

**WALKING, CYCLING & MOBILITY  
REFERENCE GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2020  
REMOTE LOCATION – SKYPE VIDEO CALL, 5:00 PM**



**Reference Group Members in attendance:**

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

**Wollongong City Council (WCC) Staff in attendance:**

- Andrew Carfield                      Director Infrastructure and Works
- David Wilson                        Traffic & Transport Unit Leader
- Walter Galvan                        Senior Traffic Engineer
- Rob Gaudiosi                        Traffic Engineer
- Daniela Di Lullo                      PA Infrastructure Strategy & Planning (Acting) – Minutes

**1 WELCOME & OPENING OF MEETING**

**Meeting Opened 5:05 pm**

**1.1 Acknowledgement of Country**

The Chair welcomed all and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

**1.2 Apologies**

Isabelle Ghetti, Transport & Stormwater Services Manager (Acting)  
Tracy Venaglia, WCC Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning

**1.3 Disclosures of Interest**

No conflicts of interested declared.

**1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held 8 April 2020**

The minutes of the previous meeting were moved as a true and accurate record.

Cr Brown acknowledged Mark Roebuck has left Council and Andrew Heaven is the Manager Infrastructure Strategy Planning (Acting).

**2 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - 8 APRIL 2020**

**2.1 Provide the Bus and Car Park Audit**

D Wilson advised they are still working through the information.

**ACTION (David Wilson):** WCC to circulate report on both audits.

**3 SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS**

**Update provided by David Wilson, Traffic & Transport Unit Leader**

- David advised Council received the report, as well as a letter and copy of report from Paul Scully MP. Council plans to form a small Working Group from the Traffic and Transport Unit to prepare a Safer Routes to School Program to make recommendations for future versions of the IDP. The program will include footpaths, pedestrian crossing facilities, reinforcement of school zones, with the aim of promoting walking to school.
- Andrew C and Andrew H will be meeting with Paul Scully on Friday 19 June 2020 and planning to have a strategy moving forward to utilise some of the information that has been provided.

- Beth advised she circulated a Safe Routes to School proposal for a pilot program around Mt St Thomas Public School and welcomed feedback on their proposal discussions regarding safety around schools.  
**ACTION (Beth and Jon):** Beth and Jon to present their Streets and Shared Spaces submission.
  - Andrew H advised the information provided formed part of the Streets as Shared Spaces (SaSS) grant submissions. Andrew C to provide a summary on Council's submission under General Business.
  - Edward mentioned that crossings are a key concern and Mt St Thomas PS had many responses in the survey. Support for safe crossing for schools needs to be a priority. Andrew H advised it is worth Council noting this concern and can form part of a broader review that the Traffic Unit can consider.
  - Jon asked about specific changes to Austroads. David advised there are significant changes which they are still reviewing. There is a move away from focussing on moving vehicles and more towards using systems to keep people and vehicles safe. David will be preparing a summary of changes to present to Council and this can also be presented to the group as well.  
**ACTION (David Wilson):** Council to present changes to Austroads documents to the Reference Group.
  - Jon enquired if there was a pilot program to create safer routes for children to walk to school. Walter advised Council has been looking at schools in the city and identifying missing primary paths in the new footpath program and several new routes have been added since the Pedestrian Plan was introduced.  
**ACTION (David Wilson):** Council to confirm with the group if there is a pilot program.
  - Fiona asked if Covid-19 measures had been considered as part of this survey.  
**ACTION (David Wilson):** Council to confirm if Covid-19 measures have been considered.
- ACTION (Andrew Heaven):** Item to stay on the agenda and Council to provide feedback on the result of the meeting with Paul Scully MP and Traffic Unit's results.

