

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
10 NOVEMBER, 2003

Present:

Cr. Fekete,	Chairperson
T. Freestone,	Director, Works and Services
J. Hillman,	Manager, Engineering
P.Sellathurai	Transport Engineer
C. Johnson,	Traffic Engineer
K. Doherty	CRSO
L. Annabel	Technical Officer
H. Stait-Gardner	Representative for G. Corrigan, M.P.
M. Swallow,	R.T.A.
D. Davies,	Busways
C. Moule,	Picton Coaches
Snr.Con.J. Kane,	NSW Police
C. White,	Narellan Chamber of Commerce
F. Brooking,	Camden Chamber of Commerce

Apologies: Cr C Patterson, M. Leighton

The meeting commenced at 11.10 am.

Rec. No.

1. Business Arising from the Committee's Last Report Dated 13 October, 2003.

Report to Council meeting 27 October 2003 - Resolution 133/03.

Item 4: on page 4 – 3003 vpd – should read 1593 vpd.

TC116/03 Recommended: *That Council note the information.*

SCHEDULE ONE ITEMS (Main Business)

(A) New Items

2. Late Night Taxi Stands – Various Locations Camden CBD (Files 1947; 633; 4604)

Purpose

The purpose of the report was to seek concurrence from the Traffic Committee for the use of kerb side space for late night taxi stands in the Camden CBD.

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Background

Council at its meeting held in May 2002 considered a report regarding the Camden Liquor Accord which is an agreement between a number of licensed establishments in Camden LGA.

The Camden Licensing Accord aims to improve community safety and to reduce alcohol related harm in Camden.

The Camden Licensing Accord is based on a set of principles that all parties will be required to implement in order to improve the safety and amenities of Camden. The principles relate to four key themes.

- Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)
- Improve safety and security
- Commitment to being good neighbours
- Cooperation with the police and the community to improve local outcomes.

Underpinning the principles is a set of best practices that local licensees are committed to undertake. Whilst some of the strategies derive from current licensing policies, they go above and beyond what is required by law.

In relation to maintaining the security of surrounding areas the Camden Liquor Accord specifically states that licensed premises will:

‘Ensure staff assist patrons in obtaining safe transport from the premises’.

Comment

Council officers met with the Chairman of the Liquor Accord, representative from Premier Cabs and a representative of Narellan residents to discuss a strategy to have late night taxis come into the Camden LGA. Specifically, taxis will be attending Accord Member licensed establishments to transport patrons after frequenting these licensed premises.

In the past, taxi drivers have been reluctant to come into Camden LGA at night due to the perceived lack of safety and security. The present taxi stand location in John Street is considered inappropriate and unsafe to taxi drivers and patrons at night due to its isolated position. A number of other issues have prevented taxi drivers from coming into Camden especially at night. This strategy has been prepared with the view to encourage taxi drivers to come into the LGA and provide alternative transport options to the community.

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In this regard a strategy has been formulated whereby a taxi voucher system will be introduced and implemented by Accord Members. The taxi voucher system is a method of identifying passengers that are travelling in taxis from licensed premises. To obtain a taxi voucher patrons must produce photo ID to staff of the licensed premises. The staff will record the customer's details and issue a numbered taxi voucher. A system has been incorporated where staff or patrons can phone the taxi company quoting their taxi voucher number forwarding these to taxi drivers thereby keeping a record of the passengers requiring transport. When the taxi arrives the driver will only pick up the patron with the quoted voucher number. The taxi driver can feel confident that the patron's details are documented and will be retained by the premises if an incident occurs. Security guards will be posted at each establishment at the entrance to the establishment in full view of the incoming taxis assisting this system. This process is seen as a security measure that is acceptable to taxi drivers and passengers.

The majority of licensed premises can accommodate taxi stands within their own grounds (private property). However, there are a number of licensed premises that require a location on Council's street system fronting their establishment as a focus to providing clear sight lines from the entrance of the licensed establishment and a quick pick up of passengers. In this regard, Crown Hotel (Argyle Street), Molly Maguires (Argyle Street), The Argyle Inn (Argyle Street) and The Merino Tavern (Elizabeth Street) have been identified as licensed establishments requiring on-street signage.

