WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Traffic Committee Minutes of Meeting







MINUTES

CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

at 9.15 am

17 January 2023

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the powers delegated to Council by the Road Transport Act 2013 and the Roads Act 1993:

- 1 Council has been delegated certain powers, from TfNSW, regarding traffic matters upon its local roads. A condition of this delegation is that the General Manager will approve the minutes under delegated authority.
- 2 Appropriate persons and Departments be advised of Council's decisions.

Author's Name	Author's Title	Date	
Andrew Byers	Senior Traffic Engineer	17 January 2023	
Nathan McBriarty	Traffic and Transport Unit Leader	24 January 2023	
Isabelle Ghetti	Transport and Stormwater Services – Manager	24 January 2023	
Isabelle Ghetti	Infrastructure Strategy and Planning – Manager (Acting)	24 January 2023	
Jo Page	Director – Infrastructure and Works	30 January 2023	
Name	Title	Date	
Greg Doyle	General Manager	30 January 2023	



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.)

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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, that member may lodge
 an appeal with the Regional Traffic Committee for determination. The appeal must be lodged in writing within 14
 days of the Minutes being published on the Council's website. 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:

The General Manager 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.



PRESENT		
Rob Gaudiosi - Chair	Wollongong City Council	
Nathan McBriarty	Wollongong City Council	
Andrew Byers	Wollongong City Council	
Adrian Vaquera	Wollongong City Council	
Richard Adams	Wollongong City Council	
Leanne Ledwidge	Wollongong City Council	
Glenda Fewings	Wollongong City Council	
Chief Inspector Michael Dykes (electronic)		
Craig Gray (electronic)	NSW Police – provided concurrence with Item 2.2 via email on 17 January 2023	
Justin Miles	Transport for NSW	
Ariann Fernie	Transport for NSW	
John Granland	Premier Illawarra	
Les Dion (left meeting at 10.11am)	Dion's Bus Service	
John Burns	Representing the Member for Keira and Member for Wollongong	



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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Welcome

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

An Acknowledgement of Country was presented by Glenda Fewings.

1.3 Declarations of Interest

Nil declaration of interest was received.

1.4 Apologies

An apology was received and accepted by Michael Dykes, Craig Gray, Ankit Bhangale, Stephen Burridge, Robert Cummins

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee confirmed the previous minutes as an accurate record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

There was no business arising from the previous meeting.

2 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 COLEDALE, Cater Street - Ward 1 - Removal of Taxi Zone

BACKGROUND

Council received a customer request for the removal of an existing Taxi Zone in Cater Street outside 734 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Coledale. The Taxi Zone has been in place for several years and Council has received information that it is underutilised. The customer has requested for the zone to be removed considering the demand for unrestricted parking in the area.

Council is proposing the removal of the Taxi Zone at this location, as shown in the attached plan. The removal of the zone would increase on-street parking provision in the area by two (2) spaces.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has been undertaken with Coledale RSL and the Illawarra Taxi Network. Coledale RSL has now closed but the representative was unaware that the Taxi Zone existed. The Illawarra Taxi Network are supportive of the removal of the Taxi Zone.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Committee endorse the removal of the Taxi Zone as per the attached plan.



2.2 BERKELEY, Northcliffe Drive - Ward 3 - Bus Zone Extension

BACKGROUND

Council has been contacted by St Mary's Retirement Village (211 Northcliffe Drive, Berkeley) requesting a review of their northern access driveway and limited sight distance. The speed limit at this location is 70km/h and the road curvature impacts sight distance for those leaving the premises.

A St Mary's representative has noted that drivers park on the northern side of the driveway between the Bus Zone and the driveway, where there is insufficient space for a vehicle. Drivers also park very close to the southern side of the driveway, with large vehicles causing the most concern.

Council's consistent approach is to not restrict parking around driveways with few exceptions. However, as travel speeds are high, parking demand is low and there are many elderly residents living within the premises, it is proposed to extend the bus zone 6m south of their driveway. This will assist residents and avoid additional signs.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with St Mary's retirement village.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Committee endorse the bus zone extension as per the attached plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 WOLLONGONG, Market Street – Ward 2 – Install new signage, No Stopping, Police Vehicles Excepted BACKGROUND

Wollongong Police representatives have requested additional on-street parking in the vicinity of Wollongong Police Station. The initial request from NSW Police was to allow for private vehicle parking for staff, which was not supported by Council.

An additional request was put forward to install 'No Stopping, Police Vehicles Excepted' for marked Police service vehicles. Wollongong Police Station currently has 16 on-street parking spaces on Council managed roads. Council representatives have investigated additional on-street parking spaces along Church Street and Market Street. The parking spaces located along Church Street and Market Street are conveniently situated in proximity to the Crown Street Mall and nearby businesses and are intended for high turnover. It is important to maintain access to these spaces for the benefit of the wider community.

To assist Police operations Council is proposing a balanced approach which also maintains community parking. Council is therefore proposing to provide two (2) additional 'No Stopping, Police Vehicles Excepted' on Market Street (opposite Church Street) to replace the existing 15 minute (1/4P) parking spaces.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with NSW Police has taken place. This has been agreed by Wollongong Police representatives via email.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Install new 'No Stopping, Police Vehicles Excepted' on Market Street as per the attached drawing.
- 2. Council to send a notification to Church of the changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.4 WOLLONGONG, Bank Street – Ward 2 – Install No Parking signage

BACKGROUND

Council have been approached by local businesses to provide a disability parking space on Bank Street, west of Kembla Street, to support accessible access. Due to road constraints and compliance with standards, a disabled space was not appropriate and a No Parking space on Bank Street west of Kembla Street was proposed, which was supported by the local business. This section is currently a No Stopping zone however as the kerb blister is 2.5m wide, the No Stopping length can be reduced to 7.5m from the crossing point.

It is therefore proposed to install a No Parking zone on the north side of Bank Street between the kerb blister and driveway.

CONSULTATION



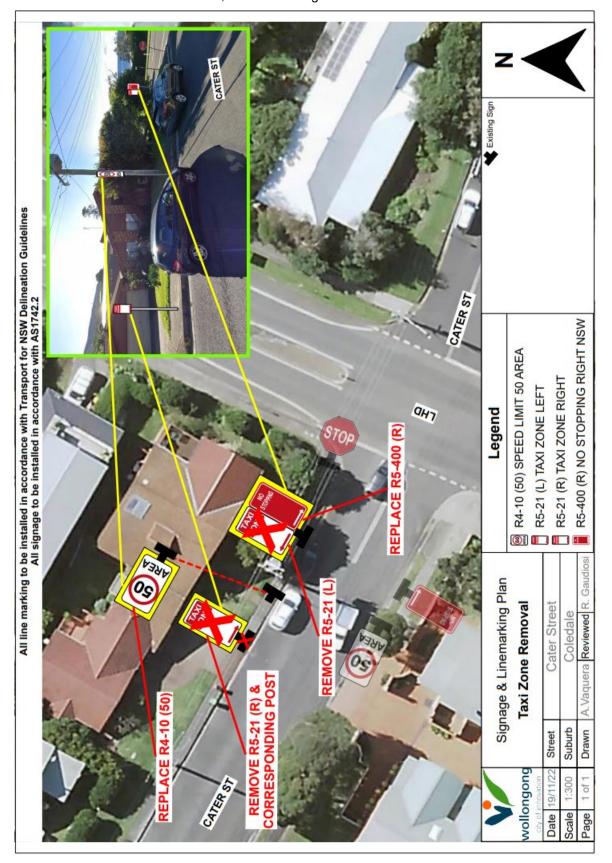
Consultation has taken place with impacted businesses who are supportive of the recommendation.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

Install new No Parking zone on Bank Street as per the attached drawing.

