
PRESENT

Voting Members:

Mayor Peta Pinson (Chair)
Christine Murray, Transport for NSW
Sergeant Daniel Finch, NSW Police Force

Non-voting:

Dave Davies, Central Coast and North Coast Busways
Robert Fish, Director Community Infrastructure
Mark Edenborough, Manager Planning and Design Programs
Lauren McBriarty, Education Officer
Justine Jeffery, Secretariat

The meeting opened at 10.02am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apology from Blayne West, Group Manager Community Infrastructure Planning and Design be accepted

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03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 22 November 2023 be confirmed.

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04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

07 Ironman 2024 Proposed Course Changes

CONSENSUS:

That the Local Traffic Committee noted the Ironman 2024 Traffic Management Plan to be finalised and be reported to the March 2024 Local Traffic Committee meeting.

King Creek Road Temporary Closure - Bridge Replacement

CONSENSUS:

Council advised of a delay in works and the resultant road closure due to ongoing land ownership discussions. Council committed to advise the Local Traffic Committee and Busways of the amended date of closure as soon as known. Busways advised of a need of 3 to 4 weeks advanced notice in order to obtain TfNSW alternate route approval and to notify patrons.

12.01 Ocean Drive Bus Stops

CONSENSUS:

TfNSW attended site to inspect, unfortunately it was during the school holidays and need to be revisited during school operation time.

12.02 Lake Cathie Speed Reduction

CONSENSUS:

TfNSW attended site to inspect, unfortunately it was during the school holidays and need to be revisited during school operation time.

TfNSW are commencing a speed zone review which will investigate moving the current 50 km/hr zone southwards to cover the intersection with Solomon Drive. Council and NSW Police support the proposed change.

12.03 NSW Senior Touch Football

CONSENSUS:

A copy of the approved Traffic Management Plan/Guidance Scheme for the event was circulated to the Local Traffic Committee as previously requested.

12.05 Event Reports with Extensive Conditions

Addressed via report 07 below.

06 2024 PORT MACQUARIE RUNNING FESTIVAL

CONSENSUS:

That it be a recommendation to the Director Community Infrastructure, under sub delegation, for implementation:

That Council approve the temporary road closures and support the associated transport management arrangements associated with the 2024 Port Macquarie Running Festival on 2 and 3 March 2024, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the event organiser advertises, at no cost to Council, provide the following details of all temporary road closures and temporary parking restrictions associated with this event in the local print media on separate days, at least twice (2) within 14 days prior to the event:
 - temporary road closure location, times and duration
 - temporary parking restriction location, times and duration
 - alternative routes and access arrangements.
2. That the event organiser advertises the event by undertaking a letter box drop to all residents and businesses directly affected by the temporary road closures and temporary parking restrictions at least 14 days prior to the event, advising the following:
 - event name
 - event times
 - contact details of at least two (2) people involved in the organisation of the event, in case of an emergency
 - proposed actions to be undertaken to mitigate the impact of the temporary road closures and temporary parking restrictions.
3. That the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) be implemented. Any modifications to the plans must be agreed with Council prior to the running of the event.
4. That the event organiser abides by the written approval from the NSW Police.
5. That the event organiser notifies the NSW Ambulance, NSW Fire & Rescue, NSW Rural Fire Service and the State Emergency Service of the proposed road closures at least 14 days in advance of the event.
6. That the event organiser notifies local Transport Services (Bus Companies, Taxis) of the proposed road closures at least 14 days in advance of the event and assists in developing alternatives for affected users.
7. TfNSW/SafeWork NSW accredited persons (Implement Traffic Control Plans) are to be used for the establishment and removal of the traffic control devices.
8. TfNSW/SafeWork NSW accredited traffic controllers (Traffic Controller) are to be used to control traffic.
9. That the event organiser abides by any other condition that Council or NSW Police may impose at any time.
10. That the event organiser submits to Council 14 days prior to the commencement of the event evidence of Public Liability Insurance for the amount of \$20 million, which

is valid for the duration of the event, including placement and removal of traffic control devices.

11. The event organiser must have this approval and the Traffic Management Plan described above on site at all times for the duration of the event.
12. That a review of the implementation of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) be undertaken by the proponent within three months of the conclusion of the event. The review is to be in consultation with Council and other services so that the TMP can be further refined and any issues identified can be addressed prior to any future events.

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07 EVENT REPORTS WITH EXTENSIVE CONDITIONS

CONCENSUS:

That the Local Traffic Committee:

1. Noted the proposed change to report formatting regarding the conditions relating to events and other road closures.
2. Provide any feedback to Council on the proposed format prior to 23 February 2024 to enable implementation of the updated measures from March 2024 onwards.

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08 GENERAL BUSINESS

08.01 SOUTHERN ARM TRUNK MAIN - HOUSTON MITCHELL DRIVE

DISCUSSION:

The Community Utilities (Water and Sewer) division is initiating the construction of a water delivery pipeline project along Houston Mitchell Drive. Over the course of this 12-month project, one traffic lane will undergo temporary and intermittent closure. In order to facilitate traffic management, a traffic management plan will be implemented, allowing for incremental movements as the construction progresses.

Expressing concerns about potential impacts on traffic volume, the Mayor inquired about monitoring efforts. Furthermore, the Mayor sought information on the preparedness of Radio, TV, and Social Media communications given the projects duration and the substantial number of community members who utilise the road.

A written update request has been made to ensure the Bonny Hills Progress Association is informed if not already provided with information. Additionally, questions have been raised about the length of the contraflow system and its potential effects on the overall duration of delays. A copy of the Traffic Management Scheme for the works will be shared with the committee.

08.02 FERNBANK CREEK ROAD SPEED REDUCTION ASSESSMENT

DISCUSSION:

A request for an update from the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) representative regarding the status of the speed reduction assessment for Fernbank Creek Rd was tabled.

TfNSW advised that the assessment has been finalised and is presently advancing through the TfNSW internal procedures.

Busways raised concern about drivers utilising the dirt section of the road reserve at the junction of Fernbank Creek Road and Hastings River Drive. This behaviour may involve insufficient deceleration to navigate the corner or pose a line-of-sight issue.

Action that the Local Traffic Committee request Council to look into the concerns regarding drivers using the dirt section of the road reserve at the intersection of Fernbank Creek Road and Hastings River Drive and any corrective actions that could be implemented in response to these concerns.

The meeting closed at 10.23am