



## Notice of Local Traffic Committee Meeting

a Local Traffic Committee Meeting will be held in the Ballina Shire Committee Room, Cnr Cherry & Tamar Streets, Ballina on **Wednesday 14 December 2016 commencing at 10.00.**

### Business

1. Attendance & Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Deputations by Members of Public or Councillors
4. Summary Report – Recent Decisions of Council in Response to LTC Recommendations
5. Items to be Referred to Council
6. Items to be Referred to the General Manager's Delegate
7. Items for Traffic Engineering Advice
8. Information of the Committee
9. Regulatory Matters on Classified Roads (GM's Delegate)
10. Items Without Notice
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John Truman  
**Group Manager**  
**Civil Services**

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5. Items to be Referred to Council

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**1. Attendance & Apologies**

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

A copy of the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2016 were distributed with the business paper.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2016.

**3. Deputations by Members of Public or Councillors**

**4. Summary Report - Recent Decisions of Council in Response to LTC Recommendations**

Nil Items

**5. Items to be Referred to Council**

Nil Items

## **6.1 Pedestrian Traffic Lights - Kerr Street & Bangalow Road, Ballina**

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### **6. Items Referred to General Manager's Delegate**

#### **6.1 Pedestrian Traffic Lights - Kerr Street & Bangalow Road, Ballina**

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##### **Introduction**

A request has been received to review the pedestrian traffic light phasing at the intersection of Kerr Street and Bangalow Road (signaled pedestrian light from McDonalds to green space adjoining Ballina Industrial Estate).

##### **Information**

A pedestrian who regularly uses the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Kerr Street and the north-eastern side of Bangalow Road has requested that the phasing be lengthened. The pedestrian regularly uses the crossing as part of a route from River Oaks / Ferngrove Estate to Ballina Central for work and retail purposes.

The customer has expressed concern for their safety and in particular as they cross in the direction from McDonalds to the north-eastern side of Bangalow Road. The main concern is that before pedestrian clearance has been achieved, cars turning right from Kerr Street into Bangalow Road receive a green light.

Currently the distance at the Kerr / Bangalow signaled pedestrian crossing is 21 metres kerb to kerb. The pedestrian walk time setting (Green walk display) has been recorded at 5 seconds. The pedestrian clearance time / interval (flashing Don't Walk or steady Don't Walk) has been recorded at 15 seconds. Total time to enter and clear the pedestrian crossing is 20 seconds.

The value of the pedestrian walk time setting depends on the amount and type of pedestrians using the crossing. Typical pedestrian walk times are in the range of 5 to 16 seconds. Ballina has a significantly higher proportion of older road users. Standard crossing times at pedestrian lights may be insufficient to accommodate for slower walking speed of older people. Older pedestrians also encounter difficulty in crossing in busy or fast moving traffic, and wide intersections.

The crossing is not considered to have a high volume of pedestrians, although this could change with an increase in pedestrian (including scooter) traffic from River Oaks / Ferngrove and Palm Lakes Resort.

Pedestrians have the option to use the north-western signaled pedestrian light (Ballina Fair to green space adjoining Ballina Industrial Estate), which could present a safer option. However, a longer term solution to the north-eastern pedestrian light would still need to be found.

Change to the pedestrian traffic light phasing could have a negative impact on traffic turning right from Kerr Street to Bangalow Road. The upper time limit set for the pedestrian crossing would need to be evaluated to ensure motorists are not kept waiting for an excessive period against a red signal.

## **6.1 Pedestrian Traffic Lights - Kerr Street & Bangalow Road, Ballina**

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It is proposed that the pedestrian traffic light phasing at this intersection be considered for extension.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee review the pedestrian traffic light phasing between Kerr Street (McDonalds) and Bangalow Road (green space adjoining Ballina Industrial Estate).

### **Attachment(s)**

1. Kerr and Bangalow Signaled Pedestrian Lights

6.1 Pedestrian Traffic Lights - Kerr Street & Bangalow Road, Ballina



**7.1 Parking Issues in Lane Behind Santa Fe Motel - Between Stewart and Gibbon Streets, Lennox Head**

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**7. Items for Traffic Engineering Advice**

**7.1 Parking Issues in Lane Behind Santa Fe Motel - Between Stewart and Gibbon Streets, Lennox Head**

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**Introduction**

Parked vehicles in the rear lane are inhibiting driveway access to the Santa Fe Motel car parking spaces.

