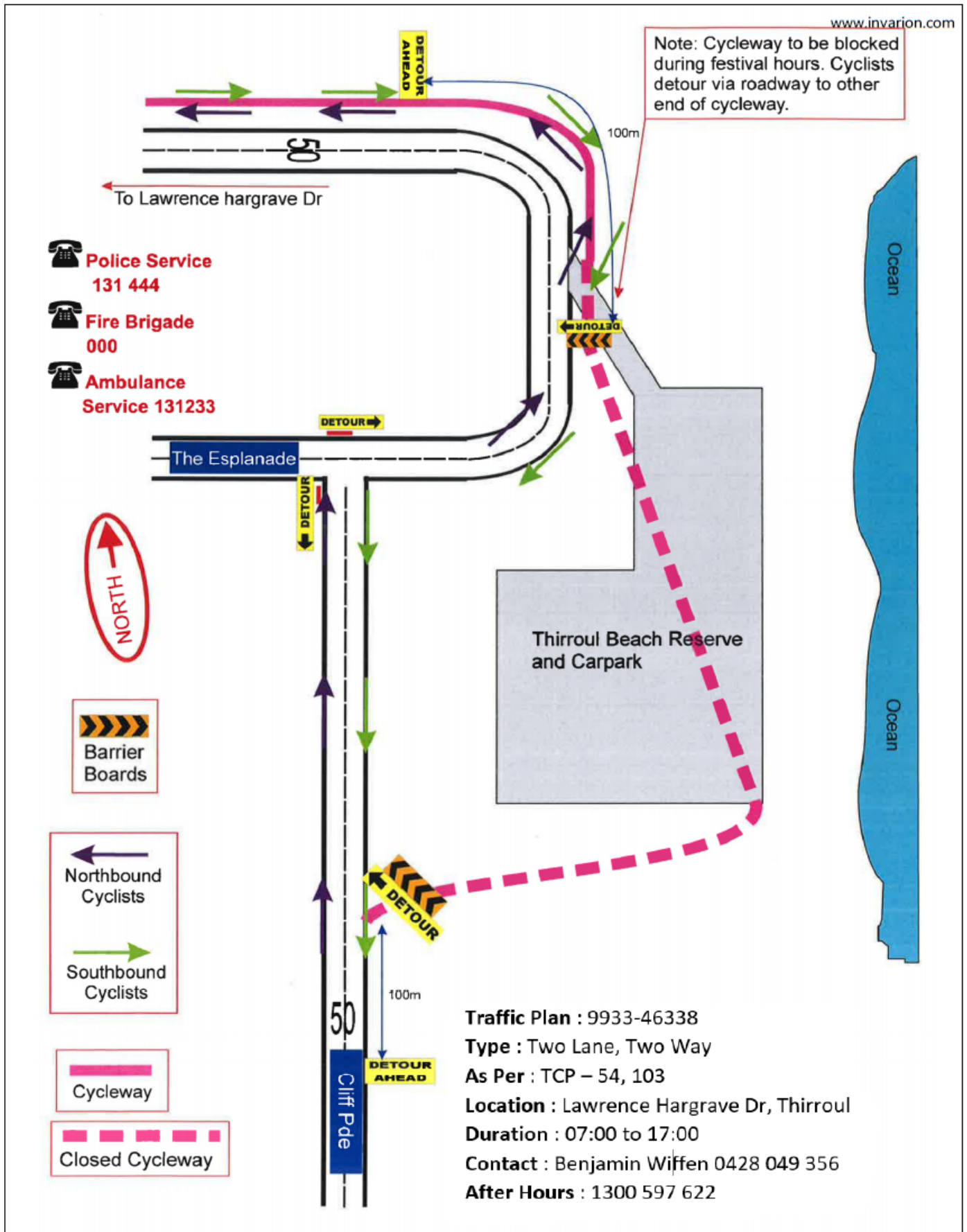
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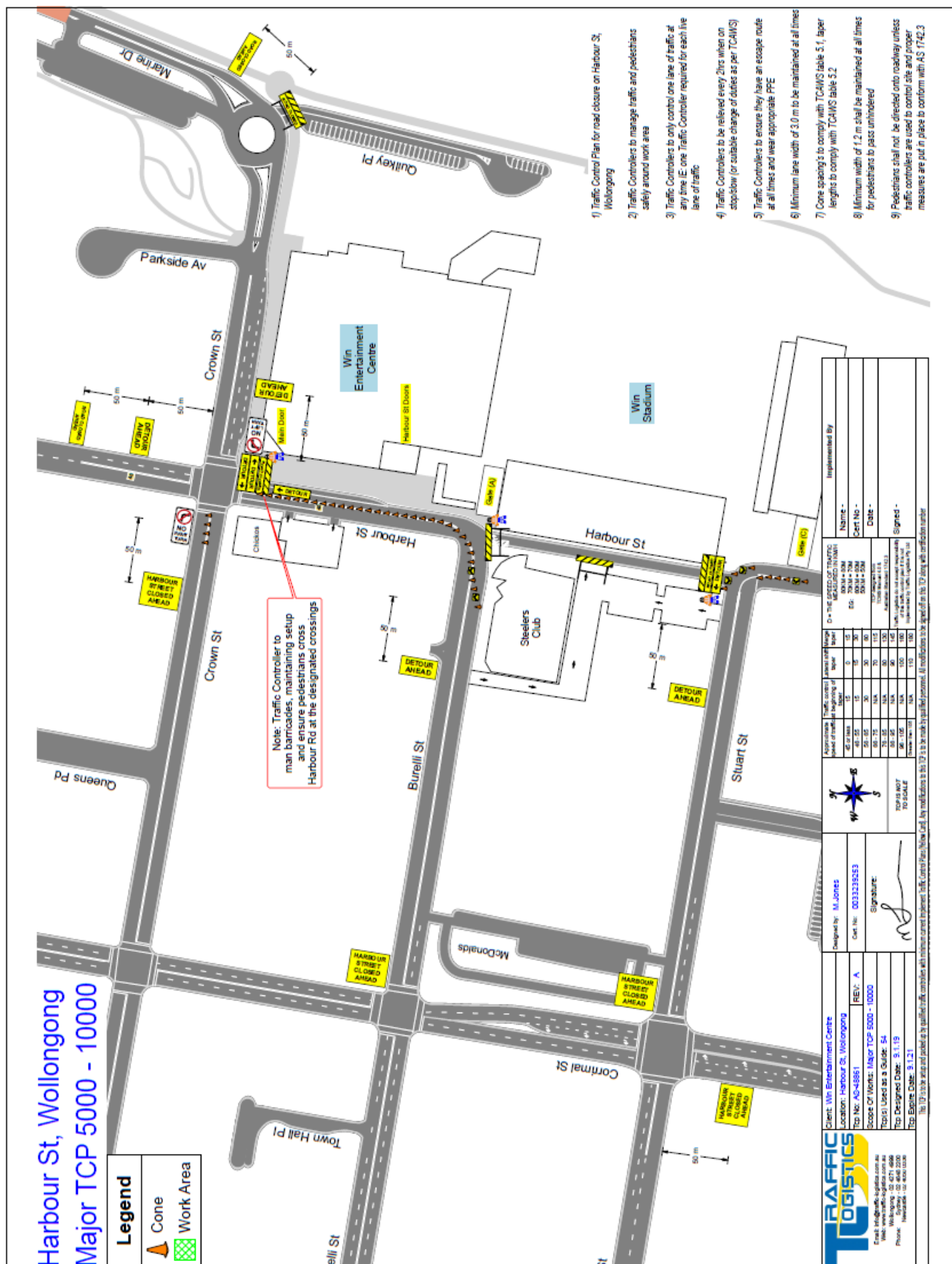
