

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Traffic Committee Minutes of Meeting

30 September 2020



at 9.15 am

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RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the powers delegated to Council by the Road Transport Act 2013 and the Roads Act 1993, as outlined in TfNSW (previously RMS) document 'A guide to the Delegation to Councils for the Regulation of Traffic – including the operation of Traffic Committees':

- 1 The remaining Recommendations of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee (excluding all Temporary Road Closures which require adoption by full Council), be adopted.
- 2 Appropriate persons and Departments be advised of Council's decisions.

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The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee is not a Committee of Wollongong City Council however a Technical Committee of Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW). The Committee operates under the authority conferred to Council by TfNSW under the Transport Administration Act 1988. Council has resolved to manage the Traffic Committee under a Charter which sets out the membership, timelines for the preparation of the Agenda and the distribution of Minutes, in accordance with TfNSW document 'A guide to the delegation to councils for the regulation of traffic' (including the operation of Traffic Committees.)

Council has been delegated certain powers, from TfNSW, with regard to traffic matters upon its local roads. A condition of this delegation is that Council must consider the Traffic Committee recommendations.

There are four permanent members of the Traffic Committee, each of whom has a single vote only.

- The members are representatives of the NSW Police Force, Transport for New South Wales, the Local State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon), and a representative of Wollongong City Council.
- If TfNSW or NSW Police Force disagrees with any Traffic Committee recommendation, or Council's resolution on any Traffic Committee recommendation, that member may lodge an appeal with the Regional Traffic Committee for determination. The appeal must be lodged in writing within 14 days of Council's resolution. Any action relative to any issue under appeal must cease until the matter is determined. The Regional Traffic Committee is chaired by an independent chairperson and submissions and representations are welcomed from all interested parties.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Council can only resolve that:

- 1 The Traffic Committee recommendation be adopted.**
- 2 The Traffic Committee recommendation not be adopted.**
- 3 The Traffic Committee reconsider this issue.**

In line with NSW Health guidelines about COVID-19, we've made some changes to the way we're engaging the community, to keep our staff and people in our community safe. Instead of having face-to face conversations with people meetings are currently being conducted via video, audio and by electronic communication.

PRESENT	
Lindsay Dunstan - Chair	Wollongong City Council
Rob Gaudiosi	Wollongong City Council
Ellen Dreghorn	Wollongong City Council (9.15 am – 9.20 am)
Mel Lausz – Road Safety Officer (via Teams)	Wollongong City Council (9.15am – 10.30 am)
Amit Chowdhury	Wollongong City Council
David Wilson	Wollongong City Council
Robyn Dorman (minutes)	Wollongong City Council
Senior Constable Andrew Cotton	NSW Police
Danny Benedetti (via Teams)	Roads and Maritime Services (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
John Granland (via Teams)	Premier Illawarra (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
John Burns (via Teams)	Representing the Member for Keira and Member for Wollongong (9.15 am – 10.30 am)

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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Welcome

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

An Acknowledgement of Country was presented by the Chairperson Lindsay Dunstan.

1.3 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 Apologies

Les Dion, Stephen Burridge, Stephen Walsh

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee acknowledged Amit Chowdhury was to be added to the list of attendees of the previous meeting.

It is noted for the previous meeting that on plans 1,2 & 3 for the Mount Keira approvals, that no vehicle mitigation strategy was indicated – Lindsay Dunstan to follow-up and add.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 HELENSBURGH Club Lane and Lilyvale Street – Ward 1

T Junction at Club Lane and Lilyvale Street – No Stopping Restrictions

BACKGROUND

The entrance to Club Lane on the southern side of Lilyvale Street, Helensburgh is narrow by way of a driveway style vehicle entry. The normal No Stopping restrictions apply for 10m either side of the Lane. However, in the past there has not been any regular instances of illegal parking at this location. There has been a gradual increase in activity near the Helensburgh CBD and it is appropriate for the parking restrictions to be sign posted, as is the case on the northern side of Lilyvale Street.

