



SHOALHAVEN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

E-Voting to be completed by Noon, Tuesday, 9 February 2016

The City of Shoalhaven Traffic Committee is not a committee of Shoalhaven City Council under the Local Government Act 1993, but a technical review committee. The Committee operates under the authority conferred to Council by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) under the Transport Administration Act 1988 (Section 50).

Council has been delegated certain powers, from the RMS, 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, RMS, the Local State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon), and a representative of Shoalhaven City Council.
- If the RMS or NSW Police Force disagrees 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:

1. Adopt the Traffic Committee recommendation
2. Not Adopt the Traffic Committee recommendation
3. Request the Traffic Committee reconsider the issue.

Council cannot amend a Traffic Committee recommendation, but can raise other issues as Additional Business at either the Ordinary Meeting or the Strategy and Assets Committee.

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Report of the Convenor
5. General Business
6. Next Meeting – Tuesday, 8 March 2016

Formal

Mr Martin Upitis – Shoalhaven City Council - Convenor/Chairman
Mr Jesse Fogg – Roads & Maritime Services
Sergeant Mick Tebbutt – NSW Police Force
Mr Alan Trass – Representing Member for South Coast
Mr Stuart Coughlan – Representing Member for Kiama

MEMBERSHIP

Informal

Mayor Jo Gash
Councillor Andrew Guile
Councillor Patricia White

NEXT INSPECTIONS

The next inspection will be held on Tuesday, 1 March 2016

The Chairman requests that all mobile / cell phones be turned off for the duration of the meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE SHOALHAVEN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE E-MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
12 JANUARY 2016**

The following members that voted:

Martin Upitis - Convenor/Chairman
Brian Bateup – NSW Police Force
Allan Trass – Representing Member for South Coast
Jesse Fogg – Roads and Maritime Services

REPORT OF THE CONVENOR

1. Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION: Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Shoalhaven Traffic Committee meeting held on 8 December 2015 be confirmed.

CARRIED

2. Bus Zone - Tallwood Avenue, Mollymook Beach (PN 2821) File 2669E, 2948E

MOTION: Moved: Consent

RECOMMENDED that the General Manager (Director Assets and Works) be requested to arrange for the installation of the following parking restrictions on Tallwood Avenue, Mollymook Beach, as detailed in the attached plan TRAF 2016/01:

- a) A 20m bus zone on the eastern side of Tallwood Avenue, 10m south of Jones Avenue, time restricted to 8.30am-12.30pm, 2.30pm-4.30pm MON-FRI, 9am-12.30pm SAT
- b) A 20m bus zone on the western side of Tallwood Avenue, between the two carpark driveways, time restricted to 8.30am-12.30pm, 2.30pm-3.30pm MON-FRI, 8.30am-9.30am SAT
- c) A No Stopping zone 2m north and south of the carpark (northern) driveway on the western side of Tallwood Avenue, subject to the property owner of SP90024-85 Tallwood Ave, Mollymook Beach, agreeing to, and funding the installation of the signage.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the e-meeting concluded.

Martin Upitis
CONVENOR/CHAIRMAN

REPORT OF THE CONVENOR
SHOALHAVEN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016

CONVENOR

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The report of the Shoalhaven Traffic Committee meeting held on 12 January 2016 is attached. The report and recommendations contained therein were submitted to Council at its meeting held on 27 January 2016. All recommendations were adopted.

2. Regulatory Signage and Linemarking Plans – Stages 10 and 11, Bayswood Estate, Vincentia (PN 3259) File SF9786-12

The Committee may recall previous discussions regarding the Stockland's Development at Vincentia.

Regulatory Signage and Linemarking plans for Stages 10 & 11, Bayswood Estate, Vincentia have been submitted for the Committee's consideration.

