

# WALKING, CYCLING AND MOBILITY REFERENCE GROUP



**16 June 2020**

**TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2020**

**REMOTE LOCATION: SKYPE VIDEO CALL**

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group provides advice to Council on the preparation and implementation of bicycle, pedestrian and disability access policies and strategic plans in the City of Wollongong.

**MEMBERS**

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David Brown - Chair	Councillor Delegate
Mithra Cox	Councillor Delegate
Andrew Heaven	Council Officer (Manager Infrastructure Strategy & Planning (Acting))
Tracy Venaglia	Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning
Jon Lindley	Representing bicycle users
Edward Birt	Representing Pedestrians
Chye Toole-Anstey	Representing Pedestrians
Brian Gardner	Access Needs of People with a Disability
Fiona Myers	Access Needs of People with a Disability
Beth Robrahn	Families with Children Representative
Trish McBride	Access Needs for Seniors Representative

**INVITED**

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Isabelle Ghetti	Transport & Stormwater Services Manager (Acting)
Rob Gaudiosi	Traffic Engineer
David Wilson	Traffic & Transport Unit Leader
Walter Galvan	Senior Traffic Engineer

## 1. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

### 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

“I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we meet, and pay my respect to Elders past, present and future. I would also like to extend my respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present here today.”

### 1.2 Apologies

### 1.3 Disclosures of Interests

### 1.4 Endorsement of 8 April 2020 Meeting Minutes

## 2. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – 8 APRIL 2020

### 2.1 Provide the Bus and Carpark Audit

## 3. SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Wollongong MP Paul Scully has provided Council with the results of the Wollongong NSW School Safety Survey. The survey provides key facts on transport to school, key concerns and how children currently travel to school.

The report has listed concerns raised from the community regarding most schools in the Wollongong electorate. The report makes suggestions for improvements to issues such as cycling, parking and public transport.

At this stage Council has received this feedback and considering a strategy to improve infrastructure around all its schools in the LGA.

### **Requested Group Feedback**

- Members may provide some comment on the survey; However, Council is currently working towards incorporating this documents into a strategy to review the existing infrastructure at all schools and prioritise future projects.

## 4. ACCESS AND MOVEMENT FOR PEOPLE

The Wollongong City Centre Access and Movement for People project aims to develop a future transport network that will support a pedestrian friendly, vibrant and liveable city centre. Council engaged the community from 25 February 2020 to 27 April 2020 for the first of three project community engagement phases. A number of online engagement tools were used to gauge the community's experiences travelling in and around Wollongong City Centre and their needs travelling through or staying in city streets. An interactive map allowed identification of specific locations with comments.

A presentation will be made to the group on information received through the online tools as well as other engagement exercises.

### **Requested Group Feedback**

- A short survey was provided to receive feedback on respondents' experiences and any issues. Finally, an ideas page was made available to accept suggestions for change.

## 5. HELENSBURGH TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

Council is planning big changes for the Helensburgh Town Centre. We currently have two planning documents out for consultation:

1. The Helensburgh Town Centre Plan which captures the vision for the town centre:  
<https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/help-shape-the-helensburgh-town-centre-plan>
2. The Helensburgh Streetscape Masterplan which expresses the vision of the town centre:  
<https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/helensburgh-streetscape-masterplan>

### Requested Group Feedback

- We encourage the group to review the consultation material (videos, plans, FAQs) prior to the meeting. Any questions can be raised and discussed in the meeting noting that all feedback should be directed back to the website so that it is captured in the community consultation report.

## 6. CYCLING STRATEGY UPDATE

Following workshopping with the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group, along with other key stakeholders, the Draft Cycling Strategy 2030 was presented to Councillors at their briefing on Monday 11 May 2020.

Following the briefing, changes and improvements have been made to the document on direction of Council's Executive team. These changes address research, innovation, tourism and events in line with expectations surrounding Council's vision to become a UCI bike city and support cycling. Further changes were needed to address COVID-19 and its impact on our community, and our actions in respect to improving cycling in a post-COVID world.

The revised draft will be reported to Council's ordinary meeting on Monday 29 June 2020, alongside the updated Infrastructure and Operational delivery programs. We will then proceed to an extended public exhibition period.

### Requested Group Feedback

The Reference Group will be provided a copy of the revised draft in the near future, with comments to be considered as part of the overall community exhibition.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

An opportunity for members to briefly discuss other relevant issues.

## 8. 2020 DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE (AND 2020 FORWARD PLANNER)

Updates regarding changes to the meeting schedule:

- Towradgi Creek Corridor moved to the October meeting as this is still in early concept stage;
- Lake Illawarra cycling plan moved to the October meeting as this is still in early concept stage;
- The Infrastructure Delivery Plan update has been moved to August to coincide an update on the Cycling Strategy;
- Safety Around schools moved to August meeting as the report from Paul Scully has only been received recently.

The new Walking Cycling Mobility Reference Group meeting dates for 2020 are provided below:

- Tuesday, 11 August 2020
- Tuesday, 20 October 2020
- Tuesday, 8 December 2020

The 2020 Forward planner is provided below.

3 MARCH	8 APRIL	16 JUNE	11 AUGUST	20 OCTOBER	8 DECEMBER
Cycling Strategy (DD)	Safety Around Schools (JM)	Update: Cycling Strategy (DD)	Safe Active Streets (JM)	Grand Pacific Walk (DD)	IDP review December (JM)
IDP update (JM)	Cycling Strategy (DD)	Helensburgh Town Centre Plan (JM)	Safety Around Schools (JM)	Cycling Strategy (DD)	Cycling Strategy (DD)
Community Safety (RD)		Access and movement for people (WG)	Update: Cycling Strategy (DD)	Lake Illawarra Cycling Plan (JM)	
Urban Design Framework (WG)		Update: Safety Around Schools (JM)	Pedestrian Plan (DD)	Towradgi Creek Corridor (JM)	
			IDP June (JM)	Safety Around Schools (JM)	

## 9. MEETING CLOSE