CONSULTATION

No consultation is required as these restrictions already apply at street intersections.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Install No Stopping Restrictions in Lilyvale Street for a length of 10m either side of the T Junction with Club Lane, Helensburgh, by way of No Stopping signs and continuous yellow lines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 DAPTO Jerramatta and Moombara Streets – Ward 3

St John's Catholic School at Jerramatta and Moombara Streets – Traffic Condition Changes

BACKGROUND

The Principal of St John's Catholic School has requested that a number of changes be made to the parking and school bus zone arrangements in Jerramatta Street due to the relocation of the junior school to the main campus. The junior school is presently located on land on the southern side of Jerramatta Street which has been earmarked for another development by the Catholic Church. Recent building work allows the whole School to be accommodated on the main campus. There are a number of proposed changes. Relocate the bus zone from Jerramatta Street to Moombara Street. There is a gate from the school on Moombara Street which will lead directly to the new bus zone. The previous bus zone is to be parallel parking, timed for school zone times and sign posted no parking as a drop off and pick up area.

The no parking on the southern side of Jerramatta Street is to revert to unrestricted parking however, for the short term the school has asked that the existing school crossing on Jerramatta Street remain. The short length of no parking on the approach to the crossing, on the northern side of Jerramatta Street is to revert to unrestricted parking.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has already been held with the School and nearby residents will not be affected by these changes.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

The following changes be made to the parking arrangements and bus zones at John's Catholic School Dapto:

- Replace existing bus zone at Jerramatta Street with no parking zone during school time (7:30am – 9:00am & 2:00pm - 3:30pm) for kiss and drop
- Relocate bus zone from Jerramatta Street to Moombara Street
- Bus zone signs to be timed for school duration only i.e. (7:30am – 9:00am & 2:00pm - 3:30pm)
- Replace "No Parking" area on the south-western side of Jerramatta St. with unrestricted parking
- Replace "No parking" area on the northern side of Jerramatta St. near the existing crossing with unrestricted parking

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 WOLLONGONG Church Street – Ward 2

Church Street – 15 Minute Parking

BACKGROUND

A new serviced apartment complex has been completed at 65 Church Street, Wollongong and the developer has requested 15-minute parking on the street to allow visitors to come to the office before being allocated a parking space in the basement car park. As the property was originally developed as residential units the basement car park would be difficult to use for short term visitor parking. Council has agreed to consider one 15-minute space and the remainder of the frontage to Church Street will be unrestricted parking.

One of the committee members presented photographs of the completed driveway and basement carpark, which indicates that there are seven (7) car spaces accessible to the public prior to the security door. There is a fire door from the visitor part of the carpark which leads to the lift from the basement to the reception area. It was the opinion of several members that there appears to be adequate provision on site for visitors and no need for the proposed 15-minute parking on Church Street.

CONSULTATION

No consultation required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Install 15-minute timed parking for a single space on Church Street immediately south of the driveway of 65 Church Street, Wollongong.

NOT CARRIED BY MAJORITY

2.4 BELLAMBI Cawley Street – Ward 1

Cawley Street – Bus Stop Relocation

BACKGROUND

Council is doing some work in consultation with Holy Spirit College Bellambi which has resulted in the need to relocate a bus zone from 35-45 Cawley Street to a location outside of 11 Cawley Street. It is understood that the bus operator agreed to the relocation.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is part of the design process.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Relocate the bus zone from 35-45 Cawley Street to 11 Cawley Street as set out in Project PJ-4052.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.5 PORT KEMBLA Illawarra and Forster Street – Ward 3

Illawarra and Forster Streets – No Stopping Restrictions

BACKGROUND

The Intersection of Illawarra and Forster Streets currently does not have any restrictions to prevent parking close to the intersection. A resident has advised that parking vehicles reduce visibility which make exiting the street difficult. Illawarra Street is a main local road and it is suggested that signs be installed to prevent illegal parking.

CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Install 10m of No Stopping restrictions on all legs of the Forster and Illawarra Street intersection by way of unbroken yellow line.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.6 GWYNNEVILLE Gipps Street, Crawford Avenue and Foley Street – Ward 2

Gipps Street, Crawford Avenue and Foley Street, – Removal of Bus Zones

BACKGROUND

The Route 10 Bus service has been altered to travel around the loop Foley Street, Porter Street, Crawford Avenue and Gipps Street in the clockwise direction only. Previously this service travelled anti-clockwise on the outward journey from Wollongong and clockwise on the inward journey to Wollongong.