**Information**

An 11 unit Motel was approved in 1985 by the consent for DA 85/55 which included approval of plans depicting 90 degree angle parking onto the 6m wide rear lane. Condition 3 of the amended consent issued 18/3/1988 for a 13 unit motel also required:

*"3. The application shall meet the full cost of construction, sealing and draining the rear lane from the western boundary of the land to the Stewart Street pavement."*

It is understood for some years after the motel was constructed, there was little demand for parking in the lane and therefore little obstruction to cars accessing the Motel car parking bays. In recent years there has been increased redevelopment of the area and increased parking demand. There are other redevelopment proposals in the area that are likely to further increase this demand.

The owners of the motel advise there is a lack of space for cars reversing from the back of the motel when cars are parked in the lane and there has also been an incident when a reversing car impacted into a car parked in the lane. They request the northern side of the lane adjacent to the motel car park be a NO PARKING Zone.

Given that Council's 1988 Development Consent approved direct access of the motel car park onto the lane with no manoeuvring room provided on site, it could be argued that Council has some responsibility to ensure there is an adequate turning path on the lane.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee provide Traffic Engineering advice regarding parking management in the Lane behind the Santa Fe Motel, between Stewart and Gibbon Streets, Lennox Head.

**Attachment(s)**

1. Lane at rear of Santa Fe Motel

**7.1 Parking Issues in Lane Behind Santa Fe Motel - Between Stewart and Gibbon Streets, Lennox Head**

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## **8.1 Draft Bike Plan Update**

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### **8. Information for the Committee**

#### **8.1 Draft Bike Plan Update**

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##### **Introduction**

Consultants Ross Planning are preparing the Ballina Shire Draft Bike Plan. The Draft Bike Plan will address issues such as shared path connections, cycling facilities, cycling safety and promotion of cycling within the community for the Shire over the next 10 years.

##### **Information**

The Draft Bike Plan was on public exhibition from 14 September to 14 October 2016.

Forty submissions were received and are currently under review by internal managers.

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the update on the Draft Bike Plan.

##### **Attachment(s)**

Nil

## **8.2 Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan Update**

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#### **Introduction**

Council is undertaking the development of a new Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) during 2016-2017.

Ballina Shire's first PAMP was completed in 2004 and was reviewed in 2010 and 2013.

The current PAMP will identify footpath planning needs including connections, crossings and refuges, line markings, tactile and audible facilities, kerb ramps and other fixtures such as lighting and signage. A footpath needs assessment is conducted using crash data as well as community consultation.

Issues identified through the PAMP process are subject to a footpath audit and prioritization. This information is used to create a works schedule for footpaths for the Shire. It is also used to attract funding to complete works.

#### **Information**

The community consultation phase for the PAMP was commenced on 30 September 2016. Consultation has consisted of a mail-out to targeted stakeholders, a general invitation for submissions from the public (through newspaper and radio advertising, and the Council website), and pop-up community stalls at Ballina Fair, River Street, Alstonville and Lennox Head. Council also conducted a dedicated PAMP meeting with the Access Reference Group, and has notified the Aboriginal Community Committee.

Targeted stakeholders included:

- Schools
- Hospitals and health centres
- Aboriginal community services
- Sporting and activity groups
- Tourism accommodation
- Aged care and group living
- Environmental groups
- Caravan parks
- Shopping centres and Chambers of Commerce
- Charities and churches

Submissions will close on 20 December 2016.

To date, 176 submissions have been received. No submissions have yet been received for Cumbalum, Ballina Heights, Wardell, or Teven / Tintenbar.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee note the update on the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan

## **8.2 Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan Update**

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### **Attachment(s)**

Nil

## 8.3 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions of the Committee

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#### Introduction

This report contains a list of outstanding resolutions from previous meetings of the Local Traffic Committee.