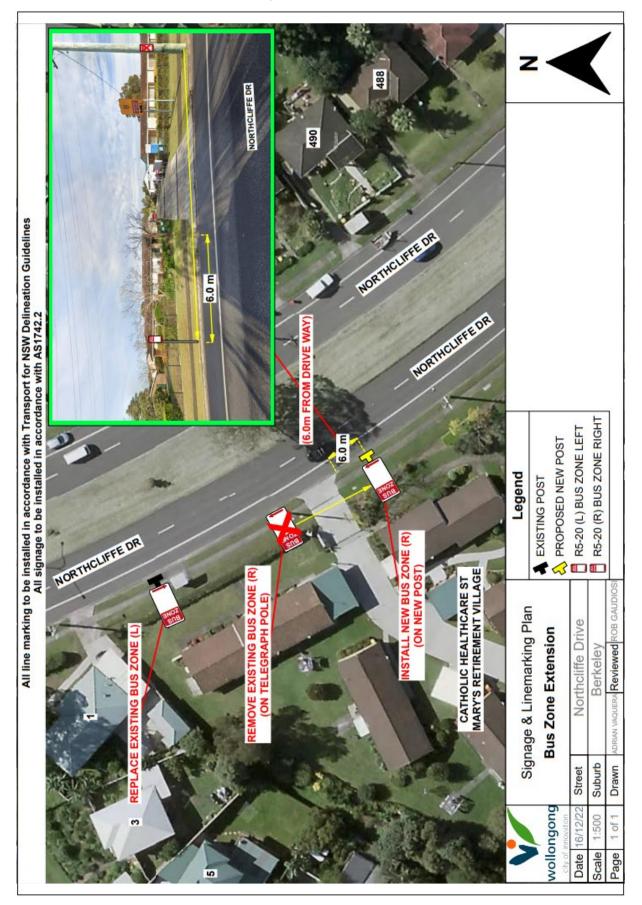


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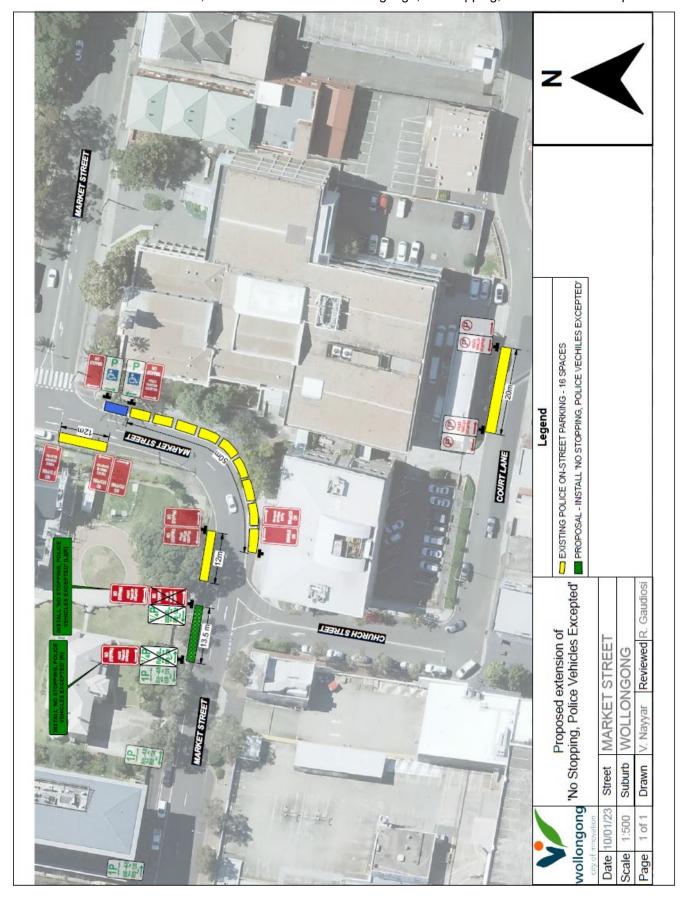
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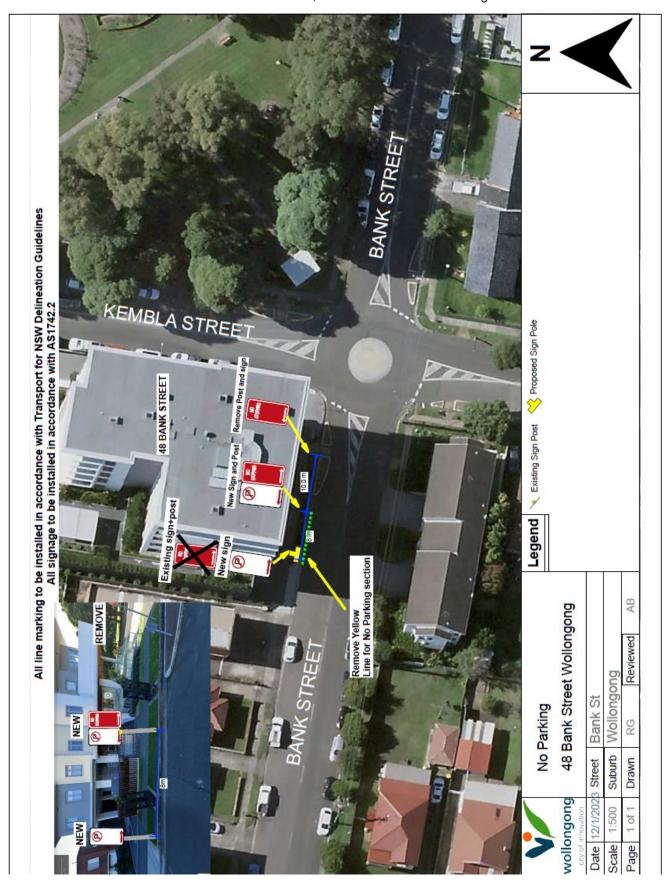


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Item 2.4 - WOLLONGONG, Bank Street - Install Parking Zone





3 REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

3.1 WOLLONGONG, Mt Keira Road and Harry Graham Drive – Ward 2 – Monthly Cycle Racing – Mt Keira 2023 BACKGROUND

This year will mark the third consecutive year that Illawarra Cycle Club (ICC) propose to race on the Mt Keira Road and Harry Graham Drive Course. The racing regularly attracts riders from the following regions – Sydney, Sutherland Shire, Hunter, ACT, McArthur Region, Nowra. The event schedule is proposed as:

- 11 February 2023 (to be approved January meeting)
- 11 March 2023 (to be approved at January meeting)
- 8 April 2023 (to be approved at January meeting)
- 13 May 2023 (to be approved at March meeting)
- 10 June 2023 (to be approved at March meeting)
- 8 July 2023 (to be approved at March meeting)
- 12 August 2023 (to be approved at June meeting)
- 9 September 2023 (to be approved at June meeting)
- 14 October 2023 (to be approved at June meeting)
- 11 November 2023 (to be approved at September meeting)
- 9 December 2023 (to be approved at September meeting)

Due to previous community concern from neighbouring businesses and residents, Council has requested the applicant take the following actions prior to Council providing approvals:

- 1) Consultation is to be carried out upfront with a completed consultation form sent back to Council for review.
- 2) Approvals are to be split into quarters January, March, June and September

The ICC have proposed road closures on Mount Keira Road and Harry Graham Drive, Mount Keira, to permit a monthly series of Club road races, to be held on the second Saturday of each month. Approval is requested for the road closure of the section of Mount Keira Road between Clive Bissell Drive and Picton Road, and on Harry Graham Drive between Mount Keira Road and Fire Trail 15B (near the non-operational coal conveyor at O'Brien's Drift).

A previous yearly approval was endorsed at the Local Traffic Committee meeting of 12 October 2021 which lapsed on 31 December 2022.

