

LATE ADDENDUM REPORT

ORDINARY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

a71 [SUB-LTC] Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Minutes Meeting held Thursday 17 May 2012

VENUE:

Mt Warning Meeting Room

TIME:

Commencing at 10.00am

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Cr Barry Longland, Ms Liz Smith, Roads and Maritime Services of NSW, Snr Constable Ray Wilson, NSW Police, Mr Col Brooks on behalf of Mr Thomas George MP, Member for Lismore, Mr Rod Bates on behalf of Mr Geoff Provest MP, Member for Tweed.

Informal: Mr Danny Rose (Chairman), Mr Ray Clark, Mr Leon McLean, Mr Wayne Haayer on behalf of Paul Brouwer, Ms Judith Finch (Minutes Secretary).

APOLOGIES:

Mr Thomas George MP, Member for Lismore, Mr Geoff Provest MP, Member for Tweed, Paul Brouwer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 19 April 2012 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING RESOLUTIONS

[LTC-SOR] Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions - 19 April 2012

1. [LTC] Chinderah Bay Drive, Chinderah (Item B4)

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: ECM33214307; Traffic - Committee; Speed Zones; Chinderah Bay Drive

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

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From Meeting held 19 May 2011 (Item B4)

Request received for a reduction in the speed limit to 50km/h on Chinderah Bay Drive, Chinderah.

"Speed Limit is currently 60kph and is too high with the pedestrian traffic at the Fish Shop, slow-moving tourist traffic, continued accidents on Jenner's corner."

The Chairman advised that this be listed on the Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ADVICE:

That the RTA be requested to conduct a speed zone review of Chinderah Bay Drive, Wommin Bay Road, Waugh Street and Phillip Street with a view to reducing the 60kph zones to 50kph.

Current Status: That Item 1 from Local Traffic Committee meeting held 17 May 2012 remain on the list of Outstanding Resolutions.

(This item was originally listed as an Outstanding Resolution at the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 19 May 2011- Item B4).

2. [LTC] Kennedy Drive, Tweed Heads - Tweed Street Audit (Item B5)

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: ECM 19660428; Traffic - Committee; Pedestrian Crossings; Traffic - Safety;
Kennedy Drive, Tweed Heads

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

From Meeting held 23 September 2010 (Item B5):

Request received for the provision of a safe crossing for people near Kennedy Plaza. It is reported that *"since the opening of the new bypass the traffic is horrific and pedestrians can wait up to 15 minutes"*. It is also reported that *"motorists making illegal right hand turns into Kennedy Plaza also contribute to traffic congestion"*.

Kennedy Drive near Kennedy Plaza carries over 20,000 vehicles per day, which is significant. A marked pedestrian crossing was located in this vicinity prior to the installation of the traffic signals at Ducat Street. This crossing was removed on request from the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW as the signals provided a much safer crossing point for pedestrians. The signals are located approximately 200m west of the middle of the shopping centre. There is also a pedestrian underpass connecting residents on the southern side of Kennedy Drive to the shopping centre.

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The pedestrian warrant for a marked or signalised pedestrian crossing would not be met at this location.

Council's crash database shows 6 reported crashes occurred in the vicinity of Kennedy Plaza between 2004 and 2009, none of which involved a pedestrian.

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW Representative advised that the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW were investigating the Ducat Street/Kennedy Drive signals which will include the Kennedy Plaza area. It was suggested that this matter be listed as an Outstanding Resolution until the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW have finalised their investigation. This investigation may include the possibility of the inclusion of a pedestrian refuge, which is the subject of concern.

COMMITTEE ADVICE:

That Kennedy Drive, Tweed Heads South be listed on the Outstanding Resolutions report.

Current Status: That Item 3 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions from Local Traffic Committee meeting held 17 May 2012 remain on the list of Outstanding Resolutions.

(This item was originally listed as an Outstanding Resolution at the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 23 September 2010 (Item B5).

3. [LTC] Clothiers Creek Road, Clothiers Creek (Item B4)

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: ECM 37021766; Traffic - Committee; Traffic - Speed Zones; Access to Property - Driveways; Directional Signs; Clothiers Creek Road; Raven Place; Condor Place

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received in relation to the speed of vehicles travelling on Clothiers Creek Road, Clothiers Creek in particular between Raven Place and Condor Place.

"Lately we've seen many vehicles overtaking over double unbroken lines in front of our property and also between Raven's Place and Madura Tea. This practice is a recipe for disaster as the sections of road where this occurring are only short and have restricted vision because of blind corners.

