

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Traffic Committee Minutes of Meeting

14 February 2023



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 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, regarding traffic matters upon its local roads. A condition of this delegation is that the General Manager will approve the minutes under delegated authority.

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, that member may lodge an appeal with the Regional Traffic Committee for determination. The appeal must be lodged in writing within 14 days of the Minutes being published on the Council's website. 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:

The General Manager 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.**

PRESENT	
Andrew Byers - Chair	Wollongong City Council
Nathan McBriarty	Wollongong City Council
Adrian Vaquera	Wollongong City Council
Leanne Ledwidge	Wollongong City Council
Sile Crowe	Wollongong City Council (minutes)
Justin Miles	Transport for NSW
Dane Harris	NSW Police
Craig Gray	NSW Police
Stephen Burrige	Busabout
Les Dion	Dion's Bus Service
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 Andrew Byers.

1.3 Declarations of Interest

Nil declaration of interest was received.

1.4 Apologies

An apology was received and accepted by Rob Gaudiosi, Robert Cummins, Jon Granland

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes Arising from Previous Minutes

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee confirmed the previous minutes as an accurate record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

2 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 WEST WOLLONGONG, Yellagong Street – Ward No 2 – Bus Zones

BACKGROUND

It has been reported to Council Rangers that drivers are parking in the two Bus Zones on Yellagong Street, West Wollongong (near Bimbadeen Avenue) and preventing drivers from servicing patrons. The Yellagong Street bus stops are located at 8 Bimbadeen Avenue, West Wollongong (southbound) and 44 Yellagong Street, West Wollongong (northbound). The addition of Bus Zone signs will address this issue and encourage improved compliance of road rules.

CONSULTATION

The Bus Operator has been consulted and agrees with proposal. Residents have been advised of the proposal.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Committee endorse the installation of bus zone signs in Yellagong Street as per the attached plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 WOONONA, Lighthorse Drive – Ward 1 – No Stopping restrictions

BACKGROUND

Council has received concerns from a community member of Lighthorse Drive, Woonona regarding issues with bus turning movements. Lighthorse Drive is classified as a major local road and has a road width of 7.5m, with on street parking. The narrow carriageway and parked vehicles can make the curve at 15 Lighthorse Drive difficult to navigate for buses.

Lighthorse Drive supports the route 92 and 93 which operate from Monday to Sunday. Bus drivers have difficulty navigating the bend outside 15 Lighthorse Drive due to parked vehicles, creating safety issues for bus drivers and other

road users. To counter the issue, it is recommended to install No Stopping restrictions using an unbroken yellow line (C3) at 15 Lighthorse Drive, Woonona.

CONSULTATION

A letter of notification has been sent to 20 and 15 Lighthorse Drive, Woonona. No responses were received.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Committee endorse the installation of No Stopping linemarking (C3) as per the attached plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 PORT KEMBLA, Bland Street – Ward 3 – Give-way sign and line marking

BACKGROUND

Council's Transport team have received reports of driver confusion at the intersection of Bland Street and Robertson Street in Port Kembla, as the streets do not meet at 90 degrees causing some issues with priority.

To address the concerns raised, Council is proposing the installation of a Give-way sign and 20m of double barrier linemarking on Bland Street where it intersects with Robertson Street.

CONSULTATION

A consultation letter was sent to adjacent residents in January with no objection recorded.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Committee endorse Give Way restrictions and installation of BB linemarking as per the attached plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.4 UNANDERRA, Orana Parade – Ward 3 – Installation of No Stopping signs and linemarking

BACKGROUND

Council's Transport team have received reports of congestion and issues navigating the intersection where Orana Parade meets Princes Highway, Unanderra. The concerns raised by residents is that when they are attempting to turn in to Orana Parade, parked vehicles are causing localised congestion and increasing the time it takes to make the turn from the Princes Highway. This in turn, places the driver at greater risk.

To address the concerns raised, Council is proposing the installation of No Stopping signs (and yellow C3 line) and 17m of double barrier linemarking on Orana Parade where it intersects with Princes Highway.

CONSULTATION

A consultation letter was sent to adjacent residents in January with no objection recorded.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Committee endorse No Stopping restrictions and installation of BB linemarking as per the attached plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.5 DAPTO, Mulda Street – Ward 3 – Edge Linemarking

BACKGROUND

In late 2022, Council's Transport Team investigated concerns of speeding at Mulda Street, Dapto. Traffic classifier counts were installed at Mulda Street between 22 November 2022 and 28 November 2022 to collect traffic speed and volume data. The results indicated low to moderate speeding in the area and given its close proximity to St Johns Primary School, Council proposes the following actions:

1. Notify NSW Police of speeding and request that potential future patrols be undertaken in the area.
2. Install parking lanes and double barrier lines on Mulda Street, Dapto (between Byamee & Werowi Street).

The AADT of Mulda Street was recorded as 3,943 vehicles/day which is very close to the numerical warrant for this treatment (4,000 vehicles/day) in accordance with the TfNSW Delineation Manual. The proposal is a cost-effective traffic calming option as it narrows the travel lanes and promotes parking which can create a constrained environment to lower vehicle speeds. Should the linemarking be supported, Council will continue to monitor the location as part of Council's standard practice to determine whether further traffic calming is required.

CONSULTATION

Consultation letters were sent to impacted residents and the nearby school requesting feedback on the proposed changes and subsequent parking restrictions. Consultation was carried out and each concern was responded to by Council.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

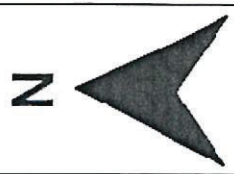
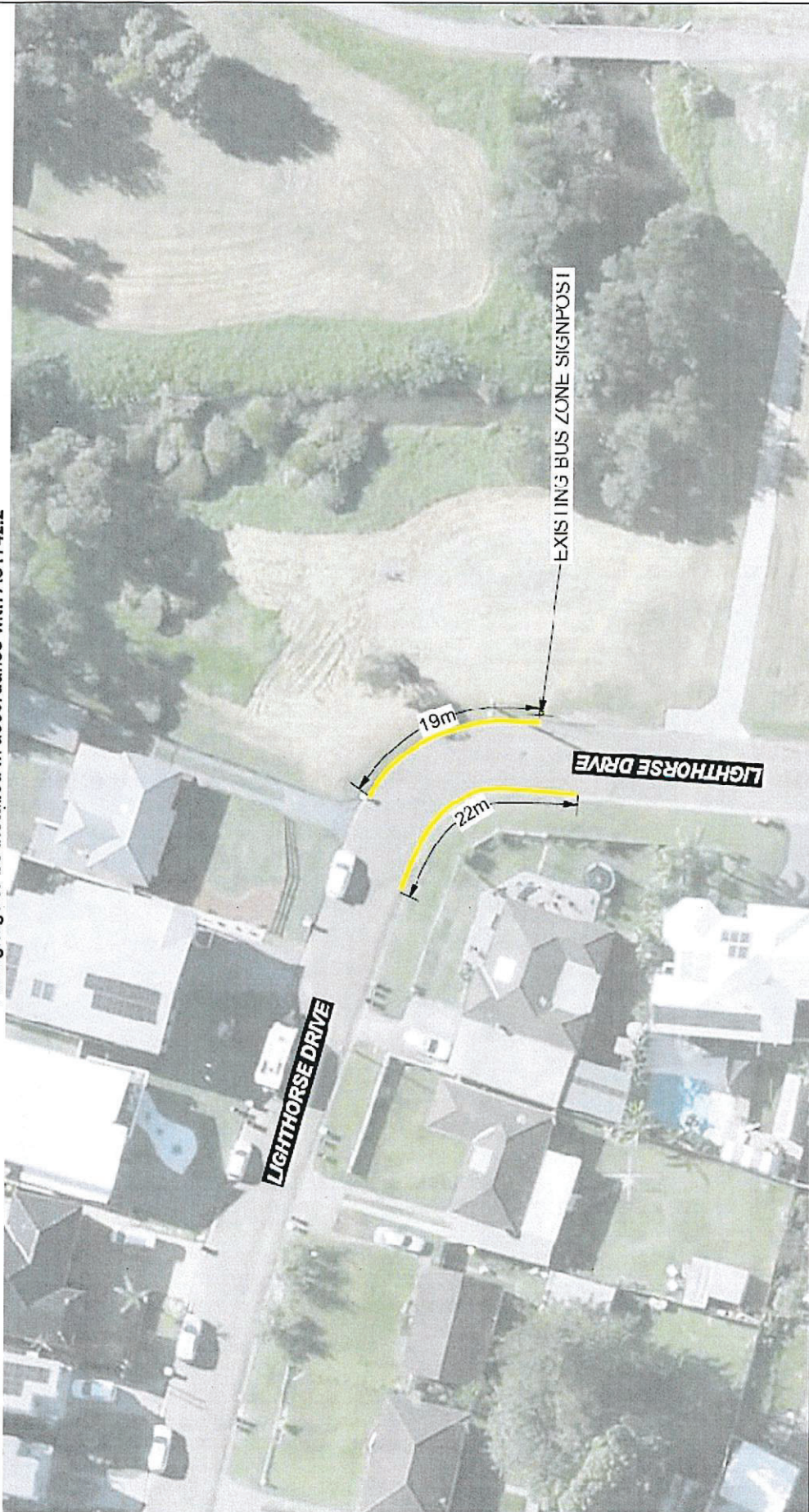
The Traffic Committee endorse installation of edge lines and BB centreline in Mulda Street as per the attached plan.