The submitted plans (Cardno 82014047-03-C1150 Revision 5 and 82014047-04-C1150 Revision 4) provide the proposed signage and linemarking layout at the following intersections:

- a) Seagrass Avenue / Liner Street
- b) Seagrass Avenue / Compass Street
- c) Seagrass Avenue / Reef Street
- d) Seagrass Avenue / Summercloud Crescent

This item was included in the Committee's inspection itinerary.

The inspection party noted that the proposed signs and linemarking is consistent with the previous stages of the estate.

RECOMMENDED that the General Manager (Director Assets and Works) be advised that the Shoalhaven Traffic Committee has no objection in principle to the proposed Regulatory Signage and Linemarking associated with the development of stages 10 and 11, Bayswood Estate, Vincentia as detailed in the attached plans TRAF 2016/02a and TRAF 2016/02b.

3. Proposed Vehicle Control Measures - Heritage Estates, Worroing Heights (PN 3260) **File 1446E**

The road reserves in the Heritage Estates are unmaintained public roads.

Ongoing use of tracks in the Heritage Estates (HE) by vehicles and trail bikes has resulted in illegal dumping, land and water degradation, and an increased risk to public safety. The condition of the tracks has rapidly declined in recent years. New tracks are continually being created by 4WD and trail bike activities as the older tracks become impassable.

Unless vehicle and trail bike access is ultimately addressed, other control/management measures will be ineffective. Under the Act, a roads authority may apply to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for consent to erect a barrier for the purpose of regulating traffic on a public road for purposes (other than for road work).

This function of the Act has been delegated to Council, subject to a condition that requires Council to consider the technical recommendations of the STC when exercising this function.

On 19 January 2016, Council's Strategy and Assets Committee resolved (Min16.13) that in accordance with the Committee's delegated authority from Council, that:

- a) The proposal be referred to the Shoalhaven Traffic Committee in accordance with Section 116 of the NSW Roads Act 1993 subject to removing the reference to the installation of boulders and/or steel cabling along Naval College Road;
- b) Council prepare and exhibit a separate Section 116 notice in relation to the proposed erection of a gate/barrier on Birriga Avenue to the west of the Greek Orthodox Church complex and the erection of a barrier on the western side of Naval College Road adjoining the Heritage Estates;
- c) The Shoalhaven Traffic Committee recommendation be reported back to Council before proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 116 of the Act.
- d) A Report be brought back to Council on any proposed locking mechanisms.

A combination of locked gates and barriers are proposed to restrict vehicles from entering the Heritage Estates as follows:

- Installation of three (3) gates similar to that shown in diagram A at the following locations:
 - At the entry to Birriga Avenue on the eastern side of its intersection with The Wool Road.
 - At the entry to Wanawong Boulevard / Birriga Avenue on the western side of its intersection with Naval College Road.
 - At the entry to Wanawong Boulevard on the northern side of its intersection with Erowal Bay Road.
- Placement of boulders, mounding and/or steel cable fencing on either side of each gate as appropriate to prevent vehicles by-passing the gates (as shown in diagram B).
- Placement of boulders, mounding and/or steel cable fencing as appropriate at the other entry points along Erowal Bay Road.
- Each gate would be locked. Keys would be held by Council, the RFS and NPWS. Options to provide vehicle access to landowners will be considered by Council.

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- Advisory signage and logos would be provided at appropriate locations. It is proposed to install warning and advisory signage at each blocked access track stating words to the effect of:
 - Caution: uneven ground
 - Pedestrian access only.
 - Blocked to prevent further erosion and illegal dumping.
 - Persons seeking vehicular access should contact Shoalhaven City Council on (02) 4429 3111

Further Information on Intersection of Naval College Road, Birriga Avenue & Wanawong Boulevard

- Birriga Avenue & Wanawong Boulevard are on the fire trails' register.
- The eastern-most 110m of the Birriga Avenue Fire Trail is not aligned with the road reserve and partly occurs across privately-owned lots. In the longer term, this will have to be resolved.