With respect to signage, it seems appropriate that the late night taxi system could come into effect from 10pm and conclude at 3am each night. This signage is not expected to affect the community in relation to the use of the kerb side space as patronage of these kerb side areas are envisaged to be utilised by the community frequenting licensed premises. As each late night taxi stand will only be required to house one taxi there will be sufficient kerb side spaces remaining for the community's use along both sides of Argyle and Elizabeth Streets.

The times requested for the taxi stand sites does not affect parking times for business use during daylight hours.

TC117/03 ***Recommended:*** *That Council install late night taxi stands for the period 10 pm to 3am each evening outside the Crown Hotel (Argyle Street), Molly Maguires (Argyle Street), The Argyle Inn (Argyle Street) and The Merino Tavern (Elizabeth Street).*

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3. Camden Hospital – Menangle Road, Camden (File 628, 1909, 3962, 998)

Traffic Committee at its 13 October 2003 meeting considered a letter from Mr Geoff Corrigan, MP relating to motorists ignoring the pedestrian crossing outside the hospital.

The Committee recommended that:

- (i) the matter be referred to the NSW Police Department for further enforcement of the area.
- (ii) Council undertake a review of site conditions.

Council arranged an on-site meeting with the Hospital management as part of the review. Their concerns were listed as follows:

- 1. the need for advanced signage on both approaches;
- 2. the need to have a Pram ramp at the pedestrian crossing on the Hospital side
- 3. on-street and off-street parking;
- 4. need to have a 40 km/hr speed limit fronting the Hospital; and
- 5. safety at hospital access driveways on Broughton Street.

In addition to the above concerns, Council staff felt that sight distance for motorists entering Menangle Road from Gilbulla Road together with conditions at Gilbulla/William/Murrandah Avenues intersection should be modified.

Comment on Hospital Management Concerns:

- 1. Advanced signage was examined and was found to be satisfactory to warn motorists on approach to a pedestrian crossing.
- 2. Provision of a pram ramp at the pedestrian crossing on the hospital side was examined by Council staff. A design has been prepared and funding can be utilised from the Traffic Facilities Block Grant.
- 3. On-street parking appears to be limited with car spaces close to hospital entrance fully optimised. Nearby side streets presently experience additional vehicles parked outside properties and difficulties with sight distance especially at Gilbulla/William/Murrandah Avenue intersection

In this regard 'No Stopping' restriction is expected to improve conditions.

The provision of additional off-street parking will need to be addressed by the Macarthur Area Health Services. In this regard, their recent redevelopment application which incorporated

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additional off-street car spaces is still to be provided. This should, in the long term, assist with the shortage of on-street spaces.

4. Need to have a 40 km/hr speed limit fronting the hospital. This request is supported by Council staff to enhance safety and ensure compliance of pedestrian crossing operation. This will require referral to the RTA for their consideration.
5. Safety at hospital access driveways in Broughton Street. Examination of sight conditions indicated that clearing the area between the two driveways would have benefits of improved sight distance when entering and especially exiting the site.

These driveways are particularly busy due to the use by the following organisations:

Camden District Activity Centre
Broughton House (Day Respite)
Home Modification
Hospital Delivery Dock
Funeral Services

6. Sight distance for motorists entering Menangle Road from Gilbulla Avenue. The Committee considered that sight distance could be improved by the provision of a "holding line" that would be provided at the production of the edge lines on Menangle Road either side of Gilbulla Avenue. This is expected to position a vehicle closer to the intersection, thereby improving vision of approaching vehicles on the right on Menangle Road.

TC118/03 Recommended: That

- (i) Council note that advanced pedestrian crossing signage is satisfactory.
- (ii) A pram ramp be provided at the pedestrian crossing on the Hospital side, with funding provided from the Traffic Facilities Block Grant.
- (iii) "No Stopping" restrictions be provided at the intersection of Gilbulla/William/Murrandah Avenues to enhance safety and improve sight distance to motorists approaching the intersection.
- (iv) The request for a 40 km/hr speed limit outside the Hospital be referred to the RTA for their consideration.
- (v) The area between the two hospital driveways on Broughton Street be signposted with "No Stopping" signs.
- (vi) A "holding line" be provided across Gilbulla Avenue to improve visibility to motorists entering Menangle Road from Gilbulla Avenue.