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 2.1 – WEST WOLLONGONG, Yellagong Street – Bus Zone Signage



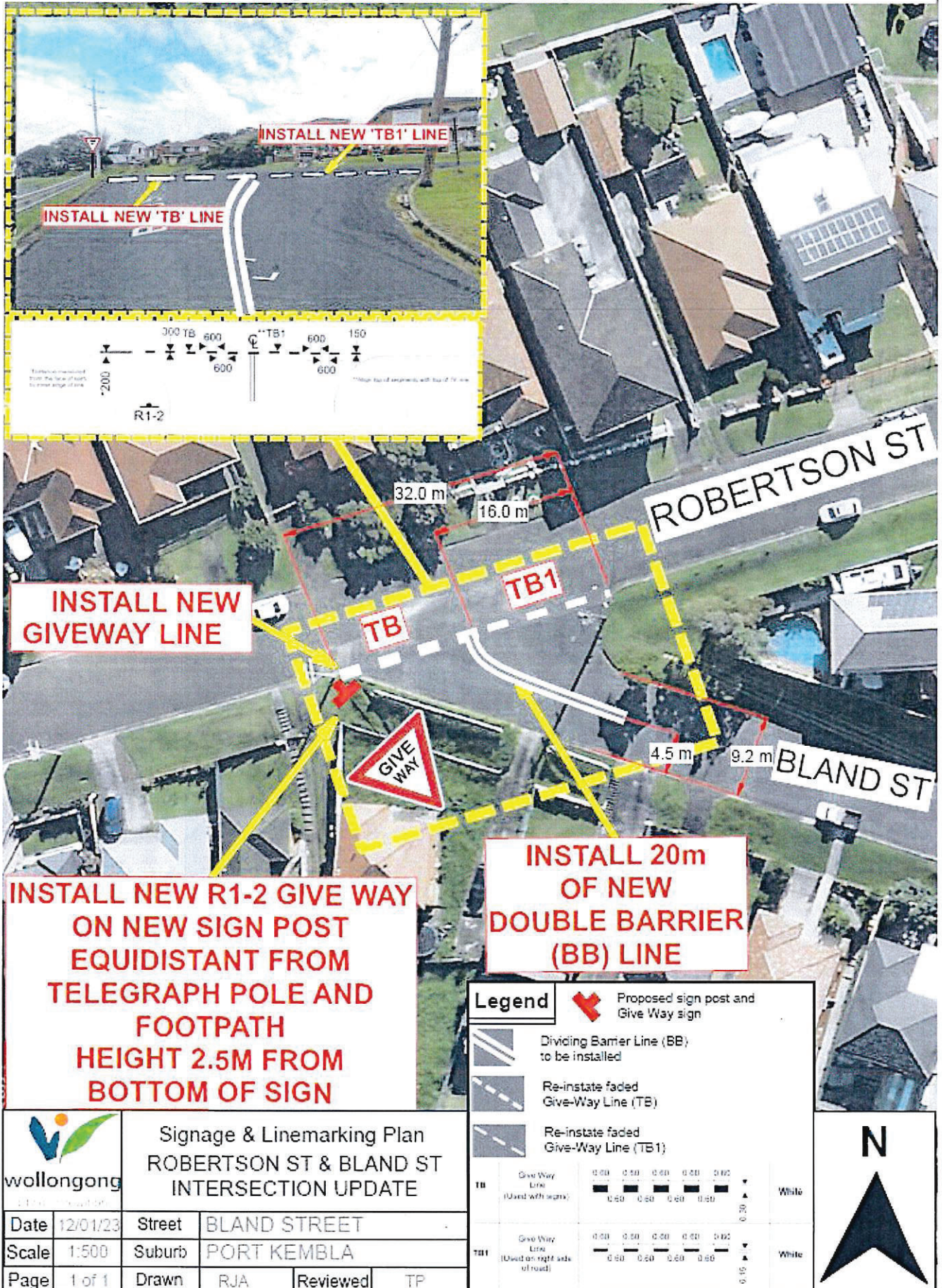
All line marking to be installed in accordance with Transport for NSW Delineation Guidelines
All signage to be installed in accordance with AS1742.2



Legend	
	Proposal - Install C3 yellow line marking on both kerblines

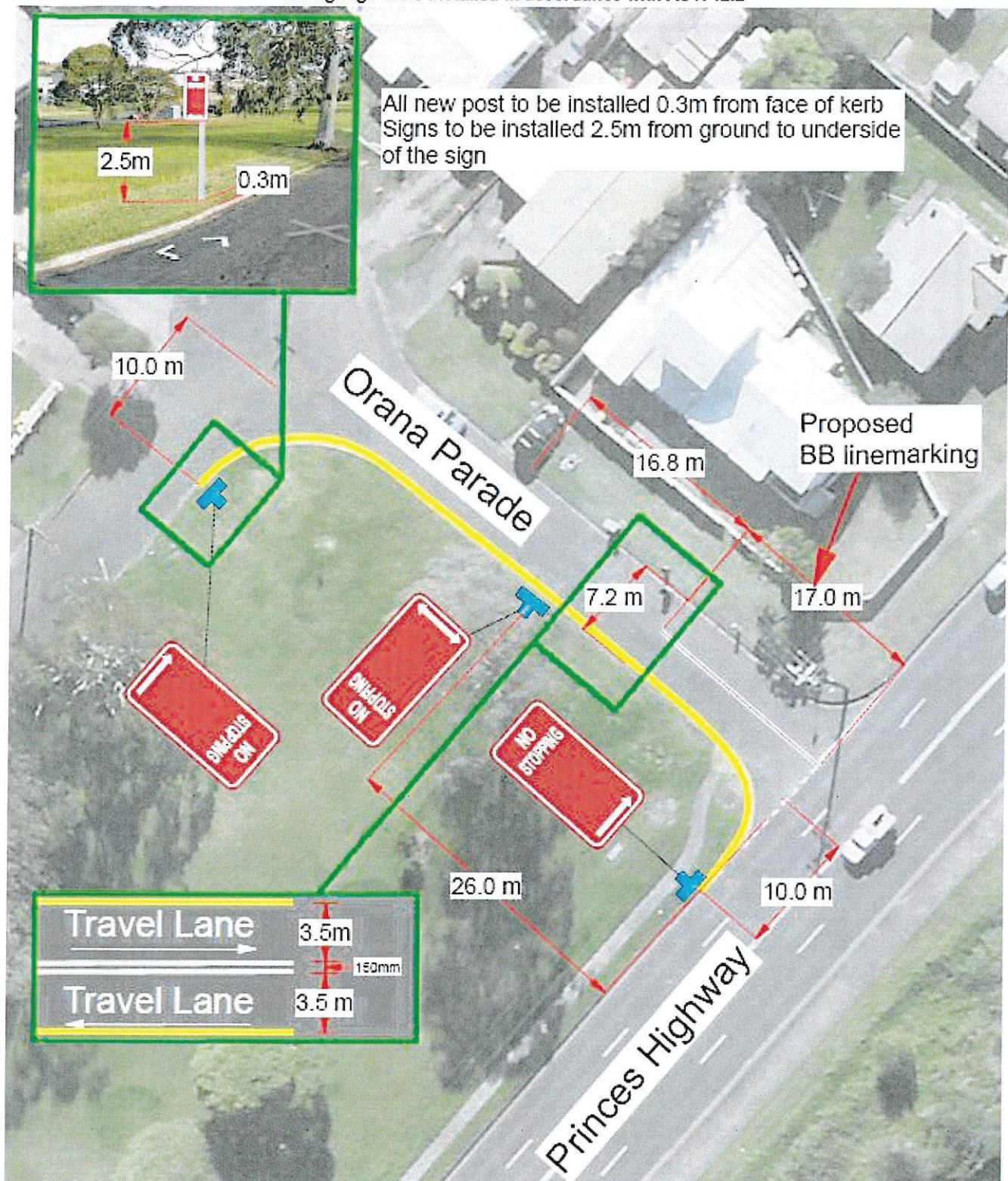
Signage & Linemarking Plan	
No Stopping Restrictions	
	Street
Date	13/01/23
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Suburb	Woonona
Drawn	V. Nayyar
Reviewed	N/A

All line marking to be installed in accordance with Transport for NSW Delineation Guidelines
All signage to be installed in accordance with AS1742.2



Item 2.4 – UNANDERRA, Orana Parade – Installation of No Stopping sign and linemarking

All line marking to be installed in accordance with Transport for NSW Delineation Guidelines
All signage to be installed in accordance with AS1742.2



Signage & Linemarking Plan
Orana Parade & Princes Hwy
Intersection Proposal

Date	06/01/23	Street	Orana Parade
Scale	1:500	Suburb	Unanderra
Page	1 of 1	Drawn	RJA
		Reviewed	TP

Legend

- Proposed Signs
R6 - 400
- Proposed BB
linemarking
- Proposed C3
linemarking
- Proposed Pole



Item 2.5 – DAPTO, Mulda Street – Edge Linemarking

All line marking to be installed in accordance with Transport for NSW Delineation Guidelines
All signage to be installed in accordance with AS1742.2

Parking lanes of 2.3m (cars and light commercial vehicles, normal conditions as per AS2890.5) were not possible for both sides due to road width. 2.25m has been selected to ensure 3m lane width exists whilst close to AS2890.5. Plans propose travel lane at 3m to provide constrained environment (traffic calming) at location.



FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY



Signage Plan Linemarking Traffic Calming

Date	31/01/23	Street	Mulda Street
Scale	N/A	Suburb	Dapto
Page	1 of 1	Drawn	TPERRY
		Reviewed	N/A

Legend

- Dividing Barrier Line (SB)
- Parking Lane Edge Line (E3)



3 REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

3.1 WOLLONGONG, Various Streets – Ward 2 – TriTheGong, 23 April 2023

BACKGROUND

Council has received an application for the annual TriTheGong Triathlon Festival, which is proposed to take place at Lang Park, Wollongong on Sunday, 23 April 2023. The festival will consist of 5 triathlon events. The events will take part within Wollongong Harbour (swim), Lang Park (transition – bike compound) and registration/expo site, with the cycle within the closed route heading out to Towradgi Road, Towradgi via Cliff Road, Squires Way and Pioneer Road. The run is held within Lang Park and on the walking path heading south towards Wollongong Golf Club.

It is proposed to prevent parking on both sides of Cliff Rd from approximately 5pm Saturday 22nd April 2023 through to 2pm Sunday 23rd April 2023.

The following full road closures (TGS-TTGTF-2023) are required from approximately 7am to 2pm Sunday 23rd April 2023:

1. Cliff Rd from Marine Dr to George Hanley Dr
2. Bourke St from Cliff Rd to the entry of the Novotel North Beach
3. Corrimal St from Blacket St to George Hanley Dr
4. George Hanley Dr from Cliff Rd to Squires Way
5. Squires Way from George Hanley Dr to Pioneer Rd
6. Pioneer Rd from Squires Way to Towradgi Rd

Traffic lights required to be changed to flashing amber at the following intersections from approx. 6am – 1pm

1. Traffic lights at Squires Way/Innovation Campus
2. Traffic lights at Squires Way/Elliotts Rd
3. Traffic lights at Pioneer Rd/Towradgi Rd

Roads north of Elliotts Rd are to be opened approx. 11:30am all other roads will be opened approx. 2:00pm.

CONSULTATION

Notification plan has been provided indicating community consultation being undertaken in line with the Foreshore DA. Residents and businesses in and around Wollongong will receive a letterbox notice with a minimum 14 days notice, with road closures and alternate routes outlined. All access for residents will be maintained throughout the day when it's safe to do so. Access to businesses will be maintained via Traffic Controlled Access. All traffic will be advised to give way to cyclists and follow speed limits. Arrangements have been made with TNSW & local bus companies. Traffic Control measures included in this document is a result of consultation undertaken by Elite Energy, Wollongong City Council, NSW Police & TfNSW (if required).

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Traffic Committee endorse the road closures subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plans and [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#).
2. A Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) is required for this event

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 WOLLONGONG, 71 – 77 Kembla Street – Ward 2 – Set up of Crane to install Tower Crane

BACKGROUND

Council has received an application from Traffic Management Services for a full road closure of Kembla Street between Stewart Street and Burelli Street to enable the set-up of a crane to install a tower crane at 71-77 Kembla Street. To mitigate the impact on the road network it was requested that the closure occur on a weekend.

The installation is proposed to occur in daylight hours, as nightworks are not advised due to the impact on residents due to noise and increased safety concerns. The proposed date for the tower cranes installation is for Saturday 4 March 2023 with a backup date of Sunday 5 March 2023.

Further backup dates are provided below:

- Saturday 11.03.2023
- Sunday 12.03.2023
- Saturday 18.03.2023

- Sunday 19.03.2023

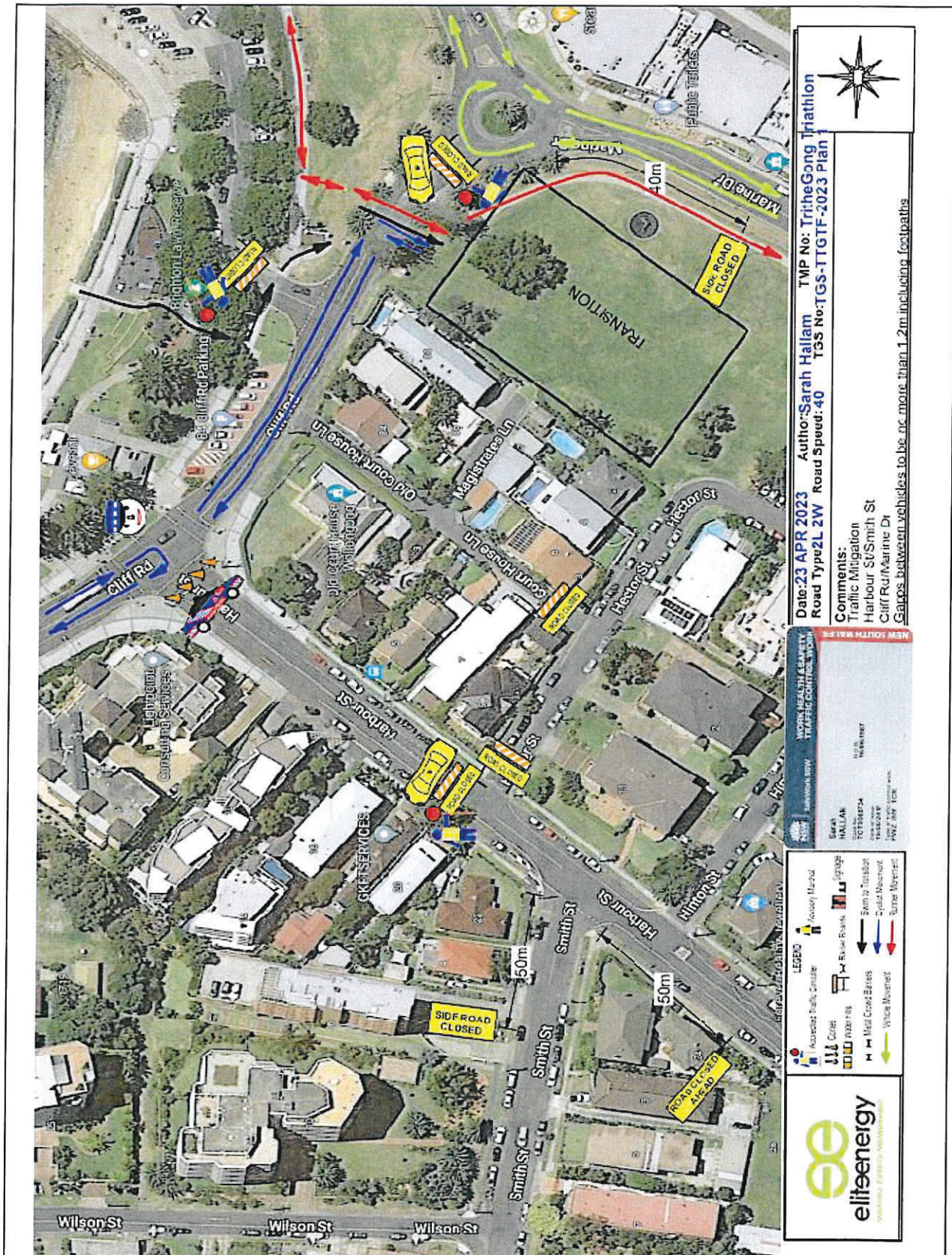
CONSULTATION

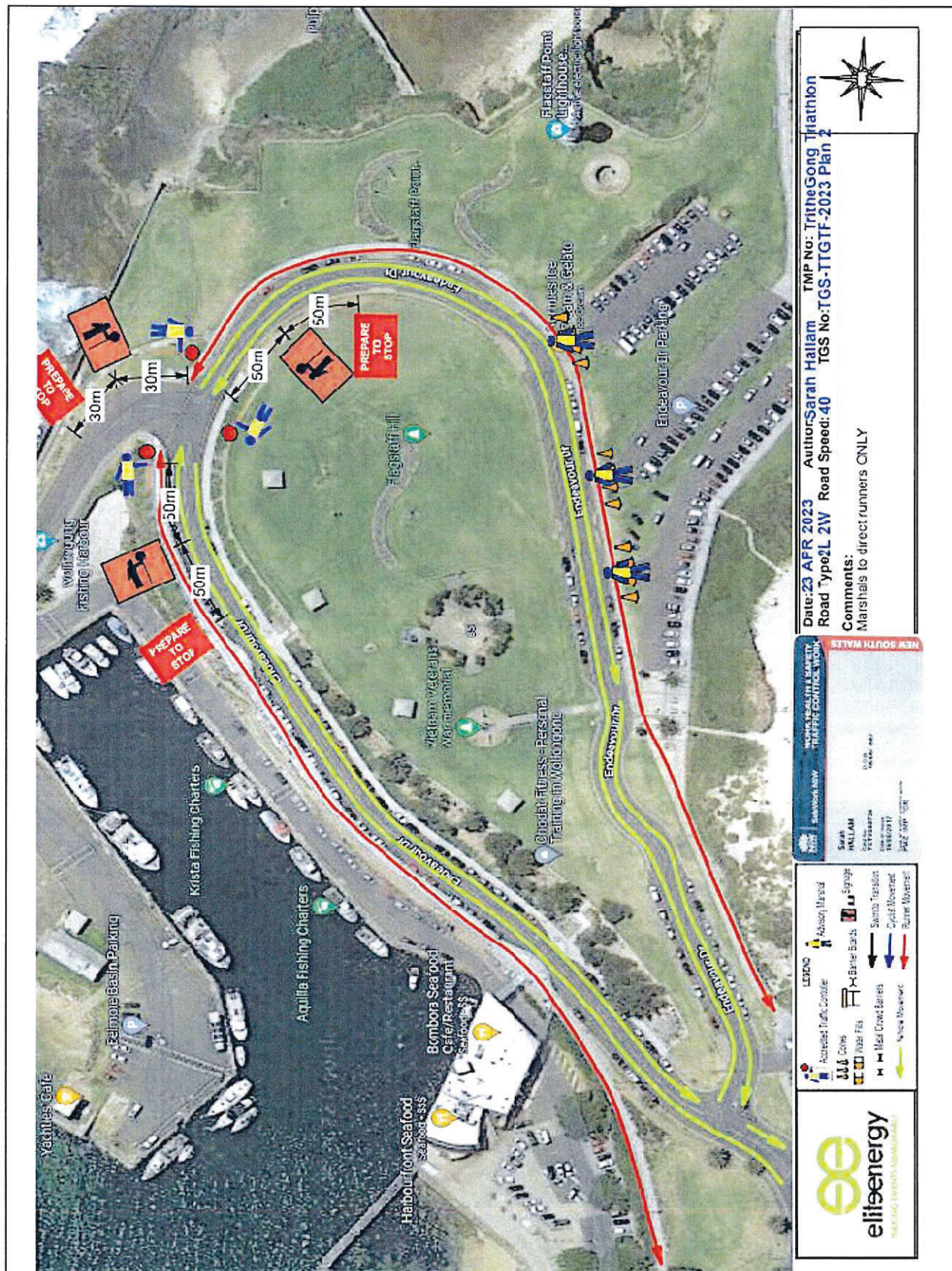
The applicant is required to complete consultation requirements in [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#). Council has contacted bus operators and confirmed there