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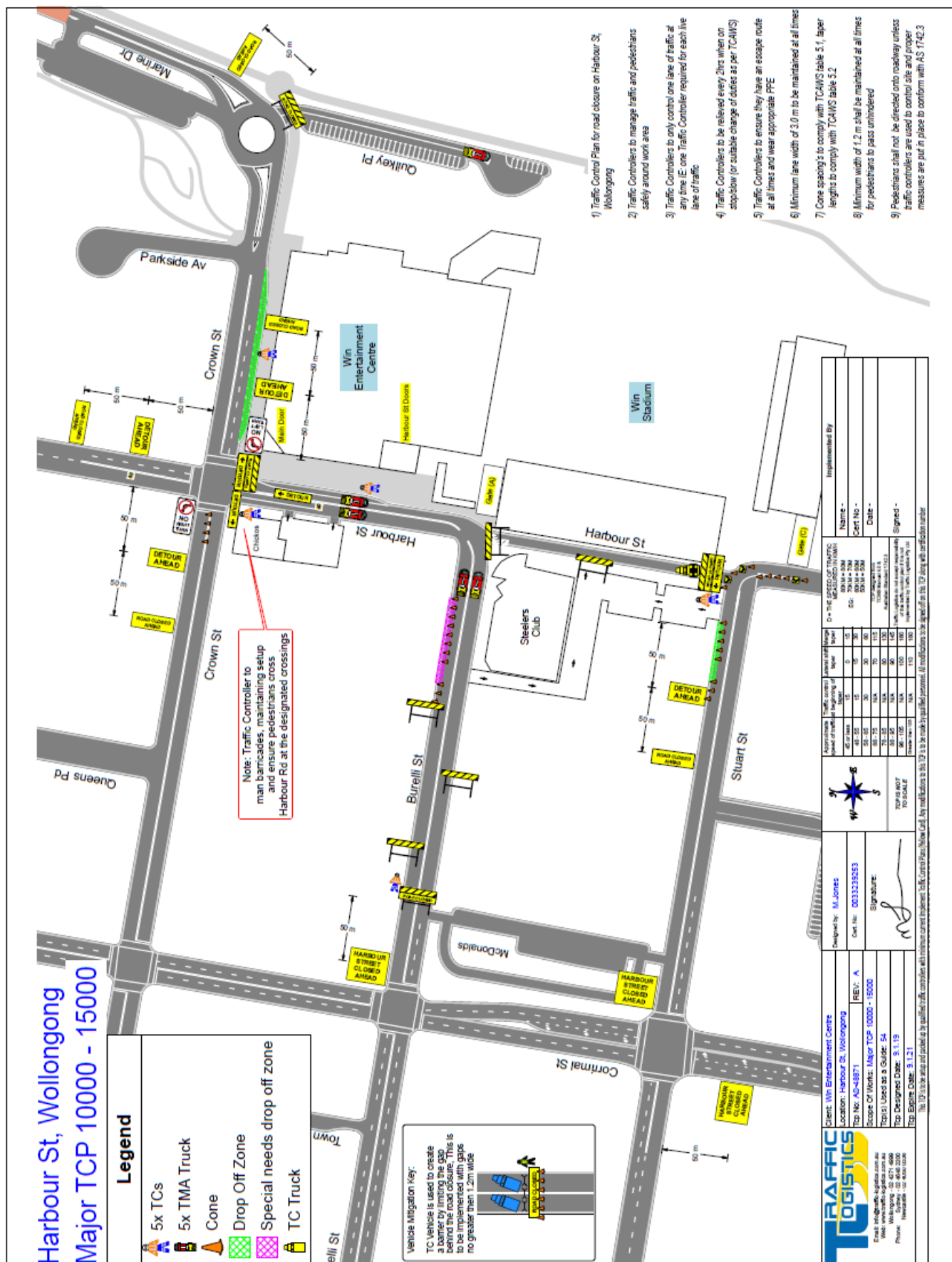
