

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

Traffic Committee Minutes of Meeting

19 August
2022



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Electronic Meeting**

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.

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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.)

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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	
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1 GENERAL BUSINESS

1.1 FAIRY MEADOW, WOLLONGONG AND NORTH WOLLONGONG – Ward 2 – New bus zones

Montague Street, Fairy Meadow – Bus zone (new)

Gipps Street, North Wollongong – Bus zone (existing)

Church Street and Ellen Street, Wollongong – Bus zone (new)

BACKGROUND

Council has received a request from Transport for NSW to approve the following bus zones to support the additional bus services operations during the UCI 2022 Road Cycling World Championships and the new temporary layover located adjacent to McCabe Park, Wollongong.

Montague Street, Fairy Meadow – Bus zone

This is a new bus zone to support the new route of the Wollongong shuttle free service in operation during the event from 17 September until 25 September 2022. This bus stop will support people accessing train services from Fairy Meadow Station.

Gipps Street, North Wollongong – Bus zone

This is an existing bus zone adjacent to Smiths Hill High School which is currently only operational during school times (7.30am-9am and 2pm-3.30pm). The proposed change is to make this bus zone 24 hours due to the increase demand on the new route of the Wollongong shuttle free service in operation during the event from 17 September until 25 September 2022.

Church Street and Ellen Street, Wollongong – Bus zone

This bus zone is required to support the bus layover of Wollongong bus services during the event from 17 September until 25 September 2022. The Church Street and Ellen Street temporary bus layover will be in operation during the event due to the current layover at Crown Street, Harbour Street and Burelli Street being occupied by road closures required for the event.

CONSULTATION

Notification to affected residents and businesses will be undertaken by Transport for NSW.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. Install a bus zone (24 hours) at the locations detailed in the attached plans;
 - Montague Street - Fairy Meadow - New Bus Zone [link to plan](#)
 - Gipps Street - Wollongong - New Bus Zone [link to plan](#)
 - Church Street - Wollongong - Bus Zone – UCI [link to plan](#)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.2 WOLLONGONG, Crown Street – Ward 2 – Streets of Shared Spaces Outdoor Dining

BACKGROUND

The Streets as Shared Spaces (SaSS) at Lower Crown Street, Wollongong is a project that will install pop-up outdoor dining infrastructure to extend the outdoor dining trail from Crown Lane through the Wollongong CBD ultimately connecting to our foreshore. The aim of the project is to support economic recovery as a result of the COVID19 pandemic and create an outdoor cultural experience within our city centre. The SaSS Project is being driven by NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to support Local Government deliver trials testing permanent changes that strengthen the amenity, accessibility and economic vitality of a high street and surrounding area, taking a place-based approach. The full outdoor dining scheme for Lower Crown Street for information can be found here: [link to plan](#).

SaSS is a collaborative project with Transport for NSW and Wollongong City Council to pilot options to provide improvements within this street for people that use this space and to further support local business. The project aims to provide more and better public space that improves walkability and connection, enables day and night activity and increases footfall. The project supports the Premier's Priority to increase walkable access to quality open, green and public space in urban areas. The Project is proposed to be activated from September (prior to the UCI Road World Championships 2022) through to April 2023.

At lower Crown Street, the project will reconfigure the traffic direction to a one-way eastbound from Kembla Street to Corrimal Street in a 30km/h speed environment. This will involve re-allocating the existing westbound travel lane to

parallel on-street car parking spaces including regulatory signage changes and the existing car parking spaces to parklet spaces. The speed environment will be changed to a 30km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area to better support walkability and safety for pedestrians. There will also be additional high frequency parking, improved mobility parking access and motorbike parking to support the growing demand for food delivery riders.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Local Businesses on lower Crown Street undertaken via face-to-face consultation regarding options for the scheme. This also included a letter sent to businesses of lower Crown Street on 11 July 2022.

Residents of lower Crown Street will be notified in writing and provided with a link to future engagement HQ page.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. The attached plan "Lower Crown – Traffic Management Proposal v10.0 – line marking" to be approved. [link to plan](#).
2. Splaying of barriers at existing kerb ramps in absence of pedestrian crossing.
3. Update on parklet structure used and level of protection from vehicles where barriers are not proposed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 KEMBLA HEIGHTS, Harry Graham Drive – Ward 3 – Traffic Management changes

BACKGROUND

Following recent prolonged periods of wet weather in 2022, Harry Graham Drive has been subject to significant slumping adjacent to the road reserve. This has resulted in temporary full road closure of areas on Harry Graham Drive. Urgent and significant road repairs are currently being undertaken at two locations with works planned to be completed early September 2022.

