

PRESENT: Cr Carlton Kopke (Chairperson), Mr Richard Drooger (TfNSW), Senior Constable Michael Abra (NSW Police) and Mr Mal Unicomb (Local State Member Representative).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Kylie Kerr (Manager Road Operations) (Minutes).

APOLOGIES: Senior Constable Kelvin Kilsby (NSW Police), Mr Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services) and Mr Sugun Selvarajah (Acting Manager Projects).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

50/2122 RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 May 2022 be confirmed.

Kopke/Drooger

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following matters were noted as outstanding:

- Black Stump Way – Council request to NHVR that any road in the Warrumbungle Shire that is a 25 metre B Double Route be converted to a 26 metre B Double Route. *Matter to be followed up with Council's Director Technical Services.*
- Audit of 'No Parking' Signs in Coonabarabran CBD – 'No Parking' signs to be replaced and installed as per audit.
- Extension of double unbroken lines on the Newell Highway from Gardener Street to Dandry Road, Coonabarabran – *works scheduled with TfNSW Area Maintenance Manager.*
- Installation of Disabled Car Parking Space in Bolaro Street, Dunedoo - further investigations required in relation to a suitable design and location.
- ARTC level crossing on Golden Highway at Dunedoo – installation of yellow box markings and signage – *Council to schedule works under the RMCC.*
- Overhanging trees on the southern travel lane of Oxley Highway from the intersection of Yaminbah Road for approximately 15km – *assessment undertaken by TfNSW and works to be scheduled with Arborist.*
- Replacement of rail line at Mary Jane Cain Bridge, Coonabarabran – *TfNSW to undertake works.*
- Installation of Cyclist Warning Signs on Castlereagh Highway at Mendooran – *signage programmed to be installed by Council.*

Implementation of 80kph Speed Zones at Rail Crossings

Noted that the 80kph speed limit signs at rail crossing on Warrumbungles Way, Binnaway have been installed and ready for official opening.

Reinstallation of Sign at Intersection of Castlereagh Highway and Barney's Reef Road, Birriwa

The new sign to be located at the intersection of Castlereagh Highway and Barney's Reef Road, Birriwa in relation to the murder of Senior Constable John Ward by the Chinese Bushranger Sam Poo is to be installed when Council resources are available.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) StaySafe – Parliamentary Inquiry into Speed Limits and Road Safety in Regional NSW

51/2122 RECOMMENDED that:

- The Traffic Advisory Committee supports the Council putting forward a submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe) on the inquiry into speed limits and road safety in regional NSW.
- The submission include reference to:
 - Speed limit delegation is currently the responsibly of Transport for NSW. Council refers all speed limit review requests through to Transport for NSW for consideration.
 - Greater funding for road maintenance and upgrades including roadside infrastructure and clear zones. That grant funding application processes are more suitable to small Councils and their available resources.
 - Greater signage identifying unsuitable roads for some types of vehicles such as caravans.
 - The importance of safe clear zones on roadsides and their ongoing management.
 - There has been an increase in traffic volumes particularly heavy vehicles and tourist traffic over the past 2 years which is reducing the life of roads.

Unanimous

- b) Coonabarabran Rotary Club – Tour de Warrumbungles Bike Ride Event – 2 October 2022

Local State Member Representative, Mr Mal Unicomb declared a non-pecuniary interest on this item.

52/2122 RECOMMENDED that application by Rotary Club of Coonabarabran to conduct the Tour de Warrumbungles Bike Ride event along Coonabarabran streets, local roads and regional roads on Sunday, 2 October 2022 between 8.00am and 2.00pm be approved subject to compliance with and receipt of the following:

- Traffic Management Plan
- Traffic Guidance Scheme
- TfNSW Western Region concurrence
- Council's Road Closure Guidelines
- Receipt of current Public Liability Insurance
- That a risk assessment be submitted by the organiser and distributed to Traffic Advisory Committee members for consideration
- That the organiser encourages riders in the event to wear HiVis clothing.

Unanimous

- c) NSW NPWS – Tour de Gorge Bike Ride Event – 3 September 2022

53/2122 RECOMMENDED that approval be granted to NSW NPWS to conduct the Tour de Gorge Bike Ride event along Dandry Road, Coonabarabran between Coopers Road and Pilliga Pottery on Saturday, 3 September 2022 from 9.00am to 1.00pm subject to compliance with and receipt of the following:

- Traffic Management Plan
- Traffic Guidance Scheme
- Council's Standard Conditions for Use of a Road to Conduct an Event
- Receipt of current public liability insurance
- That the organiser encourages riders in the event to wear HiVis clothing.

Unanimous

d) Proposed Council Fees and Charges for Traffic Management Services
54/2122 RECOMMENDED that:

- The Traffic Advisory Committee see no negative traffic impacts of Council's change in policy.
- The Traffic Advisory Committee will continue to assess each application on its merits regardless of any fees and charges that may be imposed by Council.

Unanimous

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following matters were discussed without resolution:

- Grantham Gap Sign – discussion about the item tabled and the following items were noted to be addressed before bringing back to a future Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.
 - Check the spelling of Grantham.
 - Sign should be in keeping with other tourist signs in the Shire and the Geographical Names Board requirements.
 - Location map is required.
 - Is the sign aimed to encourage people to stop?
 - Recommend that the applicant provide a letter of support from neighbouring property owners.
- Discussion about B-Double and other heavy vehicle areas across the Shire. Clarification on where they are allowed to operate.
- Concerns about organised events with no approval happening within the road corridor that may have negative road safety implications to road and pathway users. That Council investigate options to raise issues with the event organisers.
- It has been raised with TfNSW about stacking issues across the rail line at the entrance to the Dunedoo Rest Area. It has been suggested that a clear zone be marked on the pavement at the entry to the rest area.
- TfNSW has investigated the speed limit on River Road. There are a number of solutions being considered including bringing the 50km/h speed zone closer in and adding a new 60km/h speed zone between the 50km/h and 100km/h.
- The Oxley and Newell Highway intersection upgrade was discussed. Concerns were raised about B-Doubles making u-turns in the pull off area and damage to the road. TfNSW explained that the proposal is to make the Newell Highway a priority allowing the traffic to travel straight through.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15am.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Thursday, 28 July 2022 commencing at 10.00am.

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CHAIRPERSON