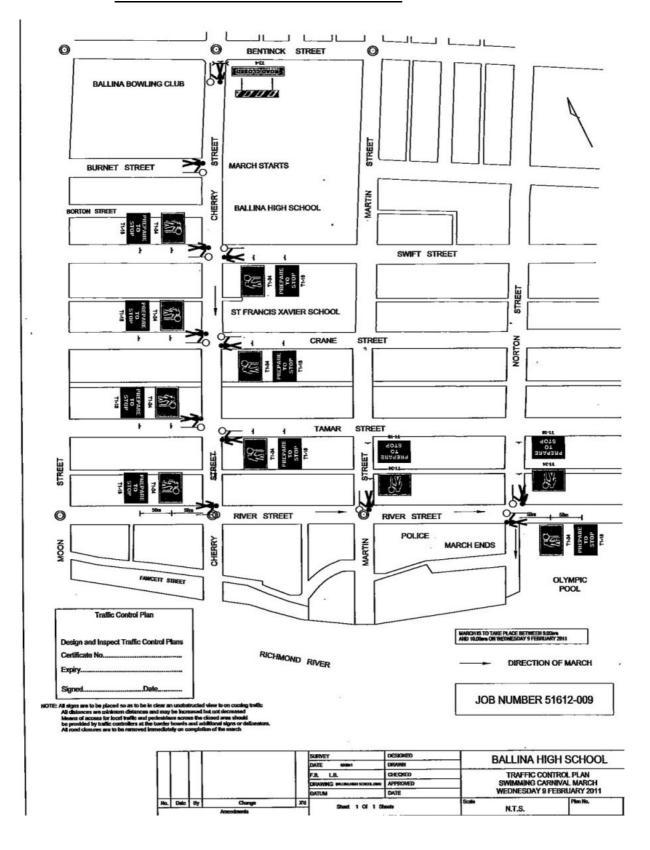
11.7 <u>Local Traffic Committee - December 2011</u>



Delegation - A Council can regulate traffic for the specific reasons set out in Division 1 of Part 8 (Section 115) of the Roads Act, 1993 such as carrying out work on a road, etc. whereas the RTA can regulate traffic for any purpose. The RTA delegation does not provide the power to Council to sub delegate these functions. Accordingly all items in this section will be referred to Council for determination.

5.11.10-2 Application to Hold 2010 Fila – Byron Bay Triathlon Request from Byron Bay Tri (Doc No. 1451288, 1471010)

Introduction

An application has been received applying for road closures and traffic modification for the 2012 Fila - Byron Bay Triathlon.

Information

The Byron Bay Triathlon is planned to be held on Saturday 12 May 2012 between the hours of 1-5pm.

The triathlon has a bicycle component that originates within the Byron Shire and utilises MR545 (The Coast Road/Byron Bay Road). The cyclists shall turn around north of Ross Lane. As the Coast Road/Byron Bay Road is proposed to be closed, there shall be a predominant stream of north and southbound traffic entering and exiting Ross Lane.

The proposed course route is the same as last years with traffic shall redirected via Ross Lane. As per last year, the event organiser is seeking full closure of MR 545 (The Coast Road/Byron Bay Road) immediately north of Ross Lane for the duration of the event. This road closure requires Council approval pending the advice of the Local Traffic Committee and risk assessment.

It is proposed for traffic to detour via Ross Lane and proceed in a northbound direction towards Byron Bay via the Pacific Highway. They shall then be able to enter Byron Bay via Midgen Flat Road or Bangalow Road. For southbound traffic the predominance of traffic shall be diverted via Bangalow Road with the small catchment of Suffolk Park being routed via Midgen Flat Road. This syphoning of southbound flows should alleviate concentrated flows on a singular road or intersection in the Byron Shire. As the Coast Road/Byron Bay Road is proposed to be closed, there shall be a predominant stream of north and southbound traffic entering and exiting Ross Lane. There shall be a left turn restriction on Ross Lane for northbound vehicles exiting Ross Lane. Ross Lane shall operate as per the standard Pacific Highway detour configuration.

A submitted traffic control plan has been included as well as the risk assessment.