The closures are to take effect between the hours of 1.00pm to 5.00pm. The club is planning to use days where the Mount Kembla Motorcycle facility will not have regular events. Residents and other landowners will be able to access their properties via Cordeaux Road and Harry Graham Drive at Mount Kembla during the closures. For through drivers, the alternate route will be via Mount Ousley Road, Clive Bissell Drive and Mount Keira Road east of Clive Bissell Drive.

As the approvals will be considered on a quarterly basis, Council can request the road not be closed on certain weekends if other events or roadworks are occurring. This is to balance road use amongst the community. Also, if the closure impacts are significant, the closure approval may be revoked.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with the affected parts of the community is a condition of approval for this event. The ICC have started the consultation process by making contact with the impacted stakeholders however they still must complete a Council Road Race consultation template and confirm consultation has taken place.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. The proposed road closures of Harry Graham Drive and Mount Keira Road be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plans and Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures.
- 2. The road closures be approved upon the receipt of consultation evidence and to the satisfaction of Council.
- 3. The Council will approve the road closures on a quarterly basis with a clause outlining that Council reserves the right to revoke the approval where road network changes have occurred due to unforeseen circumstances (eg. landslip).



3.2 WOLLONGONG, Marine Drive, Endeavour Drive and Cliff Road – Ward 2 – Australian Grand Prix Triathlon, 4 and 5 March 2023

BACKGROUND

On Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March 2023, there will be the Australian Grand Prix Tri event held on Wollongong Foreshore Park that will require altered traffic arrangements.

Youth Aquathon - Saturday 4th March 2023 Junior Aquathon - Saturday 4th March 2023 AGPT Equalizer Triathlon - Sunday 5th March 2023

The following road closures (TGS-AGPT-SAT-2023) are required from approximately 7am to 4pm Saturday 4th March 2023:

- Endeavour Drive Carparks.
- Endeavour Drive towards the Marina

The following road closures (TGS-AGPT-SUN-2023) are required from approximately 7am to 4pm Sunday 5th March 2023:

- Cliff Rd from Marine Dr to Harbour St
- Marine Dr from Cliff Rd to Crown St
- Endeavour Dr from Cliff Rd

CONSULTATION

Consultation with business has commenced. Traffic Control measures included in the TMP are a result of consultation undertaken by Canberra Multisport Events, Wollongong City Council, NSW Police & TfNSW.

Resident notifications will be in line with the Foreshore Development Application which is 3 weeks notice.

The applicant must also consult with Local Bus operators due to impact on the bus terminus and free bus route.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. The submitted Traffic Guidance Scheme is to be amended on Marine Drive to allow buses to access the bus terminus as Lang Park.
- 2. The road closures be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plans and <u>Council's Standard Conditions</u> for Road <u>Closures</u>.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 WOLLONGONG, WIN Stadium – Ward 2 – St George Illawarra Dragons

BACKGROUND

The venue Manager at WIN Sports and Entertainment Centre is seeking approval for the regulation of traffic with reference to the Major Events being held at the Stadium for the St George Illawarra Dragons. The temporary road closures include Harbour Street between Crown and Burelli Streets and full road closure of Harbour Street from Burelli to Stewart Street. The events are as follows:

- Saturday, 11 February 2023, Pre-Season Challenge, Main game at 8.05pm
- Saturday, 1 April 2023, Main Game at 5.30pm
- Sunday, 30 April 2023, Main Game at 4.05pm
- Friday, 23 June 2023, Main Game at 8.00pm
- Friday, 7 July 2023, Main Game at 8.00pm
- Thursday, 20 July 2023, Main Game 7.50pm
- Saturday, 29 July 2023, Main Game at 5.30pm
- Saturday, 19 August 2023, Main Game 7.35pm

As with previous events at this venue, the regulation of traffic is set out in the TMP's originally approved as part of the development and consent for this facility, based on expected crowd numbers. The scale of traffic management will vary based on forecast attendance and venue configuration. All games will be played using the 10-15,000 scale TMP. Some games will have a lower anticipated attendance and based on a risk assessment; the same plan will be implemented without the 5 x truck mounted attenuators.



CONSULTATION

Consultation with affected residents and businesses is a condition of approval for this road closure.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. The road closures be approved subject to the submitted Traffic Control Plans and <u>Council's Standard Conditions</u> for <u>Road Closures</u>.
- 2. For future events including 2024 events the WIN Sports and Entertainment Centre must prepare a green transport plan.



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Course Map

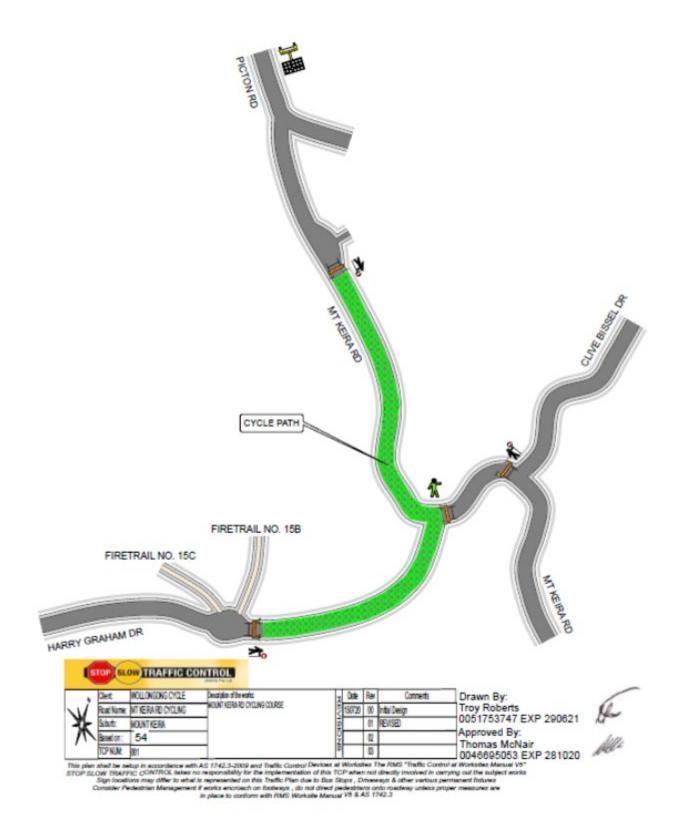
Approximately 3km Course on Mt Keira Rd Starting about 500m from Picton Rd heading east to Harry Graham Drive and turning Right. Heading south for about 1.4km U turn at former coal loader at top of hill (Mt Kembla Drift) and heading back along the same course. U Turn before Picton Rd again.





