

WALKING, CYCLING AND MOBILITY REFERENCE GROUP



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TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 2019

5PM

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:

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:

Peter Nunn	Transport & Stormwater Services Manager
Alison Bradford	Engagement Coordinator
Walter Galvin	Senior Traffic Engineer
Rob Gaudiosi	Traffic Engineer

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1 Standing Agenda Items

1.1 Welcome

1.2 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."

1.3 Apologies

Apologies were accepted by Jon Lindley.

1.4 Disclosures of Interests

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Confirmation of minutes from meeting held on 5 February 2019.

2 Infrastructure Delivery Program Review

The public exhibition of the Draft Infrastructure Delivery Program 2019/20-2022/23 is about to commence and feedback from the group will assist Council in finalising the program.

Feedback to be provided by committee members on the Draft 4 year Infrastructure Delivery Program presented at the Tuesday 2 April meeting. This feedback will assist in finalising the Delivery Program at the end of June.

Following this meeting members are requested to follow up on any specific issues through the public exhibition process.

3 Review and Update of Wollongong Bike Plan

The City of Wollongong Bike Plan 2014-18 nominated a number of broad outcomes for cycling in the city and identified a range of issues affecting cycling participation. The plan recommended a range of actions in the following areas:

- Bicycle Network Expansion
- Existing Facility Improvements
- Line marking Improvements
- Directional Signage
- Mountain Biking
- Bicycle Parking
- Planning Controls
- Bicycle Information
- Bicycle Promotion
- Bicycle Education

The review and update of the Wollongong Bike Plan is identified in Council's 2018/22 Delivery Program and Operational Plan as one of a number of actions to *encourage sustainable transport throughout the LGA*. This work will ultimately support the Our Wollongong 2028 goal that: *We have affordable and accessible transport*.

A presentation will be made to the group on the proposed scope for the review and update of the Wollongong Bike Plan. Feedback and suggestions on scope inclusions will be sought from the group at the meeting.

4 Helensburgh Town Centre Plan

Council is preparing the Helensburgh Town Centre Plan which will be a guide for business, residents, governments and community groups. It will provide strategic direction for future development, infrastructure investment, community programs and planning policy.

The Helensburgh Town Centre Plan will set a vision and action plan for the town centre. The Plan can be used to advocate for changes, seek funding sources, change perceptions and inspire enthusiasm for new ideas.

Please see the below link for more information on the plan and engagement process:

<https://www.haveyoursaywollongong.com.au/help-shape-the-helensburgh-town-centre-plan>

A representative from Council's engagement team will attend the meeting to discuss Helensburgh Town Centre Plan and seek feedback from the group.

5 Stormwater Works at Puckey's Estate

A Council Engagement Officer will provide an update on this topic to the group.

6 Cliff Road and Bourke Street Intersection

Council's Transport and Stormwater Services Manager will provide an update on this topic to the group.

7 Draft Beach and Foreshore Access Strategy (2019-2028)

As part of feedback received from the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2016-2020, the community requested improved access to beaches for people with a disability.

Some of the main goals and actions identified in the draft ten year strategy:

- Improve safe and accessible beach and foreshore access
- Provide relevant and current information about our beaches and foreshores
- Work with partners in improving beach access.

Four beaches were identified as priorities: Austinmer, Thirroul, North Wollongong and Port Kembla.

Please see the below link for a copy of the document and more information:

<https://www.haveyoursaywollongong.com.au/beachforeshoreaccess>

Council will provide an overview of the draft Strategy and an opportunity to provide comment (Exhibition closes April 8, 2019).

8 Forward Program

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

Forward Planner – 2019 Reference Group Program					
5 February	2 April	5 June	6 August	15 October	3 December
Meet and Greet and Introduction	Delivery Program Review	Accessibility Audits for Bus Stops	Bike Plan Review Part 2	Access and Movement Engagement	Delivery Program Development Prioritisation
Brief Outline of Council's key documents	Bike Plan Review	On Street Mobility Parking	Accessible Car Park Audit		
Major Programs for review in 2019	Helensburgh Town Centre Plan Foreshore Access and Movement	CBD Footpath Priority Process (Murray D)			

9 General Business

An opportunity for any members of the Reference Group to discuss any other issues not previously tabled.

Action 1: Port Kembla Shared Path Maintenance

Action 1 Response: Council staff has confirmed that vegetation-trimming encroaching on a shared path is carried out when flagged by a Council employee or a member of the public. Street sweeping on shared paths is scheduled on a fortnightly basis.

Action 2: Review of Council Standards

Action 2 Response: Council will take note of all issues relating to standards in the Reference Group meeting and provide a list to Council's design team for review.

Action 3: Accessibility to Schools

Action 3 Response: Council will investigate this issue further and report back at a future meeting.

Action 4: Social Media - Request to set up a Facebook Page

Action 4 Response: A representative from Council's public relations team has advised that a page could be created by a member however would not be endorsed by Council. The page must not resemble a Council webpage and the views must be that of the individual. Posting on relevant forums and pages which already exist may be another option to receive useful feedback.

Action 5: Promoting Behavioural Change

Action 5 Response: Behavioural change will be considered in the review the Bike Plan where applicable. Council promotes various road safety and behavioural change messages through all Local Government Road Safety Program activities and workshops targeting learner drivers and their supervisors, older road users and traffic offenders. These include the Go Together campaign (raising awareness of minimum passing distance), Share the Track (promoting positive interactions between pedestrians and bike riders on shared paths) and discussions raising awareness of the risks facing vulnerable road users.

Other options for promoting behavioural change will be discussed at future meetings where relevant.

Action 6: Accessibility of Local Buses

Action 6 Response: Council traffic engineer has contacted the local bus companies and can confirm the following figures on bus accessibility:

- 75% for Dion's fleet.
- 50% for Premier Illawarra fleet (However 100% accessible is provided on route services and Gong Shuttle). Note that Premier has a much larger fleet of buses.

10 Next Meeting

June 5th Reference Group meeting will focus on Accessibility Audits for Bus Stops, On Street Mobility Parking and the CBD Footpath Priority Process.

11 Close Meeting