The Triathlon has obtained the correct amount of insurance cover.

The correct emergency services have been notified and shall provide traffic controllers during the event.

VMS boards shall be erected one week prior to the event near the Lennox Head roundabout.

No special parking is required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommend to Council the Road Closures of MR545 (Byron Bay Road/Coast Road) be adopted in accordance with the submitted Traffic Control Plan.



23rd September 2011

Attention: Damon Jones – Development Engineer Ballina Shire Council PO Box 450 BALLINA NSW 2478

Re: Byron Bay Triathlon 2012 - Saturday 12th May 2012

Dear Damon.

PO Box 579 Byron Bay NSW 2481 Australia www.byronbaytri.com

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After the resounding success of 2011 Byron Bay Triathlon, we seek permission from Ballina Shire Council to stage the event again on Saturday May 12th 2012.

Now in its 17th year, the triathlon is a popular community sports event that has donated more that \$130,000 to the BBSLSC and community service groups since 1996.

The event is fully sanctioned by Triathlon Australia which includes a \$20M Public Liability Risk Indemnity insurance policy. (Certificate of Currency will be forwarded as soon as received..

Licenses' and approvals:

- Obtained an Acquatic Licence for the ocean swim;
- Applied for written approval from the NSW Police, issuing the Byron Bay Police Station with a copy of the "Traffic Management Plans" and organising "user paid police" for race day.
- St John Ambulance Service have been booked for race day, supplying an ambulance and 2 officers;
- A plan of the course and notice of delays/detours/road closures will be printed in the local newspapers advising all residents of the event and any changes to traffic areas;

We propose the race to start at 12 midday from Main Beach, Byron Bay with a 1.5km ocean swim, followed by a 40km cycle leg to Lennox Head and return and conclude with a 10km run. This course has been used in previous years and is unchanged for 2012.

We enclose the Traffic Management Plan for your approval.

We have requested for a detour via ROSS LANE as an alternative route to Byron Bay for cyclists safety and would like to request FULL ROAD CLOSURE (approved for the 2010 Event) full road closure on the Coast road/Byron Bay road from Ross Lane to Midgin Flat Road. This will help alleviate any accidents or injuries from occurring during the cycle leg on the day, as safety for our athletes and community are our highest priority. Controllers will be in attendance (see attached plans).

Road safety will be controlled by professional RTA accredited road crew. Tweed Traffic Control have been appointed for the 2012 Byron Bay Triathlon. Bob Carpenter is the contact person and his mobile number being 0418 207 558, email address info@ttcservices.com.au.

All competitors will be off the course by 5pm.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT - BYRON BAY TRIATHLON

Date: Saturday May 12th 2012 - Race Start Time: 12 midday

Emailed To: damonj@ballina.nsw.gov.au

Ballina Shire Council, Byron Shire Council, NSW Police and RTA permission is sought for the Byron Bay Triathlon to be held Saturday 12th May, 2011.

Introduction: Historically, Byron Bay Triathlon has been racing on "The Coast Road" for some 16 years. The course was chosen because of its remote location and minimum impact on the local amenity and although the nature of the area has changed in 16 years, the basic issues of the area remain unaltered.

Objective:

Provide maximum safety for event participants, spectators and employees. Allow the event to proceed smoothly. Reduce as much as possible the traffic impact on the non-event community.

Control traffic flow with staff and provide adequate signage for directions. Identify proposed traffic diversion routes and ensure they are well defined and clearly marked on site map. Distribute site map to all the relevant and appropriate authorities. Clearly define areas for road traffic, ensure provisions for safe passage of emergency and other vehicles.

Once permission is received Byron Bay Triathlon undertakes to conduct the event with the level of care and safety as displayed and required by the Traffic Management Plan. Byron Bay Triathlon will be approaching 17 years in May 2012 and has always stressed the importance of safety for competitors, other road users and members of the public. Byron Bay Triathlon will abide by those conditions agreed to with NSW Police, Local Council and RTA.

Request for road closure: between Ross Lane and Midgen Flat Road, Broken Head. Detour north-bound traffic to Ross Lane and south-bound traffic to Midgen Flat Road.