There are four road intersections, in excess of forty private driveways, two major businesses between Farrant's Hill Road and the Pacific Hwy interchange.

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1. *We'd like to see the speed limit dropped to 70km/h between Nunderi and the Highway which could possibly bring the majority of motorists down to 80km/h.....*
3. *Some signage erected to alert motorists of concealed driveways (at present there's only one.....)*

.... We believe the existing speed limit on our section of road excessive due to the amount of traffic that travels, exits and enters every day."

On 25 November 2010 the Committee considered an item that related to various speed zoning issues across the Shire, including Clothiers Creek Road. The Committee advised as follows:

"That speed zone reviews for the following roads be referred to the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW:

1. *Fraser Drive (between Botanical Circuit and Terranora Road)*
2. *Clothiers Creek Road*
3. *Tomewin Road, the 100km/hr zone just outside of Murwillumbah"*

The outcomes of a speed zone review on Clothiers Creek Road has yet to be received from the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW.

COMMITTEE ADVICE:

That the speed zone review request for Clothiers Creek Road of 25 November 2010 for the Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW be placed on the Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions.

Current Status: That Item 4 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions from Local Traffic Committee meeting held 17 May 2012 remain on the list of Outstanding Resolutions.

(This item was originally listed as an Outstanding Resolution at the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 22 September 2011 (Item B4).

4 [LTC] Leisure Drive, Banora Point (Item A2)

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: ECM 47737364; Traffic - Committee; Traffic - Pedestrian Crossings; Traffic - Safety; Leisure Drive; Advocate Place

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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received in relation to the provision of a safe crossing on:

"Leisure Drive in the vicinity of Advocate Place to enable residents from the retirement villages to safely cross the road to get to the bus stop. Although I appreciate that pedestrian numbers make this an unlikely spot for another crossing, is it feasible to install a pedestrian safety island in this vicinity?"

There is an existing refuge 100m east of Advocate Place and a splitter island at the Greenway Dr roundabout 200m to the west and 400m to the east there is the traffic signals at Winders Place. The lane width adjacent to the bus shelter westbound is less than desirable and it is proposed to relocate the shelter further east to enable the left turn lane into Advocate Pl to be used as a bus set down/pick up area. The shelter would then be adjacent to the refuge. This is subject to available road verge for shelter placement.

Further discussion on the relocation of the pedestrian refuge has led to the need for further community consultation. Council officers should further consider the provision of an additional refuge between Advocate Place and Greenway Drive.

COMMITTEE ADVICE:

That the existing bus shelter on west bound Leisure Drive west of Advocate Place be relocated east of Advocate Place adjacent to the dedicated left turn lane, subject to available road verge being available.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That:

1. No further action be taken in relation to Leisure Drive and Advocate Place until community consultation has taken place.
2. This item be placed on the list of Outstanding Resolutions.

From Meeting held 17/5/12:

Feedback from local residents indicates they would like the existing bus shelter to remain in its current location and request a new pedestrian refuge in the vicinity of the bus shelter. It was noted that many of the concerned residents were elderly and frail and would rely on these facilities.

Council officers will include this feedback in their considerations and will report back to a future meeting.

Current Status: That Item A2 from Local Traffic Committee meeting held 17 May 2012 be placed on the list of Outstanding Resolutions.

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(This item was originally listed as an Outstanding Resolution at the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 19 April 2012 (Item A2).

5. [LTC] Murwillumbah Primary School - Parking (B5)

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: ECM 5758792; Schools - Murwillumbah Primary; Traffic - Committee; Traffic - General; Traffic - Parking Zones; Traffic - School Zones; Parking - Infringement Notices; Eyles Avenue; Condong Street; Prince Street; Riverview Street

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received in relation to the difficulty with parking in and around the Murwillumbah Primary School, particularly for people with large families and young babies.

It has also been reported that:

"buses park in a car park zone in Eyles Avenue in front of the "No Parking" zone. In the morning it is a Bus Zone but not in the afternoon. Two buses can fit in this zone so you can imagine how many cars would be the equivalent. This week in our school newsletter parents were warned by the bus companies not to park in their Bus Zones because it is dangerous and fines are heavy. I also think having buses through Eyles St is very congested and dangerous. What about disabled car parking for that matter?"

A plan of the existing parking and bus zones associated with the school was submitted to the meeting.

COMMITTEE ADVICE:

That:

1. Council officers initiate further consultation with the school principal, P & C and bus operators regarding traffic movements around Murwillumbah Primary School.
2. Murwillumbah Primary School be placed on the list of Outstanding Resolutions.

