

# MINUTES

## ACTIVE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP

### 5PM ON TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2016



PRESENT	
Councillor Ann Martin	Wollongong City Council
Mike Dowd	Wollongong City Council
Werner Steyer	Illawarra Bicycle User Group
Phil Latz	Bicycle Community Representative

IN ATTENDANCE	
Ted Collins	Wollongong City Council
Walter Galvan	Wollongong City Council

1. APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Jill Merrin, George Takacs and Lachlan Anderson. Bede Crasnich was absent.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil
3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2016.

**Recommendation:** The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NIL

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### ITEM 1 – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Jodie Healy from the community engagement team tabled consultation material for the Wongawilli Road project that included a shared path component. Werner Steyer noted that there are a number of road crossings proposed along the shared path and that the crossing points on the path should kink around the corner so that users can look back and check for approaching vehicles. Werner Steyer also queried whether the path width would be 2.5m. Mike Dowd noted that a minimum path width of 2.5m would be provided with the path width being mostly greater.

Jodie Healy noted that houses fronting Wongawilli Road will not have driveways onto Wongawilli Road but onto a local street on the opposite side of the property. Phil Latz queried whether there will be pedestrian laneway access to Wongawilli Road. Mike Dowd noted that the number and location of any pedestrian laneways within the subdivision area would be part of a yet to be undertaken subdivision development application process.

Werner Steyer noted that a Council FAQ sheet sent to stakeholders regarding the tramway project contained inaccurate information in stating that Cliff Road has a on road cycleway which it does not.

#### ITEM 2 – CITY OF WOLLONGONG PEDESTRIAN PLAN WORKSHOP

A workshop session on key elements of the City of Wollongong Pedestrian Plan included review and comment on the following:

- Vision Statement
- Crash Data
- Travel Data
- Community Views
- Key Issues/Challenges

- Infrastructure Types and Applicability
- Goals, Strategies and Objectives

Feedback on the material included the following:

- Lower speeds limits should be introduced to help create pedestrian friendly places (eg reduce Corrimal Street speeds limit to 40kph between Stewart Street and Market Street)
- Any bus stop improvements proposed should comply with the relevant bus stop standards
- Wayfinding signage should show the distance to the destination
- Infrastructure provision and improvement plays a far more important role that non-infrastructure measures and budgetary allocations should reflect this
- Vision should allude to / mention wayfinding
- Kerb blisters that extend up to the travel lane edge are dangerous for cyclists
- A significant challenge for walkability in the city is unfavourable topography
- Lower speed limits are the cheapest and simplest way to reduce the pedestrian road toll. RMS needs to authorise a 30kph speed limit as 40kph is too fast in many cases
- Pedestrian crash clusters in urban centres and city centre may just be a function of the level of pedestrian activity and when measured in terms of accidents per kms walking may be safer than other sites.
- A strategy for rest locations (eg seats) is needed
- A strategy for provision of missing links is needed
- Collaboration with schools will be important (starting with larger schools)
- Measures to make walking an experience will attract greater use

### ITEM 3 – NSW GOVERNMENT WALKING AND CYCLING FUNDING PROGRAMS 2017-18

Walter Galvan noted that the NSW Government funding programs for Walking and Cycling was open for submissions and that Council was developing a number of applications. George Takacs queried whether the proposal for a pedestrian and bicycle bridge along Gipps Street Wollongong over the railway line would be eligible for funding under these programs. Mike Dowd noted that although the proposal would be eligible for such funding, it was not on Council's 4 year capital program or on a Council endorsed plan or strategy (e.g. bike plan). George Takacs suggested that the NSW Government representatives should attend the Gipps Street site to see the merits of the project first hand.

**Recommendation:** It was requested that a list of Council submitted projects be circulated to the group.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Naomi Reed provided an update on Council's plans for NSW Bike Week scheduled for Saturday, 17 September until Sunday, 25 September. It was noted that Council would run a major event at Stuart Park on Saturday 17 September that includes stall holders, a bicycle maintenance workshop, giveaways and children's entertainment. It was also noted that a minor event including a kiosk and giveaways was planned for Crown Street Mall on Friday 23 September. Naomi Reed also informed the group of the free monthly cycling workshops to take place during spring and summer as well as the "Steer North" event to take place in December.

### CITY CENTRE FOOTPATH CONDITION

The group discussed substandard footpath condition in the certain parts of the City Centre and Mike Dowd noted that the Asset Management team within Council is working to facilitate an accelerated inspection regime of the City Centre to address trip hazard concerns.

### STUART PARK CROSSING POINT INSTALLATION

Phil Latz and Werner Steyer expressed a number of concerns with the recently installed shared path crossing point at Stuart Park, North Wollongong. The placement of bollards within small kerbed islands is considered unsafe and non-compliances with the relevant standard include placement beside a 90 degree bend, lack of colouring to the bollard and steep kerb ramps. Ann Martin commented that the aesthetic outcome of the work is poor and the Group should have an opportunity to cross check proposals prior to implementation particularly in high profile locations such as Stuart Park.

#### RIDE AROUND THE LAKE 2016

Phil Latz informed the group that the Ride Around the Lake was in general a success but did involve four bicycle crashes, two of which involved a cyclists crashing into a bollard at a shared path bridge near the Tallawarra Power Station. Phil Latz requested the removal of the bollards to improve safety for all users. Mike Dowd informed the group that the bollards in question are not on Council land.

Phil Latz also mentioned the dangerous crossing point at the Northcliffe Drive M1 southbound on ramp. Werner Steyer noted that RMS is planning to complete safety improvements at the site but a timeframe was not known.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5pm on **Tuesday 6 December 2016**.

### 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
42	24.5.16	Key pedestrian plan elements/proposals to be presented to Group for feedback	WG	Completed
43	2.8.16	Provide list of projects submitted to NSW Government Funding under 2017-18 Walking and Cycling programs	WG	To be completed

