

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
9 AUGUST, 2004

Present:

Cr. P. Johnson	Chairperson
T. Freestone,	Director, Works and Services
J. Hillman,	Manager, Engineering
C. Johnson,	Traffic Engineer
P. Sellathurai	Transport Planner
K. Doherty	CRSO
H. Stait-Gardner	Representative for G. Corrigan, M.P.
M. Swallow,	R.T.A.
N. Prasad	R.T.A.
D. Davies,	Busways
C. Moule,	Picton Bus Lines
Snr.Con.J. Kane,	NSW Police
S. Blackmore,	Narellan Chamber of Commerce

Apologies: F. Brooking

The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

Rec. No.

1. Business Arising from the Committee's Last Report Dated 12 July, 2004.

Report to Council meeting 26 July 2004 - Resolution 106/04.

TC97/04 **Recommended:** *That the recommendations of the Committee's report dated 12 July 2004, as presented at Council's meeting of 28 July 2004 be adopted, with the following amendment:*

In relation to Item 2 - Cobbitty Road Safety Concerns, the recommendation should read:

That Council

- (i) undertake public consultation on the proposed safety measures around Cobbitty Public School and the results of the public consultation will be reported back to the Traffic Committee.*

The remaining recommendations in item 2 be renumbered (ii) to (v).

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2 Somerset Avenue, Narellan – “2 Hour Parking” Restrictions (File 3143)

Background

Council’s Traffic Committee, at its meeting on 10 May 2004, considered a report on the parking restrictions in Somerset Avenue, Narellan. The Committee, in part, recommended a review of the present unrestricted parking areas on both sides of Somerset Avenue, between Camden Valley Way and Elyard Street, with a view of providing “2 hour Parking” restrictions.

Public Consultation

Council undertook a public consultation on the proposed “2 Hour Parking” restrictions in Somerset Avenue and received two written submissions on the proposal.

Both submissions objected to the proposed time restricted parking on the basis this proposal will result in employees and employers parking further away from the business premises.

Discussion

Somerset Avenue, between Camden Valley Way and Elyard Street, is primarily servicing businesses abutting this street. The provision of parking on this section of Somerset Avenue is to increase the turnover of customers and clients, which will benefit these businesses and the Narellan community.

At present, customers to these businesses are forced to park in Slade Street and this has caused a high volume of turning movements at the intersection of Somerset Avenue and Slade Street. The provision of time restricted parking in Somerset Avenue will reduce the number of turning movements at this intersection and therefore improve safety on Somerset Avenue at the intersection and around this area in general.

There is ample on-street all day parking available within a short distance of Somerset Avenue.

While the proposed “2 Hour Parking” restrictions in Somerset Avenue will cause minor inconvenience to the employees and employers in Somerset Avenue, it promotes the benefits of better customer access and has direct safety improvements in this busy shopping/commercial precincts.

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TC98/04 **Recommended:** *That Council*

- (i) *approve the proposed “2 Hour Parking, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm Mon – Fri, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Sat” restrictions in Somerset Avenue, Narellan.*
- (ii) *advise the respondents to the public consultation of the Council’s decision on this matter.*

3. Queen Street, Narellan – “No Stopping” Restrictions (File 3117)

Background

Council has received a request from Narellan Community Health Centre for the provision of “No Stopping” restrictions in Queen Street, between Elyard Street and the Community Health Centre.

Discussion

Queen Street, between Camden Valley Way and Elyard Street, provides access to the town centre and services; and carries approximately 6,000 vehicles per day.

Queen Street has varying carriageway width from 10.5 m to 11.5 m. It has “No Stopping” restrictions on both sides from Camden Valley Way to the Community Health Centre, with the exception of four indented parking bays utilised for the Roads and Traffic Authority’s Driver Testing.

The section of Queen Street, between Elyard Street and the Health Centre, has a carriageway width of 10.5 m. Vehicles parked in this section force drivers to travel on the wrong side of the road and reduce available sight distance to the drivers exiting the Community Health Centre.

There is ample off-street parking available within the Community Health Centre and removing the on-street parking will have minimal impact on the availability of overall parking in this area.

TC99/04 **Recommended:** *That Council*

- (i) *undertake a public consultation on the proposed “No Stopping” restrictions on both sides of Queen Street, between Elyard Street and the Narellan Community Health Centre and report back to the Traffic Committee the results of the public consultation.*

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- (ii) *advise Narellan Community Health Centre of Council's decision on this matter.*

4 Deepfields Road, Catherine Field – Speeding Concerns (File 3576)

Background

The Committee Chairman, Councillor P Johnson, at the Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 June 2004, made representation on behalf of Catherine Field residents requesting the change of speed limit on Deepfields Road from 80 kph to 70 kph.

