

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION (STRATEGY & PLANNING)

TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY SECTION

AGENDA

CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2009

The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee is not a Committee of Wollongong City Council but a Technical Committee of the Roads and Traffic Authority. The Committee operates under the authority conferred to Council by the RTA under the Transport Administration Act 1988.

Council has been delegated certain powers, from the RTA, with regard to traffic matters upon its local roads. A condition of this delegation is that Council must take into account the Traffic Committee recommendations.

There are four permanent members of the Traffic Committee, *each of whom has a single vote only.*

- The members are representatives of the NSW Police Force, the Roads and Traffic Authority, the Local State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon), and a representative of Wollongong City Council.
- If the RTA or NSW Police Force disagree with any Traffic Committee recommendation, or Council's resolution on any Traffic Committee recommendation, that member may lodge an appeal with the Regional Traffic Committee for determination. The appeal must be lodged in writing within 14 days of Council's resolution. Any action relative to any issue under appeal must cease until the matter is determined. The Regional Traffic Committee is chaired by an independent chairperson and submissions and representations are welcomed from all interested parties.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Council can only recommend that:

- 1 The Traffic Committee recommendation be adopted.
- 2 The Traffic Committee recommendation not be adopted.
- 3 The Traffic Committee reconsider this issue.

**CWTC Meeting
Level 10 Committee Room 2 & 3
Commencing 9.15 am**

**CITY OF WOLLONGONG TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
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FORMAL ITEMS
(UNDER RTA DELEGATED AUTHORITY)**

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3	STANWELL TOPS	Lawrence Hargrave Drive – Bald Hill	Stop Signage/Linemarking
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5	WOONONA	Luxor Street	No Parking on Driveway
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8	FAIRY MEADOW	Elliott's Road	Pedestrian Facility
9		Jardine Street	No Standing
10		Vereker Street	Stop Signs
11	BALGOWNIE	Balgownie Road	Review Parking
12		John Street	Excessive Speed
13		Balmoral Street	Speeding Concerns
14	WOLLONGONG	Church Street	Police Parking
15		Victoria and Belmore Streets	Intersection
16		Osborne Street	Heavy Vehicle Movements
17		Endeavour Drive	Relocation of Existing Zone
18		Burelli Street	Parking Signage - IPAC
19		Market Street	Disabled Parking Spaces
20		Ellen Street	Installation of Loading Zones
21	CONISTON	Gladstone Avenue	Various Traffic Issues – Info Only
22		Tate and Miller Streets	No stopping
23	KEMBLA GRANGE	Canterbury Road	Truck Movements
24		Canterbury Road	B-Double Application
25	KANAHOOKA	Palmer Avenue	No Stopping Restrictions
26	DAPTO	Park Lane	Vehicles blocking Exits
27		Marshall Street	Bus Zone Removal
28	LAKE HEIGHTS	Karrabah Crescent	Double Barrier Lines
29	BERKELEY	Nolan and Warwick Streets	No Stopping Signs & Speed Restriction
30	KEMBLAWARRA	Shellharbour Road	Parking
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GENERAL BUSINESS

HELENSBURGH

1 The Ridge - Road Width

A local resident has raised concerns with the road width of The Ridge and has asked Council to consider widening the roadway. Also the use of trail bikes in the area is of concern.

The Committee is requested to inspect the site and consider interim signage and line marking that may address safety concerns. Photos will be tabled at the meeting.

2 Parkes Street - Request for Right Turn Bay

A local resident and the Local Area Forum have requested Council consider the installation of a sheltered right turn bay from Parkes Street into Cemetery Road. Photos will be tabled at the meeting.

STANWELL TOPS

3 Lawrence Hargrave Drive - Bald Hill

A letter has been received from a local resident requesting that the Stop signage and Linemarking at the intersection of Lawrence Hargrave Drive and Lady Wakehurst Drive be reviewed and renewed if considered appropriate.

WOMBARRA

4 Reef Avenue - Right Hand Bend

Council's Garbage Collection Service has advised there is a dangerous right hand bend in Reef Road which requires a Mirror, Warning Signs or BB Lines.

WOONONA

5 12 Luxor Street - request No Parking on driveway

A request has been received from a resident of 12 Luxor Street for parking restrictions to be installed on the driveway to improve sight distance when exiting.

6 Nicholson Road /Gray St / Princes Highway Traffic Issues

A resident has requested Council urgently arrange the installation of a green turn arrow at Gray Street Woonona at its intersection with the highway to alleviate the traffic concerns at the intersection of Nicholson Street and the Highway. Alternatively that Council arrange the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Nicholson Street and the highway. It has been pointed out that there is insufficient room for a car wishing to turn right to do so when one car is propped to turn right onto the highway.