#### Information

##### Meeting Held 14 December 2016

##### 10/16-7.1 Alcorn Road Speed Limit

###### *Recommendation*

*The Committee deferred the matter to the next meeting and will provide information including speed counts to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services.*

###### Action to Date

Speed statistics collected 29 November to 7 December 2016 adjacent to No 83 Alcorn Road.

Results:

**Vehicles** = 1203

**Posted speed limit** = 60 km/h, Exceeding = 1087 (90.36%), Mean Exceeding = 83.89 km/h

**Maximum** = 149.5 km/h, **Minimum** = 12.0 km/h, **Mean** = 79.1 km/h

**85% Speed** = 95.4 km/h, **95% Speed** = 103.7 km/h, **Median** = 81.0 km/h

###### *RECOMMENDATION to this meeting 14 December 2016*

The Committee request NSW Roads and Maritime Services to review the speed limit on Alcorn Road, having regard to its inconsistent low speed limit compared to similar roads in the area and inherent compliance issues demonstrated by 85% speed of 95.4 kph being well in excess of posted speed limit of 60 kph.

##### 10/16-7.2 River Street/Kerr Street Signalised Intersection

###### *Recommendation*

*NSW Roads and Maritime Services be requested to review and optimise the configuration and phasing of the River Street/Kerr Street, Ballina signalised intersection.*

###### Action to Date

Forwarded to RMS by email 14 October 2016.  
RMS Response by email 1 December 2016.

*"As River Street falls under the care and control of Ballina Council, it falls to Council to investigate and determine the need for alterations to the configuration and phasing of the intersection.*

*Ballina Council may wish to undertake the following:*

- 1. Obtain AM and PM through and turning traffic counts to assess the current traffic volumes for the current lane configurations.*
- 2. Undertake SIDRA analysis of existing conditions, and assess it against Councils preferred configuration (options testing).*
- 4. Recommend modifications based on optimising performance, and undertake design of aforementioned recommendations.*
- 5. Once complete, forward the assessment, findings, recommendations and proposed design to RMS for review by our Network Operations team.*

*Please note that any alterations to the current intersection layout are at Ballina Council's cost."*

**10/16-7.3 Daley Street Pedestrian Facility Alstonville**

*Recommendation*

*The Committee undertook to gather further information, check warrants and look into available options including resurfacing or provision of a pedestrian refuge regarding the pedestrian facility on Daley Street, Alstonville.*

Action to Date

Resources have not yet been available to gather the required information.

**10/16-7.4 Parking Issues - Norton Street Ballina**

*Recommendation*

*LTC approves installation of NO STOPPING signs on western edge of Norton Street, Ballina. It is also noted Council does not propose to implement until after a trial of relocating bollards closer to the road pavement.*

Action to Date

Guide posts (in lieu of bollards) placed nearer the road pavement to initiate the trial. Trial observations still in progress.

**Meeting Held 10 August 2016**

**8/16-7.4 Requests for Speed Limit Variations**

*Recommendation*

*The requests for speed limit variations in Rifle Range Road, Wollongbar and Skennars Head Road, Skennars Head including Council comments be forwarded to NSW Road and Maritime Services for consideration.*

Action to Date

Forwarded to RMS by letter dated 2 September 2016

**8/16-10.1 Temporary Speed Limit - Pacific Highway**

*Recommendation*

*The Committee requested RMS provide additional information regarding reasons for Pacific Complete's proposed temporary speed limit for construction of Wardell Road overpass.*

Action to Date

Request forwarded to Pacific Complete

**Meeting Held 11 February 2015**

**2/15-7.1 Bicycle Rider Behaviour on Shared Paths**

*Recommendations*

*The Committee notes the report and that Council:*

- 1. Consider an education program for cyclists and pedestrians using shared paths.*
- 2. Review the signage on shared paths where appropriate.*

Action to Date

Yet to be implemented. To be reactivated when new Road Safety Officer available.