is no impact to bus routes associated with this closure.

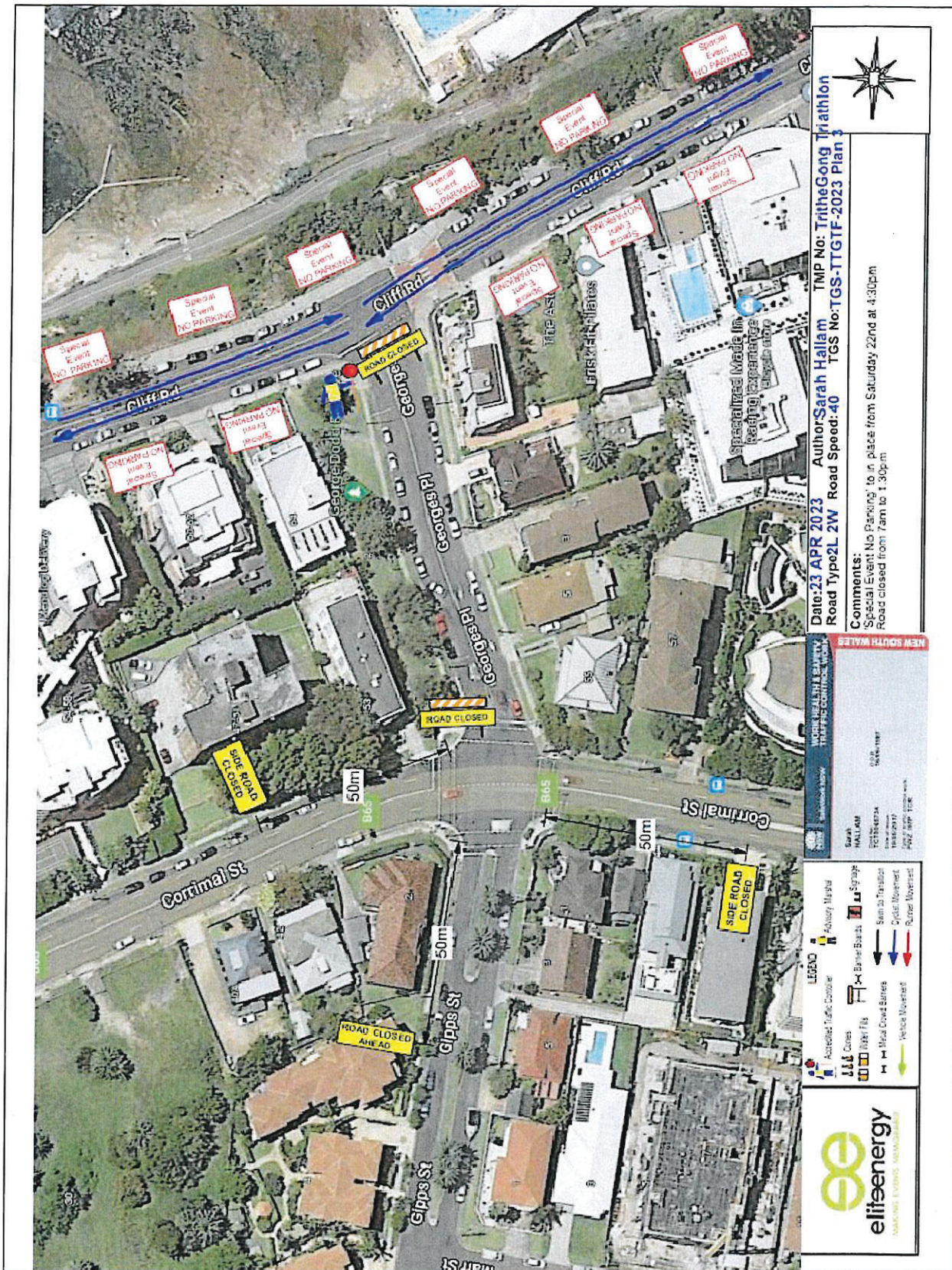
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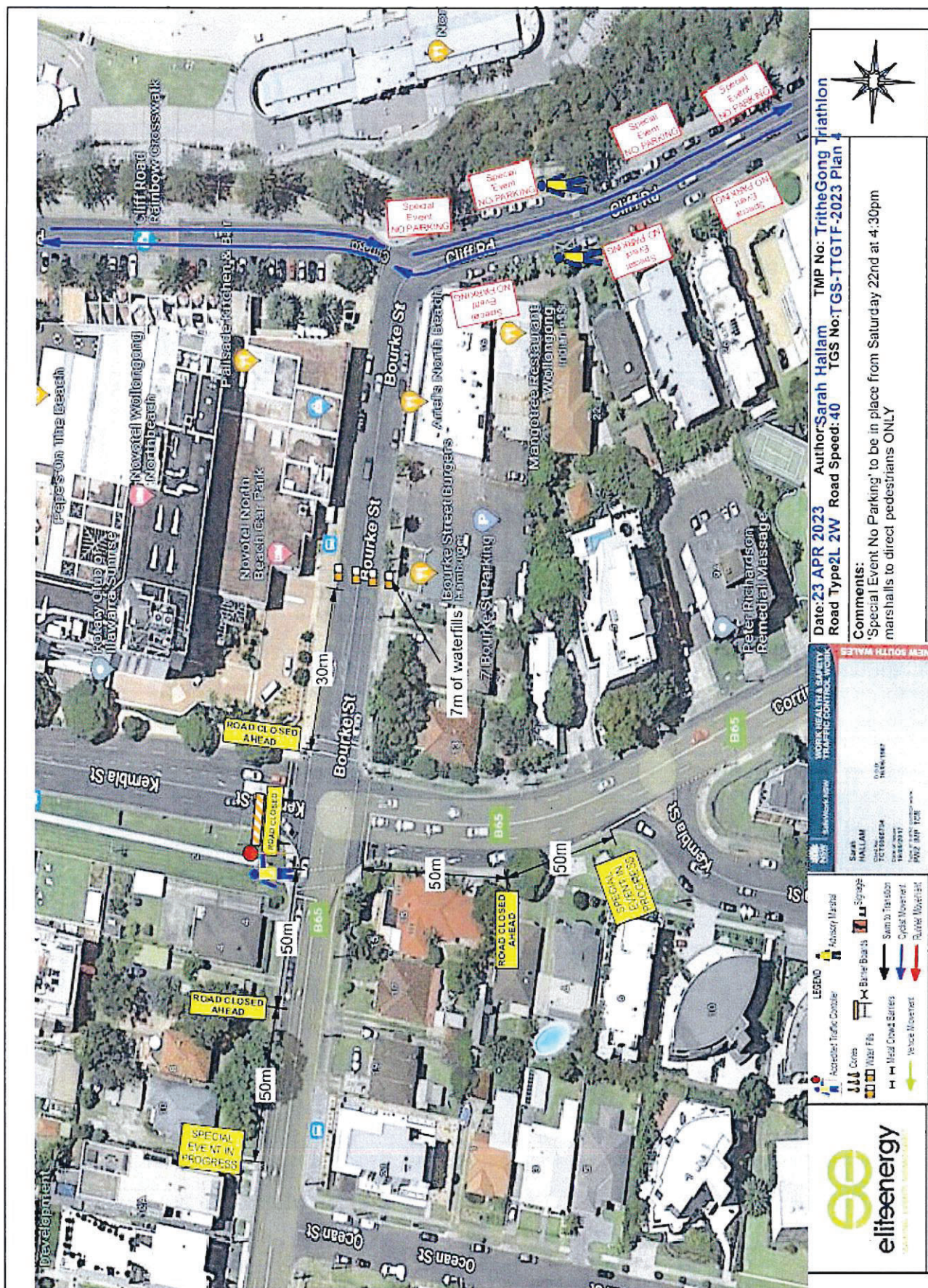
The Traffic Committee endorse the road closure subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plans and [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