CORRIMAL

7 Cnr Pioneer Road and Railway Street – review bus stop location

A request has been received to formalise the existing Bus Stop to a Bus Zone and investigate moving the Bus Zone further west away from the shops on Railway Street east of Pioneer Road.

FAIRY MEADOW

8 Elliott’s Road – request pedestrian facility

Council’s SCAT Officer has brought to attention the need for a pedestrian facility in Elliott’s Road near Grafton Street at the Gong Shuttle bus stops. These stops are opposite one another and are very busy. Traffic travels fast along Elliott’s Road over the rail bridge and is almost on top of pedestrians before they can slow down.

9 Jardine Street – Request No Standing

A request has been received from the Office Administrator of the Cross Roads Christian Community Church for No Standing signs to be placed along an area of Jardine Street to prevent vehicles parking there as this is blocking emergency vehicles, hearses, etc.

The Committee is requested to consider the installation of No Parking – Wedding and Funeral Vehicles Excepted signs at the parking bay.

10 Vereker Street - Mt Ousley Public School – No Stopping

A resident of Vereker Street has requested the new No Stopping signs be changed to school times only, as installed on McGrath Street around the eastern entrance of the school.

BALGOWNIE

11 Balgownie Road – Review Parking

Correspondence has been received from the surgery at 123 Balgownie Road requesting a review of the parking restrictions in front of the doctor’s surgery.

12 John Street – Excessive Speed

A parent of a child attending the Kindy Korner Pre-School in John Street has raised the safety concerns resulting from motorists travelling at excessive speeds. It has been requested that a School zone be installed to warn motorists of the presence of children in this area.

13 Balmoral Street – Speeding Concerns

In April, a letter was received from David Campbell MP requesting Council review speeding concerns reported to his office by local residents. Subsequently Traffic Committee recommended that a traffic survey be conducted. This has now been completed and results indicate an average speed of 50km/h and an 85th percentile speed of 59km/h. While these figures are on the high end of acceptable there is little evidence to support the installation of speed humps at this stage.

WOLLONGONG

14 Church Street – Police Parking

NSW Police Force has requested parking for Police vehicles to be allocated in Church Street, eastern side between Market Street and Court Lane (outside Police Station).

15 Victoria and Belmore Streets – Intersection

Wollongong Community Mental Health has raised a safety concern at the above Intersection due to people parking very close to the kerb of Victoria Street.

The Committee is requested to review the No Stopping restrictions at the intersection and adjust as required.

16 Osborne Street – Concerns regarding Heavy Vehicle Movements

A resident of Keiraville has raised concerns about heavy vehicles turning into Osborne Street from Crown. These movements are putting the truck on the wrong side of the road and it is requested that a load limit be installed or trucks banned from using this street.

As a load limit and a truck ban is not considered appropriate for this street, the Committee is requested to review the No Stopping restrictions at the intersection and adjust as required.

17 Endeavour Drive – Relocation of Existing zone

The existing zone for coach parking is located very close to the Bombora Restaurant and other businesses. A request has been received for the Committee to review the location of the zone and relocate away from the businesses on Endeavour Drive to increase available parking.

18 Burelli Street – Parking Signage around IPAC

The Operations Co-ordinator from IPAC has requested suitable signage on Burelli Street to allow for service vehicles making deliveries. Specifically the Centre would like a loading zone installed on Burelli Street outside the centre, adjacent to the existing disabled parking space. The Art Gallery would also like a loading zone installed outside the gallery to cater for small delivery vehicles. Both of these requests relate to Council plans to close Town Hall Place to through traffic at the western end. As a result delivery vehicles will not be able to easily enter the western end of the plaza or to park within the plaza to make their deliveries.

19 Market Street – Disabled Parking Spaces

A resident of Towradgi has requested that the three Disabled Parking spaces in Market Street (between Keira and Young Streets) be moved to the southern side of the road. It has been pointed out there are already an additional two spaces on the north side, further west on Market Street and the three spaces nominated should be relocated to the south side to cater for this side of the street.

20 Ellen Street – Installation of Loading Zones

A business proprietor whose business is located on the corner of Ellen and Atchinson Street has enquired about the possibility of Loading Zones being installed at this location. Currently the 2 hour parking is precluding his suppliers from delivering goods.

CONISTON

21 Gladstone Avenue – Various Traffic Issues – INFO ONLY

Council has been advised of Speeding and Tailgating along Gladstone Avenue. In addition, concerns have been raised regarding traffic conditions on Bridge Street with speeding being the major concern.

Other issues raised included a request for warning signage near the soccer oval. Council Officers will arrange the installation of warning signage on Gladstone Avenue on each approach to the oval as requested.

A lack of pedestrian crossing points was also raised and while no specific location was mentioned, it should be noted that there are plans for a pedestrian refuge to be installed in Gladstone Avenue immediately north of the soccer oval to cater for pedestrians crossing near the railway underpass.