In one section not affected by the current road repairs approximately 35m of roadside barrier has lost contact with the ground and no longer provide the standards road safety benefits.

Council's Transport team have undertaken road safety investigations ahead of the re-opening of Harry Graham Drive a key route of the UCI Road Cycling World Championships in September 2022.

Option 1 – Single Lane Operation - Signalised Control

To ensure conformance to the single lane operation, the option one would be to install traffic signals at either end of the proposed partial road closure. This would require on-going management and inspections of the signalised control. Solar power may not be achievable due to the heavily vegetated environment and regular supply of diesel may be required.

Option 2 – Single Lane Operation - Unsignalised Control (preferred)

This will essentially be a revised version of what is currently onsite. However, given that the whole stretch of the closure is greater than 100m, an area located south of the concern area would need to be dedicated between the start/end points to permit vehicles heading southbound to 'pull in' and let any northbound traffic pass.

CONSULTATION

No consultation is required - works are proposed to improve safety to Harry Graham Drive.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. Option 2 – Single Lane Operation - Unsignalised Control be approved. [link to plan](#)
2. Option 1 to be further investigated if required long term. [link to plan](#).

Option 1 not supported.

Option 2 supported.

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2 REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

2.1 VARIOUS SUBURBS, – Wards 1, 2 and 3 – UCI 2022 Road World Championships Bump-in, Bump-out/Aftercare Plans, Mass Participation Event

BACKGROUND

The UCI 2022 Road World Championships (RWC) is the pinnacle International Road Cycling event, held annually around the world. It is conducted by the Union Cycliste International (UCI) - the world governing body for cycling. The 2022 UCI RWC will be held for 9 consecutive days from 17 to 25 September 2022 (with the 17 September dedicated to the Mass Participation Event) and will include Road Races, Time Trials, Team Time Trials, Cultural and other Participation Events.

Since the Event is taking place on various parts of the road network in the Local Government Area, road closures (both full and partial) are required. This event is classified as a Class 1 Event according to the NSW Guide to Traffic & Transport Management of Special Events. By definition, it is an event that impacts major traffic and transport systems and there is significant disruption to the non-event community.

The purpose of this local traffic committee agenda item is to approve the regulation of traffic submitted by W2022 for the following:

Bump in and Bump out/After care plans – the traffic guidance during the set up and removal of the event structures within the road reserve is captured in the Aftercare plans. The bump in is from 6 September until 17 September with Bump out 26-27th September.

The Aftercare Plans detail the road closures outside of the event road closure periods that were previously approved by the NSW Police through the section 115 Act approval and Local Traffic Committee recommendations approved from the 26 July 2022 meeting. All road closures will have local access to residents and businesses through managed access points where traffic control personnel are located.

Areas captured by the Aftercare Plans include Princess Highway/Cabbage Tree Lane, Helensburgh at Walker street, Crown/Harbour Street (over path structure), Cliff Road (Gantry), Quilkey Place, Gwynneville (residents driveway access maintained).

Mass Participation Event is the Wollongong 2022 Community Ride is an opportunity to experience a segment of the 2022 UCI Road World Championship course and to ride under the finish arch right next to Wollongong beach before the professionals do. The ride will be an experience for the community including all abilities (para-cycling) and families. <https://wollongong2022.com.au/wollongong-2022-community-ride/>

Participation event on Saturday 17 September 2022

Community ride: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Longer course: 12:00pm-2:00pm

