

**WALKING, CYCLING & MOBILITY
REFERENCE GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2019
LEVEL 9 FUNCTION ROOM, 5:15 PM**



Reference Group Members in attendance:

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| • Cr Mithra Cox | 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 |
| • Phil Latz | Bicycle Users Representative |
| • Jon Lindley | Bicycle Users Representative |
| • Beth Robrahn | Families with Children Representative |
| • Chye Toole-Anstey | 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 |
| • Daniel Dunstan | Senior Traffic Engineer |
| • Rob Gaudiosi | Traffic Engineer |
| • Gemma Farrell | Minutes – PA Infrastructure Strategy & Planning |

1 WELCOME & OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting Opened 5:19 pm

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

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

1.2 Apologies

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| • Cr David Brown | Councillor Delegate |
| • Brian Gardner | Access Needs of People with a Disability Representative |
| • Trish McBride | Access Needs for Seniors Representative |
| • Edward Birt | Pedestrians Representative |

1.3 Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interested declared.

1.4 Minutes of previous meeting held 6 August

Actions arising:

1. Council visited **Karrara Park** and identified a small section of missing footpath and are attempting to have it added to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP). The location of the park referred to as **Huxley Park** was discussed; Council to investigate and report back next meeting.
2. Council is currently working on the **Bus Stop Audit** and will have it ready to email out for feedback as soon as possible.
3. **Pedestrian Access Facilities** are being addressed in today's meeting.
4. Council provided feedback regarding the **Denison Street shared path design** to the designers; this included the issues Brian Gardner raised last meeting.
Summary of the discussion that took place; Mike Dowd announced that in the future the intersection is flagged to have traffic lights installed which in turn makes it safer for bikes. Phil Latz believed that making the intersection better for bikes, as well as reducing parking, would encourage bike use and lead to less vehicles in the CBD.

Confirmation of the previous minutes:

- Phil Latz referred to a feedback email he sent to the group following the last meeting requesting for the minutes to include more detail and without more detail he believed the minutes should not be accepted as accurate.

A discussion took place resulting in it being agreed that future meeting minutes are to include more detail; as well as include a motion for action items for clarity. It was explained that meeting minutes are not intended to be word for word, however it agreed to meet halfway and more detail will be included from this meeting onward.

2 INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN (IDP)

Presentation by Daniel Dunstan, Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC (attachment 1):

Discussion took place during the presentation surrounding how people in Wollongong get to work, the use of big data, budget, prioritisation of projects and how to move towards a better way of implementing the IDP.

- Phil Latz sought clarity on what WCC plans to spend the \$25 million mentioned in the last meeting on. Mike Dowd clarified that it is to go towards **active transport programs** over the next 4 years; including replacement and renewal of existing, and new footpaths, shared pathways, cycleways etc.
- Cr Mithra Cox asked what needs to be done to **increase the number of crossing facilities** installed for pedestrians; as currently she sees new footpaths being installed without crossing facilities. Daniel Dunstan discussed several options and how the two are from separate budgets. Mike Dowd explained the concept of precinct based planning and integrated transport planning. Chye suggested framing conversations to include traffic/crossing facilities too.
- Beth Robrahn sought clarity on the **criteria for the assessing/evaluating factors to prioritise projects**. David Wilson explained that there are weightings and it is currently evolving and being refined; once refined it will be provided to the group. Discussion took place surrounding the criteria needing to be outcome based, shifting from what was done in the past, using more data, new strategies for a new direction and actions. Rob Gaudiosi explained how historically it was quantitative, and it needs to shift to also include quantitative.
- Fiona Myer asked how Council **collects data on people with disabilities** and how can data from the most disadvantaged people be collected. Council uses the best data currently available, and it was agreed that improvements are desirable in capturing data from the most vulnerable community members.

3 BIKE PLAN UPDATE

Presentation by Daniel Dunstan, Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC (attachment 1):

Wollongong will host the 2022 UCI Road World Championships. The title of the 'Bike Plan' may be changed to 'Cycling Strategy', to become the Wollongong Cycling Strategy 2030 to align with the UCI Cycling City Pillars.

The group was asked what they think about each of the 8 pillars.

A brief summary of the discussion which followed the presentation:

- Cr Mithra Cox expressed her view that there is a strategy which does not appear to be implemented as Wollongong needs new infrastructure in the CBD which has not been built.
- Chye Toole-Anstey attended the **Bike Week event** and was disappointed to see that the area provided to teach children to ride their bikes was uneven grass, rather than a hard/smooth surface. Daniel Dunstan added that next year WCC is aiming to secure several locations to make the event bigger and more widespread, and also look at potentially closing off section road.
- Beth Robrahn suggested for the group to take the pillars home, as homework and report back to allow for brainstorming and meaningful, collaborative feedback. David Wilson moved for WCC to email out the UCI information to reference group members, for a **UCI Pillars Workshop** to be planned in addition to our next meeting.
- Chye Toole-Anstey asked whether WCC has access to where people work and where they are trying to get to. Daniel Dunstan listed options when collating big data (Google, Opal Cards, Telstra etc.).
- Mike Dowd proposed a series of drop in sessions throughout the LGA for this group (along with other group members) to actively engage with the community; to ask questions, collate feedback and answer questions (using these pillars to find out what is it that that says yes, my children are now enabled, supported and safe using the facility).

Tracy Venaglia proposed for **drop in sessions** to be held in the north, central, south and Dapto, to go for 2 hours on a weekend or an afternoon; to get visibility for people to stop and drop in. Also, a **workshop** at WCC for this group and also one open to the broader community Tracy confirmed that Tuesday nights suit most people for a workshop; yes. **ACTION:** WCC to arrange four drop in sessions and two workshops.

- Chye Toole-Anstey asked to survey WCC staff; why are you not actively commuting to work? If you or your children wanted to actively travel to the library, what needs to change to make that happen?

4 GRAND PACIFIC WALK STAGE 2 UPDATE

Presentation by Daniel Dunstan, Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC (attachment 1):

Stage 1 - complete (significantly grant funded).

Stage 2 - current stage.

The following sites being selected are outcomes of Councillor Requests and communications, and are the most attractive from a population and tourism point of view:

- Footpath and cycleway between Austinmer and Seacliff Bridge,
- Footpath outside Clifton Hotel to ensure the hotel's frontage is fully accessible; currently no footpath,
- Coledale Beach Carpark renewal; and
- Austinmer Mountain view to Headlands shared path continuation.

5 LAKE ILLAWARRA

Presentation by Daniel Dunstan, Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC (attachment 1):

Summary of discussion that followed the presentation on the full masterplan of shared path around the lake:

- Daniel Dunstan asked the group to report back thoughts on what to ask the public and stakeholders (tourism benefits, amenity benefits, get views thoroughly looked at and actioned); and the feasibility of either upgrading or bringing forward other options, to fill in the major missing links around the lake.
- Phil Latz noted that the Ride around the Lake event stopped a couple of years ago as it was dangerous; The southbound M1 on ramp from Northcliffe drive was supposed to be narrowed to be one and this never occurred. Two significant sections of privately owned land contain missing links - Tallawarra to Haywards Bay and Berkeley to Kanahooka. Massive potential for tourism as cycling paths are only as good as the missing or weakest links.
- Chye Toole-Anstey added the on and off ramp at Haywards Bay to the discussion.

6 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES

Presentation by Walter Galvan, Senior Traffic Engineer, WCC (attachment 1):

- Guidelines and standards
- Physical Separation Facilities (Refuge Islands and Kerb Extensions)
- Time Separated Facilities (Zebra, Children's, Mid-Block, Intersection Signals, Non-Standard & Combined Crossings)
- Grade Separation, Overpasses and Underpasses
- Integrated Facilities, Shared Zones

Summary of discussion following the presentation:

- Beth Robrahn asked whether continuous footpath and shared environment designs being built in Sydney are something Wollongong will implement. Wollongong LGA has a few continuous pathways which give priority to pedestrians already and are exploring innovative designs for the future.
- Fiona Myer used an example of a disabled community member who lives and works in the city, however there are no crossing or gutters to use their cane. How do we make sure the most vulnerable people can be independent/basic access facilities? Mike Dowd explained how the new norm will be to aim for the highest standards, rather than aim for minimum standards to aspire to make every area accessible.

Presentation by Jon Lindley, Bicycle Users Representative (attachment 2):

- Jon discussed solution focused environments to make life easier around Wollongong.
- Jon's children attend Mount Saint Thomas Public School and with support of the principal, he collected data from students and parents regarding their experiences traveling to and home from school. Most children live less than 2km from the school, yet only 60% walk or ride to school. The biggest barriers were crossings and footpaths.
- Jon would like feedback from the group and for them to consider what will work across Wollongong LGA to encourage active travel to school and report back next meeting. The focus: data gathered, determine barriers, compare and contrast.

7 FORWARD PLANNER

Next meeting:

- Draft Capital Works Program Projects (20/21)
- Wollongong City Centre Access and Movement Engagement
- Cycle Strategy Update – Workshop outcomes

- Draft Meeting Program for 2020

Due to time constraints a few items will now be discussed at the next 3 December meeting:

- Suggestions from group members on possible topics for next year's meetings,
- Code of Conduct,
- Feedback from Workshops and Community Engagement; and
- Feedback following Jon Lindley's presentation on 15 October; 20 minutes to be allocated on agenda.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Disability Access & Inclusion Plan (DIAP) Workshop Invitation

A copy of the invitation handed out is attached to these meeting minutes (attachment 3). Kiosha Gardner will attend the next meeting to provide the group an update on the DIAP.

Have Your Say – Bulli / Thirroul

Mike Dowd informed the group of the current NSW RMS exhibition on Princes Highway Bulli and Lawrence Hargrave Drive Thirroul: <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/bulli-thirroul/index.html>.

Bong Bong Road & Station Street, Dapto - Traffic Lights Design

Chye Toole-Anstey explained how she understands that the messaging in the engagement was designed to be narrow, however believes the consultation/feedback form for Bong Bong Road should have been more open by allowing the community to provide extra feedback. Chye used the form to provide additional feedback regardless; right turn, unclear, etc.

9 ACTION ITEMS

WCC to distribute to the group via email:

- Draft Meeting Program for 2020
- UCI Pillars
- Bus stop and car park audit results
- Workshops & drop in sessions
- Lake Illawarra missing links and collate feedback

WCC to also:

- Locate and investigate Huxley Park

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on 3 December 2019 at 5:00pm on Level 9 in the Function Room.

11 CLOSE MEETING

Meeting closed 19:45hrs.