22 Tate and Miller Streets – No Stopping

A request has been received for installation of No Stopping restrictions on the corner of Tate and Miller Streets, Coniston. When turning left or right out of Miller Street into Tate Street, vision is obstructed by vehicles which have parked too close to the corner. This area has become very busy during business hours.

KEMBLA GRANGE

23 Canterbury Road – Truck Movements

It has been reported to Council that north bound trucks are accessing Canterbury Road illegally by u-turning around the centre median island to access the street. This movement sees the trucks crossing four lanes of highway in a 70km/h zone which is highly dangerous in this location.

24 Lot 22 Canterbury Road – B-Double Application

An application has been received for B-Double access approval to Lot 22 Canterbury Road. This site is as yet undeveloped but a DA has been approved for a recycling plant which caters for B-Double movements within the site. The DA plans indicate that it is possible for a B-Double vehicle to enter and exit the sit in a forward manner as required by Council conditions. Because the site has not yet been developed any approval should be conditional on the site being developed in accordance with the DA conditions to cater for B-Double movements.

When contacted regarding the proposal the RTA representative requested that a requirement to extend the centre median on the Princes Highway at the entry to Canterbury Road be included in the approval. As this roadway is already B-Double approved, there is little justification for the current applicant to bear the responsibility of additional works on the highway to support this application.

This issue has been approved via an electronic Traffic Committee Meeting on 30 July 2009 and is included on the paper for information.

RECOMMENDATION: (Unanimous)

B-Double approval be granted to Lot 22 Canterbury Road subject to construction complying with the Development Application conditions associated with B-Double turning movements into and out of the site.

KANAHOOKA

25 Palmer Avenue – No Stopping Restrictions

A resident of Palmer Avenue has requested Council to reconsider the installation of the yellow edge lines in this location.

DAPTO

26 Park Lane behind North Terrace – cars parking making it difficult to exit garages

A letter has been received from a resident of 15 North Terrace regarding a problem with cars parking on the east side of Park Lane as it makes the corner going south very dangerous and unsafe getting out of garages.

27 Marshall Street – Bus Zone removal

It has been requested that the bus zone on the east side of Marshall Street, immediately south of the Marshall Street intersection be removed as the school buses are now accessing the school turn around point on Cleveland Road.

LAKE HEIGHTS

28 Karrabah Crescent - Double Barrier Lines

A petition has been received by Council from a number of residents in Karrabah Crescent requesting the double barrier lines and no parking signs be removed to allow on street parking for residents and visitors. If this cannot be achieved it has been suggested the road be made one way to allow parking.

BERKELEY

29 Nolan and Warwick Streets – Possible Installation of No Stopping Signs & Speed Restriction

A request has been received from a resident of Warwick Street for the Committee to consider the installation of No Stopping restrictions on both sides of Nolan Street at the Nan Tien Temple Service entry. Visitors to the Nan Tien Temple are parking adjacent to the Temple's service entrance which is impacting on sight distance and is creating a traffic hazard for cars turning into Warwick Street. In addition Warwick Street has become a popular drag strip with cars often reaching speeds in excess of 100 km/hr and it is requested that speed humps be considered for this street.

KEMBLAWARRA

30 Shellharbour Road – Parking

A business operator has written about traffic conditions entering Shellharbour Road from Bakers Lane.

With unrestricted parking it is permissible to park immediately adjacent to the Bakers Lane driveway severely restricting visibility of traffic leaving Bakers Lane. This is making the exiting from the lane extremely dangerous and creating a substantial traffic hazard. No

Parking zones either side of Bakers Lane on the eastern side of Shellharbour Road have been requested.

PRIMBEE

31 Jones Avenue – Parking Restrictions

It has been reported that a car is often parked on the left hand side of Jones Avenue, just along the traffic island. There is concern that a car coming through at 50 km/h is dangerous as on some occasions the car is parked towards the corner of the island, leaving just enough room for a car to drive through.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

DAPTO

32 St Johns P&F Association – School Spring Fair

An application has been received by Council for the closure of Jerematta Street between Mulda Street and Moombara Street for the running of the St Johns School Spring Fair. A Traffic Management Plan has been presented to both RTA and Police for comment.

The Traffic Committee members approved the plans via email.

RECOMMENDATION: (Unanimous)

The Traffic Management Plan as presented be approved subject to Council's standard conditions for road closures.

DESIGN ITEMS

TOWRADGI

33 Carters Lane – External Roundabout

Plan CS2003/9285 will be tabled at the meeting for consideration by the Committee. The plan relates to an approval dating back to 2000. The plan has Cc approval but has not previously been presented to the committee as required by the DA conditions. Construction is scheduled to commence following Traffic Committee endorsement.

