

AGENDA

CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE



TO BE HELD AT 9.15AM ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2016 IN
COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LEVEL 10 ROOMS 2 & 3

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.

Item No	Subject	Attach	Timing	Who
1	WELCOME			Chair
2	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY			Chair
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST			Chair
4	APOLOGIES			Chair
5	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2016			Chair
6	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES			Chair
7	GENERAL BUSINESS			All
8	REGULATION OF TRAFFIC			Chair
9	DESIGN MATTERS			Chair
10	NEXT MEETING			Chair
11	CLOSE			

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 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 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.**

City of Wollongong Traffic Committee Meeting
Wollongong City Council Administration Building
Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 & 3
Commencing at 9.15 am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"We pay our respects to and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Land on which we meet, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We also extend our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present here today."

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20 JANUARY 2016

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

GENERAL BUSINESS

1 MOUNT PLEASANT Alvan Parade

Background

The Pleasant Heights Public School P&C have asked that Council consider removing the school bus zone from the indented kerb side lane in Alvan Parade, situated a short distance south of the school entrance. The indented bus bay was originally installed as a permanent bus zone; however was recently adjusted to 'School Days Only' in response to requests from residents to enable the area to be used for visitor parking on weekends. Council has been advised that due to the small size of the school, there is no regular school service with only excursion buses currently utilising the bus zone.

During inspections members of the committee noted that if the area were to be changed to 'No Parking - Buses Excepted' that it was likely that drivers would queue out onto the narrow section of Alvan Parade while waiting to use the 'No Parking' area for student drop off and pick up. Providing the school is able to use the area for the occasional excursion bus service, Council can consider a 15 minute parking area for school times.

Proposal

Replace the existing school bus zone in Alvan Parade, Mount Pleasant with 15 min parking between 8am and 4pm on school days only.

2 FAIRY MEADOW Rann and Holder Streets - Give Way Sign

Background

Rann Street has a cul-de-sac at each end and all traffic enters and leaves via Holder Street. At present the northern side of the intersection has a concrete dish drain separating the northern end of Rann Street from the street network. Therefore it is appropriate for a Give Way sign to be installed adjacent to the dish drain in Rann Street so that priority is given to traffic in Holder Street and the traffic entering and leaving the southern section of Rann Street.

Proposal

Install a Give Way sign and associated line marking adjacent to the dish drain at the northern end of Rann Street.

3 GWYNNEVILLE Berkeley Road - Edgelines and Children's Crossing

Background

Representatives from Council, Roads and Maritime Services and the Gwynneville Public School met recently to discuss possible improvements to the Children's Crossing on Berkeley Road, which leads to a secondary entrance to the school. Council has listed an improved crossing facility on the Traffic Facilities Priority List however the project is not yet funded. The school community have concerns about the visibility of the crossing as it is located close to the crest in Berkeley Road. The site meeting agreed that edgelines may assist in slowing the traffic and in making the crossing a little more obvious, even though the traffic volumes are less than recommended for edgeline treatment.

Proposal

Install edgelines on both sides of Berkeley Road Gwynneville between Murphy's Avenue and Acacia Avenue.

4 NORTH WOLLONGONG
Cliff Road - Loading Zone

Background

There are two ground floor restaurants within a unit complex at 54 - 58 Cliff Road, Wollongong where the servicing facilities in the building do not suit the current use as restaurants. The committee met with the two restaurant managers and it was agreed a loading zone can be created adjacent to the driveway to this unit complex at a length of 12 metres timed from 6am to 11am Monday to Friday.

There are several parking spaces and a bus stop immediately opposite on the eastern side of Cliff Road and both managers suggested this area could be considered as the Loading Zone in order to preserve parking close to the restaurants. Although Cliff Road has a 40kph speed limit there are still safety risks for delivery personnel attempting to cross the road with goods and trolleys.

Proposal

Install Loading Zone 12 metres in length from the driveway to 54 Cliff Road and extending to the north; to be timed from 6am to 11am Monday to Friday.

5 WOLLONGONG
Wilson and Campbell Streets - Improve delineation and pavement markings

Background

Residents of Wilson Street have asked Council to consider improvements to the signs and line marking at the intersection of Wilson and Campbell Streets, as numbers of drivers undertake a U turn at this location when the driver fails to find parking or has attempted to access the beach.