There are changes to the traffic arrangements on Foley Street which prevent a right turn from Foley Street to Gipps Street for buses in the current financial year. However, the changes have already been made to the bus route, therefore it is proposed to return the following Bus Zones to unrestricted parking:

1. Bus Zone to be removed on the frontage to 3 Foley Street (eastern side).
2. Bus Zone to be removed on the frontage to 160 Gipps Street (northern side).
3. Bus Zone to be removed on the Crawford Avenue side boundary to 13 Porter Street (western Side).

CONSULTATION

No further consultation is required as Premier Illawarra and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) have already changed the Route.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Remove the following Bus Zones and return to unrestricted parking:

1. Bus Zone to be removed on the frontage to 3 Foley Street (eastern side).
2. Bus Zone to be removed on the frontage to 160 Gipps Street (northern side).
3. Bus Zone to be removed on the Crawford Avenue side boundary to 13 Porter Street (western Side).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.7 OTFORD Lady Carrington Road – Ward 1

Lady Carrington Road – Signage and line marking

BACKGROUND

Otford weir has a narrow road width which is not suitable for two cars passing each other. A resident expressed concerns about traffic congestion on the weir due to lack of Give Way sign and line marking. The drivers are often confused and travel towards the weir, without knowing which driver should give way. This matter worsens during heavy rains as water tends to accumulate on top of the weir. A “Give Way” sign along with give way line will help a northbound vehicle to give way to vehicles, travelling south from the weir. This will reduce traffic congestion on the weir.

CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Install “Give Way” sign along with give way line on the north bound approach of the road, approximately 10m from the southern end of the weir.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

3.1 WOLLONGONG Simpson Place, Kembla and Crown Streets – Ward 2

Tower Crane – Simpson Place, Kembla and Crown Street - Road Closures on a suitable night between Sunday 1 November and Wednesday 16 December 2020.

BACKGROUND

A road closure is required to install a tower crane for the development of a building at the Langs Corner site located at the corner of Kembla and Crown Streets, Wollongong. The builder has proposed that for the assembly of their tower crane Kembla Street and Simpson Place will need to be closed for a 12-hour shift between 6pm and 6am on a night between Sunday and Wednesday in the period 1 November to 16 December 2020.

Traffic in this area can be diverted via Crown, Stewart and Corrimal Streets and any vehicles with a destination in Simpson Place will be escorted in and out via Burelli Street. However, the builder will need approval from TfNSW as the closures affect the two nearby sets of traffic signals.

TfNSW signals staff have asked that the detour to the right for northbound traffic on Kembla Street be relocated to the intersection of Stewart and Kembla Streets. There is an existing No Right Turn into Burelli Street from Kembla Street, which needs to be maintained during the closure. The detour sign at this point should be “All Traffic Left”. An amended plan will be obtained to reflect this requirement.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with affected businesses is a condition of this approval.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

A road closure of Kembla Street and Simpson Place be approved for a 12 hour shift between 6pm and 6am on a night between Sunday and Wednesday for the period 1 November to 16 December 2020, subject to the amended traffic management plans, which shows the detour relocated to the east (right) on the Stewart and Kembla Street intersections rather than at Kembla and Burelli Streets, and approval from TfNSW.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DESIGN MATTERS

4.1 BERKELEY Flagstaff Road and Tern Place – Ward 3

Intersection at Flagstaff Road and Tern Place – Proposed Roundabout

BACKGROUND

In order to improve access from a large residential catchment to a major collector road, a roundabout has been proposed at the intersection of Tern Place and Flagstaff Road, Berkeley.

CONSULTATION

Concept engagement has been completed by Council's Traffic Section. The detailed design layout will be consulted with residents directly affected prior to construction.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Plan 6865_C07 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The next meeting of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee will be held on 21 October at 9.15 am.

Plan PJ-4052
Cawley Street, Bellambi - Bus Stop Relocation



Plan
Simpson Place, Kembla and Crown Street – Tower Crane



