

MINUTES

ACTIVE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP

5PM ON WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2015

PRESENT	
Councillor Jill Merrin	Wollongong City Council
Councillor Ann Martin	Wollongong City Council
Peter Nunn	Wollongong City Council
Phil Latz	Bicycling Australia
Werner Steyer	Illawarra Bicycle User Group
Lachlan Anderson	Community Representative
Stuart Porter	Community Representative

IN ATTENDANCE	
Walter Galvan	Wollongong City Council
Rebecca Jardim	Wollongong City Council

- 1 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Jill Merrin and Mike Dowd
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Lachlan Anderson informed the group that he has joined a local surveying company that may in the future bid for work from Council.

- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2015.

Recommendation: The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record subject to the following changes:

Werner Steyer requested that his position be corrected in any group minutes from Bicycle NSW to Illawarra Bicycle Users Group

- 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

- 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 1 – DRAFT CORRIMAL TOWN CENTRE PLAN

Rebecca Jardim from the Land Use Planning team gave a presentation on the Draft Corrimal Town Centre Plan that is on public exhibition in August 2015. A summary on the development of the plan and its key recommendations noted the following:

- Community survey responses on active transport were relatively low compared to what is generally received in town centre studies
- Recommendations for Memorial Park play a core role in the strategy
- 500m walking catchment covers all town centre services however the walking environment is not pleasant
- ~2300 people crossing are crossing the princes highway in the town centre each day

- 30% of traffic on the highway was found to be through traffic (even subsequent to the construction of memorial drive)
- Flood prone areas significantly hinder the development opportunities in the town centre
- Numerous blank walls negatively impact the town centre
- The population of Corrimal could be amplified given the range of services available and level of public transport accessibility
- Key Actions include:
 - Creation of a Town Square
 - Activation of edges around Memorial Park
 - Pedestrian friendly main street
 - Renewed streetscape
 - A new cycleway and footpath through Memorial Park
 - Footpath connection through Gilbert Street
 - New wayfinding signage
 - Protect and enhance existing pedestrian connections
- The public exhibition period ends on 28 August 2015. A kiosk will be set up in the town centre on 15 August 2015

Stuart Porter suggested that the link from the scout hall to memorial park could be improved. The existing path condition is poor and is blocked at one location by a chain link fence.

Werner Steyer stated that the Plan should link in with the City of Wollongong Bike Plan and that the town centre should be connected to the coastline cycleway in a meaningful way

Phil Latz suggested that the plan should seek to make private vehicle travel less attractive than active modes.

Lachlan Anderson queried whether locating the major bus stop at memorial park would detract from the amenity of the park given impact of crowding and noise from buses.

ITEM 2 – SMITH STREET, KEMBLA STREET CYCLEWAY PROJECT CONSULTATION

Peter Nunn gave an overview of the Councillor Briefing on the Smith Street and Kembla Street project. A key issue discussed was the level of engagement to be employed in the communications strategy for the project.

Ann Martin suggested that information sent to community should detail why a particular side of the street was chosen for the facility. Furthermore, Council should link the proposed cycleway work with the wider parking strategy for the city centre to indicate how parking losses are offset in other parts of the city centre.

Stuart Porter suggested that the ad hoc parking area on the north side of Smith Street adjacent to the railway underpass could be formalised

Lachlan Anderson suggested that the introduction of car share (eg go get) as part of the project would help to reduce on street parking demand. Peter Nunn suggested that timing of car share introduction in Wollongong is likely to be subsequent to the cycleway project.

Lachlan Anderson recommended that a targeted form of consultation be employed for tenants and land holders that highlights the particular benefits and impacts relating to those groups.

Phil Latz suggested that the presentation of facts on positive impacts associated with bicycle infrastructure should be a central part of the communications strategy to help address emotion based arguments

Werner Steyer suggested that the various options considered should be presented to community as part of the engagement strategy

Phil Latz noted the need for permanent count stations to adequately capture usage data of the facility.

Ann Martin and Werner Steyer noted the need to involve the University of Wollongong in the project communications to increase use of the facility by the university population.

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5pm on **Wednesday 7 October 2015**.

2015 – Future Meeting Schedule		
Wednesday 7 October	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 2 December	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5pm – 7.30pm

ACTION SUMMARY

No.	Meeting Date	Action	Officer	Status
13	21.11.13	Traffic Unit to investigate development related mechanisms for the next DCP review where private developments make parking available to the general public outside trading hours	WG	To proceed as part on next DCP review
21	3.6.14	Incorporate suggestions put forward by the Active Transport Reference Group at the meeting on 3 June 2014 into the scope of the future city wide pedestrian plan	WG	In progress
24	3.12.14	Luminous path marker product sample and information obtained by Stuart Porter at Walk21 conference to be distributed to WCC Design and Works staff	BD	Complete
25	3.12.14	The "Tactical Urbanism" website to be brought to the notice of Council's strategic planners involved in the Wollongong Centres "Public Spaces, Public Life" project team (Bridget Jarvis). (Website made aware at the walk 21 conference)	BD	Complete
26	3.12.14	Consider potential for Council endorsement of delegation to Dutch Bicycle Conference in 2015. Information to be provided by Phil Latz	BD / PL	In progress
27	3.12.14	Discuss with Council Design Engineers, methods to prevent construction issues such as the power pole in the centre of the new cycleway at Kembla Grange	BD	Complete
28	4.02.14	Items raised by Werner Steyer to be documented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Kembla Grange share path, power pole in centre of path ii) Kembla Grange race course slip lane conflict with cyclists iii) Pavement bike signage at north end of Gloucester Blvd iv) Engineer and recreation officer comments on assessment of Skydive the Beach plans 	BD	In progress
29	4.02.14	Draft Capital Works Project to be sent out to ATRG members	PN	Complete
30	4.02.14	List of RMS funded and partially funded projects to be sent to ATRG members	BD	In progress
31	4.02.14	Updated contact list of ATRG members to be sent out	BD	In progress