

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
12 MAY, 2003

Present:

Cr. Fekete,	Chairperson
T. Freestone,	Director, Works and Services
J. Hillman,	Manager, Engineering
C. Johnson,	Traffic Engineer
K. Doherty	CRSO
L. Annabel	Technical Officer
H Strait-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
F. Brooking	Camden Chamber of Commerce
M. Hamilton	Narellan Chamber of Commerce

Apologies: Cr. Patterson, M. Leighton

The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

Rec. No.

1. Business Arising from the Committee's Last Report Dated 10 March 2003.

Report to Council meeting 24 March 2003 - Resolution 41/03.

Gundungurra Reserve, Narellan Vale (File 8075.429)

This item was brought to the notice of the 10th March 2003 Traffic Committee meeting due to the illegal use of trail bike riding within the reserve. The committee recommended that the matter be forwarded to the Police for investigation.

The Police tabled a report from an officer from Macquarie Fields Highway Patrol. The report indicated that patrols in this and nearby reserves had been undertaken for some 14 years and that it had been the source of complaints.

The Trail Bike squad have successfully prosecuted many individuals for entering enclosed lands but seem to be hindered by lack of resources. In this regard, the report indicated that the Police should not be the sole organisation left with the responsibility to resolve this issue. The report mentioned that Council appeared to be doing very little other than forward complaints to Police.

It is recommended that both Gundungurra and William Howe Reserves will continue to receive regular Police patrols. It also indicated that Council be requested to consider restricting the many access points.

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TC 41 /03 **Recommended:** *That*

- (i) *Council refer the Police report on Gundungurra Reserve, Narellan Vale to the Governance Section and the Parks and Gardens Section for their consideration of enforcement and access restriction respectively. The findings of the deliberation of these issues is then to be forwarded to the Police for a co-ordinated approach in dealing with this community concern.*
- (ii) *The Camden resident complainant be written to and advised of this action.*
- (iii) *Council thank the Police for their action to date.*

SCHEDULE ONE ITEMS (Main Business)

(A) New Items

2. Byron Road, Leppington (File 3277)

The Committee discussed the proposal to legally re-open Byron Road and examined the drawings which detailed the improvements for the road.

The Committee raised no objection to the proposal to re-open Byron Road.

TC 42/03 **Recommended:** *That Council note the information*

3. O’Dea Road, Mount Annan (File 3949)

Council at it’s 24 February 2003 meeting considered an item to install speed reduction devices in O’Dea Road, Mount Annan.

The Committee recommended:

“that Council undertake a post installation study of Sheridan Way road closure incorporating an investigation into speeding along O’Dea, Morgan Road and surrounding streets within the precinct”.

Whilst there were aspects of the post installation study that still needed to be completed, Council was in a position to report the findings of traffic speed and volumes along O’Dea Road to the Traffic Committee.

The results of traffic data collected indicated that there had been a general increase in traffic volume in the order of 42%. With respect to

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traffic speed, the general trend indicated a slight increase in some sections and slight decrease in speed in other locations. The highest 85th percentile recorded was 65km/hr and the lowest was 36km/hr. Previously these figures were recorded at 66km/hr and 41km/hr respectively.

Comment

The speeds recorded were not considered unusual and are not dissimilar to other streets in Camden LGA. Whilst an increase in traffic volumes has been recorded it was still considered acceptable and within the limits for a residential street. In this regard after viewing the before (Oct 2000) and after (March 2003) traffic data, the Committee could not support the installation of speed reduction devices along O'Dea Road.

TC 43 /03 Recommended: That

- (i) *As both traffic speed and traffic volume are within acceptable limits, the request for speed reduction devices not be supported, but Council continue to periodically monitor conditions in O'Dea Road, Mount Annan.*
- (ii) *The raw traffic data of speed recorded on the bend of O'Dea Road be forward to the Police for their consideration and relevant action.*
- (iii) *The bend on O'Dea Road be investigated for the provision of Double Centre linemarkings.*

4. Cobbitty Road, Cobbitty (File 708)

Traffic Committee considered a request for a pedestrian crossing on Cobbitty Road in the vicinity of the local shop.

The Committee was advised that this request was still to be investigated. At this stage the representative from the Narellan Chamber indicated that the shop owner was not in favour of having a pedestrian crossing in close proximity to the shop as it would mean the loss of parking spaces in front of the shop.

The Chamber representative requested that Council consider having a footpath as an alternative to provide access.

Comment

The request for the pedestrian crossing together with the request for a footpath will be examined during the traffic data collection stage. It is important to note that the request to have a pedestrian crossing will need to meet a most stringent RTA warrant for such a facility and this

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will need to be reported to the Traffic Committee after investigations are completed.