INFORMAL ITEMS (TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ADVICE ONLY)

PORT KEMBLA

Illawarra Triathlon Club - Change of dates for Triathlon Events 2009

The Illawarra Triathlon Club has advised Council of changes to dates for some of the events previously approved by the Committee. The Committee is requested to note the date change and advise of any concerns regarding the change of dates.

MISCELLANEOUS

RTA Notification of School Zone Flashing Light Program

A media release from the Minister for Roads is attached outlining the current status of the Flashing Light Program around schools.



NSW MINISTER FOR ROADS

MICHAEL DALEY MP

NEWS RELEASE

SCHOOL ZONES FLASHING LIGHTS PROGRAM NEARS HALF-WAY POINT

Sunday 9 August 2009

Minister for Roads Michael Daley today announced the next 25 school zones, covering 37 schools, have been selected for flashing lights as part of the State Government's \$46.5 million program.

Mr Daley said the installation of these flashing lights would mark the half way point in the four year program to install flashing lights in 400 school zones across the state.

"Another 37 schools in Sydney, Southern NSW and the Hunter will soon be getting flashing lights installed," he said.

"These 25 school zones are in addition to the 330 NSW school zones which currently have flashing lights installed.

"This is great news for students and their families because nothing is more important than the safety of our children.

"Children aren't always capable of judging how fast a vehicle is travelling, so it is important we work to help ensure motorists slow down around schools," Mr Daley said.

Clovelly Public School Principal Pamela Wood said the community would be thrilled to learn of the RTA's plans to install flashing lights on Arden Street.

"We're really delighted to hear this fantastic news," she said.

"We have a set of traffic lights which provides the children with a safe place to cross, but it's great to have an extra measure to remind motorists that there are little people about," Ms Wood said.

Flashing lights are installed at school zones according to strict criteria set by the NSW Centre for Road Safety.

Mr Daley said that it was important to make sure flashing lights are installed at the schools that need them most.

"These 25 sites have been selected on the basis of strict criteria including crash history and risk, traffic and pedestrian volumes, speed limits and road visibility," he said.

"However, flashing lights are just one component of our road safety program and we're implementing other measures to slow motorists down around schools.

"These include the NSW Government's \$14 million investment in highly visible triangular markings, or 'dragon's teeth', at the entry to every single school zone in NSW.

"We're also installing new marked foot crossings, traffic lights, pedestrian refuges and where appropriate, replacing the yellow school zone sign panels with fluorescent panels.

"School zone safety is a top priority for the NSW Government and these are all important initiatives to help keep our children safe," Mr Daley said.

Contact: Sally Tindall (0408 635 344)

School Zone Alert Systems: 25 Sites for September - December 2009 Installation

	School Name	Location	Suburb
1	Ando Public School	Monaro Highway	Ando
2	Bethany College/ St Mary Star of the Sea, Bexley	Croydon Road	Bexley
3	Blacktown Boys High School/ Blacktown Girls High School/ Blacktown Primary School	Sunnyholt Road	Blacktown
4	Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown	Newton Road	Blacktown
5	Campbelltown North Public School / Campbelltown Performing Arts High School	Moore Street	Campbelltown
6	Canley Heights Public School	Cambridge Road (Cumberland Hwy)	Canley Heights
7	Clovelly Public School / St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	Arden Street	Clovelly
8	Corrimal East Public School/Corrimal High School	Pioneer Road	Corrimal
9	Hayes Park Public School	Kanahooka Road	Dapto
10	St Therese Catholic Primary School	Blaxland Road	Denistone
11	Patrician Brothers College, Fairfield	The Horsley Drive	Fairfield
12	GyMEA North Public School	The Boulevarde	GyMEA
13	Holsworthy Public School	Heathcote Road	Holsworthy
14	Kellyville Public School	Windsor Road	Kellyville
15	Kingsgrove Public School / Kingsgrove High School	Kingsgrove Road	Kingsgrove
16	Lewisham Public School/Christian Brothers High School	New Canterbury Road	Lewisham
17	Matraville Public School	Bunnerong Road	Matraville
18	Narellan Public School	Camden Valley Road	Narellan
19	Colo High School	Bells Line of Road	North Richmond
20	North Ryde Public School	Lane Cove Road	North Ryde
21	The Hills Sports High School	Best Road	Seven Hills
22	Seven Hills High School/ Vardys Road Public School	Vardys Road /Johnson Avenue	Seven Hills
23	Vincentia High School/ Vincentia Public School / Jervis Bay Christian School	The Wool Road	Vincentia
24	Biddabah Public School	Medcalf Street	Warners Bay
25	St Francis of Assisi / Warrawong High School	Cowper Rd / Flagstaff Rd	Warrawong