The Committee recommended that the matter be investigated and reported back to the Committee, this recommendation was accepted by Council. This report details the results of officer's investigations

Discussion

Deepfields Road is two-way two-lane rural road connecting Camden Valley Way and Barry Avenue and has a 80 kph posted speed limit.

Council has completed a traffic survey in Deepfields Road and the results are shown in the table below:

	Northbound	Southbound	Combined
Volume (veh/day)	1188	1161	2349
85% Speed (kph)	97	91	94
Maximum Speed (kph)	155	135	155

From the table, it can be seen that most of the vehicles are travelling well above the posted speed limit of 80 kph.

The traffic calming devices used in urban areas could not be implemented in rural roads carrying mainly through traffic. Employment of such devices in rural roads may result in an unsafe road environment.

The speeding issues in rural roads should be addressed by frequent enforcement and the provision of repeater speed limit signs.

TC100/04 Recommended: That Council

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- (i) *request the NSW Police Service to provide frequent speed enforcement in Deepfields Road, Catherine Field;*
- (ii) *request the Roads and Traffic Authority to install repeater speed limit signs along Deepfields Road, Catherine Field.*
- (iii) *Council request the RTA for the inclusion of Deepfields Road in the Speed Camera Program.*

5 Smeaton Grange Industrial Estate – Proposed Bicycle Races (File 1696)

Background

Council received an application from Macarthur Collegians Cycling Club requesting approval for road closures to conduct cycle races at Smeaton Grange Industrial Estate.

Discussion

The Macarthur Collegians Cycling Club has conducted weekly cycling races at the Smeaton Grange course on Sundays, between 7:30 am and 10 am, since September 2003. The current approval for the road closure is valid until 14 September 2004.

The race circuit includes Anderson Avenue from Dunn Road to Anzac Avenue and Anzac Avenue from Anderson Road to Topham Road.

The applicant has submitted a Traffic Management Plan in accordance with the Roads and Traffic Authority's procedures for the temporary road closures of Anderson Road (from Dunn Road to Anzac Avenue) and Anzac Avenue (from Anderson Road to Topham Road).

A copy of the Traffic Management Plan has been forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority for its perusal.

TC101/04 Recommended: That Council

- (i) *support the proposed temporary road closures of Anderson Road, from Dunn Road to Anzac Avenue, and Anzac Avenue, from Anderson Road to Topham Road on Sundays, between 7:30 am and 10:00 am, from 15 September 2004 until such time as the 4th leg of the Camden Valley Way and Anderson Avenue intersection is operational. This is subject to concurrence from the Roads and Traffic Authority and the Police;*
- (ii) *advise the Macarthur Collegians Cycling Club of Council's decision on this matter.*

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6 Oran Park Raceway - V8 Supercar Championship (File 708)

Background

Oran Park Raceway is to host V8 Supercar Championship over three days from Friday 13 August 2004 until Sunday 15 August 2004. The races on Friday and Saturday are not expected to attract big crowds, however, the races on Sunday 15 August 2004 are expected to attract over 35,000 spectators.

Discussion

The race on 15 August 2004 is classified as Class 2 event which impacts local traffic and transport system and disrupts the non-event community in the area around the event.

The event organizer has submitted a draft Traffic Management Plan (TMP), which has been forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA). The RTA has raised a number of items that required further action by the event organizer.

RTA's Traffic Management Centre and Council has held a meeting with the event organizer to address the items raised by the RTA. In order to mitigate the impact of the event on the adjoining road network, the following traffic management measures are proposed at the meeting:

- The access to the Oran Park Raceway from The Northern Road is controlled by the NSW Police Service.
- Intersection of Camden Valley Way and Cobbitty Road is controlled by the NSW Police Service.
- Qualified Traffic Controllers employed to manage the access to the Oran Park Raceway from Cobbitty Road.
- Special Event Clearways is implemented along The Northern Road in the vicinity of the Raceway from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on Sunday 15 August 2004.
- Special Event Clearways is implemented along Cobbitty Road in the vicinity of the Raceway from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on Sunday 15 August 2004.

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- Implementation of one way system in Cobbitty Road from The Northern Road to Camden Valley Way from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Sunday 15 August 2004.
- Closure of Cobbitty Road (eastern section) at its intersection with The Northern Road from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Sunday 15 August 2004.

Of the proposed measures, implementation of Cobbitty Road one way system falls under Council's jurisdiction. The event organizer is negotiating with the RTA's Traffic Management Centre and NSW Police Service regarding the other proposed measures.

All the costs associated with these measures will be met by the event organizer. Furthermore, the event organizer will advertise the proposed traffic management measures in the local media.

TC102/04 ***Recommended:*** *That Council support the proposed easterly one way system in Cobbitty Road, between The Northern Road and Camden Valley Way, on Sunday 15 August 2004 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, subject to the RTA approving the TMP and residents being advised by the applicant.*

7 **Permanent Items**

(i) Local Bike Plan Implementation

No action

(ii) Black Spot Identification/Evaluation/Treatment

No action.