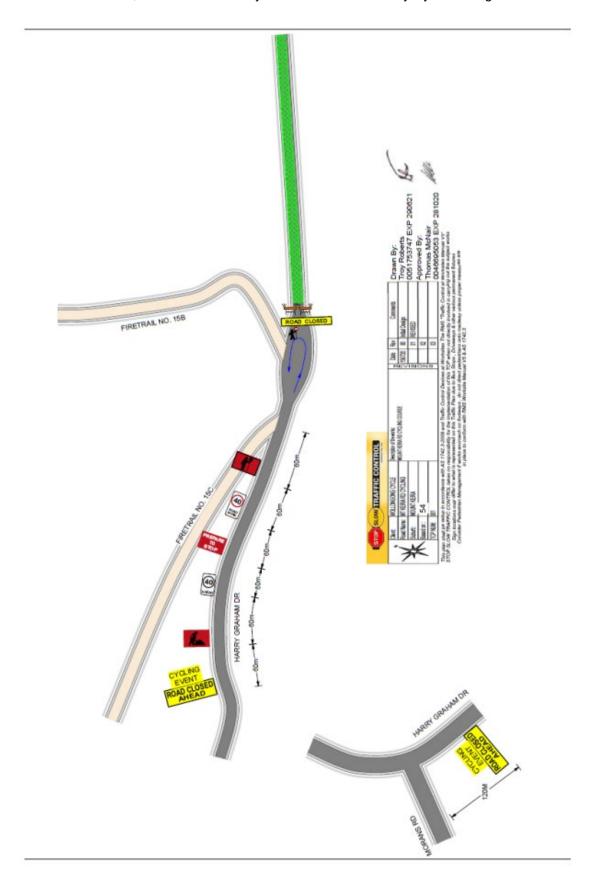
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Mt Keira Racing Course



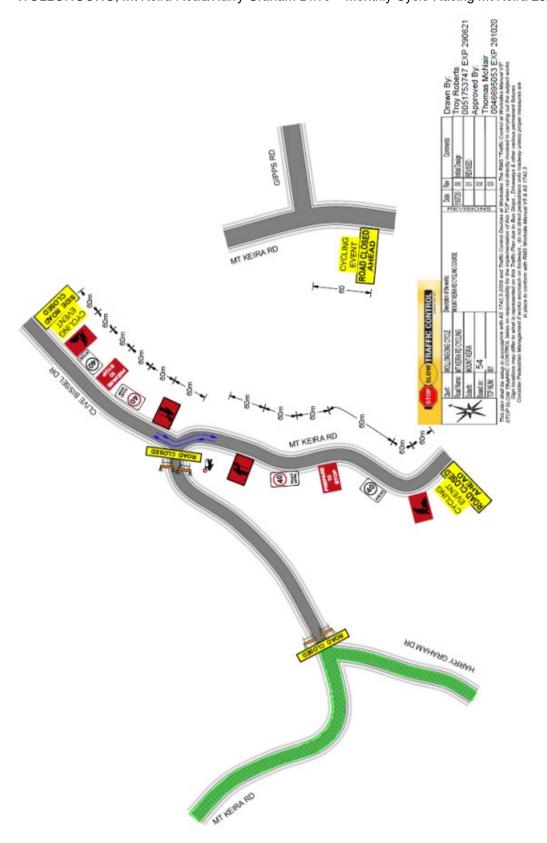


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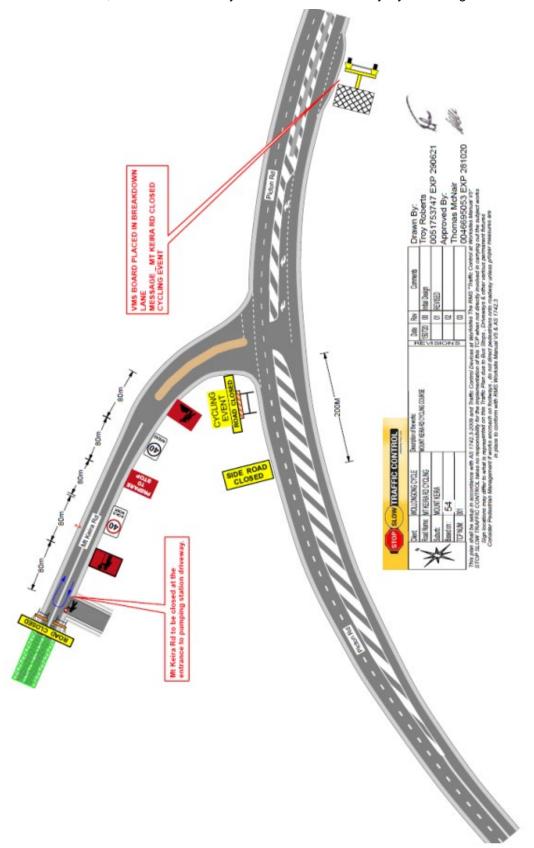


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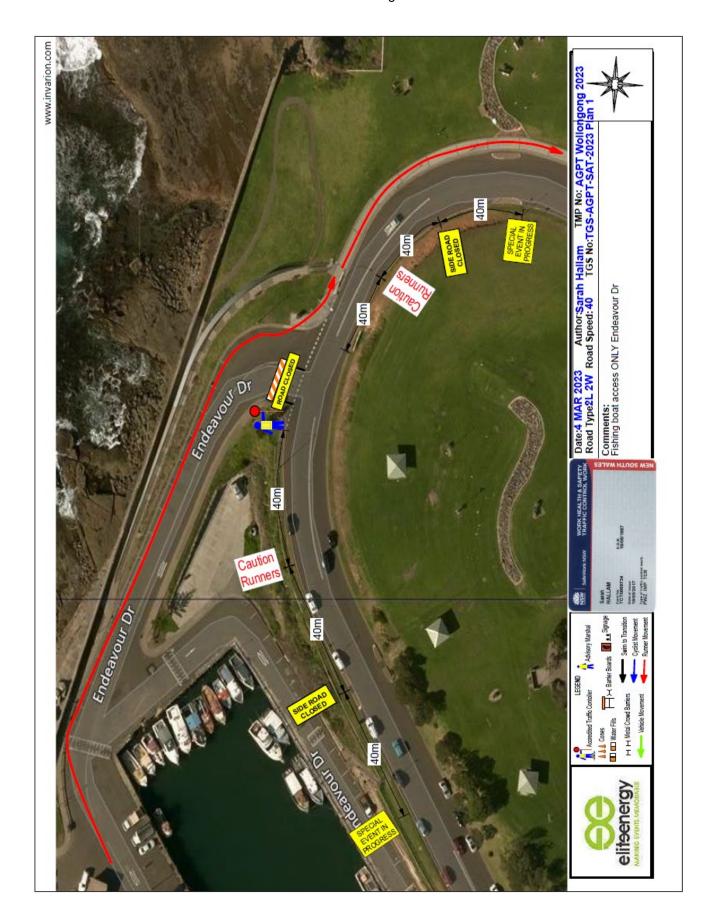


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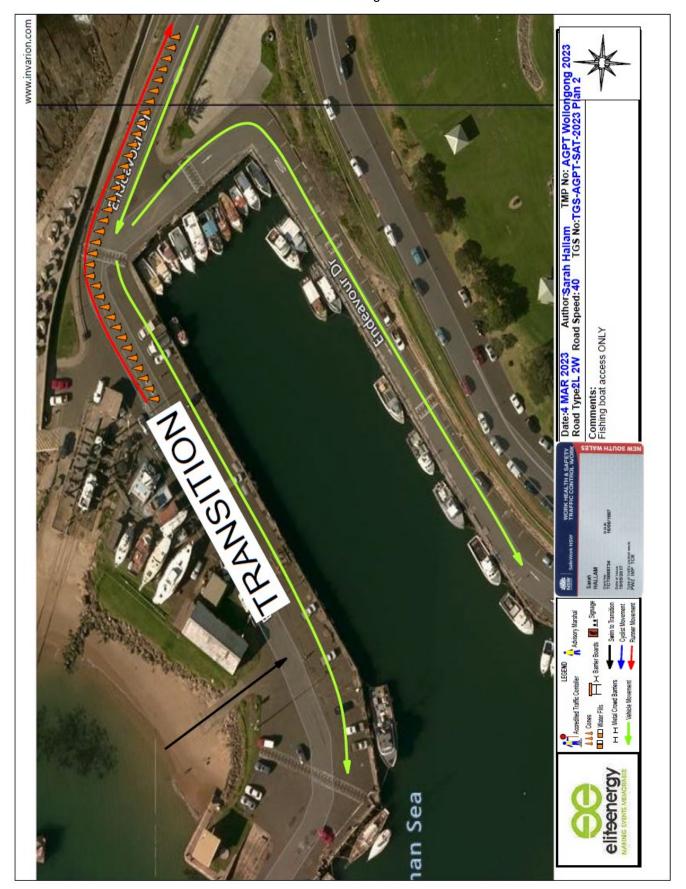


