

**WALKING, CYCLING & MOBILITY  
REFERENCE GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2019  
LEVEL 9 FUNCTION ROOM, 5:00 PM**



**Reference Group Members in attendance:**

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| • Cr David Brown | Chair, Councillor Delegate                              |
| • Mike Dowd      | WCC Manager Infrastructure Strategy & Planning          |
| • Tracy Venaglia | WCC Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning |
| • Fiona Myer     | Access Needs of People with a Disability Representative |
| • Jon Lindley    | Bicycle Users Representative                            |
| • Brian Gardner  | Access Needs of People with a Disability Representative |
| • Trish McBride  | Access Needs for Seniors Representative                 |
| • Edward Birt    | Pedestrians Representative                              |

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

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| • David Wilson   | Acting Transport & Stormwater Services Manager  |
| • Walter Galvan  | Senior Traffic Engineer                         |
| • Justin Miles   | Senior Traffic Engineer                         |
| • Rob Gaudiosi   | Traffic Engineer                                |
| • Gemma Farrell  | Minutes – PA Infrastructure Strategy & Planning |
| • Kiosha Gardner | Community & Cultural Planner                    |
| • Tom Mccoll     | A/Coordinator Community Development & Planning  |

**1 WELCOME & OPENING OF MEETING**

**Meeting Opened 5:10 pm**

**1.1 Acknowledgement of Country**

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

**1.2 Apologies**

Cr Mithra Cox, Chye Toole-Anstey, & Beth Robrahn.

**1.3 Disclosures of Interest**

No conflicts of interested declared.

**1.4 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held 15 October**

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

**2 ACTIONS ARISING FROM 15 OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES:**

**Huxley Park, Horsley update:** Council inspected the park and identified the missing links in the path; design requisition to completed, in progress.

**3 DISCUSSION FOLLOWING PRESENTATION BY JON LINDLEY AT OCTOBER MEETING**

Last meeting, Jon Lindley presented on specific findings on Mount Saint Thomas School, with the intention to apply them as a model around other schools. Mike explained that under Council's Pedestrian Plan there is funding allocated to investigate options like this. Since last meeting Jon has investigated further and discussion followed:

- Jon thanked the group for the opportunity and due to time constraints discussed a select few points in detail including crossing solutions, education and promotion, and a timeline for implementation (a survey to go out after to cover measuring outcomes and sharing success). A map was handed out to the group.
- David Wilson raised how to fairly consider all 80+ schools to avoid any schools being disadvantaged. It needs to be fair and equitable for all schools. A sub-group could be set up to engage and identify safety around schools.
- Also, research regarding children's ability to see an object in the distance and judge how fast it is moving / peripheral vision. Children below 10 years of age should have their hand held, so it is not encouraged for children less than 11 walk to school alone. Experiences with perception of distance with young children and children with a disability. Developing gross motor skills, protective factors, awareness etc.
- In contrast, the difficulties that come from children not moving and being active.
- Research is about creating an environment to encourages to active travel to school.

- David agrees with the benefits of moving and discussed how walking to school has been in decline for some decades (some parents drive anyway to go another location afterwards. So, it also needs to change parents needs to drive to work. Cultural shift: higher amount of traffic on the roads than there used to be (lower population, each family only had one car etc.).
- Child friendly city (the more children seen on the street, the safer they are) e.g. in Tokyo 5yo catch buses independently because everyone in the community (cultural shift, stranger danger shift, fear in parents minds not only about traffic). A complex issue we hope to address.
- 'Walking Bus' concept discussed.
- Rob discussed an evidence-based approach. Jon has done great work. Next, we need to make a template or survey and collect information from several schools and collate issues as to why children aren't walking to schools. Fiona is currently collating information and will report back early next year.

#### **Transport for NSW - Walking SBC Working Group**

- Mike Dowd announced that he recently joined this working group to contribute to a strategic business case for promoting walking across NSW. Two key outputs relevant to this group: **movement and place tool kit**, and **active travel to school guide**.
- They are keen to come to Wollongong to have a conversation with us. It would be difficult for WCC to expand this LGA wide, without State Govt involvement. We need to align with the State. Hopefully, Wollongong can become a pilot: to create a pilot and test the pilot. The Working Group would then go to model to Cabinet with a whole range of factors. With the hope to then roll it out at a State Level.
- Mike explained that this is similar to what we are doing with the bike plan and discussed: *how we can take this forward under our existing commitments, how this can fit in, what we can do, how this is realistic, overlay theoretical RMS, engineers perspective, the community wants this, current warrants don't allow that... etc.* Mike can report back to the working group.

**ACTION:** all in agreeance for this to become a standing item on 2020 agendas.

## **4 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN (DIAP)**

### **Presentation by Kiosha Gardner, Community & Cultural Planner, WCC:**

In August, Kiosha provided an overview and asked for the group's involvement in updating the DIAP. Today, Kiosha is providing an update on where it is up to and is asking for further involvement from this group.

