

MINUTES

ACTIVE TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP

5PM ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015

PRESENT	
Councillor Jill Merrin	Wollongong City Council
Councillor Ann Martin	Wollongong City Council
Mike Dowd	Wollongong City Council
Phil Latz	Bicycling Australia
Werner Steyer	Bicycle NSW
Lachlan Anderson	Community Representative

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

- 1 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Stuart Porter, Community Representative.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.
- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2015.
Recommendation: The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.
- 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - It was requested that a hard copy of the final adopted bike plan be provided to all members.
 - It was requested that a tentative date for the DCP review be added to item 13 on the Action Summary
 - Jill Merrin requested that the City Wide Pedestrian Plan scope to be brought to June meeting.

The 2015 Dutch Study Tour was discussed. Ann Martin expressed that a Council representative securing a place on the tour would be a win for Council and would provide valuable active transport insights that could be applied in Wollongong. Mike Dowd informed the group that it would be unlikely that expenses associated with an overseas study tour could be taken on by Council. Phil Latz provided contact details for the tour organiser to help determine what the application process is and what costs would be incurred by attendees.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 1 – CORRIMAL REVITALISATION STRATEGY REVIEW

Rebecca Jardim from the Land Use Planning team gave a presentation on the Corrimal Town Centre Revitalisation Strategy Review. A summary was given of the range of issues affecting the town Centre with respect to existing land uses and their associated traffic movements.

It was noted that the reviewed revitalisation strategy will be utilised in any future LEP and DCP revisions and will assist in the development of future works programs. Rebecca Jardim indicated that consultation is planned in May that will assist in the strategy review and that the group will be included in the consultation exercise.

Recommendation:

Group discussion on the study area and active transport included the following comments and ideas for consideration as part of the strategy review:

- Stepped setback of buildings can improve the aesthetics and walking experience in the town centre.
- The needs of the elderly and mobility impaired should be accounted for in the development of the pedestrian environment.
- End of trip facilities for bicycles should be provided in convenient locations.
- The eventual development of the Cokeworks site could have significant impacts on the town centre.
- The strategy should seek to reduce the area of public space used exclusively by motor vehicles.
- Park and Ride and shuttles could address a portion of existing and future travel demand.
- The Northern Distributor creates a major access barrier for pedestrians and cyclists.

6 ITEM 2 GRAND PACIFIC WALK STAGE ONE – SECTION TWO

Mike Dowd provided an overview of the current phase of the Grand Pacific Walk project including scope of the Stage One – Section Two detailed design which was tabled. Luke Dean noted that existing areas used for on-street parking will be retained with the path diverted around them. Jill Merrin asked whether Armco guard railing would be located beside the path. Luke Dean indicated that where this is the case a rub rail will be provided in accordance with relevant standards.

Werner Steyer emphasised the need for driveways to be the same colour and look as the path to visually reflect the right of way of shared path users. Luke Dean confirmed that the design satisfies this requirement and that warning signage alerting drivers of the shared path across driveways will also be provided as used on Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Austinmer (Kennedy's Hill).

Luke Dean confirmed that seating will be provided in accordance with the master plan. Luke Dean also noted that the completion of the detailed design is estimated for about 6 weeks' time. Mike Dowd mentioned that the NSW Government is funding the project via the Restart Illawarra grant to a total of \$5M. Wollongong City Council will be funding the remaining ~\$4M costs.

Mike Dowd noted that the main purpose of the master plan is to provide connectivity where none currently exists. Where possible, relevant standards will be met however due to difficult topography it will not be feasible to provide a safe shared path facility in all locations. In these locations, end shared path/dismount signage will be installed.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

SMITH STREET COUNCILLOR BRIEFING

Mike Dowd noted that at a recent 4 year Draft Capital Program Review meeting the Councillors expressed concern relating to on street parking impacts of the Smith Street cycleway proposal. A Councillor Briefing is scheduled for early May to inform the Councillors of the proposal, its benefits and impacts and to help determine the best approach to community consultation for the project. Mike Dowd noted that the project may be undertaken as a 12 month trial. Support of the project from Councillor Reference Group members will be valuable in securing support from other Councillors, and in responding to concerns raised by the community to Councillors directly.

A group discussion included the following suggestions in relation to promotion of the project:

- Automated bicycle counters could be installed for the trial to obtain comprehensive usage data.
- Improvement of the railway underpass will increase attractiveness of the Smith Street cycleway.
- A launch event would help to improve awareness of the new facility.
- The University of Wollongong has extensive data in relation to student travel patterns and place of residence which would be useful.

PRINCES HIGHWAY – WEST DAPTO ROAD ON-ROAD CYCLING POLICY

It was noted that the current single lane northbound exit at the Princes Highway West Dapto Road intersection forces on-road cyclists to merge with 80km/hr traffic. Design options will be investigated to address this issue. Mike Dowd noted that future design reviews by the Infrastructure Strategy and Planning Division will be completed for all such projects to help ensure that the needs of key cycling groups are accommodated where possible.

KEIRA STREET PEDESTRIAN REFUGE INSTALLATION

Phil Latz raised his concern over the installation of blisters in Keira Street which force cyclists to merge into a traffic lane. Werner Steyer clarified that he had liaised with Council regarding this matter and that the available road width between the blisters and the central island was increased in accordance with RMS requirements to address this issue.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

It was requested that:

- An update on Council's plans for bike week be provided at the next meeting.
- An update on the status of items within the Bike Plan Action Plan be provided at the next meeting.
- Council's recently appointed Road Safety Officer attend future meetings to develop their awareness of local Active Transport issues.

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5pm on **Wednesday 3 June 2015**.

NOTE: This meeting will be held in **Conference Room 1** – Level 10.

2015 – Future Meeting Schedule		
Wednesday 5 August	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