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(vii) Council write to the Macarthur Area Health Service requesting that the DA approved off-street parking be provided as a matter of urgency due to the community concerns of the shortage of on-street car spaces available in close proximity to the Hospital.

4. Christmas Festival – Argyle Street Traffic Diversion (File 1947)

Council has received a request from the Camden Main Street Committee for the annual Christmas Festival which will necessitate a Traffic Diversion of Argyle Street into Hill and Oxley Streets.

The event is scheduled to occur on Thursday 27 November 2003 between the hours of 4.00 pm and 10.30 pm. A Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan has been prepared and sent to the RTA for their consideration.

Arrangements for the traffic diversion and Public Transport is similar to previous years and no problems are envisaged for this temporary traffic diversion on this occasion.

TC 119/03 Recommended: *That Council approve the traffic diversion for the Christmas Festival on Thursday 27 November 2003 between 4.00 pm and 10.30 pm subject to a license being issued by the RTA.*

5. V8 Car Racing – Oran Park (File 708, 595)

The Police representative requested that the V8 Car Racing at Oran Park be listed for discussion with the view to having the traffic implications of this event recognised as a Special Event. This will then require the organisers to formalise the event with a traffic assessment. The Committee felt that this event, which occurs a number of times a year, should be classified as a Category 2 Special Event. In this regard it was also felt that Council should write to the event organisers requesting that a Traffic Management Plan be submitted for Council's and the RTA's Traffic Management Centre's consideration.

TC120/03 Recommended: *That Council write to the V8 Car Racing organisers requesting that a Traffic Management Plan be provided in accordance with the RTA's Special Events Class 2 category policy.*

6. 2004 Annual Car Rally – 10 and 11 April 2004 (File 4744)

Council has received an application to conduct a rally for approximately 300 heritage motor vehicles (30 years old or older) to run on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 April 2004 in the Camden and Wollondilly areas.

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The rally will be broken into two groups with one group starting at Camden and the other group starting from Picton on the Saturday. Both groups will commence at 8.30 am. On Sunday a similar arrangement will be undertaken but will have a 9.30 am start.

Streets used within Camden LGA include – on Saturday 10 April 2004

Burraborang Road
Cawdor Road
Murray Street/Broughton Street
Old Hume Highway
Remembrance Drive

Streets used within Camden LGA include – on Sunday 11 April 2004

Burraborang Road
Cawdor Road
Cobbitty Road
Macquarie Grove Road
Camden Valley Way
Anderson Road
Anzac Road
Hartley Road
Currans Hill Drive
Tramway drive
Mount Annan Drive
Stenhouse Drive
Welling drive
Richardson Road
Springs Road
Macarthur Road
Camden Bypass
Remembrance Drive
Kirkham Lane
Edward Street
Mitchell Street

The applicant has prepared a Traffic Management Plan and has included in the self contained document a copy of the Public Liability Insurance for the event. There appears to be no issues with the event and very little impact to traffic and Council's street system.

TC121/03 **Recommended:** *That Council raise no objection to the 2004 Annual Car Rally and the use of Council's street system.*

7. Tramway Drive (File 3927)

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Council has received correspondence from Currans Hill Public School P & C requesting that a "Kiss and Drop" zone be installed in front of the school in Tramway Drive. The kerbside area requested is located on the approach side of the pedestrian crossing on the school side.

An inspection of the site indicated that there is sufficient space between the staff car park entry and the pedestrian crossing to accommodate 3-4 vehicles. As the school has a school zone with standard times between 8.00 am – 9.30 am and 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm, it would be appropriate to have the No Parking restrictions to coincide with these times.

TC122/03 ***Recommended:*** *That No Parking 8.00 am – 9.30 am and 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm be provided in Tramway Drive, Currans Hill on the approach side of the pedestrian crossing on the school side for the purpose of safe pick-up and drop-off of school children.*

8. Larkin Place – Proposed One Way (File 654)

Council recently undertook a letter box drop to St Paul's School, Car Park users, adjoining merchants and residents in close proximity to the Larkin Place car park. The overall circulation was approximately 250 letters.