The Committee felt that the views of the shop owner together with adjoining property owners should be canvassed for the Committee's consideration.

TC 44 /03 **Recommended:** *That Council note the information and that a further report be brought to the Traffic Committee when the Traffic Data has been collected and nearby resident views have been canvassed.*

5. Larkin Place, Camden (File 654)

The Committee was advised that the previous recommendation to investigate One Way traffic circulation in Larkin Place and the commencement of community consultation was still to be undertaken.

TC 45/03 **Recommended:** *That Council note the information*

6. Argyle Street Request for Disabled Car Spaces (File 1947)

The Committee were advised that Council had received comments back from the Macarthur Disability Services and Camden Chamber regarding the proposed disabled car spaces sites in Argyle Street. They were also advised that a response back from the Main Street Committee had not yet been received.

Discussions centred around the safety of the parking manoeuvres required to enter and leave these disabled bays in Argyle Street. Police enquires whether linemarking to protect the disabled spaces would be required.

It was considered that the matter be deferred to investigate the impact of linemarking the additional width required for disabled parking on the flow in Argyle Street and also provide additional time for the Main Street Committee to respond back to Council.

TC 46/03 **Recommended:** *That the provision of Disabled Car Spaces in Argyle Street be deferred to investigate the impact of the additional width required for these bays on traffic flow in Argyle Street and to follow up the response from the Main Street Committee on this proposal.*

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(B) Permanent Items

- (i) Local Bike Plan Implementation
No action
- (ii) Black Spot Identification/Evaluation/Treatment
No action.
- (iii) Local Behavioural Campaigns
No action.
- (iv) RTA Road Safety Projects - Status Report

Go 40 For Me

The '**Speed You Lose - Go 40 for Me**' Road Safety Project has been developed by Road Safety Officers from a number of Western Sydney Councils and was introduced to a number of Local Government Areas during 2002. **Go 40 For Me** is part of the ongoing **Speed You Lose Program** which focuses on the education of drivers travelling through school zones to comply with 40km/h speed limits. Camden LGA is participating in this valuable project during the school's second term, 2003. Schools are asked to participate in the project by committing to the project, erecting the signs outside the school and having children personalise the signs, giving students a sense of ownership. By signing the poster, it is as though the students themselves are asking drivers to go forty past their school. It is also suggested that neighbouring residents could be approached to display the signs on their fences.

A number of strategies have been planned for the 2003 project including:

- φ Distribution to schools of corflute signs 900cm x 600cm to be attached to school fences where they will be highly visible to drivers, the message on the sign is '**Go 40 For Me**';
- φ A competition for schools - sending in a photo of the school displaying the signs and the school could win \$500 - guidelines are provided to each school;
- φ Newsletter inserts covering the campaign message;

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- Ⓞ Speed Monitoring and Police enforcement at selected schools; and
- Ⓞ Banners at appropriate locations.

Current status: Resources have been delivered to all schools within the Camden LGA, enforcement timetable is being completed. Speed checking will begin during week three of term two.

Road Safety Strategic Plan (RSSP)

The RSSP workshop was held during April where key strategies were outlined and discussed by the working group. The consultant has since developed a draft report of key strategies that is to be forwarded to all workshop participants for review and confirmation. The next stage of the RSSP will involve finalising all key strategies, developing and receiving a draft report of the RSSP.

Community Road Safety Action Plan 2003-04

As part of the community road safety position the CRSO develops an annual 'action plan' that is developed in consultation with the Road Safety Advisory Committee (Council) and the RTA. This action plan identifies the specific actions that are proposed to be undertaken during the following year. This plan outlines key projects and activities for both community safety and road safety. The draft 2003-04 Action plan has been accepted by the RTA as a working document, and was circulated to the committee.

Operation WestSafe

Funding has been received from the RTA to promote Operation WestSafe within the Camden LGA. To date funding has been utilised to develop Operation WestSafe signage, this signage has been erected at each entry point to the LGA. A 5 metre banner will be located at different banner sites during the next 6 weeks raising awareness of the operation. Print media will also be used over the next 6 week phase of the operation.

Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops (GLS)

GLS workshops aim to provide practical advice to supervisors of learner drivers, highlight the importance of on-road driving experience and how this can be obtained. The emphasis of on-road driving experience builds on the Road Safety Education Program undertaken in schools. Workshops are organised and developed in each local area by road safety officers who have local knowledge and local networks. Two workshops have been undertaken in the Camden LGA over the last twelve months

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and two workshops are planned to be held over the next financial year.