**Meeting Held 8 October 2014**

**10/14-6.1 Review of Marked Pedestrian Crossings in Ballina Shire**

*Recommendations*

- 1. Crossings 3 (Links Avenue, Ballina), 4 (Bangalow Road, Ballina), 7, 8, 9 & 10 (Cherry Street, Ballina), 11 (Crane Street, Ballina) and 14 (River Street, Ballina West of Norton Street intersection) be prioritised for review in the 2014/15 period.*

### 8.3 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions of the Committee

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2. *The review assess the warrant, signage, lighting, geometry, approaches, performance, traffic/safety issues, desirable improvements and other relevant issues for each crossing and recommend actions for retention, improvement, amendment or removal of each site assessed.*
3. *A further report be provided to the Committee in regard to outcomes of investigations from Point 1 above and that Council consider a target program date to complete the whole program.*

#### Action to Date

Assessment of warrants for designated crossings in Ballina for 2014/15 completed and reported to Committee meeting 10 June 2015. Committee recommendation to remove a number of crossings submitted to Council meeting 25 June 2015 and recommendation rejected.

All pedestrian crossings in the Shire have been audited for compliance with the Australian Standard during 2015. They have had lines re-marked and signage replaced as required. The only pedestrian crossing that required any foliage trimming was in River Street mid-block between Grant Street & Moon Street and this was completed in September 2015.

### 10/14-7.2 Issues at Alstonville High School

#### *Recommendations*

1. *Bus Zone Coral Street, Alstonville adjacent to Walkway to High School:*
  - a) *The 87 m long BUS ZONE in Coral Street be reduced in length to provide one bus space only (the eastern most part of the existing bus zone) and this remnant BUS ZONE be active for the period, "2:30 – 4pm School Days".*
  - b) *The remainder of the current BUS ZONE be converted to NO PARKING (drop off/pick up), 8 – 9:30 am and 2:30 – 4 pm, School Days.*
2. *The NO PARKING (drop off/pick up) zone in Cawley Close, opposite the school be extended northwards to accommodate approximately two more cars.*
3. *A section of Angle Parking be provided on the south side of Coral Street, adjacent to Cawley Park (Lot 155 DP 244651 and Lot 4 DP 554136)."*

#### Action to date

1. Completed
2. Completed
3. Awaiting works to construct parking area

### Meeting Held 13 August 2014

#### 8/14-6.3 Traffic Arrangements - Camoola Avenue, Ballina

##### *Recommendations*

1. The south side be a "No Stopping Zone".
2. Traffic be regulated to "One Way" eastbound only.
3. That Item 1 above be implemented first, and be followed by the implementation of Item 2.

##### Action to Date

Item 1 has been implemented by means of continuous yellow pavement line.

Item 2 has not yet been implemented. See report to this meeting.

### Meeting Held 11 June 2014

#### 6/14-7.3 Need for Additional Loading Zones - Lennox Head CBD

##### *Recommendation*

*That the Committee consult with the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce for suggestions and feedback on the need and placement of Loading Zones in the Lennox Head CBD.*

##### Action to Date

Letter sent to Chamber President 24 June 2014 requesting meeting. Letter forwarded to new President March 2015.

### Meeting Held 9 April 2014

#### 4/14-7.4 Speed Limit Bentinck Street, Ballina

##### *Recommendation*

*That subject to the concurrence of Council a review of remnant 60kph zones in the Ballina area be referred to RMS.*

##### Action to date

Review by RMS initiated. Council to send RMS relevant traffic data not more than two years old showing eighty fifth percentile speeds. RMS are to conduct site inspection in consultation with Council. Further advice from RMS 4 February 2016 that they are in the process of conducting the speed zone review.



**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. In regard to Item 10/16-7.1 Alcorn Road Speed Limit, the Committee request NSW Roads and Maritime Services to review the speed limit on Alcorn Road, having regard to its inconsistent low speed limit compared to similar roads in the area and inherent compliance issues demonstrated by 85% speed of 95.4 kph being well in excess of posted speed limit of 60 kph.
2. The Committee note the information on the remaining outstanding resolutions of the Committee.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

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**9. Regulatory Matters on Classified Roads (GM's Delegate)**

Nil Items

**10. Items Without Notice**

**11. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8 February 2017 at 10.00am.