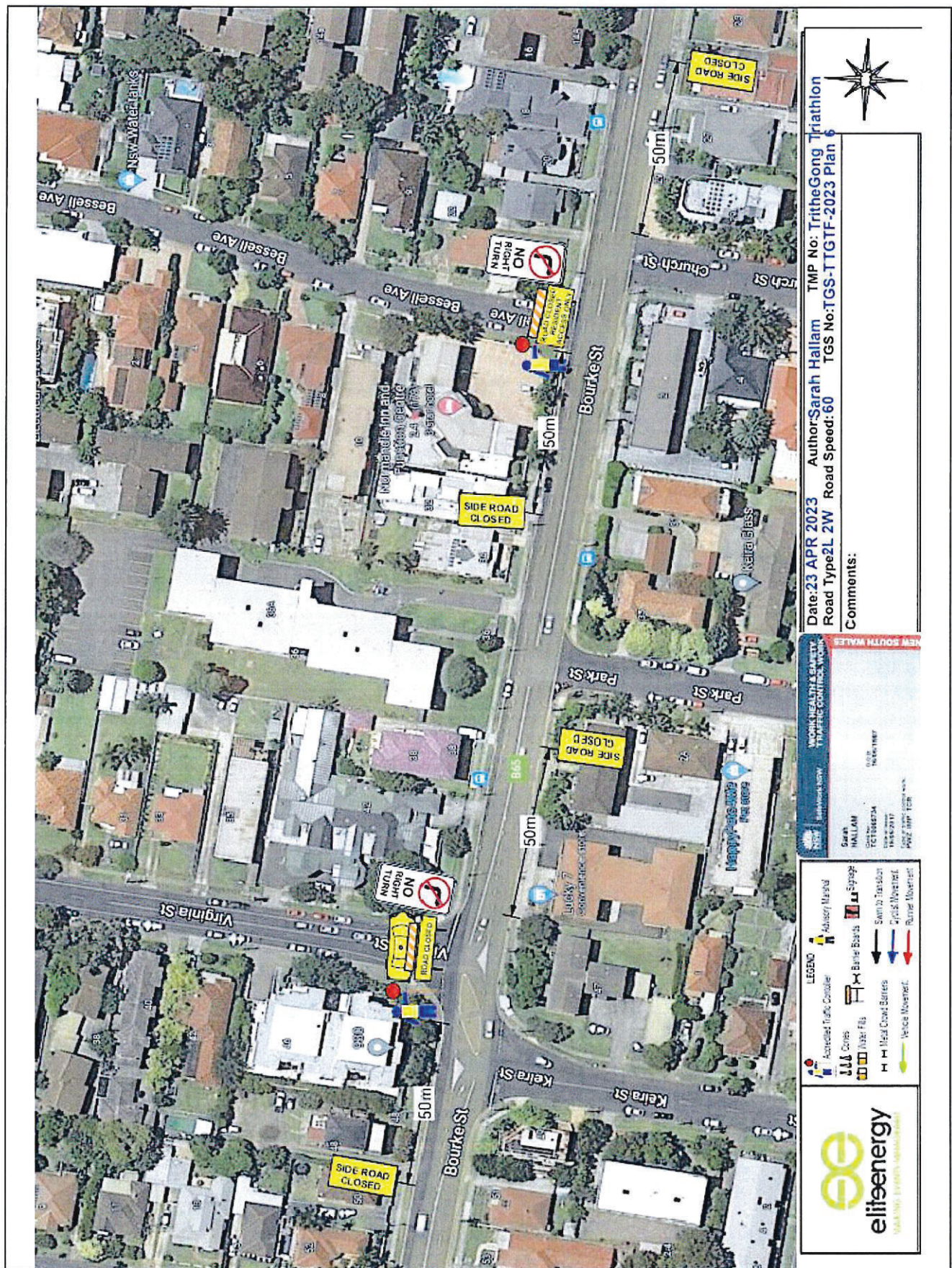


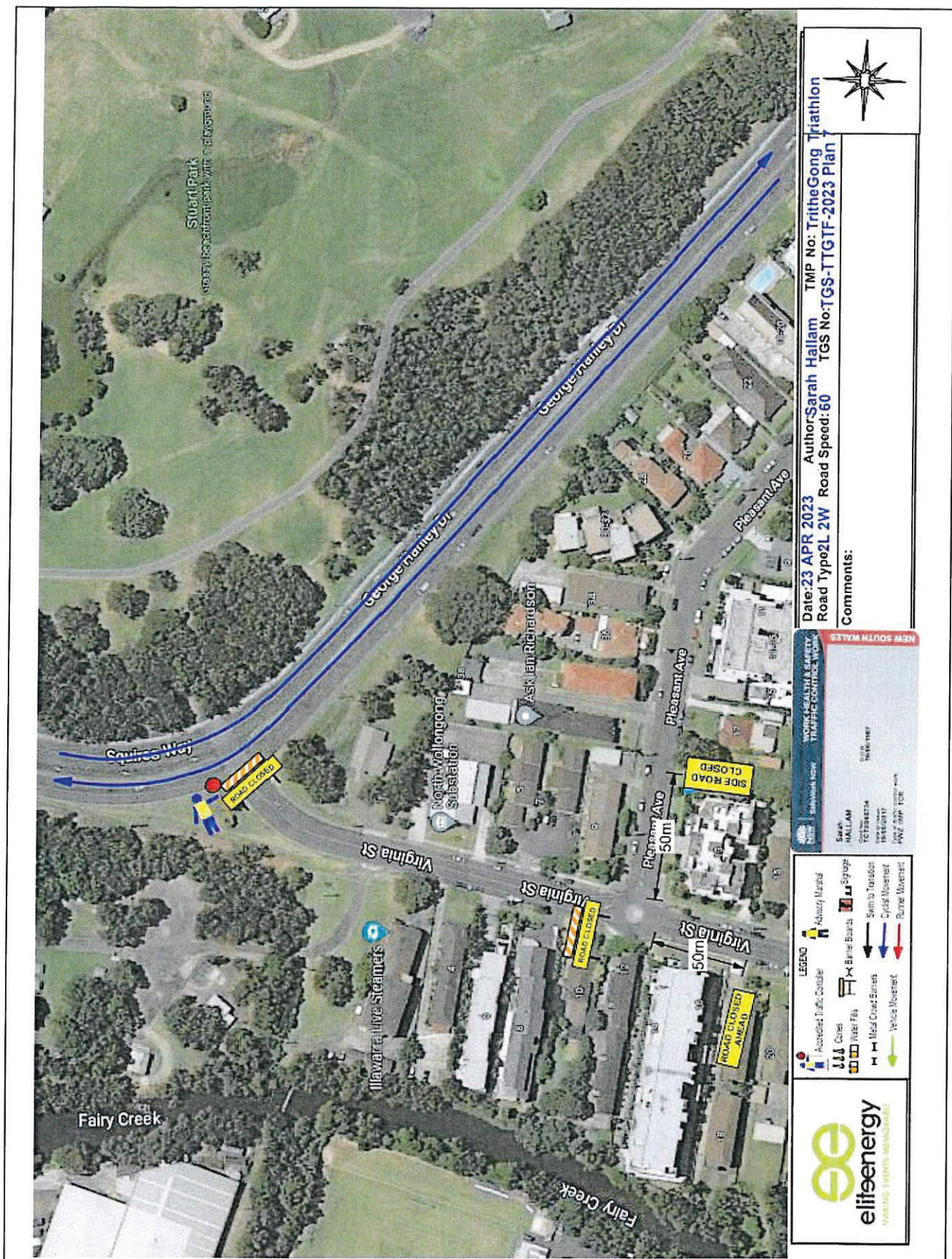




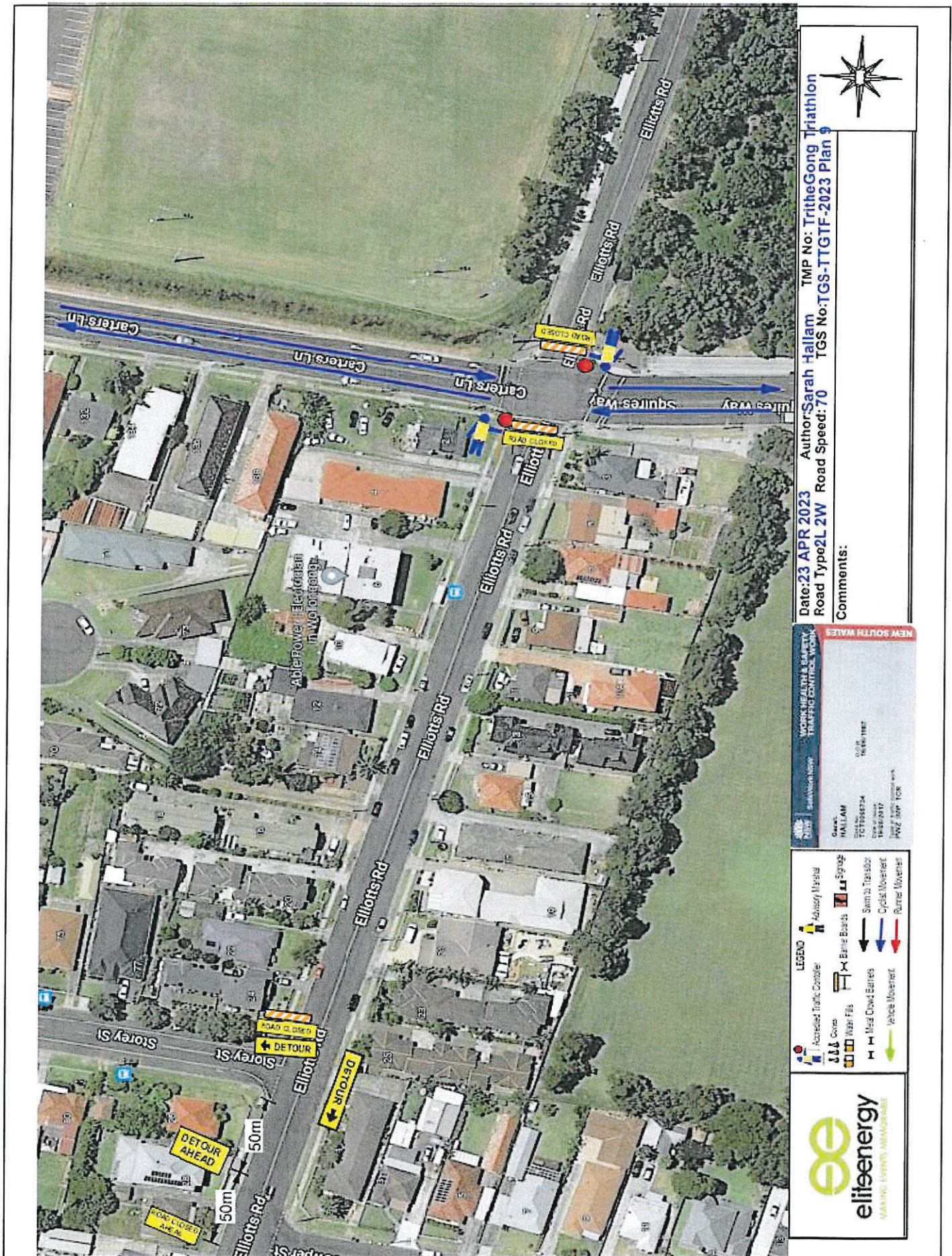




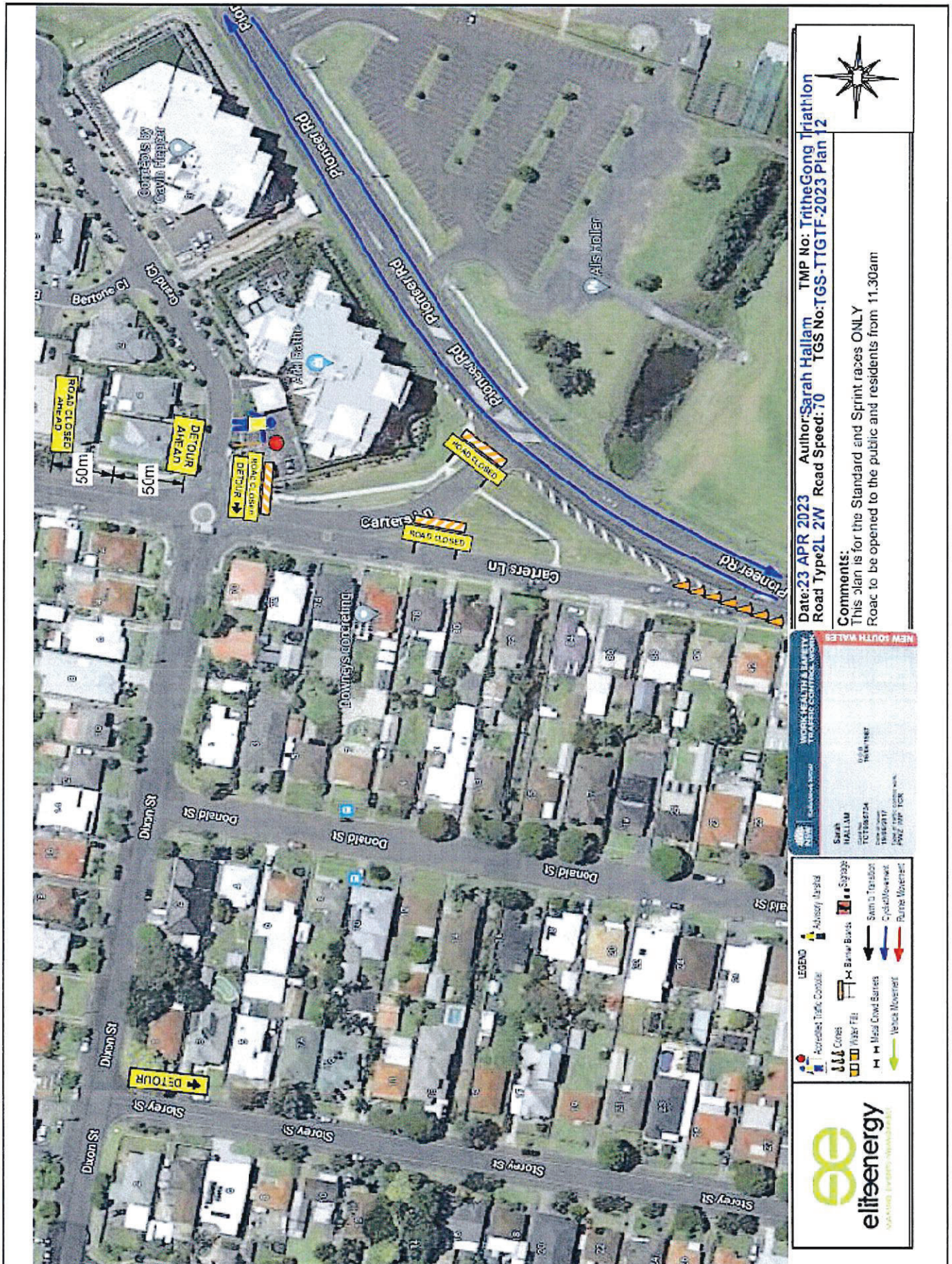


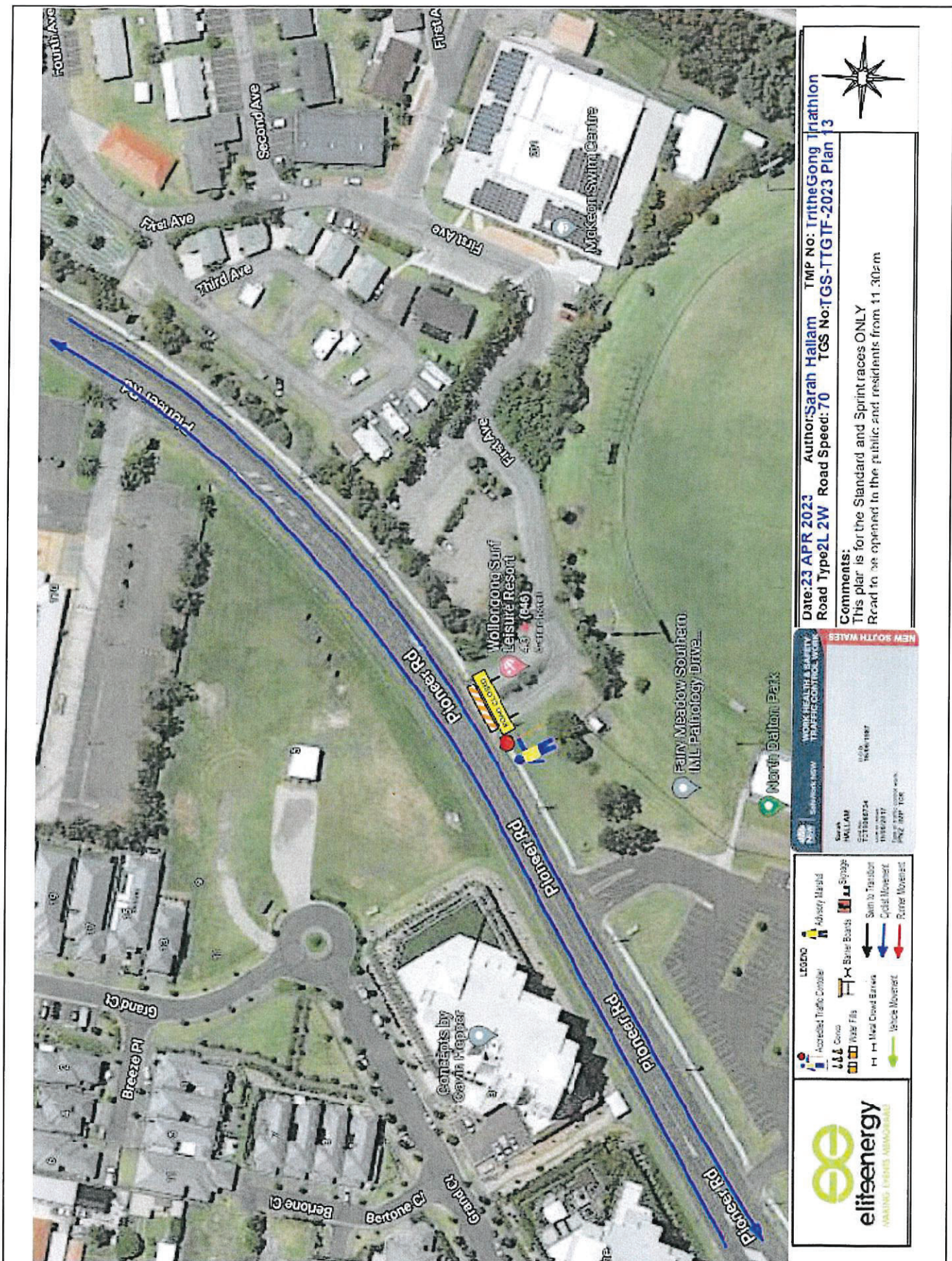


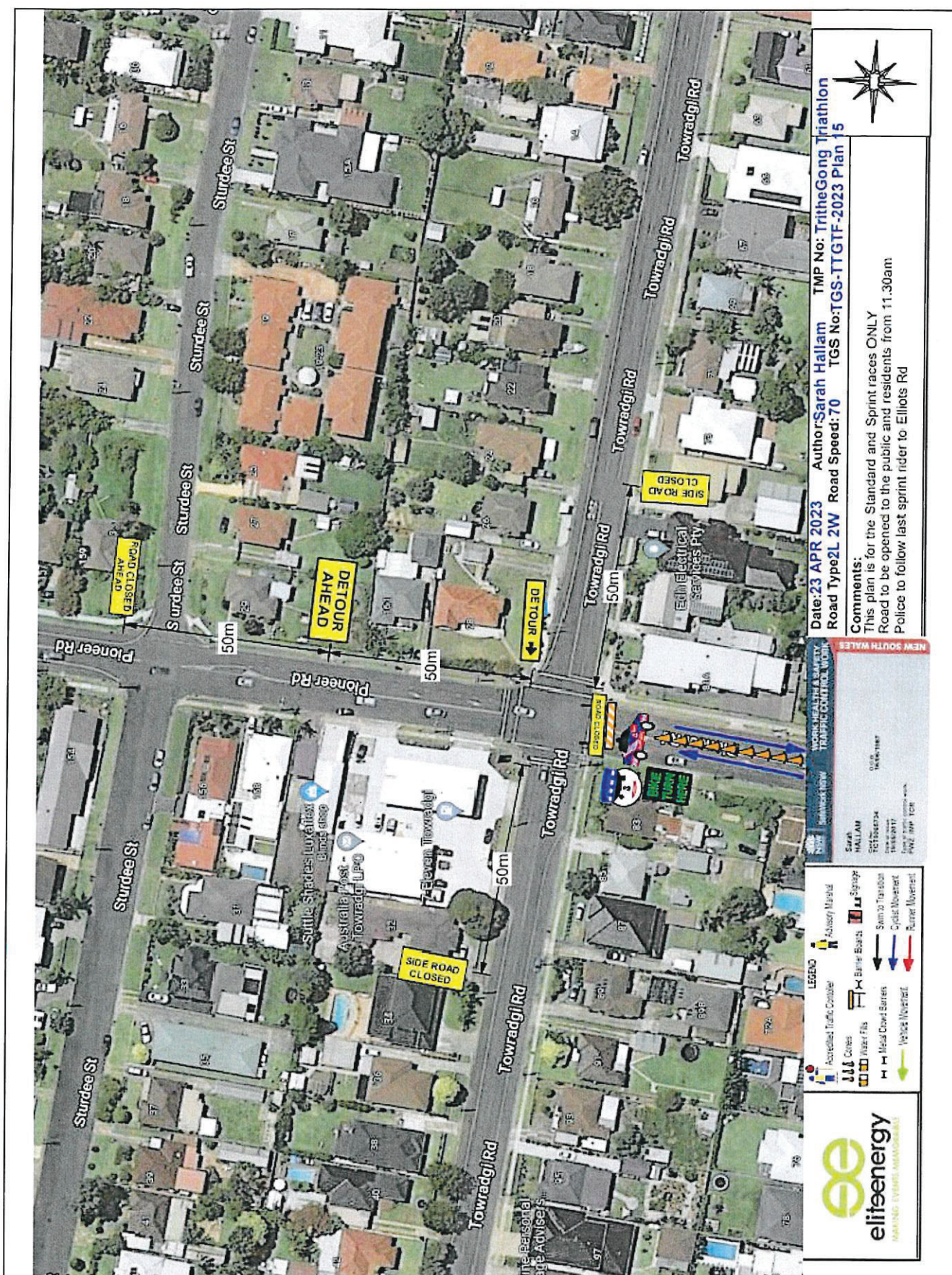


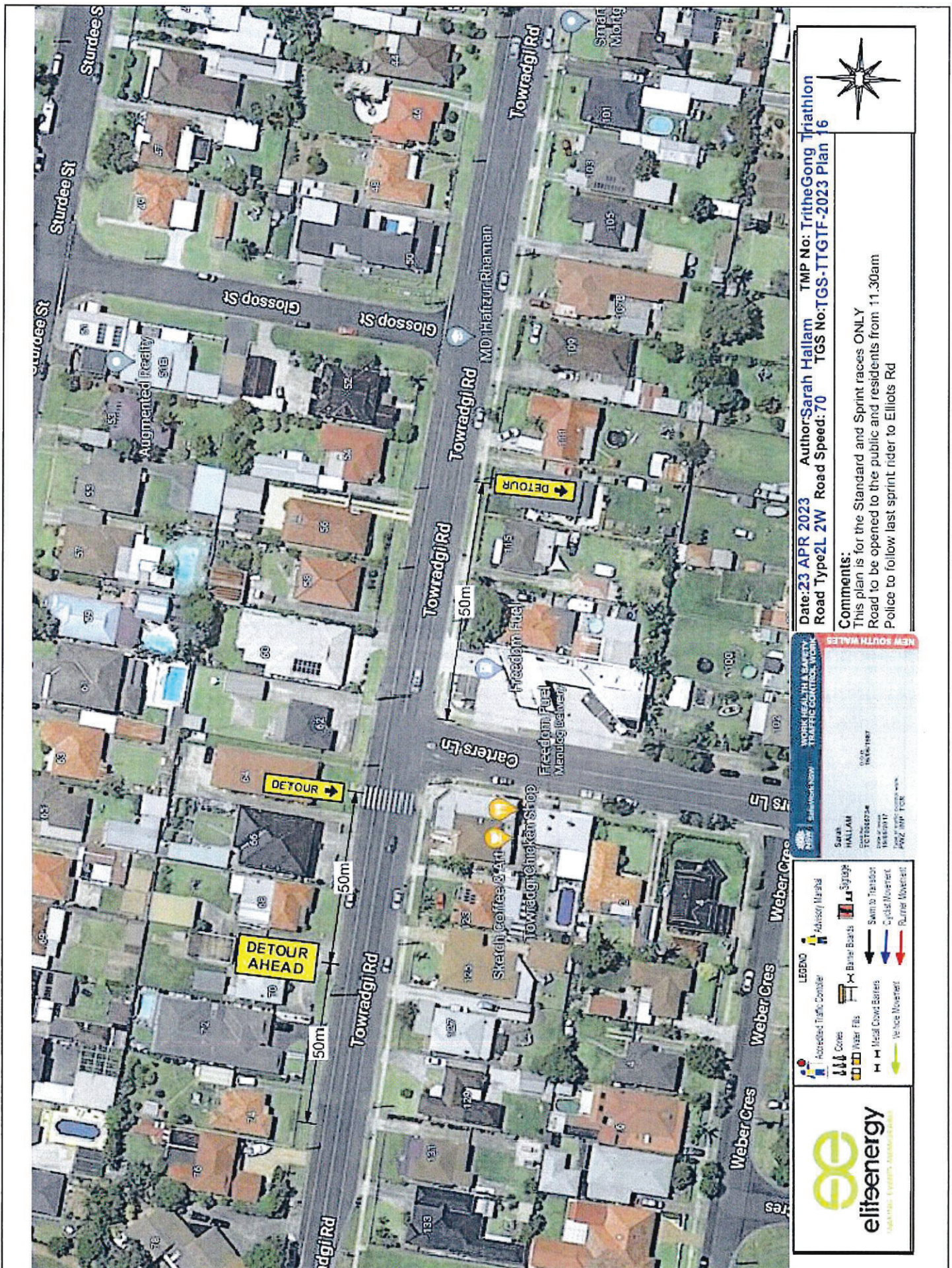


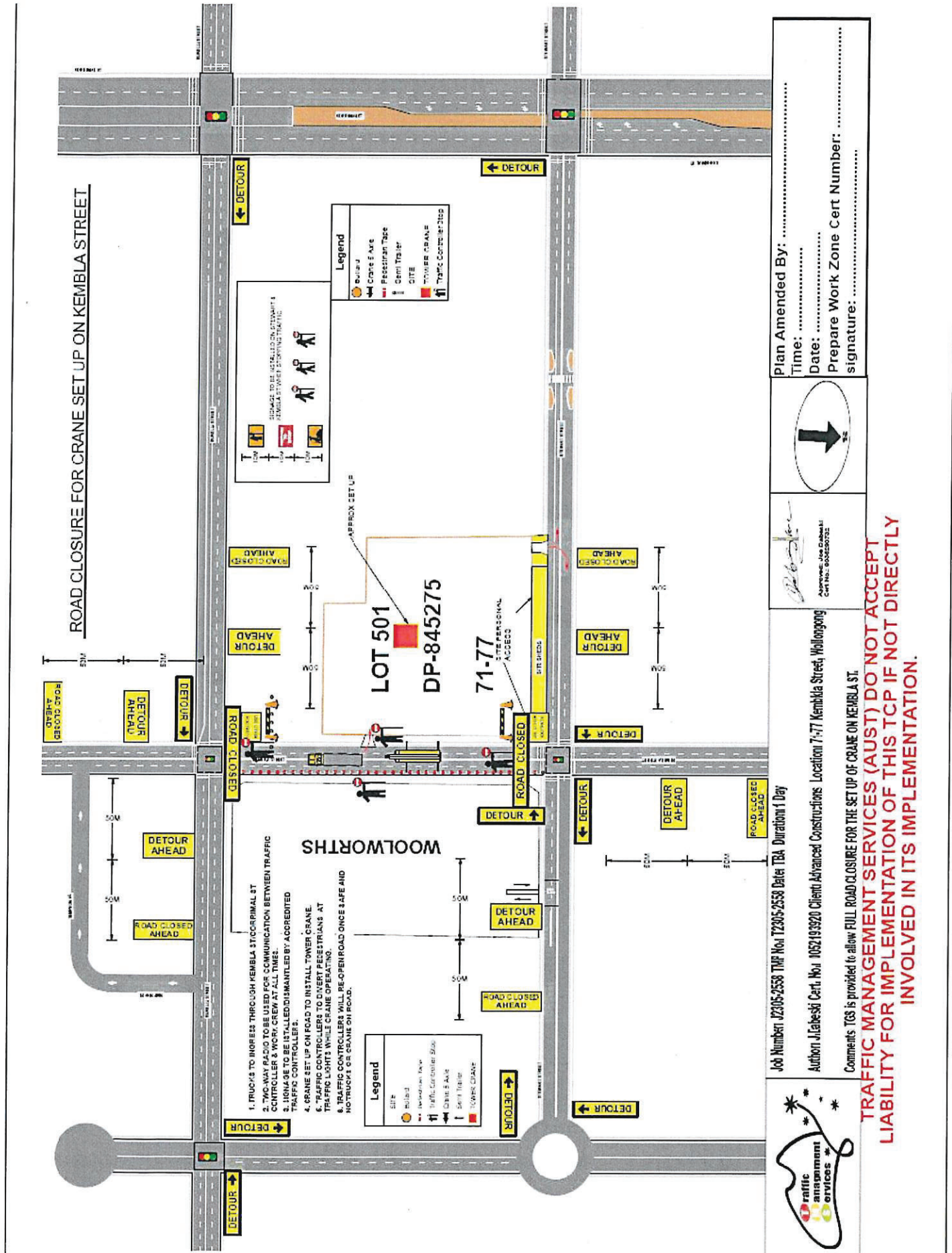












4 DOB IN A HOON (SPEED COMPLAINTS)

STREET	SUBURB	CONCERN
Hooka Creek Road	Berkeley	Drivers hooning and racing vehicles
Hurt Road	Unanderra	Cars and motorcycles speeding along Hurt Road, Unanderra during the night on a regular basis (have been informed by customers between 12am-4am). This has been happening for over a year and noticing an increase lately. Local residents have reported this to the Police however by the time the Police arrive the vehicles have gone.
Mulda Street	Dapto	Speeding concerns verified through tube counts, site also adjacent to St Johns Primary School

5 LATE ITEMS

5.1 PORT KEMBLA ANZAC March Road Closure

BACKGROUND