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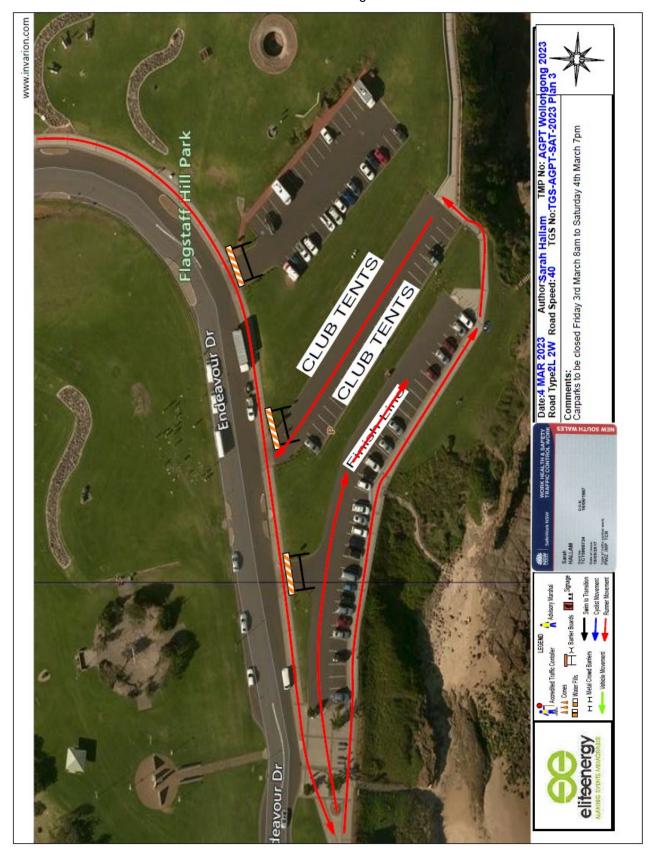


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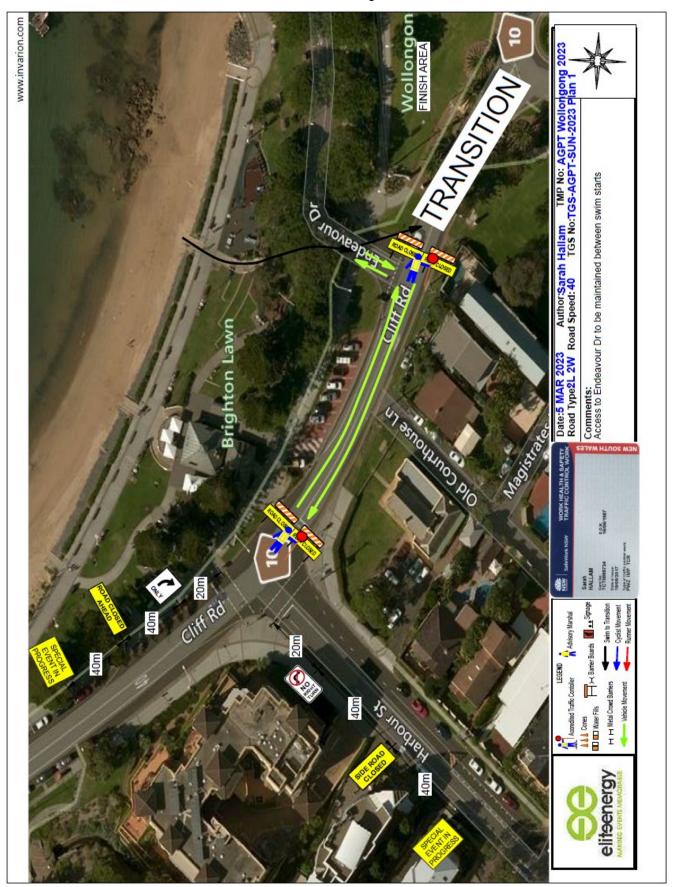


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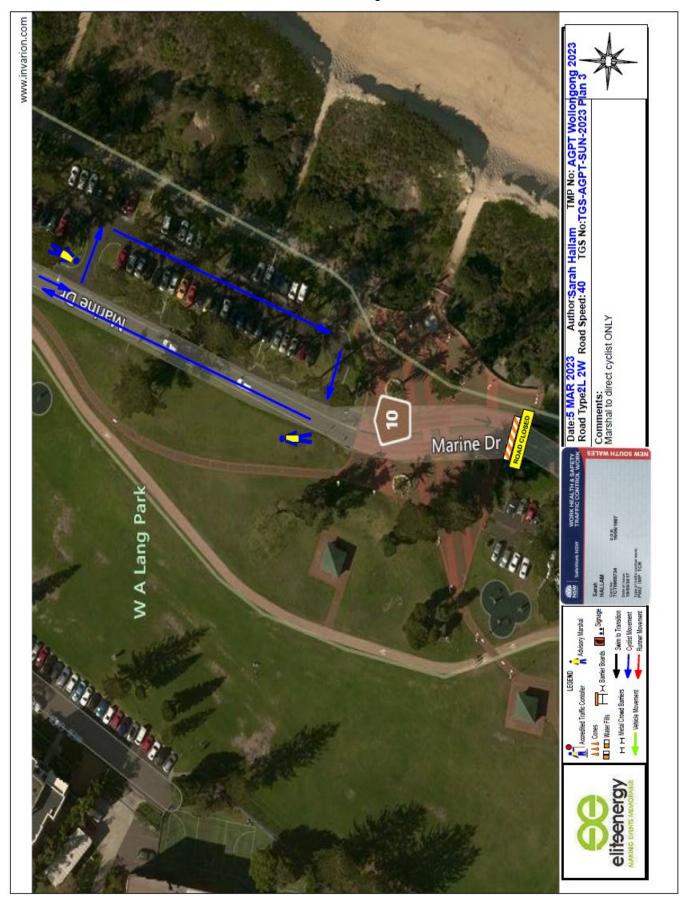


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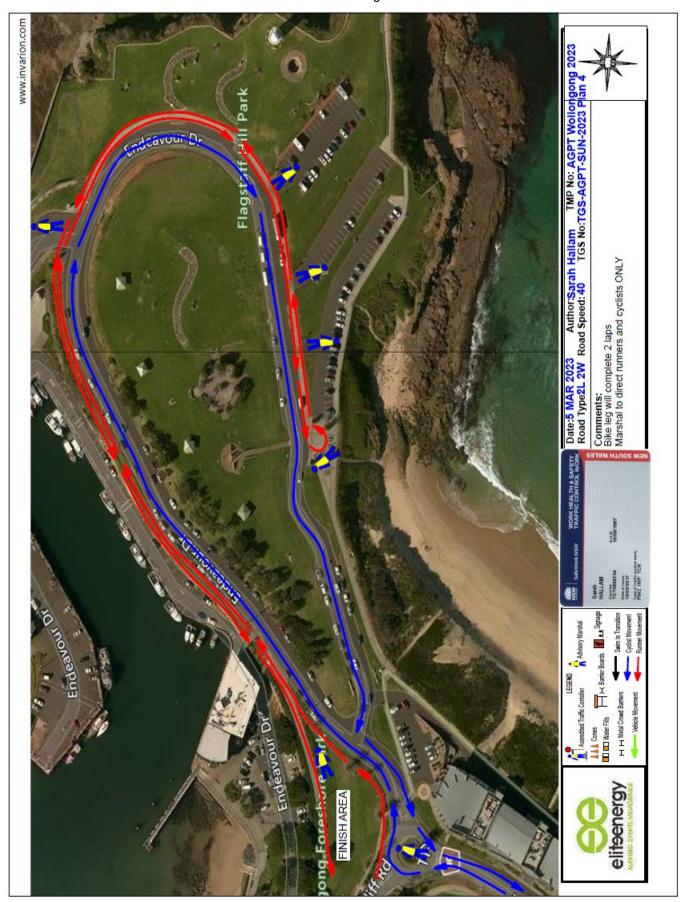