Proposal

Install

- a) A painted extension to the existing kerbside island immediately opposite Campbell Street
- b) A painted median for eastbound traffic in Campbell Street to ensure left turn only into Wilson Street
- c) An All Traffic Left sign in Wilson Street opposite the eastbound carriageway of Campbell Street

6 WOLLONGONG
Robinson Street – Speeding concerns

Background

In response to a request from a resident of Robinson Street to encourage drivers to keep to the speed limit, Council proposes to install edgelines in Robinson Street from Hercules to Denison Street.

The most recent traffic survey shows that the averages speed on Robinson Street is about 50 kph, which is the posted speed limit. According to the survey a significant proportion of drivers travel at speed between 50 and 60 kph. Unfortunately the gradient of Robinson Street does not permit traffic calming treatments, such as speed humps. As with other streets with steep gradients edgelines are an appropriate traffic calming solution.

Proposal

Install edgelines in Robinson Street from Hercules to Denison Street.

7 WOLLONGONG
Keira Street - Extend night time Taxi zone northwards

Background

The manager of Wollongong Radio Cabs has asked that the 2 car rank on Keira Street immediately north of Burelli Street be extended to the north by 20 metres and to be timed from 10pm to 6am. The kerbside lane of Keira Street at this location accommodates a loading zone for the adjacent hotel and the kerbside lane is designed to accommodate route service buses which turn left into Crown Street. As bus traffic is limited after 6pm this extension to the night time taxi zone is considered reasonable.

Proposal

Extend the taxi zone timed from 10pm to 6am on Keira Street immediately north of Burelli Street, northwards by 20 metres.

- 8 UNANDERRA
Central Road – Night time taxi zone

Background

The manager of Wollongong Radio Cabs has asked that a new night time taxi zone be installed in Central Road, Unanderra on the southern side of the street, in the vicinity of 108 Central Road. There is a pedestrian crossing facility in this area with no stopping restrictions on both approaches. The most appropriate place for a new taxi zone is outside the medical centre to the west of the pedestrian crossing point.

Proposal

Install a taxi zone on the southern side of Central Road, to the west of the pedestrian crossing facility near 108 Central Road, extending for a distance of 30 metres. The taxi zone will be timed 10pm to 6am.

REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

- 9 MOUNT KEMBLA AND WOLLONGONG
Mountain 2 Sea Food Festival – Market Square Saturday 9 April and Mount Kembla Sunday 10 April 2016

Background

A new festival, the 'Mountain 2 Sea' has been organised for the 9th and 10th of April 2016, where Market Square will be the centre for activity on Saturday 9th April and Mount Kembla Oval on Sunday 10th April.

Market Street: It is proposed to close Market Street between Harbour Street and Market Square for the purpose of allowing traders to set up on the roadway. It is also proposed to reverse the traffic flow in Market Square so that vehicles enter from Harbour Street and exit to the west, turning right to access the one way narrow section of Market Street at the Wollongong Museum and Queens Parade.

The angle parking in Market Square is normally designed for front to kerb parking, however during this event the reversed traffic flow will involve access by residents only and parking will need to be rear to kerb. It is proposed to close this short section of Market Street and limit access to Market Square to residents only from 6am to 8pm on Saturday 9th April. A traffic management plan is expected to be tabled at the meeting.

Mount Kembla: No road closures or regulation of traffic will be necessary for the event on Sunday 10th April as it will be held fully within Mount Kembla Oval.

Proposal

The proposed road closure for Market Street and restricted access to Market Square be approved subject to the submitted traffic management plan and Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures (Attachment 1).

DESIGN MATTERS

- 10 NORTH WOLLONGONG
Cliff Road – Line Marking

Background

Council has received plans from our Design Division regarding proposed line marking in Cliff Road in the vicinity of the North Beach Surf Club between George Hanley Drive and Blackett Street.

Proposal

Plan No 5089_SK06 be approved. (Attachment 2).

11 **WARRAWONG**
Shellharbour Road to Northcliffe Drive – Shared Path

Background

Council has received plans from our Design Division regarding the construction of a new Shared Path along Shellharbour Road and Northcliffe Drive (Plan 5656_ C19 and 5656_ C08).

The new Shared Path connects the two sections of the existing Shared Path network on Shellharbour Road and Northcliffe Drive respectively and includes a new refuge crossing point on Shellharbour Road between Hoskins Avenue and Parkes Street. The amended plans will be tabled at the Traffic Committee Meeting.

Proposal

Plans Nos. Plan 5656_ C19 and 5656_ C08 be approved. (To be tabled at the meeting).

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Attachment 1 – Standard Conditions for Road Closures

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.