A brief has been provided to Council's Project Delivery Section to:

- a) survey the existing track and edge of vegetation at the eastern end (approx. 120m) of Birriga Avenue and northern end of Wanawong Boulevard
- b) prepare a 'splayed entry' design to allow a fire fighting vehicle to safely enter Wanawong Boulevard from Naval College Road and safely park while locking/unlocking the proposed gate.

Further detail in relation to the intersection of Naval College Road / Birriga Avenue fire trail / Wanawong Boulevard fire trail is also attached.

Access to locked gates

The gates will be locked. Part d) of the above resolution arose out of debate at the Strategy and Assets Committee meeting about options for providing keys to the landowners. This is being investigated and will be discussed in the report that goes back to Council following the STC recommendation.

Public exhibition

The proposal was publicly exhibited from Wednesday 7 October to Friday 6 November 2015 and a notice was placed in the South Coast Register on 7 October 2015. Notification letters were sent to landowners within the HE, as well as members of the community who had previously written to Council in relation to the problems caused by vehicle/trail bike activity in the area.

A total of 55 submissions (including form letters) were received in response to the public exhibition, 48 were against the proposal proceeding and seven were in favour. All of the submissions against the proposal were from or on behalf of landowners. Legal advice was obtained in response to certain issues raised in these submissions and staff have concluded that the proposal can proceed on the basis proposed in this report.

RECOMMENDED that the General Manager (Director Assets and Works) be advised that Shoalhaven Traffic Committee has no objection to the proposed vehicle control

control measures (gates and barriers) as detailed in the attached plan TRAF 2016/03, which include:

a) Installation of three (3) gates at;

- **the entry to Birriga Avenue on the eastern side of its intersection with The Wool Road**
- **the entry to Wanawong Boulevard / Birriga Avenue on the western side of its intersection with Naval College Road**
- **the entry to Wanawong Boulevard on the northern side of its intersection with Erowal Bay Road**

b) Placement of boulders, mounding and/or steel cable fencing on either side of each gate as appropriate to prevent vehicles by-passing the gates

c) Placement of boulders, mounding and/or steel cable fencing as appropriate at the other entry points along Erowal Bay Road.

4. **Traffic Calming Device – Golf Avenue, Mollymook Beach (PN 1409)**

File 7814E

The committee may recall previous discussions in relation to the implementation of a Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) scheme in Ocean Street, Golf Avenue and Shepherd Street, venue, Mollymook Beach.

Following the implementation of the existing scheme, Council has been advised of ongoing concerns from the community in relation to the speed at which vehicles are negotiating the intersection of Golf Avenue and Shepherd Street, in particular, traffic travelling on Golf Avenue in a northbound direction, putting pedestrians crossing Shepherd Street (and traffic exiting Wallace Street) at risk.

In response to the ongoing community concerns, Council is considering a proposal to construct a speed calming device at the southern end of the existing concrete median, south of the Shepherd Street / Golf Avenue intersection.

The primary objective of the calming device is to physically slow traffic down at this location (this will also provide speed reduction benefits upstream and downstream of the device) and it is anticipated this will provide safer conditions for traffic and pedestrians in the area.

Council has allocated funding this year to asphalt Golf Avenue which includes works to the south of Ocean Street, Golf Avenue and Shepherd Street. As a result this would provide an ideal opportunity to construct a proposed traffic calming facility (significant cost savings if the works are undertaken at the same time).

This item was not included in the Committee's inspection itinerary.

Consultation with the community on the proposal has commenced, and is currently is ongoing (outcome will be available for the Council meeting).

RECOMMENDED that the General Manager (Director Assets and Works) be requested to arrange for the installation of a traffic calming device on Golf Avenue, Mollymook Beach as detailed in the attached plans TRAF 2016/04a and TRAF 2016/04b.



**Wayne Schnoor
Acting CONVENOR/CHAIRMAN**