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Thirrour Seaside & Arts Festival

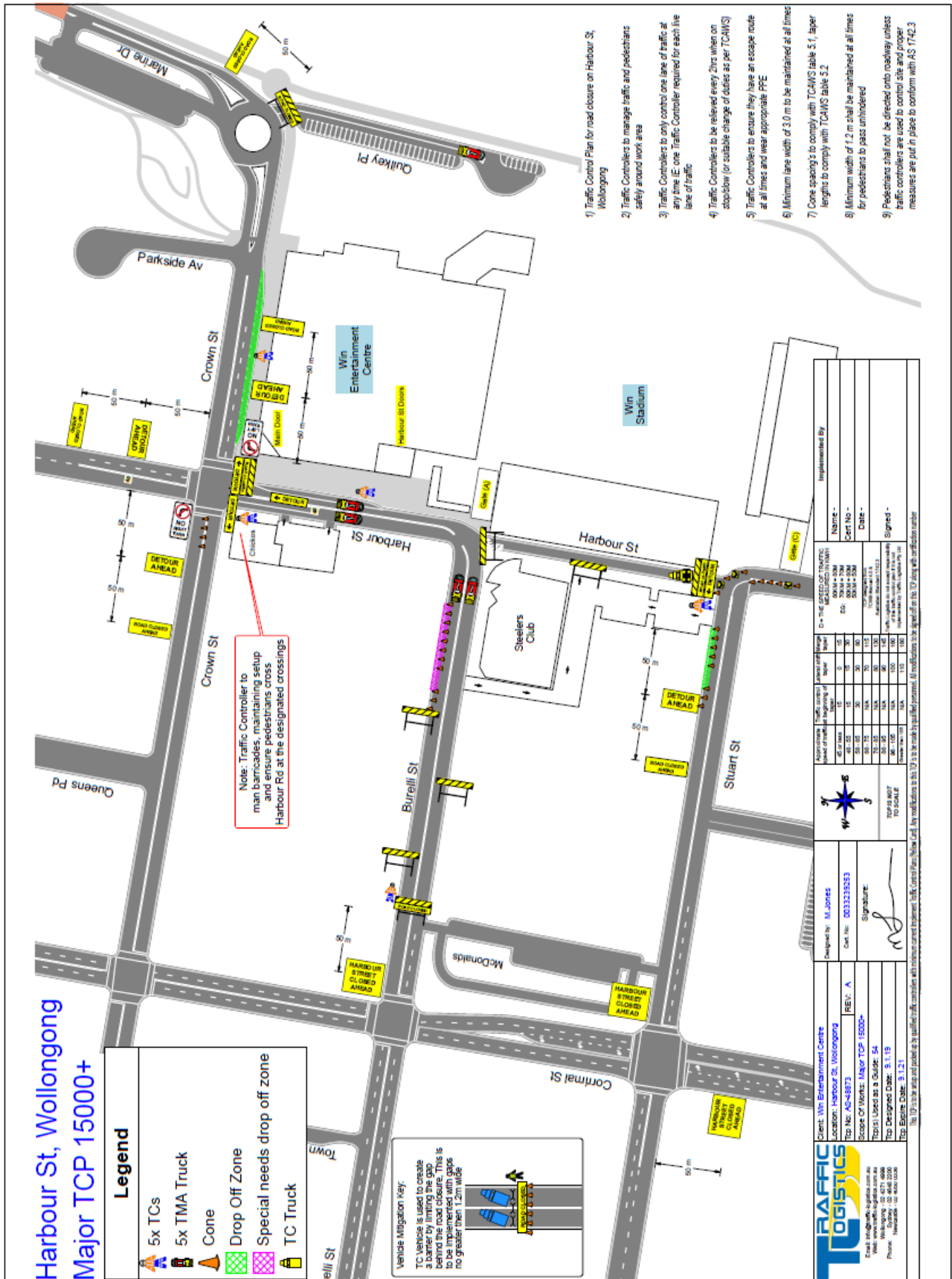


