

WALKING, CYCLING AND MOBILITY REFERENCE GROUP



8 December 2020

TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 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

David Brown - Chair	Councillor Delegate
Mithra Cox	Councillor Delegate
Trish McClure	Manager Infrastructure Strategy & Planning
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

Peter Nunn	Transport & Stormwater Services Manager
Rob Gaudiosi	Traffic Engineer
David Wilson	Traffic & Transport Unit Leader
Walter Galvan	Senior Traffic Engineer
Nathan McInerney	Senior Structural Engineer
Daniela Di Lullo	Minute Taker

1. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

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.”

1.1 Apologies

1.2 Disclosures of Interests

1.3 Endorsement of 20 October 2020 Meeting Minutes

2. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – 20 OCTOBER 2020

1. Advise what is replacing the Report It app and advise Reference Group. **David Wilson**
2. Safety Around Schools – Cr Brown advised to keep this item on the agenda.
3. Advise outcome of meeting with Wollongong Public School in relation to the pop-up cycling on Smith Street, Wollongong. **Walter Galvan**

3. BEACH ACCESS RAMP – AUSTINMER BEACH

Responsible Officer: Nathan Mcinerney

We invite your feedback on plans for a beach access ramp to be installed at Austinmer beach. The proposed ramp has been designed to withstand the harsh coastal environment and changing sands and tides, ensuring accessibility to the beach is maintained into the future. Improved access benefits the whole community including those using wheelchairs or prams, people with limited mobility and carers. At this stage construction is planned for the off-peak period of winter 2021.

Nathan Mcinerney Council's Senior Structural Engineer will provide an overview of this project to the group.

Requested Feedback

Please read the Frequently Asked Questions, view the Consultation Plan and Important Links on this attached link before completing the online feedback form. The Consultation Plan shows an image of the site, the proposed location of the access ramp and alternative routes for pedestrian access required at times during construction.

<https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/austinmer-beach-access-ramp>

Feedback closes Monday 14 December 2020.

4. CYCLING STRATEGY 2030 – UPDATE

Responsible Officer: David Wilson

David Wilson to provide an update on the 2030 Cycling Strategy.

5. SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOLS - UPDATE

Responsible Officer: David Wilson, Justin Miles, Mel Lausz, Rob Gaudiosi

Council has created a Safety Routes to Schools working group to provide greater focus on Schools and improve safety outside school frontages and connecting streets where children travel to school. This task is being undertaken by Justin, Mel and Rob from Councils Traffic and Transport Unit with the aid of other skilled Council employees.

Justin, Mel and Rob will provide the Reference Group a snapshot of the work we have been doing and past projects.

Requested Feedback

The Group can provide comments on the presentation and possible improvements.

6. DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN - UPDATE

Responsible Officer: David Wilson

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) Implementation Plan has been prepared to support the delivery of the DIAP 2020 – 2025. The DIAP is a supporting document and includes actions for many areas of Council. The actions in the Implementation Plan will be integrated into Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan and will be reported on as part of Council's annual reporting process.

Council's Transport and Traffic Unit Leader will be able to provide an update on some of the actions which are related to transport improvements.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN - UPDATE

Responsible Officer: David Wilson

David is to provide an update on the status of Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

8. REFERENCE GROUP TOPICS FOR 2021

Discussion on possible topics for 2020.

An opportunity for members to briefly discuss other relevant issues.

- Town Centre Studies – Provide Update or request for feedback Towradgi Creek Corridor/Lake Illawarra Cycling Plan
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)
- Grand Pacific Walk
- Bus Stop Audit (20 December 2020)

9. NEW ADVISORY GROUPS

Council is in the process of forming two new Advisory Groups with community representation. These are a Cycling Champions Group – focussed on communications and community cycling activations, and a Cycling Technical Advisory Group – to provide input into cycling infrastructure.

Up until now Council has been working closely with the Illawarra Cycle Club, however, wants to ensure that we're talking to a broader cross section of the community. More information about the two groups can be found at the following link: https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/your-council/committees-and-groups/cycling-advisory-groups/_nocache .

Council has requested a nominee from the Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group for each group.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

An opportunity for members to briefly discuss other relevant issues.

11. 2020 DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE (AND 2020 FORWARD PLANNER)

Updates regarding changes to the meeting schedule:

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)	Streets and Shared Spaces submission (BR and JL)	Cycling Strategy 2030 (DD)	IDP review December (DW)
IDP update (JM)	Cycling Strategy (DD)	Helensburgh Town Centre Plan (JM)	Safety Around Schools (DW)	Keiraville and Gwynneville Study (WG)	Cycling Strategy (DW)
Community Safety (RD)		Access and movement for people (WG)	Update: Cycling Strategy (DW)	Safety Around Schools (JM)	Safer Route to Schools (DW)
Urban Design Framework (WG)		Update: Safety Around Schools (JM)	Pedestrian Plan (DW)	UCI Update (DD)	DIAP update (DW)
			IDP June (DW)	Town Centre Studies Corrimal (DW) Helensburgh (JM)	Beach Access Project
			Popup Cycleways (WG)		

12. MEETING CLOSE