The notice requested that the community comment on Council's proposal to implement a clockwise circulation of traffic along the St Paul's frontage with the remainder of the car park to maintain full options for circulation.

The advertising period was between Friday 24 October and Friday 7 November 2003.

The Committee was advised that support for the proposal was received when questioned by merchants during the letterbox drop. It was also reported that two written replies were also received. One not supporting the proposal and the other suggesting that the issue of parents and children walking between parked vehicles has not been addressed.

Since the Traffic Committee meeting (10 November 2003) correspondence from the Principal of St Paul's School has been received supporting the proposal.

The general feeling of the Committee was one of support for the proposal with some discussion relating to the introduction and workings of the proposal. In this regard the Committee were satisfied that the

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implementation of the proposal would allow for adequate manoeuvring and that signage and pavement markings would function in a satisfactory manner.

TC123/03 **Recommended:** *That Council*

- (i) *approve the proposal to create a one-way clockwise circulation of traffic in Larkin Place in the lane passing the school exit.*
- (ii) *approve the loss of one parking bay within the carpark to achieve the one-way movement.*

(B) Deferred Items

(C) Permanent Items

9. (i) Local Bike Plan Implementation

No action

(ii) Black Spot Identification/Evaluation/Treatment

No action.

(iii) Local Behavioural Campaigns

MAA Driveway Safety Grant

Driveway safety awareness raising days have occurred at pre-schools. Family Day Care has expressed an interest in raising awareness of driveway safety with carers. Safety days for carers have been organised in December.

Posters and brochures have been developed in other languages for distribution within the community. Brochures have been developed in partnership with Liverpool Council in four languages (Chinese, Vietnamese, Italian and Arabic).

The MAA have been in contact to mention that the Arabic Consulate in Canberra have shown an interest in the Arabic brochure and would like to view the brochure. There is a possibility that they may consider distributing the brochure in Beirut.

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Camden Liquor Accord

The late night taxi voucher scheme will commence in the Camden LGA during November. Currently resources and training material for this scheme are being developed.

The scheme will be implemented in three stages and will be available to all Accord members. The three-stage approach is being implemented for a number reasons including:

- ◆ Opportunity to clarify any questions or issues that may arise from a small initial implementation;
- ◆ Reduce possibility of not enough taxis servicing Camden area if the whole LGA were to be covered in one go; and
- ◆ A major component of this project is to actively encourage taxis to work in the Camden LGA, this involves changing their current mindset of security and work issues.

It is anticipated that the three stages will be completed within one month of implementing stage one.

Buckle Up Everytime – Occupant Restraints Program

Three venues within the Camden LGA supported the Occupant Restraint Program for 2003. Media for this campaign included advertising in local papers and distribution of posters and flyers to relevant child care services.

All free restraint checking days have been completed and evaluation of the program is currently being undertaken.

Drink Drive Project

This project is a drink driving/walking prevention project incorporating education, enforcement and environmental strategies and focusing on drinking at licensed premises, private homes and other venues.

Liquor Accord members will be provided with in-house posters and bar mats to promote designated drivers. Resources will be delivered to Accord members at the end of November in time for the festive season.

The party packs focus on home celebrations and will offer information to the community regarding standard drinks, transport and security.

TC124/03 **Recommended:** *That items (i) to (iii) be noted.*

(D) Fatal Accident Reports

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Nil

SCHEDULE TWO ITEMS (Delegated Authority Items for Ratification)

LATE/GENERAL BUSINESS

10. Burraborang Road, Cawdor – Proposed Driveways (File 4292)

The Transport Planner tabled a report from the property owner of No. 199 Cawdor Road, Camden requesting support from Council to have two new access driveways off Burraborang Road.

The resident owns property either side of Burraborang Road and wishes to construct a vehicular crossing to gain access to and from either side of Burraborang Road.

The Committee was advised that Burraborang Road is a State Arterial Road under the care and jurisdiction of the RTA and that it was access denied. The RTA representative had advised that the owner has been made aware that Burraborang Road is access denied and that there would be safety concerns with lifting such a restriction.

