



# DRAFT MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre  
Committee Room  
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 4 April 2024

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 1:08 am.

## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

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The Chair acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

## 2. Present

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Councillor Stephen Lesslie	Chair
Christopher Bustelo	Lithgow Buslines
Jackie Barry	Transport for NSW

Officers:

Jonathon Edgecombe	Director Infrastructure & Economy
Leanne Kearney	Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager
Kaitlin Cibulka	Minutes

## 3. Apologies

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Warren De Mol	Lithgow Police
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## 4. Confirmation of Minutes

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The minutes of the TALC Committee held on 1st February 2024 were presented and endorsed by Council on 26 February 2024.

### ACTION

**THAT** the Minutes of the meeting of be taken as read and confirmed.

**MOVED:** Cr S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** C Bustelo

## 5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

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Nil

## 6. Declaration of Interest

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There were no declarations of interest made.

## **7. Presentations**

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Nil

## **8. Staff Reports**

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### **8.1. Traffic Management Plan - LithGlow 2024**

**Report by** Leanne Kearney, Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager

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The committee noted that there are no changes to the plan from previous years and that there has been no issues in previous years in terms of traffic management / control in the area, for this Council event.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approve the Traffic Management Plan for the LithGlow 2024 event.

**MOVED:** Cr S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** C Bustelo

**CARRIED**

### **8.2. ANZAC Day 2024**

**Report by** Leanne Kearney, Assets & Infrastructure Planning Manager

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The committee were advised that Council's administration has made contact with local community groups who run the local ANZAC Day ceremonies across the LGA.

It was noted that:

- Lithgow will proceed as normal, however the march gathering up Eskbank Street will be extended up to Hammond Park to cater for the increase participation in the March. Police will manage traffic (stop slow) at Mort Street / Eskbank Street Intersection/ Crossing. Contractors will carry out the road closure / tmp for Main Street.
- Wallerawang - No changes to previous years
- Portland - No changes to previous years
- Rydal will be proceeding however they do not require any road closures as their service is held in a park.
- Cullen Bullen would not be proceeding with a service this year.

It was also noted that Council covers the cost of Traffic Control for ANZAC Day Service across the LGA.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the 2024 ANZAC Day temporary road closures for Lithgow, Wallerawang, and Portland.

**MOVED:** Cr S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** C Bustelo

**CARRIED**

### **8.3. Proposed Traffic Signal Changes - Mort / Bridge Street, Lithgow**

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J Barry raised that this matter does not come under Council delegation and that this matter is more for noting. L Kearney noted concern raised however item has been listed for TALC to make recommendation but ultimately here for discussion purposes.

The committee noted that the Church group has made contact with Council with a request to investigate the pedestrian flow / timing at the Mort / Bridge Street Intersection. Whilst this matters is not one for Council this request was forwarded through to Transport for NSW for investigation/ action. Transport for NSW has responded to the request and have provided 3 suggestions for improvement of the area.

The committee discussed these 3 suggestions.

Cr S Lesslie advised that he is not sympathetic toward those pedestrians walking along Bridge Street ( south wards) for 20 metres where there is no turning traffic.

There was no support for Options 1 & 3 as there would be no benefit of these changes and the committee sees no value.

The committee discussed / support Option 2 but would like to support a 6 month trial (if possible) and revisit this 6 month after implementation to confirm it this has alleviated the concerns raised in the initial correspondence.

It was noted that Transport for NSW has made small changes to the timing to provide a couple more seconds for vehicles to pass.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council write a letter in support of Option 2 ( new phasing ) requesting a trial period for 6 months and reassess if this has worked after the trail period.
2. Council also notes within that letter that no support is given to Options 1(New Pedestrian Crossing) & Options 3 (dedicated right turn phase)
3. Council notifies the customer of the outcome.

**MOVED:** Cr S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** C Bustelo

**CARRIED**

## **9. General Business**

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Cr S Lesslie raised that within Coles Carpark (Lithgow Valley Plaza) in the middle entrance / section there is a pedestrian crossing and a bus stop. It was asked if slower speed in the area could be implemented or a change in the bus shelter making it see through for motorist to have better view of pedestrians in the area.

The administration noted that whilst the Carpark is not in Council's jurisdiction, a letter will be sent to Centre Management to suggest changes to ensure improved safety in the area.

C Bustelo raised that there is a pothole within the Bus Stop in Vale Street Portland , making it difficult for buses to stop safely in the area. This matter was noted and will be referred to Council's Roads crew from maintenance.

C Bustelo also raised the bus stop at the Portland RSL , there is not enough room for the bus with the disabled parking spot and general parking. Administration advised that this matter will be investigated and a report be brought back to a future TALC meeting.

J Barry provided an update on a directional signage request for the Lithgow Golf Club. It was advised that this is going against Transport for NSW protocol however a case will be put forward to further support the need of the signage.

J Barry also requested traffic counts for Magpie Hollow Road in relation to a development application. Counts to be provided.

## **10. Meeting Close**

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Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 11:00am in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:44 am.