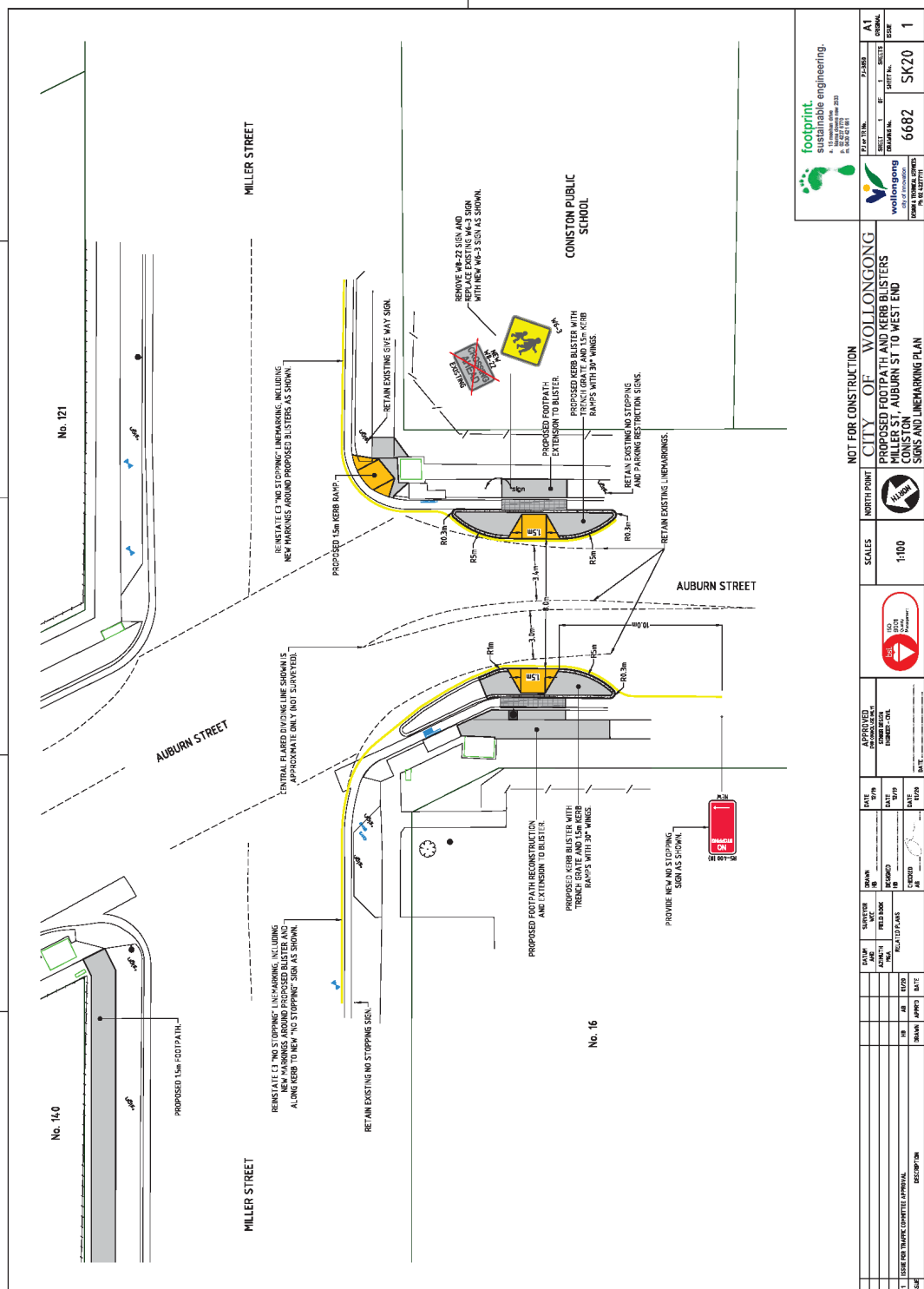




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WIN Sports and Entertainment Centre Road Closure – NRL and Super Rugby





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