Funding Submissions

The following submissions have been forwarded to funding bodies to seek financial support for road safety projects within the Camden LGA. Projects, and funding submissions, are based upon local crash data analysis and identified problem areas.

NRMA

Camden LGA – Older Road Users and Motorised Wheelchair Information Brochure.

This project aims to develop a brochure and fridge magnets informing the community of the road safety issues involving older people and people confined to wheelchairs. The brochure will also highlight disabled access and elderly friendly zones within the Camden LGA.

Funding sought: \$ 2500.00

MAA

This project will undertake a range of initiatives to raise awareness that small children are at risk of motor vehicle injury in low speed ‘off road environments’ – that is, driveways and yards. The project target group will include accessing parental carers, supervisors and families, but will also focus on culturally diverse groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-English speaking communities in the Camden LGA.

Funding sought: \$ 3000.00

Funding Received: \$ 2500.00

RTA

A number of projects have been submitted to the RTA for funding. Some projects are joint initiatives to be undertaken with other Councils and some projects involve only the Camden LGA.

Drink Drive Campaign

This project is the first phase of a three-year WSROC Action Plan, which links to the WSROC Strategic Plan 2010. Please note: Camden and Campbelltown Councils are associated with WSROC for the drink drive campaign.

This project is a drink drive/walking prevention project incorporating education, enforcement and environmental

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strategies and focusing on drinking at licensed premises and private homes/other venues.

Funding sought: \$ 5000.00 per Council

(x 13 Councils = \$ 65000.00)

Funding received: \$ 65000.00

Speed You Lose Campaign

'Go 40 For Me' is an ongoing countermeasure that addresses the issue of speeding across parts of western Sydney. This project supports and complements Road Safety 2010 and the Regional RTA priorities as outlined in 2003/04 grant application information. This project is also directly related to the high priority of speeding as a road safety issue in individual Road Safety Officer Action Plans. Six Councils are included in the current submission - Auburn, Baulkham Hills, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield & Liverpool Councils.

Funding sought: \$ 5000.00 per Council

(x 6 Councils = \$ 30 000.00)

Funding received: \$30 000.00

Occupant Restraints

This project aims to provide, free of charge, restraint checking in vehicles and raise awareness of the importance of properly fitted child restraints. The "Buckle Up Everytime" campaign will provide a total of three free restraint checking sessions (minimum of two hours each in duration) in each local government area. Venues at which sessions will occur will be based on the success and recommendations of previous campaigns.

Local RTA Authorised Restraint Fitters will conduct each restraint checking. Participants will have the opportunity to have their child restraint checked by an authorised restraint fitter at no cost.

Funding sought: \$ 3000.00

(x3 Councils = \$ 9000.00)

Funding received: \$ 9000.00

(to be confirmed)

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Camden Liquor Accord

Late last year the Camden Liquor Accord was launched in the Camden LGA. The Accord aims to improve community safety, reduce alcohol related violence, anti-social behaviour, improve local amenity, safety and increase the perception of safety in the Camden area. The current project seeks seed funding support to develop materials and media advertising to raise awareness within the local community of the Accord.

Funding sought: \$ 2000.00

Funding received: \$ 2000.00

Bridging the Gap – ‘Experienced Driver Mentoring and Young People Learning to Drive Program’

This pilot project aims to address road safety issues that concern both adults and youth.

This two-pronged pilot project will firstly update the knowledge of current road rules for experienced drivers in the local community that become successful as mentors as they will be required to sit the Knowledge Test prior to becoming mentors to young people. The second, and major component of this project, is to access young people with learning difficulties in the local community and focus on providing mentoring to achieve their learners permit to drive. This combined approach will build relationships between younger people and adults in the community as well as building skills and confidence of current road rules for both age groups.

Funding sought: \$ 2000.00

Funding received: \$ 2000.00

(to be confirmed)

TC 47 /03 **Recommended:** *That Council note the information*

SCHEDULE TWO ITEMS (Delegated Authority Items for Ratification)

2003/3	Oxley Street – Mobile Blood Bank	Approved 11.2.03
2003/4	John/Argyle Street – Anzac Day	Approved 18.3.03
2003/5	Camden Show	Approved 25.3.03
2003/6	Argyle Street – Parking Restrictions at No. 65	Approved 30.4.03
2003/7	John Street – St Paul’s Fete	Approved 29.4.03
2003/8	The Cascades – Bus Routes	Approved 29.4.03

TC 48/03 **Recommended:** *That Council note the items dealt with under Delegated Authority.*

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LATE/GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Motorised Wheelchairs

The Camden Chamber representative enquired about the legal operations of Motorised Wheelchairs. The Police considered these vehicles came under the provisions of 'toy vehicles' but advised that they would investigate the matter and report back to the Committee.

