

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

# Traffic Committee Minutes of Meeting

15 July 2020



at 9.15 am

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**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
Amit Chowdhury	Senior Traffic Engineer (Acting)	24 July 2020
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Peter Nunn	Transport and Stormwater Services – Manager	6 August 2020
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Name	Title	Date
Greg Doyle	General Manager	11 August 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 the 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 resolve that:

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

In line with NSW Health guidelines about COVID-19, we've made some changes to the way we're engaging the community, to keep our staff and people in our community safe. Instead of having face-to-face conversations with people meetings are currently being conducted via video, audio and by electronic communication.

PRESENT	
Amit Chowdhury - 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 (via Skype)	Transport for NSW (9.15am – 9.43am)
David Wilson	Wollongong City Council
Jon Granland (via Skype)	Premier Illawarra (9.15am – 9.43am)
John Burns (via Skype)	Representing the Member for Keira and Member for Wollongong (9.15am – 9.43am)

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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 Amit Chowdhury

### 1.3 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### 1.4 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted by Les Dion and Stephen Burridge

### 1.5 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting

#### **COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee confirmed the previous minutes as an accurate record.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 1.6 Business Arising

The Chair acknowledged that Simon Zulian has resigned and thanked him for his support on behalf of Council. Anna Watson's office will contact us once another representative has been appointed.

## 2 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 2.1 HELENSBURGH Lukin Street – Ward 1

Helensburgh Public School, Helensburgh - Lukin Street – Proposed No Stopping restrictions

#### **BACKGROUND**

Concern has been raised by the Principal of Helensburgh Public School about motorists parking within the "No Stopping" zone around the cul-de-sac, just outside the school.

There are several "No Stopping" signs, placed around the cul-de-sac just outside the school. However, parents and other general public often ignore the signs and park in the cul-de-sac. They often need to make a three-point turn to leave the street. It was noticed during the site inspection that one of the "No Stopping" signs was broken and laying on the ground. This parking in contravention of the signposting is also a safety concern for the children. No stopping restrictions will be further reinforced by providing an unbroken yellow line around the cul-de-sac outside the school entrance between the existing "No Stopping" Signs. This will help to reduce the non-compliant parking outside the school.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Consultation with the School community has already been occurred.

#### **COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Provide an unbroken yellow line around the cul-de-sac outside the school entrance within the existing "No Stopping" Signs.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 2.2 BULLI Park Road – Ward 1

Park Road in front of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bulli – Update No Stopping sign

### BACKGROUND

Concerns have been raised by Council's Rangers to consider adjustments in parking restrictions to stop non-conforming parking. A section of unrestricted parking between property number 44 Park Road and the gate of St Joseph Church exists along the northern side of the Park Road. In the NSW Road Rules parking is not allowed within 3m of double barrier lines. The general public and parents tend to park in contravention of this rule regarding parking too close to the double barrier lines. Park Road is a narrow road and due to this non-conforming parking the east/west traffic movement is restricted. Church and funeral services have off-street parking.

It is proposed to replace existing "No Stopping" single arrow signs with "No Stopping" double arrow (left/right) signs at either ends of the unrestricted section between property number 44 and the gate of church. The Bus Zone will not be affected by this change. This will reduce the congestion along Park Road and traffic flow will be safely managed.

### CONSULTATION

School Community and the parish support this proposal.

### COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Replace existing "No Stopping" single arrow signs with "No Stopping" double arrow (left/right) signs at either ends of the unrestricted section between property number 44 and the gate of the Church.

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2.3 KEIRAVILLE Keira Mine and Robson Road – Ward 2

Keira Mine and Robson Road – Install a No Stopping (R) sign during school hours

### BACKGROUND

Community concerns have been raised regarding motorists having difficulty to turning left from Keira Mine Road into Robson Road during school hours. Some cars tend to park on the northern side of Keira Mine Road between Nioka Avenue and Robson Road which obstructs vehicles turning left turn into Robson Road. As a result, both left and right tuning vehicles form a single queue on Keira Mine Road which eventually extends to the Nioka Avenue intersection. This further blocks the drivers turning into and out of Nioka Avenue.

No Stopping (R) sign during school hours is to be placed on the existing power pole which is approximately 11.5m from the eastern edge of the driveway of property number 112 Robson Road. This would provide an additional 10m of unobstructed section of the road for the left turning vehicles. Approximately, 11.5m of unrestricted section of street, equivalent to two normal cars spaces are still available in front of the property number 112 Robson Road for parking.

### CONSULTATION

Council will advise the adjoining property owner and its tenants.

### COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Install "No Stopping (R)" during school hours on the existing power pole including other relevant signs in front of the property number 112 Robson Road.

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2.4 NORTH WOLLONGONG Bessell and Bode Avenues – Ward 2

Bessell Avenue and Bode Avenue – Proposed No Stopping Restrictions

### BACKGROUND

Ranger Services representatives have raised concerns over drivers parking too close to the intersection on Bode and Bessell Avenues, North Wollongong. There have been several call outs regarding drivers parking within 10m and infringements have been issued. No Stopping signs are already installed at this intersection on the west side of Bessell Avenue only.

### CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

### COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. Install No Stopping restrictions by way of an unbroken yellow line in the following locations:
  - a. Bode Avenue for 10m, east of for Bessell Avenue.
  - b. Bode Avenue for 10m, west of Bessell Avenue.
  - c. The east side of Bessell Avenue for 10m, south of Bode Avenue.

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2.5 WINDANG Oakland Avenue – Ward 3

Windang Public School - Oakland Avenue, Windang - "No Parking" sign during school hour for kiss and drop

### BACKGROUND

The Principal of Windang Public School has asked Council to install timed No Parking signs during school hours in a 35m section of unrestricted parking in front of the school entrance. The school would like to put kiss and drop banners in this area. The bus zone will not be affected by this change. The school community have been consulted through an online survey and support the change.

In discussions with the Principal, Council understands that some parents who are using the unrestricted section tend to park for an extended time depriving other parents of the opportunity park close to the school. This causes congestion as well as safety concerns for the children during the busy school hours. Parents and carers are now able to legally drop off or pick up their children within a two-minute timeframe.

### CONSULTATION

The Principal and the school community have supported the proposed changes and no further consultation is required

### COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

No Parking sign (timed as 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm) during School Days on the western side of Oakland Avenue outside of Windang Public School to be installed and temporary "No Parking" school banners to be removed.

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The next meeting of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee will be held on 26 August 2020 at 9.15am.