

PRESENT:

Formal (Voting) Members:

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Jacob Harty
Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)	Daniel Boorman
NSW Police	John Carrero
Local Member for Port Macquarie	Absent
Local Member for Oxley	Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Informal (Non-Voting) Advisors:

Acting Traffic Engineer	(Chair)
Road Safety Officer	Nick Gainsford
Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)	
Ministry of Transport	
NSW Police	Adrian Purtch
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

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

Consensus:

That the apologies received from Cliff Toms, Ray Duck, Terry Sara and Dave Davies be received.

Voting Record:

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

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 07 DECEMBER 2011

Consensus:

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 7 December 2011 be confirmed.

Voting Record:

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

04 FORMAL ITEM - BAGO FOREST CLASSIC 2012 - 24 MARCH 2012

Consensus:

The Committee gave unanimous support for the 2012 Bago Forest Classic to be held in the forests to the west of Herons Creek and to the south of Kendall on Saturday, 24 March 2012, subject to the following conditions:

1. The event organisers obtain NSW Police approval.
2. The event is to be in accordance with any conditions the NSW Forests may impose.
3. 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.
4. Emergency vehicle access is to be maintained during the full duration of the event.
5. The event organiser notify the NSW Ambulance, NSW Fire and the State Emergency Services of the event.
6. The event organiser will be responsible for the collection and disposal of any litter generated on the public roadway.
7. The event organiser abide by any other condition that Council and the Police may impose.
8. Council reserves the right to cancel this approval at any time.

Voting Record:

Council - Y
RMS - Y
Police – Y
Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y (proxy)

05 FORMAL ITEM - EVERARD STREET TRAFFIC FACILITIES - PORT MACQUARIE

Consensus:

The Committee gave majority support for the provision of the proposed signage on Everard Street, Port Macquarie.

Voting Record:

Council - Y
RMS - Y
Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

06 FORMAL ITEM - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - STEWART & WILLIAM STREETS, PORT MACQUARIE

RMS representative (Daniel Boorman) requested that Council perform another traffic count outside seasonal peeks.

NSW Police representative (John Carrero) is concerned that the position of the crossing on Stewart Street could cause traffic congestion in peek periods.

Taxi representative (Dave Keeley) would prefer the crossing in Stewart Street to be closer to Lyons lookout.

Consensus:

The Committee gave majority support to the following options:

1. Council to perform further traffic counts to obtain data outside peak periods, including traffic data nearer the Sandcastle building.
2. Review the location of the Stuart Street pedestrian crossing possibly closer to the lookout or closer to the Sandcastle building on William Street.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - Y

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

07 FORMAL ITEM - MARINE RESCUE RESERVED PARKING - BULLER STREET, PORT MACQUARIE

Consensus:

The Committee gave majority support for the addition of one reserved parking space for Marine Rescue staff, in the Buller Street/Marine Rescue car park, adjacent to the Marine Rescue boat shed.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - Y

Police – Y

Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB

08 INFORMAL ITEM - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

Consensus:

That the Status Report be received and noted.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - Y

Police – Y
Local Member for Port Macquarie (Rep) – AB
Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – Y (proxy)

09 GENERAL BUSINESS**09.01 PORT MACQUARIE POLICE STATION PARKING ISSUES:**

NSW Police representative (John Carrero) discussed the parking issues currently being experienced at the Port Macquarie Police Station on the corner of Hay Street and Sunset Parade. This is the result of a progressive increase in Police personnel and the addition of two prison vans, parking is now a problem for the Port Macquarie local area command.

There have also been a number of bookings relating to the public parking in the Police Only parking zones and have been attributed to drivers not noticing the signs at the end of each section in Sunset Parade.

NSW Police have indicated they would like to have Police Only parking of approximately 4 car spaces, opposite the Police Station in Sunset Parade and the addition of several No Parking Police Vehicles Excepted signs in the existing zone in Sunset Parade. A possible location for extra signs is to mount them on existing light poles in Sunset Parade.

Consensus:

The Committee gave majority support that:

1. The NSW Police, Port Macquarie Command submit a formal application for additional parking spaces in Sunset Parade, for Council to review.
2. Council to look at installing additional No Parking Police Vehicles Excepted signs, in the existing Police only zones on Sunset Parade adjacent to the Police Station.

Voting Record:

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

09.02 LATE REPORT SUBMISSION FOR THE PORT MACQUARIE RUNNING FESTIVAL - SUNDAY, 18 MARCH 2012:

Council's Road Safety Officer (Nick Gainsford) tabled a copy of a submission for the Port Macquarie Running Festival.

The report has not been reviewed by Council and it contains a large number of road and car park closures.

NSW Police representative (John Carrero) indicated he has not received notice of this event.

Consensus:

The Committee gave majority support to the following options:

1. Council to review the application and submit a formal report at the Local Traffic Committee meeting to be held in March.

2. Council to notify the applicant that they have to submit the application to NSW Police representative John Carrero.

Voting Record:

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

09.03 LATE REPORT SUBMISSION FOR THE NATIONAL TOUCH CUP FROM THURSDAY, 8 MARCH TO SUNDAY, 11 MARCH 2012:

Council's Road Safety Officer (Nick Gainsford) notified the Committee that a late application had been received for the NSW State National Touch Cup to be held from 8 to 11 March 2012.

NSW Police representative indicated if the organisers use the same traffic control plans as last year, there should be no issues in supporting the application.

Council's Road Safety Officer (Nick Gainsford) discussed the possibility that Tuffins Lane would be closed due to Airport works.

Consensus:

The Committee gave majority support for Council to submit a formal report by email to allow the Committee to review and make a proxy vote.

Voting Record:

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

09.04 SPEED REVIEW REQUEST FOR LORNE ROAD:

Council's Acting Traffic Engineer (Jacob Harty) discussed a number of requests that Council have received for a speed zone review on the 80km section of Lorne Road between Logans Crossing Road and Smiths Road.

RMS representative (Daniel Boorman) requested Council send via email, a copy of the speed zone review letters, for appraisal and to notify council if the RMS would accept a request for a formal review.

Consensus:

The Committee gave majority support for Council to:

1. Submit a copy of the speed review requests to the RMS for appraisal.
2. Depending on the RMS appraisal, Council to send the RMS (RTA) an official request for a speed review for the 80km section of Lorne Road between Logans Crossing Road and Smiths Road.

Voting Record:

Council - Y

RMS - Y
Police – Y
Local Member for Oxley (Rep) – AB

09.05 REQUEST FROM TAXI DRIVERS FOR A PRAM RAMP AT THE TAXI RANK ON HORTON STREET, PORT MAQUARIE ADJACENT TO PORT CENTRAL:

Council's Acting Traffic Engineer (Jacob Harty) discussed a letter from a taxi driver requesting a pram ramp at the Horton Street Taxi Rank adjacent to Port Central.

Consensus:

The Committee gave majority support for Taxi Companies representative (Dave Keeley) to discuss the request with the driver and report back to the Local Traffic Committee.

Voting Record:

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

09.06 LETTERS RECEIVED RELATING TO EXCESSIVE SPEEDING IN HOLLINGSWORTH STREET, PORT MACQUARIE:

Council's Acting Traffic Engineer (Jacob Harty) tabled details of letters sent to Council relating to excessive speeding of motor vehicles along Hollingsworth Street, Port Macquarie.

NSW Police representative (John Carrero) indicated that police are regularly attending Hollingsworth Street.

Consensus:

The Committee gave majority support for Council to forward all speed related correspondence to NSW Police representative John Carrero for NSW Police to review.

Voting Record:

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

This concluded the business and the Meeting closed at 11.10 am.