TC 49/03 Recommended: *That the legal operations of Motorised Wheelchairs be investigated by the Police and reported back to the next Traffic Committee.*

8. 50km/hr Urban Speed Limit (File 684)

The Traffic Engineer advised the Committee of the recent media announcement (Wednesday 7 May 2003) by the Roads Minister relating to the default 50km/hr Urban Speed Limit that will come into affect on Saturday 1 November this year. This new Urban Speed Limit will apply on all urban streets and all streets in built up areas unless otherwise signposted.

Streets currently designated and signposted as 60km/hr zones will retain this limit but will be given significantly enhanced signage. Areas that are 60km/hr zones and are not currently signposted will have to be identified and the appropriate signage posted.

The Committee agreed that Council should write to the RTA and request information relating to the costing of this change and the future repercussions to Council with respect to maintenance of such signs and speed signs in general.

TC 50/03 Recommendation: *That Council write to the RTA requesting information regarding the new 50km/hr Urban Speed Limit and the likely implications to Council.*

9. Proposed Pedestrian Refuge Island - Camden Valley Way, Leppington (File 3288)

The Traffic Engineer tabled a plan of a Pedestrian Refuge Island proposal by the RTA on Camden Valley Way, Leppington. The plan indicated that the refuge island would be constructed outside the Leppington shops with kerb blisters and appropriate signage. The RTA representative advised that the project had Ministerial commitment and that construction is expected to commence shortly. She also advised that lengthy public consultation had been undertaken with shop keepers, shoppers and the Caravan Park.

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The Committee examined the drawings and made the following comments:

1. Generally supported the project.
2. Requested that the RTA consider installing an all weather footpath area to all access points leading to the pedestrian refuge.
3. Requested that the RTA consider installing pavement to the shoulders on both sides of Camden Valley Way on both the approaches and departures to the pedestrian refuge.
4. The RTA consider installing bus shelters at the bus stops in each side of the pedestrian refuge to serve all waiting bus patrons on this busy road.

TC 51/03 Recommended: That

- (i) *The RTA be requested to consider:*
1. *Widening the shoulder to provide sufficient safe distance for buses to pull off the Camden Valley Way pavement, there is a requirement to provide safe and dry pedestrian access to the pedestrian crossing to be constructed.*
 2. *Safe pedestrian access is also of concern from the crossing on the north west side (in front of the shops) to the caravan park.*
 3. *A bus shelter should also be provided at the bus stops on each side of this pedestrian crossing to serve all waiting bus patrons on this busy road.*

10. Boronia Avenue at Morinda Street, Mount Annan (File 4499)

The Traffic Engineer presented an item to the Committee relating to a potentially dangerous kerb alignment at the above location. Photographs shown to the Committee indicated the through traffic in Boronia Avenue travelling east on approach to Morinda Street are directed into a protruding kerblines.

The Committee felt that this could be treated by blistering the kerblines in Boronia Avenue on the approach side of Morinda Street so it is aligned with the present protruding kerblines.

TC 52/03 Recommended: That a painted kerb blister be installed in Boronia Avenue on approach to Morinda Avenue, Mount Annan so it is aligned with the present protruding kerblines.

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11. Argyle Street – Project by Sydney Water (File 1947)

Busways representative requested that the proposed works on Argyle Street, Camden by Sydney Water be discussed due to the concerns that he had regarding the impact that the project will have on Public Transport.

The Traffic engineer advised that Council was in receipt of a copy of the application of the Road Occupancy application and Traffic Management application from Sydney Water to the RTA.

The Committee were advised that Sydney Water were provided with details of the relevant licenses and procedures that were to be obtained prior to commencement of this project. Clear and precise instructions have been given to Sydney Water not to proceed with the project until all Council concerns have been addressed and all legal documentation (RTA) have been issued and viewed by Council.

The proposal by Sydney Water basically involves work on the footpath area, but propose to restrict traffic flow to a single lane of traffic for a period of 10 weeks. This has not been supported by Council Officers and Council has requested that Sydney Water undertake the works at night.

TC 53/03 **Recommendation:** *That Council note the information and that further details will be brought to Traffic Committee and Council as information comes to hand.*

Meeting closed at 11.15am

RESOLUTION FROM THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 26 MAY, 2003

Other Committees

Traffic Committee – Held 12 May 2003

Resolved on the Motion of Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Fekete that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee of the 12 May, 2003, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

058/03 *THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.***

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