Public Liability Insurance:

Byron Bay Triathlon hold a Certificate of Currency for 20M Public Liability Insurance from Triathlon Australia (will forward copy when received).

National Sanctioning Document:

Byron Bay Triathlon submit sanctioning documents to Triathlon Australia for approval.

Approvals:

NSW Police, Ballina Shire Council, Byron Shire Council, Waterway Authority, State Emergency Services, St. Johns Ambulance, Byron Bay

Hospital, Road and Traffic Authority. Triathlon Australia.

Road Traffic Management:

Managed by accredited Tweed Traffic Control Pty Ltd., RTA No: 7283006908 – R.G. Carpenter contact number 0418 207558.

All accredited Traffic Controllers are in constant two way radio communication, between controllers and all escort vehicles and the start time. The total management of the event will conform to the New South Wales Roads and Traffic Authority.

The Traffic Management Plan becomes the prime document detailing the traffic arrangements under which the event is to proceed. The entire cycle course is defined by the placement of controllers, whose presence is further enhanced by the placement of signage advising persons entering the course that "Cycle Race in Progress" Prepare to Stop" signs are also placed at points where cyclists and vehicles intersect and in the event of non compliance by motorists, controllers will neutralise the race until any impediment is removed.

Competitors: Traffic Plans are displayed on the day at the Registration area, website, back of the entry form, emails send out to all competitors with current traffic plans.

VMS Boards: To be placed at the Lennox Head roundabout on the southern side and on the eastern side of Ewingsdale Road, near Bayshore Drive turnoff. BMS boards to be in position 2 weeks prior to the event displaying "changes in traffic conditions".

Public Notices: Local papers, the Echo, Byron Shire News, Weekend Star advising the "change of traffic conditions", one month prior to the event, weekly notices.

Notices to all residents who reside near any road closures or change in traffic conditions 1 week prior to the event.

Resident stickers: All effected residents or property users on the course will be notified of time and dates of racing by letterbox drop and be issued with a resident sticker for the day of the event only.

Traffic Management Plan:

The objectives of the Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) plans are to:

- · isolate the event space from traffic;
- · ensure a smooth traffic flow during the event;
- · manage any reduced capacity of the road system; and
- · minimize traffic impacts on the community and emergency services.

Traffic management signs at all minor intersections and traffic controllers at major intersections.

Escort Vehicles: All escort vehicles will display flashing amber lights – 2 TTC vehicles – one leading the first cyclist and one following the last cyclist, another 2 TTC vehicles patrolling the cycle leg at intervals between the first and last cyclist.

Police escort vehicle - car and/or motorbike.

Triathlon Technical Officials – 6 in total, 2 on motorbikes patrolling the cycle course and ensuring all competitors stay within the Triathlon Australia cycling rules.

All traffic controllers - NSW ticketed.

Traffic control signage as per Traffic Management Plans.

Byron Shire Council: Request for "Detour all traffic' up Bangalow Road, corner of Bangalow Road and Broken Head Road. Local traffic only between corner of Bangalow Road and Broken Head Road and Midgen Flat Road. Detour all traffic via Midgen Flat Road going southbound.

Summary

In the history of the Byron Tri there has never been a road/cyclist accident, safety for our athletes is our number one priority. Tweed Traffic Control Pty Ltd are very diligent and ensure they have the correct number of Traffic Controllers for the event and all appropriate signage and lead vehicles are on the course.

In 2011 we drew some 4,500 visitors, comprising 1000 competitors, approximately 2,095 accompanying competitors in travel party, and some 1,500 spectators. The event has a demonstrated capacity to attract visitors from outside the immediate locality. Based on survey data from competitors in 2010 event, the attendance of competitors and their party yielded a total spend of \$4.02M. Growth in visitor numbers has been supported by a professionalism of the event, which has contributed greatly to positive Word-of-Mouth and a high repeat visitation trends amongst competitors and their travel parties. The Byron Bay Tri also has a unique competitive advantage in terms of tourism visitation. The Byron Bay Triathlon has been highly successful in promoting the area and the event to attract increasing numbers of visitors from within NSW, interstate and even, international source markets.