A summary of the presentation is as follows:

- Completed Phase 1: Strategic Review.
- Completed Phase 2: Engagement:
  - External engagement included: surveys, workshops, play group, high school visit
  - Internal engagement included: surveys, workshops with staff and management
  - Engagement themes: information and communication, community attitudes, employment, events, parks and playgrounds, beaches and pools, and toilets.
  - Engagement themes relevant to this group:
    - Paths and crossings: *wider cycle ways; uneven / obstructed footpaths; kerb ramps, guttering and driveways; road crossings*
    - Parking: *Number and location; education / monitoring and enforcement; design*
    - Bus stops: *shelters and seating; connections to kerb*
  - Group feedback: positive reaction from group; good summary of complaints that people with a disability have; discussion took place. Council reports to the Minister annually regarding the progress on this plan.
- *Current* Phase 3: Strategy Development (December 2019 – March 2020).
- Phase 4: Public Exhibition (April – May 2020).
- Phase 5: Finalise Plan, and Council Endorsement (June 2020).

## **5 UPDATE ON DRAFT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PROGRAM (IDP) 2020/2021 - 2023/2024**

### **Presentation by Justin Miles, Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC:**

#### **Footpaths**

- To encourage walking for short trips Council looked at range of factors and used them to update criteria.
- Justin showed the list of all projects in the footpath improvement program currently, as well as items which had changed priority or dropped off. These changes are a result of this group's feedback, demonstrating how this group has impacted this list.
- Transport NSW Walking Priorities recently released; which brought up the issue of only 200m around a school being included. All were in agreeance that the radius should be much larger as children within 2km are expected to be able to walk to school. Council did not have an opportunity to comment on this.

#### **Traffic Facilities**

- Aim is to reduce road trauma.

- Opal data collected from Transport NSW to look at where **bus shelters** should be built in relation to people tapping on. Cr Brown pointed out that not only numbers should be used as some people aren't using particular stops because there is no shelter; Fiona added that people with disabilities don't necessarily have a discount opal card.
- At least 250 or 35 senior trips put a location on the list for a shelter; also combining footpath and bus shelters into one project (shelters and paths to be built at the same time).

#### **Shared Paths**

- Introducing bike parking (racks and rings on post) however, none are lockable yet, this is to be explored in the future. Jon recommended to look at the larger rings like in Melbourne as the smaller rings result in slip/slide and the bike does not stay upright. Investigating portable bike racks to use at events.
- Transport NSW Walking Priorities discussed.

## **6 WOLLONGONG CITY CENTRE ACCESS AND MOVEMENT FOR PEOPLE PROJECT**

### **Presentation by Walter Galvan, Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC:**

- Background on the plan first developed in 2005; review currently underway.
- Half of public land in Wollongong CBD is for cars: roads and parking.
- **Road hierarchy:** movement corridors, vibrant streets, local streets, places for people
- Walking, accessibility, cycling, public transport, South Wollongong Eco-Bus (Park 'n' Ride) proposal for a second shuttle bus, parking, vehicle traffic
- Engagement: phase 1, 2 and 3 explained.
- A link to the **online tool** will be emailed out to the group for feedback over the next few days with log in details to the have your say page; Walter demonstrated how the tool works. Drag and drop a pin in a location and add a comment and an optional image too. Please note that this is not public yet, a password will be provided to this group.
- The movement and place concept is not only for the Wollongong CBD, it originated in London, it is about determining which streets fall under each road hierarchy category.

## **7 CYCLING STRATEGY UPDATE**

### **Presentation by David Wilson, Traffic and Transport Unit Leader, WCC:**

- Engagement begun and the 'have your say' survey closes on 9 December. There were three kiosks: Bulli, North Beach and Port Kembla. Data is being collated to include in document.
- Good feedback on the posters. Some media coverage. Stakeholders were notified. Facebook Page called Bike Wollongong. Postcards handed out at City to Gong. Neighbourhood Forums.
- Tracey discussed the importance of trying to promote this to and reach young people. Different social media platforms for age groups discussed (e.g. younger generation are less likely to use Facebook).
- In addition, expect an announcement from the Minister soon regarding cycling and the UCI Championships. Council's Cycle Strategy is the delivery mechanism for a lot of the legacy program.

## **8 DRAFT 2020 WCMRG PROGRAM**

So far, the following items are on the 2020 program:

- Council's Cycling Strategy
- Infrastructure Delivery Program (IDP)
- Keiraville Gwynneville Study
- Lake Illawarra Cycling Plan
- Towradgi Creek Corridor

Please email through any further requests for consideration.

## **9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Code of Conduct – Updated Version**

Council has released an updated version of its Code of Conduct. Any questions or concerns contact Mike. Cr Brown reiterated conflicts of interest.

### **Process to Replace WCMRG Cycling Representative**

It was agreed that in this instance Council will approach people on the list to fill the current vacancy rather than using the advertising option given the upcoming Council election in September 2020.

## **10 DRAFT 2020 WCMRG MEETING SCHEDULE**

Due to meeting room availability, public holidays and school holidays, the proposed Walking Cycling Mobility Reference Group meeting dates for 2020 have been amended as follows:

- Tuesday, 4 February 2020

- Wednesday, 8 April 2020
- Tuesday, 16 June 2020
- Tuesday, 11 August 2020
- Tuesday, 20 October 2020
- Tuesday, 8 December 2020

## **11 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on **4 February 2020 at 5:00 pm** on Level 9 in the Function Room.

## **12 CLOSE MEETING**

**Meeting closed 6:59 pm.**