Current Status: That Item B5 from Local Traffic Committee meeting held 17 May 2012 be placed on the list of Outstanding Resolutions.

(This item was originally listed as an Outstanding Resolution at the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 19 April 2012 (Item B5).

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6. [LTC] Cooley Street, Bogangar (B6)

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: ECM 46772205; Traffic - Committee; Parking - Illegal; Directional Signs; Pedestrian Safety; Driveways; Traffic - Parking Zones; Traffic - Safety; Traffic - School Zones

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received in relation to parking congestion and infringements in Cooley Street, Bogangar.

"I am writing in regard to the continual congestion and blatant disregard for the road rules and safety of both children and adults in Cooley Street, Bogangar on school days. The Bogangar Primary School has a "walk-through" gate access at the end of Cooley Street but due to the fact that many residents with children at the school would have to traverse the Coast Road to the roundabout at Sandalwood Rd and then return Coast Road to access the school parking bays, a large majority has decided that Cooley Street is a much better option for the drop off and pick up of their children.

....There appears to be a large majority that insists on parking in the cul-de-sac section of the street and leaving the vehicle to either pick up or drop off their child, which action poses a considerable safety and illegal parking situation. I have also witnessed vehicles parking across all driveways in the street blocking access and exit to the occupiers of the properties. As there is a large majority of parents driving large 4WD vehicles I feel this is also a considerable safety issue, as Cooley Street is a narrow street and the capacity of these vehicles to turn at the cul-de-sac is nearly impossible thus presenting a situation where the 4WD must reverse towards the entrance/exit gate of the school, at which time many children are entering or exiting."

Council officers have visited the site on similar occasions and reported that there is no significant issue in regard to parking associated with the school.

From meeting held 17/5/12:

Rod Bates advised that counts performed by him from 2.56pm to 3.10pm on Tuesday 15 May 2012 showed 14 vehicles with 26 children. 3 vehicles parked in the turnaround area of the cul-de-sac and the pedestrian gate was opened at 2.00pm

COMMITTEE ADVICE:

That:

1. Parking issues associated at Bogangar School on Cooley Street continue to be monitored and the school be consulted on the issue of pedestrian access.
2. This item be listed on Outstanding Resolutions.

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Current Status: That Item B6 from Local Traffic Committee meeting held 17 May 2012 be placed on the list of Outstanding Resolutions.

(This item was originally listed as an Outstanding Resolution at the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 19 April 2012 (Item B6).

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

A. FORMAL ITEMS SECTION

DELEGATIONS FOR REGULATORY DEVICES

A1 This item was moved to B3

A2 [LTC] Ourimbah Road, Tweed Heads West

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: ECM 24336971; 49414502; Traffic - Committee; Linemarking; Traffic - Safety; Parking Zones; Traffic - General; Signs - Traffic Issues; Ourimbah Road

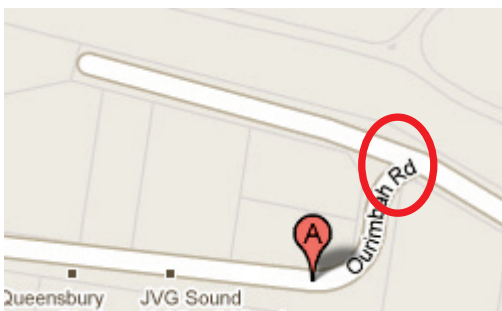
SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received in relation to the double centre lines on Ourimbah Road for the installation of 'No Parking' signs to be erected on both sides of Ourimbah Road for the length of the double lines to open up the area for all traffic to pass safely and not break any road rules.

The item was previously discussed at the Local Traffic Committee meeting held 25 November 2011 as follows:

"Request received in relation to parking issues on Ourimbah Road, Tweed Heads West where it is suggested:

".... to truncate the two right-angle bends in this road..... vehicles park inappropriately around the curves on both sides of the road making it difficult to negotiate the road safely. Clearly marking car parking spaces to prevent unsafe parking may alleviate the problem."



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Truncation of the right angle bends by reconstruction would be cost prohibitive. Council officers will inspect the site and report to the meeting.

The Chairman advised that this item be dealt with in the 'A' Section of the Agenda.

RESOLUTION:

That:

1. *'No Parking' signage be placed around the inside kerb of the corner outside No. 23-25 Ourimbah Road.*
2. *Centreline road marking be placed around the corner outside No. 23-25 Ourimbah Road."*

The location will be inspected and reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ADVICE:

That signage be installed to assist bus drivers to negotiate curves on Ourimbah Road, Tweed Heads West.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That 'No Stopping' signage and a yellow edge line be installed on both sides of Ourimbah Road, Tweed Heads West in line with the existing double centre lines on the 'S' bend adjacent to Nos. 23 to 25.