The Committee was of the opinion that this request be not agreed to.

TC125/03 *Recommended:* *That Council write to the RTA to inform the RTA they do not support extra access onto Burraborang Road Camden.*

11. Deepfield Road, Catherine Field (File 1475.1370)

The Manager Engineering tabled an item regarding the existing bus shelter on Deepfield Road in the vicinity of property No. 394 Deepfield Road, Catherine Field.

The Committee was advised that the activities associated with the bus shelter during school hours has affected and deteriorated the amenity of the property owner of No. 394. It was stated that the existing turn-area at the bus shelter (which also links access to No. 394) has resulted in delay exiting and abuse by parents when asked to clear the driveway. It was also alleged that the turn area is misused by trucks and anti-social behaviour at nights.

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The property owner has requested that a separate driveway be provided with segregation from the bus turn around area. This request will create three driveway crossings in relatively close proximity to each other.

The Committee felt that the site should be inspected by each member prior to any recommendation being forwarded to Council.

TC126/03 **Recommended:** *That Traffic Committee defer the request for an additional driveway access onto Deepfield Road from property No. 394 until each Traffic Committee member has had the opportunity to inspect the site.*

12. Request for Pedestrian Crossing – Mitchell Street at John Street, Camden (File 3735)

The Police representatives tabled a letter from the Narellan Community Care requesting that Council consider installing a pedestrian crossing in Mitchell Street at John Street.

The Committee felt that the matter should be deferred for further investigation.

TC127/03 **Recommended:** *That the request for a pedestrian crossing in Mitchell Street at John Street, Camden be deferred for investigation and referred to the next Traffic Committee meeting.*

13. Anthony Road and Alma Road (Files 711 & 3549)

A design plan (No. 2003-022) was tabled by the Traffic Engineer for the consideration of the Traffic Committee. The plan indicated Council's proposal to improve conditions at this T-junction site by providing a clearer definition through re-alignment, linemarking and signposting.

The Committee raised no objection to the proposed works.

TC128/03 **Recommended:** *That Council approve the proposed works in Anthony Road at Alma Road, Leppington, as per drawing No. 2003-022.*

14. Waterworth Drive and Welling Drive, Mount Annan (Files 3429, 2933)

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The Committee was advised that the central island landscaping obstructs the vision of motorists and that consideration should be given to improve visibility.

TC129/03 **Recommended:** *That Council investigate the sight distance at the Waterworth Drive and Welling Drive roundabout and introduce counter measures to improve visibility for motorists if considered appropriate.*

15. Waratah Court (File 4731)

Council received a request from Macarthur Strata on behalf of the residents who live in the service road off Waratah Court to have a single speed hump installed in Waratah Court, just east of Liquidamber Drive, Narellan Vale. The Committee discussed the request for a single speed hump on a public road and could not support such a device in isolation.

TC130/03 **Recommended:** *That the request from Macarthur Strata for a single speed hump in Waratah Court not be supported as it is not considered warranted.*

16. Mater Dei School Entrance – Macquarie Grove Road/Kirkham Lane (File 3716, 1074)

The representative from the Camden Chamber of Commerce mentioned the issue of the poor traffic conditions at the school entrance and wished to be given an update on improvements proposed at this location.

The Committee advised that the matter was discussed at the 13 October 2003 meeting where it was recommended that

- (i) *Council undertake negotiations with Mater Dei Property Maintenance and Safety Committee to improve or modify the driveway of the school*
- (ii) *The Police be advised of the results of this speed survey and be requested to patrol this area both during school access times and outside school hours.*
- (iii) *The Police comment and request for reconsideration of an 60 zone be forwarded to the RTA for comment.*

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The Camden Chamber representative was satisfied with this answer.

TC131/03 **Recommended:** *That Council note the information.*

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

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Other Committees

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Fekete, seconded Cr Winn that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting of the 10 November, 2003 copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

141/03 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

MOTION

Moved Cr Fekete, seconded Cr Corrigan that Item 10 be referred back for discussion to the next Traffic Committee Meeting.

142/03 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

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