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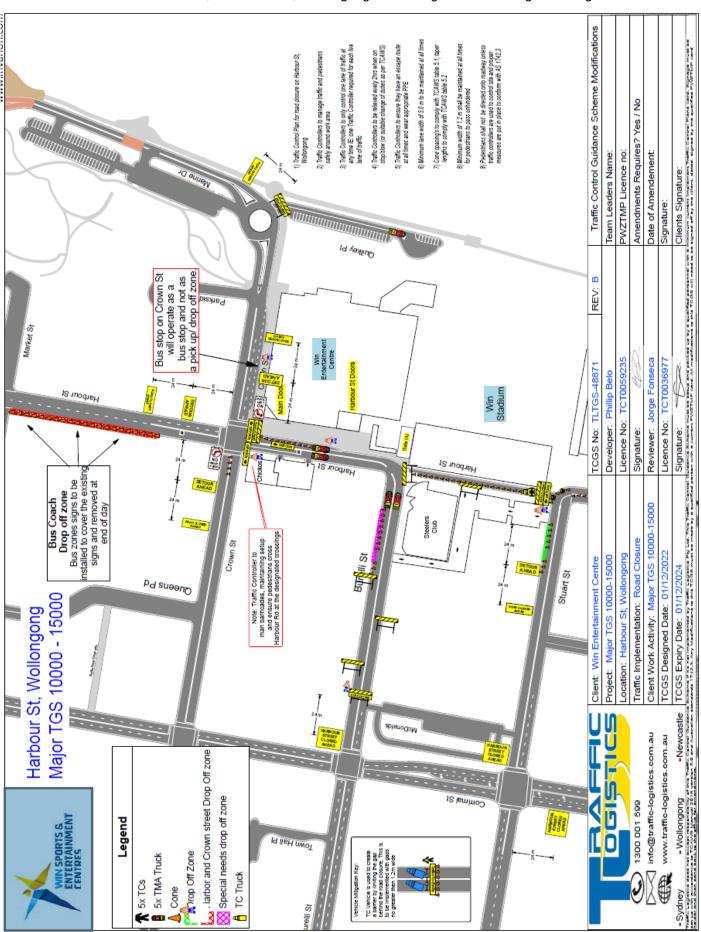


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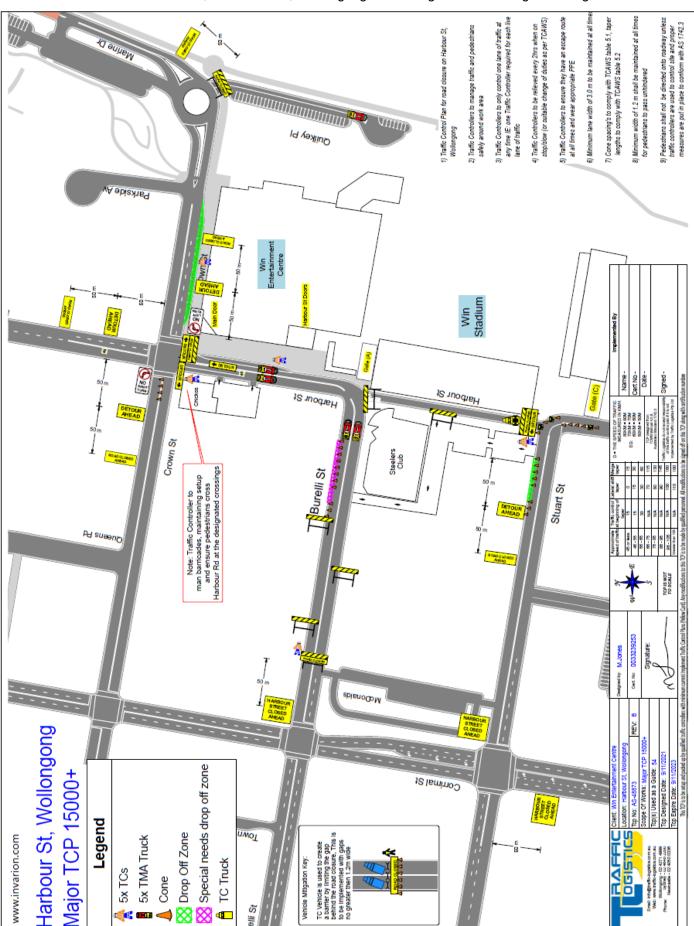


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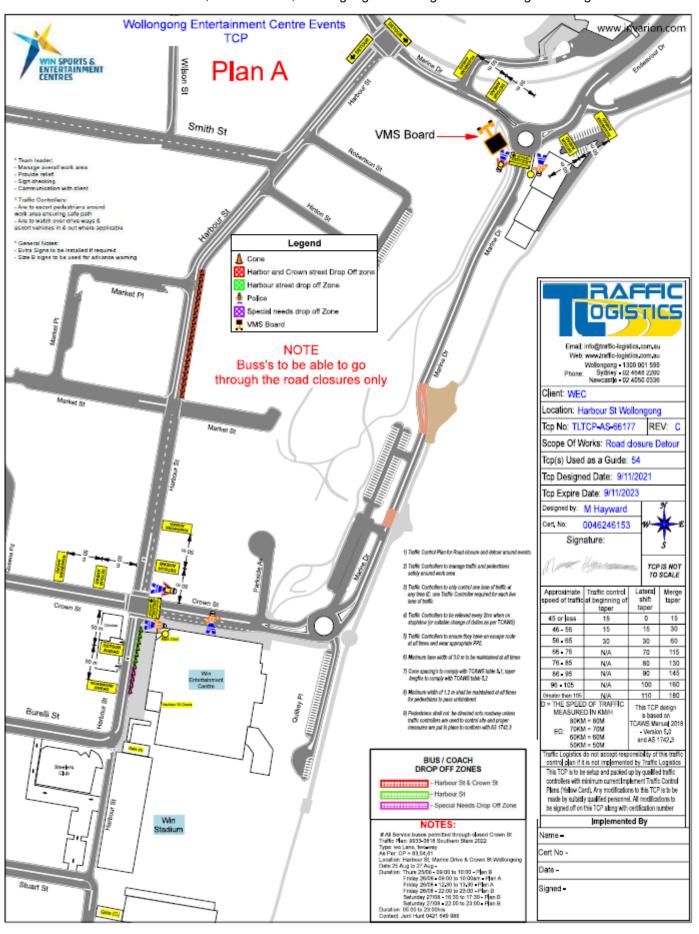


