

PRESENT**Members:***Formal (Voting) Members:*

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Daniel Park
Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)	Absent
NSW Police	Paul Dilley
Local Member for Port Macquarie	Absent
Local Member for Oxley	Noel Atkins

Other Attendees:*Informal (Non-Voting) Advisors:*

Transport & Traffic Engineer	
Trainee Traffic Engineer	Jacob Harty
Road Safety Officer	Nick Gainsford
Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)	
Ministry of Transport	
NSW Police	
NSW Fire Brigade	
NSW Ambulance Service	
Local Bus Company/s	Absent
Local Taxi Company/s	Dave Keeley
Transport Workers Union	
Chambers of Commerce	
Council's Administration Officer	Philip Marshall
Council Manager Infrastructure Operations	Gary Randall

The meeting opened at 10.36am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

Consensus:

That the apologies received from Cliff Toms, Daniel Boorman and Jaron Gawne be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Consensus:

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 7 March 2012 be confirmed.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS – Y (Proxy)

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 PORT IRON 5KM FUN RUN

RMS representative (Daniel Boorman by proxy), indicated the RMS would vote yes, on condition the following conditions are met.

Consensus:

The Committee gave their majority support to the staging of the Port Iron 5km Fun Run and the associated temporary road closures on 5 May 2012, given the following conditions.

1. That traffic arrangements for the event shall be managed by the submitted Transport Management Plan (TMP).
 2. That the event organiser obtain NSW Police approval.
 3. The event organiser notify the NSW Ambulance, NSW Fire and the State Emergency Services of the event.
 4. That the event organiser comply with any conditions that Council, Roads and Maritime Service and the Police may impose.
 5. RTA Accredited (Yellow card) personnel are to be used for the set up/down of barricades.
 6. RTA accredited (Blue card) personnel are to be used to control traffic at intersections.
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Voting Record:
Council - Y
RMS – Y (proxy)
Police – Y
Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB
Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

06 HIGHFIELDS CIRCUIT, PORT MACQUAIRE - PARKING SIGNAGE

RMS representative (Daniel Boorman by proxy), indicated the RMS vote is yes to the recommendation.

Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support to the placement of No Stopping signage in the turn-around area at the eastern end of Highfields Circuit, Port Macquarie.

Voting Record:

Council - Y
RMS – Y (Proxy)
Police – Y
Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB
Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

07 TOWN BEACH PRECINCT - STEWART AND WILLIAM STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

RMS representative (Daniel Boorman by proxy), indicated the RMS vote is yes to the recommendation.

NSW Police representative (Paul Dilley) indicated the crossing on the south side of William Street may not be necessary. NSW Police also indicated they believe the speeding issues noted in the Community meeting is based on perception and has no specific data to back the claims.

Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support in principal to the following points;

1. Interim works to provide marked pedestrian crossings in William Street and Stewart Streets, Port Macquarie as shown on the draft plan referred to in this report and to include the following investigations;
 - a. Ensure that all site distance requirements comply on Stuart Street with vehicles exiting Town Beach car park access road.
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- b. No provisions for car parking to be allowed opposite the entrance to the Town Beach car park access road.
 2. The marked crossings shall be removed once the Rotary Park Master Plan works are implemented.
 3. Council to submit the recommendation to the RMS for ratifying before work commences.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS – Y (Proxy)

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

08 SLICE OF HAVEN FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL - LAURIETON - 27 MAY 2012

RMS representative (Daniel Boorman by proxy), indicated the RMS would vote yes, on condition the following conditions are met.

Consensus:

The Committee give majority support the temporary road closures of Seymour Street Laurieton, on Sunday 27 May 2012 from 8.00am to 4.00pm to accommodate the holding of the Slice of Haven Food and Wine Festival, Laurieton subject to the following conditions:

1. That the event organisers provide a Traffic Management Plan for a Class 2 Special Event.
2. That the event organisers obtain NSW Police approval.
3. That the event organiser carry out a letterbox drop to affected residents advising of the temporary traffic arrangements.
4. That the event organiser submit to Council prior to the commencement of the event evidence of Public Liability Insurance which is valid for the duration of the set-up, running and pull down of the event.
5. That the event organiser notify the NSW Ambulance, NSW Fire and the State Emergency Services of the proposed Traffic Management.
6. That the event organiser notify local Transport Services (Bus Companies and Taxis) of the event.
7. Controlled access for residents in McLennan Street is to be permitted and maintained.
8. An RTA Accredited (Yellow card) person is to be used for the set up/down of barricades.
9. Qualified Traffic Controllers (RTA-Blue or Grey Card) are to be used to control traffic.

