



## TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2019

5:15PM

LEVEL 9 FUNCTION ROOM

### 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

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| David Brown - Chair | Councillor Delegate                                  |
| Mithra Cox          | Councillor Delegate                                  |
| Mike Dowd           | Council Officer (Infrastructure Strategy & Planning) |
| Tracy Venaglia      | Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning  |
| Phil Latz           | Representing bicycle users                           |
| 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

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| Walter Galvan | Senior Traffic Engineer         |
| Rob Gaudiosi  | Traffic Engineer                |
| David Wilson  | Traffic + Transport Unit Leader |

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## 1. Standing Agenda Items

### 1.1 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.”

### 1.2 Apologies

### 1.3 Disclosures of Interests

### 1.4 Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

1. **Action Item 1:** Council to provide an update on footpaths for Karrara and Huxley Parks, Horsley.  
Council Response: Currently under investigation.
2. **Action Item 2:** Bus Stop Audit and Car Park Audit to be finalised and provided to the group.  
Council Response: A finalised report will be provided to members by the next meeting.
3. **Action Item 3:** Provide a presentation to the group regarding pedestrian crossing facilities.  
Council Response: Presentation to be provided on 15 October 2019.
4. **Action Item 4:** Provide the group feedback on the Denison Street shared path design after referring this to Council’s design team.  
Council Response: Verbal update to be provided to the group on the 15 October 2019 meeting.

## 2. Infrastructure Delivery Program

Council’s forward program will benefit from increased transport utilisation data, accessibility audits, improved understanding of grant requirements and knowledge of the LGA’s demands. Council is set to spend over \$25m over the next 4 years and with ongoing improvements to the planning process and grant funding opportunities. Council’s forward program is therefore likely to move further in line with community expectations.

A short presentation on some of the improvements to the planning process within Infrastructure Strategy and Planning (ISP) will be provided at the meeting, focusing on prioritisation criteria to rank of Public and Active Transport infrastructure.

### Requested Group Feedback

1. Provide feedback on the proposed new methodology to prioritise projects compared to the existing.

## 3. Bike Plan Update

Council’s Traffic And Transport Unit is currently in the process of reviewing and updating the Bike Plan and community engagement is planned to commence in November 2019. The aim will be to refine the cycling strategy and build interest in lead up to its draft exhibition.

As Council will be hosting the 2022 UCI World Championship there will be a greater focus in identifying on making Wollongong a great cycling city, what this will mean for our residents and how we can achieve key outcomes. A brochure on how to become a UCI bike city label is provided (Attachment 1).

Council will involve key stakeholders by holding drop in sessions and are inviting members of our Walking Cycling Mobility group to take part in hosting these sessions.

A presentation will be provided on the bike plan engagement strategy and timing.

### Requested Group Feedback

1. Request for interest to attend drop in sessions where Council employees and members would speak to members of the public and ask relevant questions. Example questions may focus on ways

to provide better infrastructure for bikes and increase cyclist usage.

2. Where cycling access is most needed in the Wollongong LGA, and which groups are underrepresented?
3. Provide any thoughts and ideas on the following topics: A clear, long term cycling strategy; Dedicated funding; Better infrastructure for bikes; Increase cycle usage; Reduce the risk of cycling; Mass participation and closed road events; Provide child cycle training; Measuring progress.

#### 4. Grand Pacific Walk

Council is currently investigating options for stage 2 of the Grand Pacific Walk. An initial investigation has determined that the 7km project will cost approximately \$18.5m to deliver.

At this moment several designs are underway, with the Clifton and Coledale Beach areas being designed for upgrade in the coming years to remove missing sections of pathway.

A presentation on the on the engagement strategy and major project plan will be provided.

##### **Requested Group Feedback**

1. Comment on any points of difficulty for pedestrians between Austinmer and Seacliff Bridge. What obstacles they faced, and how they would improve it?
2. What ancillary infrastructure (e.g. seating viewing areas, bike parking, bubblers) do members consider a high priority and what location would best suit anticipated user groups?

#### 5. Lake Illawarra Shared Path Masterplan

Council will be commencing engagement on the Lake Illawarra Shared Path Masterplan in the new year. The engagement will focus on how residents and visitors currently use the lake foreshore and shared path network, its facilities and what a connected network could look like. A presentation will be provided to further inform the group.

##### **Requested Group Feedback**

1. What ancillary infrastructure (e.g. seating viewing areas, bike parking and bubblers) do members consider a high priority and what location would best suit anticipated user groups. Are there any priority missing links or facilities which should be addressed?

#### 6. Pedestrian Crossing Facilities

A briefing was provided to Councillors on Monday 9 September 2019 on the topic of pedestrian crossing facilities in response to a request for information.

Firstly, a Council representative will present to the group on pedestrian crossing facilities. Following this, a member representing bicycle users has advised that a 15 minute presentation will be provided regarding a recent school survey.

##### **Requested Group Feedback**

1. Review Council's information on Pedestrian Crossing facilities prior to the meeting (Attachment 2) and provide any suggested feedback on the presentation.

#### 7. Forward Planner

A draft forward plan of agenda items for the 2019 Reference Group Meetings has been developed to outline major programs that will be discussed throughout the year. The plan may be amended depending on time constraints.

One item, the City Centre Access and Movement Strategy scheduled for 15 October 2019 has now deferred until 3 December meeting. This project is not yet at the engagement stage.

## Forward Planner – 2019 Reference Group Program

| 5 FEBRUARY                               | 2 APRIL                       | 5 JUNE                             | 6 AUGUST                                | 15 OCTOBER                             | 3 DECEMBER                                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Meet & Greet, and Introduction           | Delivery Program Review       | Accessibility Audits for Bus Stops | Bike Plan Review Part 2                 | Infrastructure Delivery Program Update | Delivery Program Development Prioritisation  |
| Brief outline of Council's key documents | Bike Plan Review              | Environmental Strategy Review      | Accessible Car Park Audit               | Bike Plan Update                       | Draft Capital Works Program Projects (20/21) |
| Major Programs for review in 2019        | Helensburgh Town Centre Plan  | Briometrix Mapping                 | Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) | Lake Illawarra Shared Path Masterplan  | Access and Movement Engagement               |
|                                          | Foreshore Access and Movement |                                    |                                         | Grand Pacific Walk                     | Cycle Strategy Update                        |
|                                          |                               |                                    |                                         | Pedestrian Crossing Facilities         | Draft Program for 2020                       |

### 8. General Business

1. Request for suggestions from group members on possible topics for next year's meetings.
2. Council to provide an update on its Code of Conduct.
3. Upcoming Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) Workshops - Invitation

### 9. Next Meeting

Tuesday, 3 December 2019

### 10. Close Meeting