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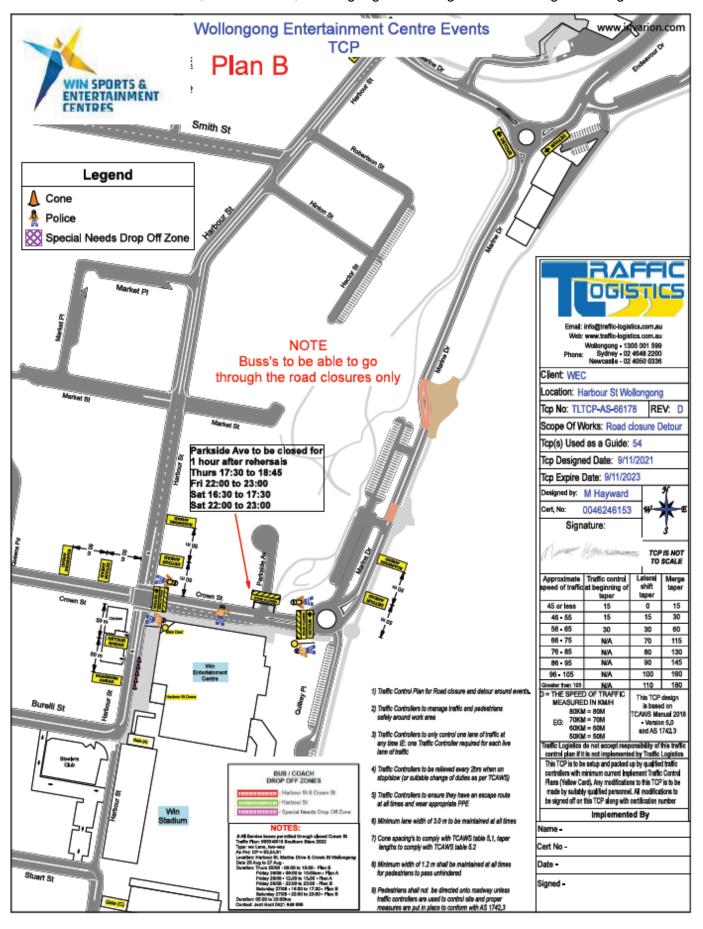


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4 DESIGN MATTERS

4.1 4.1 EAST CORRIMAL, Murray Road - Ward 1 - Raised Pedestrian Crossing

BACKGROUND

A Raised Pedestrian Crossing is being proposed on Murray Road, East Corrimal as part of the Wollongong City Council Infrastructure Delivery Program. To accommodate the crossing, the changes include a relocation of the Taxi Zone facility on the southern side of Murray Road. Other changes include extension of the footpath at Carroll Road and Parker Road with addition of timed ½P Parking Zones to support the high turnover in parking in this busy shopping area. Updated signage and linemarking is also proposed to improve traffic management and road safety generally.

CONSULTATION

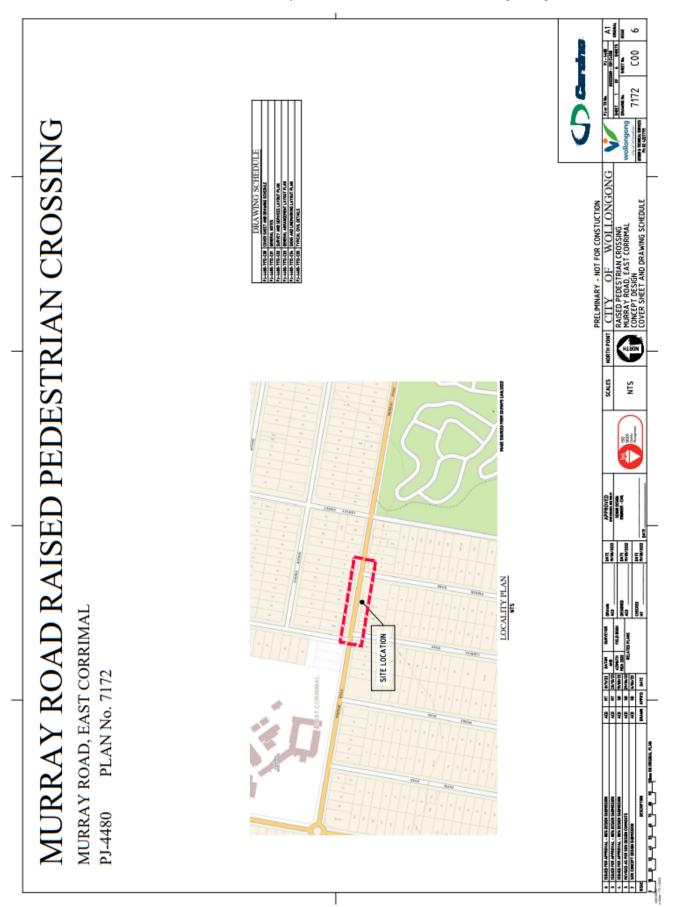
Consultation will be undertaken with local residents and businesses as part of the design process.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. A lighting design is to be completed.
- 2. The raised crossing ramp grades are to accommodate buses.
- 3. The attached plan 7172 be approved.

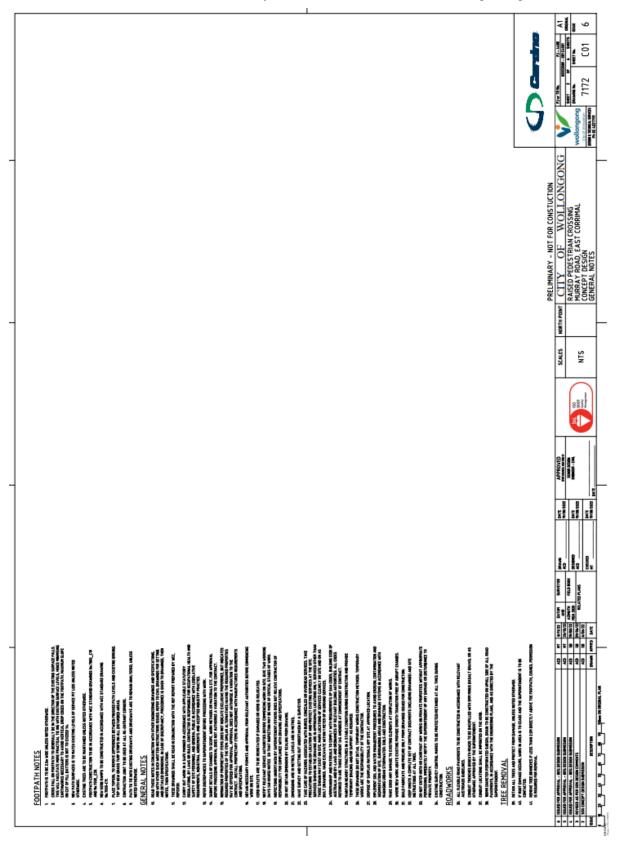


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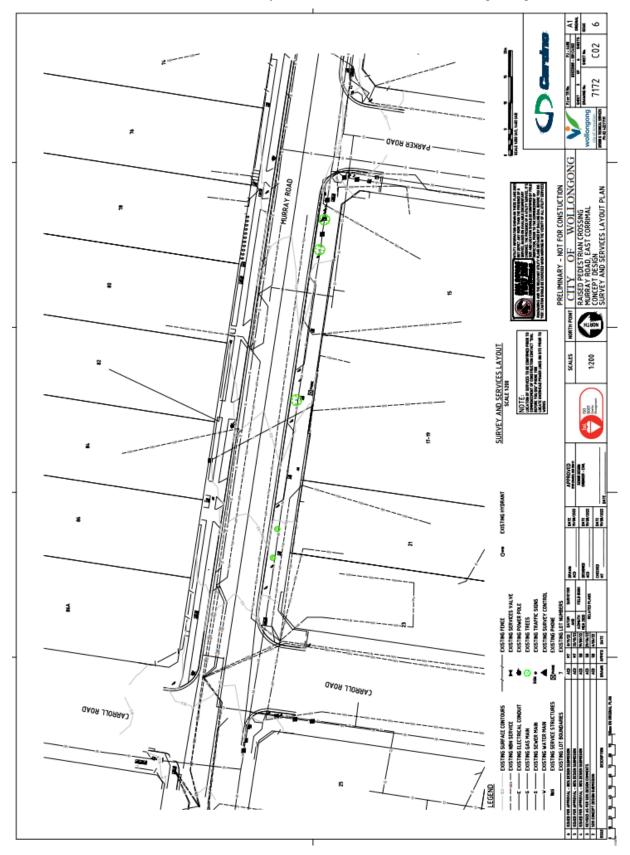