10. That the event organiser abide by any other condition that Council and the Police may impose.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS – Y (Proxy)

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

09 BUS ZONE RELOCATION - YOUNG STREET, WAUCHOPE

RMS representative (Daniel Boorman by proxy), indicated the RMS would vote yes, on condition Council investigate site distance issues on vehicles exiting the RSL.

Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support the relocation of the existing bus zone on the northern side of Young Street fronting the Wauchope RSL Club as per the plan attached to this report following favourable investigation into the site distance for vehicles exiting the RSL.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS – Y (Proxy)

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

10 SALTWATER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - PEMBROOKE ROAD.

RMS representative (Daniel Boorman by proxy), indicated the RMS vote is yes to the recommendation.

Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support the temporary road closure of Pembroke Rd associated with the replacement of the Saltwater Creek Bridge including the following points to be considered by Council before the closure date.

1. Variable message signs to be used in order to notify road users of the impending road closure.
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2. Issue a media release to Rollands Plains, Telegraph Point and Beechwood Community. (Telegraph Point News). This is in addition to any normal media release for this specific project.
3. Contact local community clubs and Progress Associations etc. Rolland Plains Recreation Reserve Trust, Rolland Plains Upper Rollands Plains Show Society.
4. Review the use of Brill Brill road as an alternative bypass, provided the road conditions are suitable to handle the extra traffic associated with the road closure.
5. Align part of the road closure within the school holiday period.
6. Notify essential services in addition to statutory requirements,
 - a. NSW Police
 - b. Bus Companies
 - c. Schools
 - d. Taxi Companies
 - e. Fire Brigade
 - f. Rural Fire Service
 - g. Ambulance Service
 - h. Post Office
7. Notify other road users
 - a. Local Businesses
 - b. Logging Companies

Household LPG suppliers

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS – Y (Proxy)

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

11 INFORMAL ITEM - STATUS REPORT

Consensus:

That the LTC Status report be received and noted.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS – Y (Proxy)

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

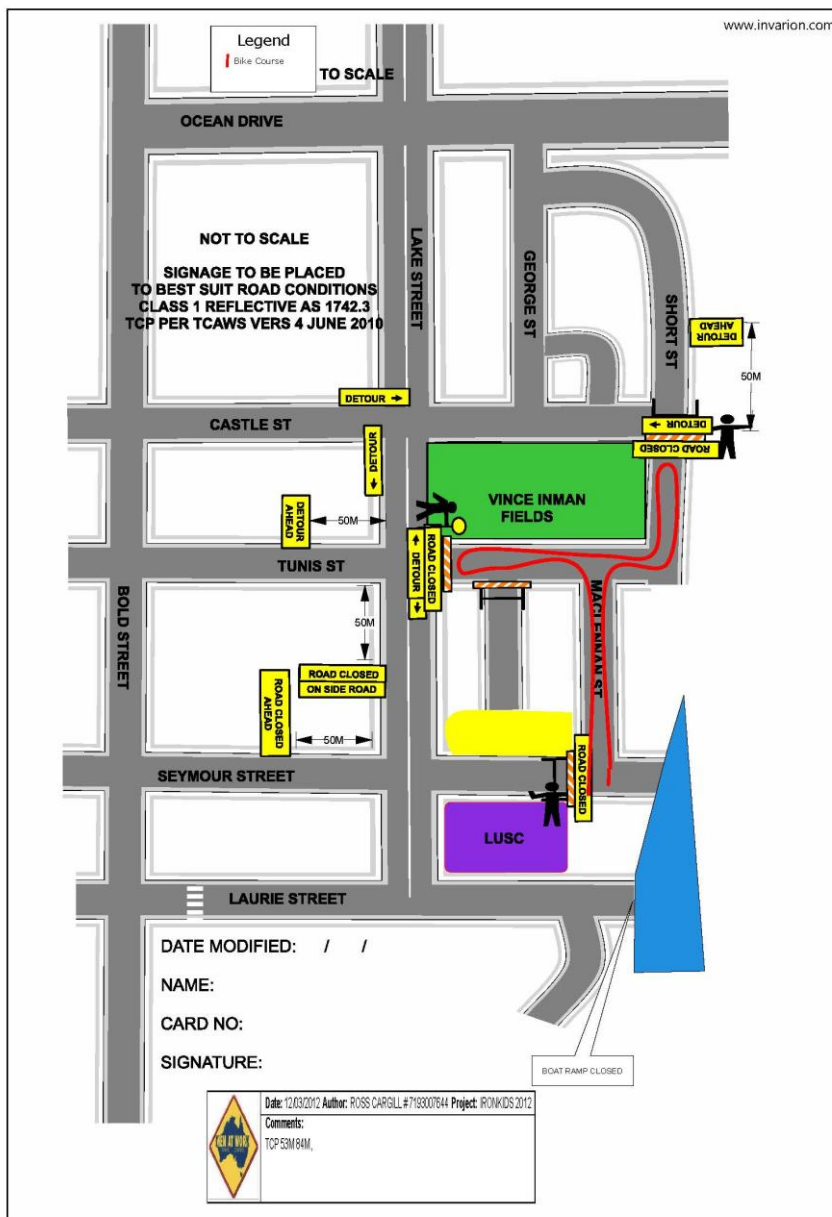
Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.01 IronKids Triathlon- Laurieton:

Council's Trainee Traffic Engineer (Jacob Harty) presented a late application from Ironman Australia for the IronKids Triathlon to be held at Laurieton on Sunday 6th May 2012. Conditions are the same as for the Ironman Event.

NSW Police representative (Paul Dilley) indicated he has received the application via email but has not reviewed the submission.



Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support for Council to issue the formal report by email for voting members to vote electronically via Email.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - AB

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

12.02 Request for an Official Bus Stop adjacent to the Port Macquarie Service Centre on the Oxley Highway:

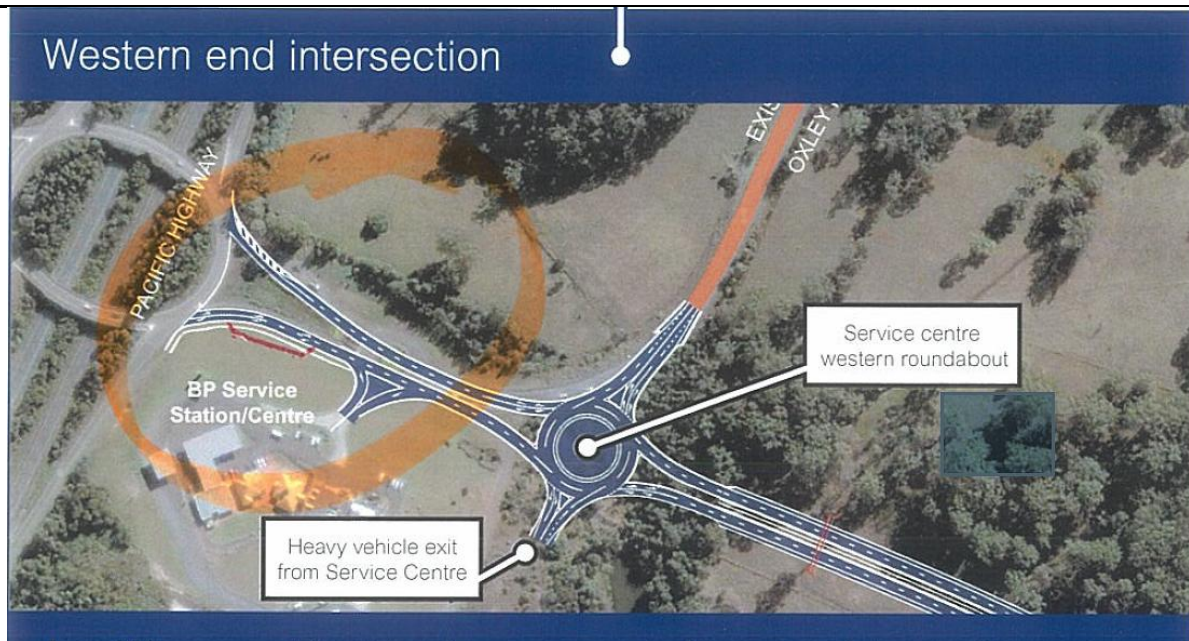
Council's Road Safety Officer (Nick Gainsford) has been approached by Daniel Boorman from RMS to provide advice for a potential bus stop to be located on the southern side of the Oxley Highway adjacent to the Port Macquarie Gateway Service Centre.

Busways representative (Jaron Gawne) responded by Email with the following comments regarding the recommendation;

An internal bus stop means that every bus must divert, not just those that may have a customer for that location – this is impractical and most particularly on a route of this length, it is highly undesirable to deviate away from the trunk corridor. Busways will not be diverting buses into the car park of this service centre.