*FOR VOTE - Ms Liz Smith, Snr Const Ray Wilson, Cr Barry Longland, Rod Bates
PRESENT. DID NOT VOTE - Col Brooks*

B. INFORMAL ITEMS SECTION

GENERAL TRAFFIC ADVICE

B1 [LTC] Mistral Road, South Murwillumbah

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: ECM 49165740; Traffic - Committee; Speed Zones; Safety; Mistral Road

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received in relation to traffic travelling up the hill on Mistral Road from the Dunbible Bridge.

"Some of the traffic travels at excessive speeds and it can be quite dangerous for vehicles entering and leaving Mistral Road from my property (no 42) and the property

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opposite (no 41). Light coloured cars at certain times of the day can be difficult to see as are dark coloured cars in the shadows of the overhanging trees in the late afternoons.

In recent times there have been some speed signs put up, 60 kph for going down the road and at the bottom another sign on the flats of 80 kph going up the hill. Within a matter of moments a fast car can be zooming past our entrances. We have already escaped some potential accidents with near misses."

The Committee noted that just south of the driveways are two 50km/hr local area signs that should no longer be used. These should be replaced with standard 50km/hr signs and pavement numerals. The addition of advisory 50km/hr ahead signage would assist speed issues in this area.

COMMITTEE ADVICE:

That an advisory '50km/hr Ahead sign', replacement 50km/hr B size speed zone signs, and pavement numerals be installed on Mistral Road, South Murwillumbah.

B2 [LTC] SALT Fun Run Series - 2012

ORIGIN:

Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: ECM 48193085; 50184285; Traffic - Committee; Community Events on Council Administered Land; SALT Central Park; Bells Boulevard; Gunnamatta Avenue; Barrel Street; Cylinders Drive; Banzai Street; Avoca Street; Lorna Street; Bicycles; Road Closures - Temporary

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received for a two-race Fun Run Series at SALT as previously held over the past 5 years. Dates are Sunday 19 August and Sunday 16 September 2012.

Temporary road closures are for Pass Street from 7.30am to 9.30am and Bells Boulevard for the start of the race only from 8.00am to 8.05am to allow all runners to exit the car park and cars can once again enter.

Col Brooks left the meeting at 11.15am

COMMITTEE ADVICE:

That subject to standard conditions including submission of traffic control plans, evidence of consultation with local businesses, resorts and residents along the route the Committee supports the conduct of the Fun Run Series at SALT on 19 August and 16 September 2012.

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B3 [LTC] Marine Parade, Kingscliff

ORIGIN:
Planning & Infrastructure

FILE NO: ECM 49172304; Traffic - Committee; Parking Zones; Marine Parade, Kingscliff

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Request received for:

"the installation of 2 disabled car park spaces in front of the Doctors Surgery at 82 Marine Parade Kingscliff or in front of our Chemist which is next door to the surgery at 84 Marine Parade. Currently it is very difficult for the elderly and disabled to get access to the medical services because the car park spaces are always taken and never monitored."

The Chairman requested that this item be moved to the B Section of the Minutes.

The Committee was advised that at the May Council meeting plans for the re-configuration of Marine Parade were endorsed by Council for the purpose of community consultation. The proposed re-configuration of Marine Parade includes converting to a one-way street and utilisation of the carriageway for additional on-street parking. The provision of disabled parking facilities will be a consideration of the final plan. The final plan will be tabled for Local Traffic Committee discussion at a later date.

COMMITTEE ADVICE:

That:

1. The consideration of the creation of disabled parking facilities in Marine Parade Kingscliff be deferred pending finalisation of the Marine Parade re-configuration plans.
2. The correspondent be advised that disabled parking permits allow for extended time periods when parking in time limited zones.

NEXT MEETING:

Cr Longland left the meeting at 11.18am

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held 21 June 2012 in the Mt Warning Meeting Room commencing at 10.00am.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 11.25am.

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EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM COMMENTS:

A1 *Marine Parade, Kingscliff*
Nil. Item moved to B Section. No Council decision required.

A2 *Ourimbah Road, Tweed Heads West*
Nil

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS:

A2 *Ourimbah Road, Tweed Heads West*
That 'No Stopping' signage and a yellow edge line be installed on both sides of Ourimbah Road, Tweed Heads West in line with the existing double centre lines on the 'S' bend adjacent to Nos. 23 to 25.