At the Traffic Committee meeting of 29 March 2022, a request had been received and granted for the ANZAC march in Allan St Port Kembla (the request was the same as in past years). The request sought approval to provide road closure for the ANZAC march up to 2026; however, the Minutes did not properly reflect this.

CONSULTATION

It is a condition of approval that the applicant consult with residents and businesses who may be affected by the road closure.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. The road closure be approved for the ANZAC march up to 2026 subject to [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#) and the submitted Traffic Control Plans.
2. Hostile vehicle mitigation through parked vehicles at either end of the closed section is to be included as part of traffic control measures.

Note: ANZAC Day road closures for following years are to be notified to Council's Event team two months in advance informing that the event will or will not take place and whether in the current approved format. The applicant must contact NSW Police if it is an on-road event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY (NOT VOTED ON)

6.1 Otford Road weir

BACKGROUND

For noting: the severe weather event on 9 February 2023 caused significant damage to Otford Road weir which cannot be used in its current state. The road closure has impacted bus routes and the community. Council is working on options for repair/replacement to the Otford Road weir.

6.2 E-bikes

BACKGROUND

Council has received an increase in complaints from the community regarding the use of motorised e-bikes, in particular along the Blue Mile and in Thirroul. The meeting noted the use of motorised e-bikes is not legal. TfNSW has no current plans at present for a Road Safety Initiative. NSW Police are providing a targeted response to complaints from the community. Council will note locations of concern from the community through our 'Dob-in-a-hoon' Local Traffic Committee service.

The next meeting of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee will be held on 14 March 2023 at 9:15am.