(iii) Local Behavioural Campaigns

Project planning is now under way for a number of campaigns and projects that will be implemented over the coming twelve months. The following projects will be implemented prior to Christmas this year.

- **Drinksafe 'Your choice - drink or drive'** is a designated driver campaign that aims to contribute to the reduction of alcohol related crashes in western and south-western Sydney. This project will be implemented during November and December.

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- **Buckle Up Everytime** – is an occupant restraint campaign that offers free restraint checking of child restraints in vehicles. This campaign will be undertaken during September and October of this year.
- **Driveway safety** – The driveway safety display kit will be used in conjunction with the Buckle Up campaign. The display kit is a simple but effective way of demonstrating the blind spots on vehicles and difficulties of seeing small children behind vehicles.
- **Log Book Run** – This Macarthur wide project aims to provide a booklet of drives throughout the Macarthur area that learner drivers can undertake. The drives will provide learners with different driving conditions and varying degree of difficulty. Two log book runs will be undertaken during November.
- **Fatigue ‘Is your schedule a killer?’** – This project aims to raise awareness of fatigue on short trips. Often daily schedules are so full that fatigue can become a major factor. This project will be implemented in October.
- **WSROC and Associated Councils of Camden and Campbelltown ‘Licensee Business Package’** – This package is a set of fact sheets that have been developed to assist licensees in undertaking a responsible role with their patrons in areas such as alternative transport and designating a driver. This kit will be available to licensees in November.
- **Bike Week** – Working with the local BMX club an event has been organised and will be held during Bike Week – September.
- **Graduated Licensing Scheme workshop** – a workshop will be held during September for supervisors of Learner Drivers.

Ongoing projects also include working with the Camden Liquor Accord, continue to support the Camden Taxi Voucher Scheme – this project is in the implementation phase and is experiencing some expected stumbling blocks with the Taxi industry.

Funding:

Funding received for the projects to be undertaken in 2004-05 has been reported to the Traffic Committee previously. Council

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has received additional funding over the last month for the following projects to be undertaken in 2004-05.

Roads and Traffic Authority:

Funding has been received to undertake a campaign to raise awareness of the benefits of riding bicycles.

Funding received: \$1300

Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA)

Funding has been received to undertake a Macarthur wide project of developing and initiating 2 log book runs in the Macarthur area. The learner driver map will encompass a drive that involves all 3 Local Government Areas and will incorporate a number of driving skills, including negotiating round-a-bouts, rural and urban driving conditions, traffic lights and experience of driving on freeway conditions.

Funding received: \$11 500

- (iv) RTA Road Safety Projects - Status Report

No Project active at this stage.

- (v) Fatal Accident Reports

Nil

TC103/04 **Recommended:** *That the information in items (i) to (v) be noted.*

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8. Menangle Road - Parking Survey

The Traffic Engineer provided a brief update on the Parking Survey undertaken by Council on Menangle Road in the vicinity of the hospital. The prime objective of the survey was to ascertain the present usage of on-street parking and in this regard the following streets were surveyed:

1. Menangle Road (both sides) between Victory Avenue and Gilbulla Avenue
2. Menangle Road (both sides) between Gilbulla Avenue and Broughton Street
3. Gilbulla Avenue (both sides) between Menangle Road and Murrandah Avenue
4. Broughton Street (eastern side) between Little Byrne Street and Old Hume Highway

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The survey was undertaken by the collection of number plates and these were recorded at 7.00am, 9.00am, 1.00pm, 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

The results of the survey indicated that of the 123 available off-street spaces, 37 spaces were recorded with vehicles parking for a period of 6-7 hours. The Committee was advised that these vehicles are likely to be staff from the hospital. The Committee was also advised that this information is to be forwarded to the hospital at a meeting scheduled shortly.

TC104/04 **Recommended:** *That Council note the information.*

9 **Somerset Avenue Bus Stop** (File 3143)

The Transport Planner advised that the Bus Zone on Somerset Avenue, eastern side, was moved temporarily for a two week period for construction purposes.

The Committee raised no objections.

TC105/04 **Recommended:** *That Council note the information.*

10 **Local Traffic Committee Process Review** (File 1220)

The Committee was advised that the procedures associated with the Local Traffic Committee is currently in a Draft Guideline form and that members should examine and provide comments to the RTA.

TC106/04 **Recommended:** *That Council note the present Local Traffic Committee Operation is currently being reviewed by the RTA.*

11 **Date of Next Traffic Committee Meeting**

TC106/04 **Recommended:** *That Council note that next Traffic Committee Meeting will be on Monday 13 September, 2004.*

Meeting closed at 11.00 am

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