The committee has based its discussion on safety concerns however, if there is no patronage attracter on the northern side of the road, why is a bus stop on the southern side of the road for an attracter on the southern side of the road unsafe when patrons are not required to cross the highway.

Until the recent kerb and gutter works carried out by RMS Busways was dropping passengers on the southern side of the road who were accessing the service centre. There were no reported issues or safety concerns with this practice, why will it all of a sudden become unsafe?



Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support that due to safety concerns;

1. Busways should utilise the Service Centre entry off the new Oxley Highway John Oxley Drive Roundabout as a safer alternative.
2. Drop off passengers inside the Service Centre car park.
3. Exit using the Service Centre West bound exit or the new Oxley Highway John Oxley Drive Roundabout.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - AB

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

12.03 Widderson Street Port Macquarie Parking issues in School hours:

Refers to Item 09 INFORMAL ITEM - PARKING SIGNAGE NEAR WESTPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WIDDERSON STREET (07/12/2011 - Local Traffic Committee Minutes)

Council's Trainee Traffic Engineer (Jacob Harty) indicated that there are difficulties in changing the parking zones adjacent to the driveways in Widderson Street.

Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support for;

1. Council to notify Terry Sara that improvements to parking & signage in the area has been investigated and that no further action is to be taken. With regards to signage, it should be noted that the signposting of individual residential driveways to regulate existing legal on street parking is not warranted.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - AB

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

12.04 Wrights Road Oxley Highway Roundabout:

Refers to item 14.02 Lane direction Confusion at the Wrights Road New Oxley Highway Roundabout. (Local Traffic Committee Meeting 7/03/2012)

Council's Road Safety Officer (Nick Gainsford) noted Council have received complaints relating to the rules and arrow markings on this roundabout causing confusion and the potential exists for a serious accident.

Taxi Company's representative (Dave Keeley) noted taxi drivers have noted the same problems in using this roundabout.

Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support that the RMS review the line and pavement markings on the Western approaches to the Wrights Road, Oxley Highway, and John Oxley Drive Roundabout.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - AB

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

12.05 Relocate Bus Stop opposite TAFE on Widderson Street:

Council's Transport & Traffic Engineer (Daniel Park) noted Port Macquarie TAFE have requested that the existing bus stop located in Widderson street be relocated further south on the eastern side of Widderson Street adjacent to the TAFE and closer to Hindman Street.

Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support that Council;

1. Council to consider the establishment of a new location for the bus stop in consultation with Busways.
2. Should Busways agree with a relocation then residences adjacent any new bus stop location should be consulted and request feedback.
3. Report back findings to this committee.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - AB

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

12.06 Speed review on Lighthouse Road:

Council's Transport & Traffic Engineer and Chair (Daniel Park) noted Council have been requested to review the speed limit on Lighthouse Road from Davis Cr to the Lighthouse.

Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support for;

1. Council to perform a survey on speed and number of vehicles using Lighthouse Road from Davis Cr to the Lighthouse.
2. Council to report findings back to this committee with a recommendation to submit a Speed change request to the RMS should the data indicate that this would be the necessary course of action

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - AB

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

12.07 Speed Zone change request referred by The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP created by Mr. Ray Duck:

Refers to Item 14.04 Local Traffic Committee Meeting 7/03/2012.

Member for Oxley representative (Noel Atkins) requested an update on the request for a speed change on Cameron Street Wauchope.

Council' Road Safety Officer (Nick Gainsford) noted the RMS has reviewed the request and indicated that the current 50km speed zone will not be changed.

Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support to;

1. Council to notify The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP, Local member for Oxley of the RMS decision to leave the speed zone on Cameron Street at 50km.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - AB

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

12.08 Shoreline drive Speed Zone review:

Refers to Item 10 EXTENSION OF 50KM SPEED ZONE ON SHORELINE DRIVE,
PORT MACQUARIE (Local Traffic Committee Meeting
7/03/2012)

Council's Road Safety Officer (Nick Gainsford) noted that NSW Police and the RMS have recommended that there be no change to the current speed zone and sign position. Council have notified The North Shore Progress Association of these findings.

Consensus:

Noted.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - AB

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

12.09 Police March on 17th May 2012:

Refers to 14.03 Police March on 17th May 2012 (Local Traffic Committee Meeting
7/03/2012)

NSW Police representative (Paul Dilley) submitted to Council their application for the Police March to be held on 17th May 2012.

Consensus:

The Committee give their majority support for council to submit the NSW Police application for a Special Event at the next Local Traffic Committee meeting.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - AB

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y

The meeting closed at 11.54am.