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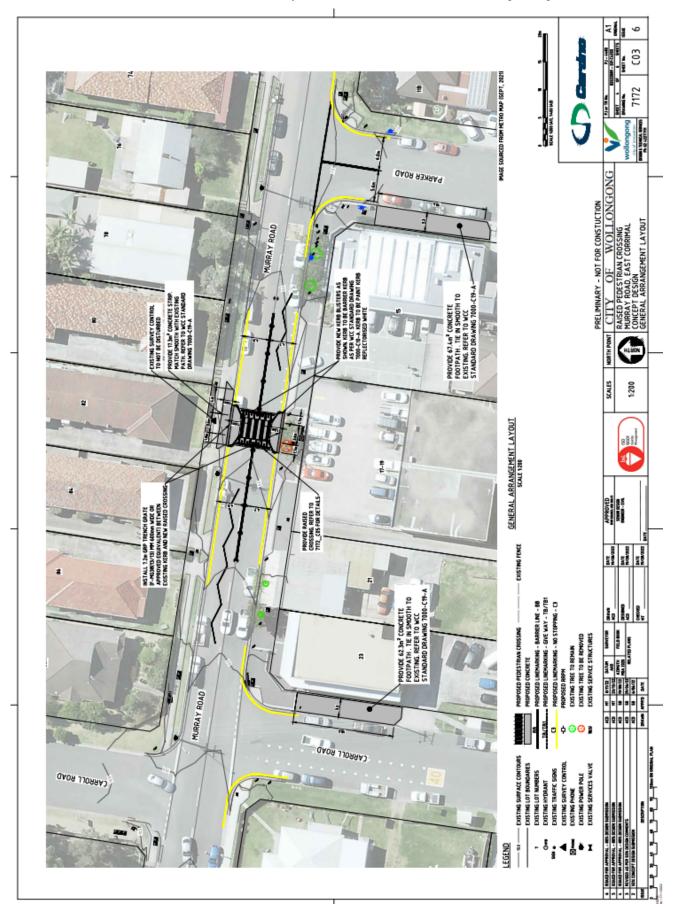


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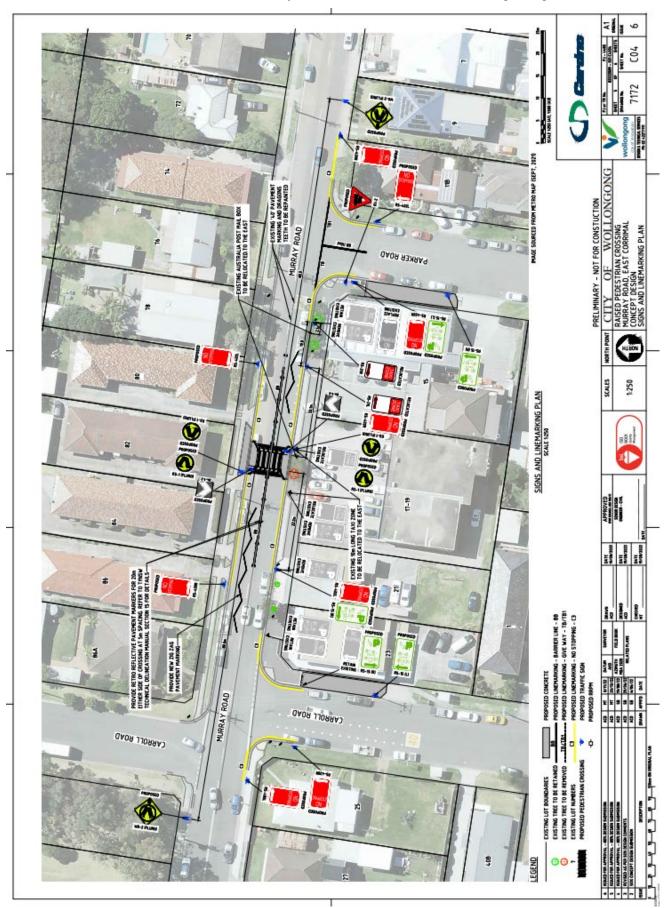


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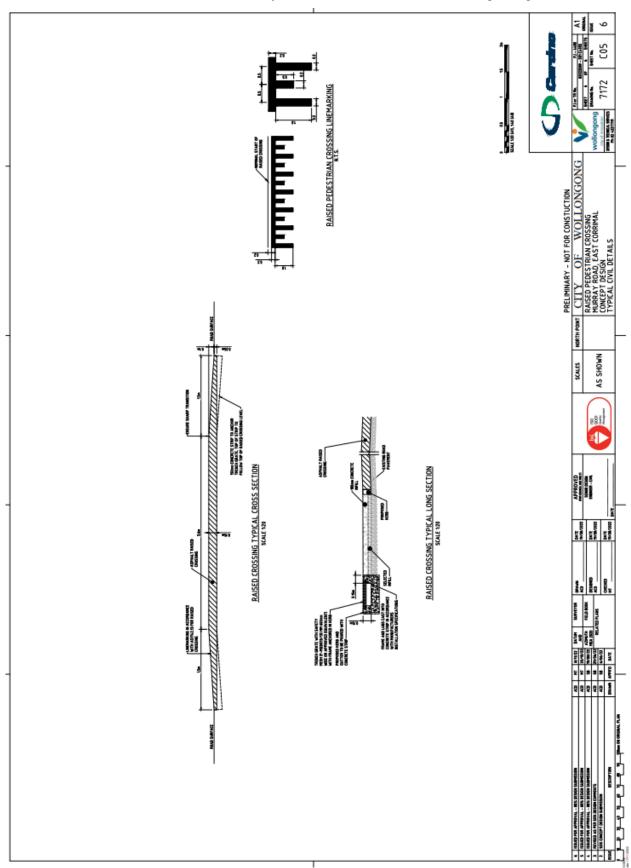


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5 DOB IN A HOON (SPEED COMPLAINTS)

STREET	SUBURB	CONCERN
Military Road	Port Kembla	We have received reports of motorcyclists and vehicles speeding at Military Road, Port Kembla (road leading to Hill 60).
Waples Road	Unanderra	The tube counter collected data between Mianga Crescent and Graham Street, demonstrating poor speed limit compliance
Barina Avenue	Lake Heights	Near Barina Park at Barina Ave and Culburra St, residents have raised issues about constant speeding and endangering children, also cars doing burnouts regularly at this intersection. This was raised at the neighbourhood forum by a group of residents one of whom had his car smashed by someone doing burnouts.
Hooka Creek Road	Berkeley	Excessive traffic along with excessive speed which will increase with netball and soccer season, recommending speed humps to slow traffic
Merrett Avenue	Cringila	Workers from Bluescope Steel use this street daily to access the boom gates, often at speed.
Cowper Street	Port Kembla	The road has no speed bumps and there has been 2 accidents within 2 weeks, people speed up a lot and it's up hill, cars are parked on the side of the road and they don't see them.

6 LATE ITEM

6.1 WOLLONGONG, Various Locations - Ward 2 - Australia Day 2023

BACKGROUND

Item 3.6 which was approved on 29 November 2022 for the Australia Day Event has been amended to improve safety for the event and remove any circling vehicles on Smith Street and Harbour Street, where there will be significant pedestrian numbers. This also creates an enclosed area where only local traffic is permitted, improving safety as pedestrian numbers are higher.

CONSULTATION

The updates in the plan have been included in the community interfacing Australia Day map which is available on our website and has been included in our resident notifications.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Amended Traffic management Plan noted.
- 2. An ROL is required for this event as it impacts the State network and traffic lights along Corrimal St. Council has advised the Events Team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The next meeting of the City of Wollongong Traffic Committee will be held on 14 February 2023 at 9:15am.



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