#### 4 ACCESS AND MOVEMENT FOR PEOPLE

##### Presentation by Walter Galvan, Senior Traffic Engineer

- Presentation by Walter Galvan providing a summary on Council's engagement on the Wollongong City Centre Access and Movement for People Phase 1. The Urban Design Framework was also available for comment at the same time.
- Cr Cox asked if 30km/hour zones are being seriously considered what would be timeframe. Walter advised Council has requested advice from TfNSW on the possibility as there are trials currently occurring in NSW. Speed limit is one aspect, another aspect is how roads are designed to create an environment for 30km/hour.
- Beth advised that whilst we plan for people to drive, this is what will occur. There needs to be a plan for a more sustainable city.
- Chye asked if there is an option for Wollongong to be a pilot for 30km/hour streets. Walter advised Council has sought further information from TfNSW and, depending on the conditions of the trial, would consider this. David advised there is still some legislation that needs to be passed before this can happen.
- Edward advised free parking would take pressure off public transport during the current COVID-19 situation.
- Cr Brown advised he does not support free parking.

#### 5 HELENSBURGH TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

##### Update provided by David Wilson, Senior Traffic Engineer

Andrew C mentioned the accessibility feature the pedestrian crossing in Parkes Street. Fiona mentioned that this will be well received by vision impaired pedestrians.

- Fiona asked if there were going to be additional accessibility parking as there is only one at the moment and if there was any net change in parking.  
**ACTION (David Wilson):** Council to advise options available around the Coles supermarket and total parking spaces.

- Fiona raised the width of the accessible ramps on western side of Walker Street.  
**ACTION (David Wilson):** Council to confirm that accessibility features are compliant with codes.
- Fiona asked if the road was being raised to level out the footpath as part of this project. Andrew C advised as part of the comprehensive footpath upgrade on Walker Street they will be levelled as much as possible.
- Fiona enquired as to the footpath surface treatment.  
**ACTION (David Wilson):** Council to confirm the footpath treatment to be used.
- Consultation closes on 22 June 2020.

## 6 CYCLING STRATEGY UPDATE

### Update provided by David Wilson, Senior Traffic Engineer

Andrew H advised the draft Cycling Strategy was presented to Councillors recently. The Traffic + Transport team has been working on the latest edits in line with the changes to the infrastructure delivery program. Will be reported to Council on 29 June 2020 to go on exhibition for 6 weeks.

**ACTION (David Wilson):** Council to confirm if the draft strategy can be forwarded to this Reference Group before the Council meeting.

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Andrew C advised Council is currently receiving a large number of comments from the community with regard to proposed road safety improvements for Towradgi Road and Carters Lane, Towradgi. He shares Chye's concerns, also need to give consideration to accessibility.
- Streets a Shared Spaced (SaSS) Grant Application – Andrew C advised Council submitted an application for both Funding Stream 1 and 2 for pop up cycleway projects. Will be advised in early July if we have been successful.
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding - Andrew C advised Council has received a \$1.5 million grant for new infrastructure; approximately \$500,000 is allocated for cycling infrastructure, \$500,000 for accessibility amenities in the city and \$500,000 for accessible playgrounds.
- Cr Cox congratulated Council on preparing the submissions so quickly.
- Mt Keira Road Signage - Chye mentioned safety issues on Mt Keira Road and requested use of signage to indicate areas where there is a high concentration of pedestrians.

**ACTION (David Wilson):** Council to investigate opportunities to improve signage in this area.

- Working Groups - Beth suggested forming smaller informal working groups to benefit Council with their expertise and passion to improve their communities, without creating additional work for Council. Andrew C suggested some of this work could be presented to the Group. Council will also be looking to use the expertise across this Group to improve accessibility in Helensburgh, as well as in other areas, such as playgrounds and accessibility amenities.

**ACTION (Andrew Heaven):** Discuss this option further at the next group meeting.

- Closure of Lawrence Hargrave Drive - Fiona advised with the closure of Lawrence Hargrave Drive there has been increased usage of unmapped bush tracks to Bald Hill. Today there was an incident where parents had taken their children to school and were then not able to access the track as work was being carried out, possibly by TfNSW contractors, blocking the track.

**ACTION (David Wilson):** Council to raise with TfNSW.

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

The Walking Cycling Mobility Reference Group meeting dates for 2020 have been amended as follows:

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

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on **Tuesday, 11 August 2020 at 5:00 pm** – the type of meeting (e.g. Skype) will be confirmed closer to the date.

## 9 CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed 6:38 pm.