



## 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 10 February 2016 commencing at 10.30am.**

### 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
11. Next Meeting

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John Truman  
**Group Manager**  
**Civil Services**

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

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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 9 December 2015 were distributed with the business paper.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9 December 2015.

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

Nil Items

## **7.1 Sight Distance & Related Parking Issues - North Creek Road, North Ballina**

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### **7. Items for Traffic Engineering Advice**

#### **7.1 Sight Distance & Related Parking Issues - North Creek Road, North Ballina**

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##### **Introduction**

The Ballina Bridge Club has raised concerns regarding lack of sight distance at their access on North Creek Road, due to the presence of adjacent parked vehicles.

##### **Information**

##### **Background**

The section of North Creek Road between Tamarind Drive and Southern Cross Drive has a current average daily traffic volume of 8,084 (February/March 2015) and is the main link to the North Ballina industrial area and the airport. The volume is predicted to rise to 22,779 in the next 20 years due to further development and construction of network connections to Lennox Head and West Ballina.

The road is currently configured as a two lane/two way road with parallel parking on both sides. There are roundabouts at the intersections at both ends of the block. These roundabouts both have two circulating lanes and 2+2 entry/departure lanes onto North Creek Road. The two lane entry/departure lanes transition to one lane for the mid-block section of North Creek Road.

The major traffic generator within this section of road is a supermarket at the south western end of the block. Other land uses are industrial and residential. Council's Section 94 Plan has a future works item to four lane this section of North Creek Road. As traffic volumes grow, safety issues are also likely to require installation of a central median to eliminate mid-block right turns to business accesses.

##### **Bridge Club Access**

The Bridge Club access is mid-block on the east side of North Creek Road. A site inspection revealed that large vehicles parked on the north side of the access do substantially inhibit sight distance for vehicles exiting the site. This type of access/sight distance problem is a common occurrence in most industrial areas and extra caution must be exercised exiting such sites. The restriction of all kerbside parking in such areas would not be warranted.

The access to this site has some specific traffic issues:

- Southbound traffic from the Southern Cross Drive roundabout exits in two lanes, converges for the mid-block section then diverges into two lanes approaching/entering the Tamarind Drive roundabout.

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- Southbound traffic entering the supermarket site will often need to stop until there is a safe gap in northbound traffic to safely turn and enter. There is no protected right turn lane or a bypass lane for through traffic. Following traffic may need to stop or veer to the left (if the parking lane is vacant) to bypass turning vehicles.
- Southbound traffic exiting the supermarket turns right into the southbound lane close to the entry of the Tamarind Drive roundabout.

The above issues result in southbound North Creek Road traffic having a number of conflicts to deal with that can detract from their ability to deal with vehicles exiting the Bridge Club site.

### **Accident Record**

There are no recorded mid-block accidents for this section of North Creek Road in the NSW CrashLink database for the five year period 2010-2014. In the same period there are five recorded accidents at the Southern Cross Drive roundabout and two accidents at the Tamarind Drive roundabout.

### **Options**

1. Do Nothing.
2. Restrict parking for one vehicle space on either side of the Bridge Club access.
3. Restrict parking for the entire length of North Creek Road between Tamarind Drive and Southern Cross Drive.

### **Comments**

Option 3 would assist sight distance at the Bridge Club Access, minimise lane weaving between roundabouts and enable vehicles right turning into the supermarket to be bypassed on the left, but would result in the loss of all kerbside parking on this section of road.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee's traffic engineering advice is requested.

### **Attachment(s)**

1. North Creek Road, Ballina Aerial Photo

7.1 Sight Distance & Related Parking Issues - North Creek Road, North Ballina



## **8.1 Ballina Shire Bike Plan Update**

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

#### **8.1 Ballina Shire Bike Plan Update**

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##### **Introduction**

Ballina Shire Council is committed to completing a Shire Bike Plan as part of its Road Safety Strategy.

Ross Planning were engaged by Ballina Council to produce the Plan.

##### **Information**

Ross Planning were to submit a final draft of the Ballina Shire Bike Plan on 12 January 2016. There have been delays in this process and Council is now expecting to receive the final draft on 3 February 2016.

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Committee note the changes to the Bike Plan timetable.

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

Nil

## **8.2 Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions of the Committee**

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#### **Introduction**

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

#### **Information**

##### **Meeting Held 8 April 2015**

##### **4/15-10.2 Alstonville Cemetery - Parking on Bruxner Highway**

###### *Recommendations*

1. *The Committee approves provision of a No Stopping zone on the western side of Alstonville Cemetery Road for the length of the centreline.*
2. *That the RMS be requested to move the hold line for Alstonville Cemetery Road forward to improve sight distance.*

###### Action to Date

No Stopping zone will be provided after hold line is moved.  
RMS advise their work will not be implemented until 15/16 financial year.

##### **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, will 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**



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### *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.
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

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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. It can be safely implemented after provision of protected right turn lanes in River Street at the Brunswick Street intersection (to be completed 2015/16 as part of the Black Spot Program).

### Meeting Held 11 June 2014

#### 6/14-6.1 Pedestrian Crossing – Bentinck Street, Ballina Adjacent to Bentinck Street/Martin Street Roundabout

##### *Recommendations*

1. *Remove the pedestrian crossing, and associated signage, west of the Bentinck and Martin Streets roundabout, but retain the central pedestrian refuge and footpath kerb extension facility to assist pedestrians crossing Bentinck Street at this location.*
2. *Convert the roundabout to single lane entry and circulation as per Design Option.*

##### Action to Date

The proposed works have been submitted to Council's Engineering Design Works Meeting, 25 June 2014 for detailed design and consideration of funding in a future budget.

#### 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.*

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### Action to Date

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

A Ballina Street resident has written, 27 November 2015 requesting a 2 space loading zone adjacent to 67 Ballina Street. Recent investigations into the Lennox Head Master Plan are currently assessing provision of a shared mail vehicle/loading zone adjacent to the Post Office.

### **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. Joint Council RMS site inspection conducted 2 February 2016.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee note the information in the report regarding the Schedule of Outstanding Resolutions

#### **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 13 April 2016 and 10.00am.