Shorter course (all abilities): 2:00pm-4:00pm

CONSULTATION

Consultation with affected residents and businesses by W2022 is a condition of approval for the road closures.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed road closure be approved subject to Access for Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures submitted Traffic Control Plan. The proposed road closures include;
Aftercare - Install Plans V7.0 [link to plan](#)
Participation Long Course - V1.0 [link to plan](#)
Participation Short Course - V1.0 [link to plan](#)
2. The bus layovers located on Burelli Street, Harbour Street and Crown Street must remain in operation until 16 September and be able to return to this location from 26 September. Bus access is to be maintained through the road closures and work zone under traffic control.
3. The WIN and WEC major events bus layover changes that went to Local Traffic Committee 31 May - Item 7.2 are to be used for Harbour Street, to accommodate the bus layover spaces lost on Market Street from 12 September – 16 September. The signs are to be installed by W2022 by 12 September bus operating start times.
[link to plan](#).
4. Buses returning to Cower Crown Street on 26 September 2022, refer to Plan 4.
5. Confirmation of structure that will remain in parking lane as shown in Plan 5 and Plan 5A. It is noted that Cliff Parade will be open to traffic at night.
6. Confirmation of barriers (waterfilled?) on Plans 7, 8 and 9. The pink boxes are missing from the legend.

7. Plan 12 does not reflect Streets as Shared Spaces proposal for Crown Street – notable westbound is showing 50 km/h when it will be closed.
8. It is noted large vehicles exiting Leisure Coast will track over footpath and verge (see inset on Plan 1) – any damage to this area is to be rectified.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 NORTH WOLLONGONG, North Beach – Ward 2 – Spin Fest Beach Party

BACKGROUND

Spin Fest (Beach Party 17 September) – Council and Wollongong 2022 kicks off its Spin Fest program with the Beach Party at North Beach on Saturday 17 September from 5pm – 10pm. As the world’s best cyclists compete in Wollongong for the UCI Road World Championships, our city will come alive with the sights and sounds of Spin Fest, Beach Party is a community celebration with something for the broader community and visitors.

There are an expected 3000 – 5000 people attending the event. The attached Beach Party Traffic Guidance Scheme and Traffic Management Plan has been developed to support this event.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with affected residents and businesses is a condition of approval for this road closure. Residents and local access will be permitted.

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed road closure “*Spinfest (Beach Party) - TGS, 17 Sept*” [link to plan](#) be approved subject to [Council’s Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#) and the submitted Traffic Control Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 WOLLONGONG, Lower Crown Street – Ward 2 – UCI

BACKGROUND

During the peak visitor demand days of the UCI Cycling World Championships, it is proposed that Lower Crown Street between Kembla Street and Corrimal Street be closed with local access only. It is expected to have crowd/people movement numbers which are best supported through a road closure on Sunday 18 September, Saturday 24 September and 25 September. The road closure with local access only for Lower Crown is further supported by the opportunities for people to dwell in this area created with the outdoor dining, Streets of Shared Spaces installation outlined in agenda item 1.2.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with affected residents and businesses is a condition of approval for this road closure. Residents and local access will be permitted.

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed road closure “*Road Closure Crown Street Wollongong*” [link to plan](#) be approved subject to [Council’s Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#) and the submitted Traffic Control Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.4 WOLLONGONG, WIN Entertainment Centre – Ward 2 – Southern Stars

BACKGROUND

The WIN Entertainment Centre is hosting the annual Southern Stars music festival on 26 and 27 August 2022, with rehearsals on 24 and 25 August 2022. It is expected that the crowd size will be approximately 2,500 to 3,000 per performance, with a total of approximately 12,000 across the four shows. There are 3,200 registered performers.

The road closures will take place on the following roads:

- Crown Street and Marine Drive between Harbour Street and Endeavour Drive
- Crown Street between Harbour Street and Marine Drive

Buses will be able to drive through the closure under traffic control. NSW Police have been engaged as user-pay to assist with safe operation of the road closure.

Road closure plans have been submitted to cover the range of requirements for safe conduct of the event during dress rehearsals, school matinee performances and the final public performances.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with affected residents and businesses is a condition of approval for this road closure. Access for residents in Parkside Avenue will be permitted.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed road closure "LTCP-AS-66177 REV L Harbour St and Crown St [link to plan](#) and LTCP-AS-66178 REV L Harbour St and Crown TCP [link to plan](#) " be approved subject to [Council's Standard Conditions for Road Closures](#) and the submitted Traffic Control Plan.

The applicant is to manage the temporary bus layover signage required to support the road closures for the event. The WIN and WEC major events bus layover changes that went to Local Traffic Committee 31 May - Item 7.2 are to be used for Harbour Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY