



# MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre  
Committee Room  
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 7 April 2022

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11:00 am.

## **1. Present**

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Councillor Stephen Lesslie (Chair)  
Jo Woodhouse (Lithgow Police)  
Michelle McGrath (Lithgow Buslines)  
Wayde Hazelton (Transport for NSW/ RMS)

Officers:

Leanne Kearney - Assets and Planning Infrastructure Manager  
Kaitlin Cibulka (Minutes)

## **2. Apologies**

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Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure Services

## **3. Confirmation of Minutes**

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The minutes of the previous TALC Committee meeting held on 4th November 2021 were presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22nd November 2021.

### **ACTION**

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

## **4. Declaration of Interest**

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The Chair called for any declarations of interest.

There were Nil declarations of interest.

## **5. Presentations**

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Nil

## **6. Staff Reports**

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### **6.1. TALC - Terms of Reference**

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The Chair called for any matters with reference to the Terms of Reference and Flyers to be raised.

W Hazelton raised the following:

- On the first page under regulatory issues traffic signals should be in the box below under "Issues outside of Council's Authority / Responsibility";
- It was also noted that in within the report that it states that TALC is a Committee of Council , however is under the impression that it isn't. L Kearney advised that although the Committee is formed under a different act the Committee reports to Council and no works can proceed unless Council adopts a TALC recommendation.

- The word regulatory may not be the right terminology reference on the flyer for signage. Possibly prescribed.

W Hazelton noted he would require further time to review both the Terms of Reference and Flyer for recommendation to Council.

W Hazelton to provide information on changes to L Kearney for report.

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next TALC Committee meeting for consideration.

#### ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council adopt the revised Traffic Advisory Local Committee (TALC) Terms of Reference (TOR); and
2. Council arrange for the LCC TALC Fact Sheet to be available on Council's website.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. This item be deferred to the next TALC Committee Meeting for consideration.

**MOVED:** W Hazelton

**SECONDED:** J Woodhouse

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

#### 6.2. Kirkley Street / Stockade Close / Gunners Close Roundabout - Traffic Concerns

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\* Note Gunner Close has not been formally name, this is just to differentiate the roads at the site within the report.

L Kearney provided an overview of the report noting that complains have been received from residents advising that users are of the roundabout are cutting corners and not using the roundabout correctly and proceeding in the wrong direction. As this estate is very family friendly and active there have been a few near misses in the area that raised concern. The committee were advised that an inspection has been carried out at the site and note that the current signage there is not compliant. The below recommendation of suggested additional traffic safety measures to rectify the matter now before further development in the area occurs and make it safer for residents and road users of the area.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council arrange for signage, line marking and traffic devices including:

- One (1) concrete median to be installed in the centre of the 2-lane section of the Kirkley Street approach to assist in keeping motorists to the correct side of the road, and utilising the roundabout the correct way, not short cutting the roundabout to incorrectly enter right into the Gunner Close exit.
- Roundabout give way signage to be installed in the new median.

- Existing roundabout give way signage from both Stockade Close and Gunners Close relocated to the correct location in the existing concrete medians
- Give way line marking be installed at all approaches to the roundabout;

To be installed in the vicinity of the Kirkley Street roundabout to improve safety and deter illegal and dangerous motorist behaviour.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** W Hazelton

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

### **6.3. GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY / COX'S RIVER ROAD, LITTLE HARTLEY - SIGNAGE REQUEST**

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The committee were advised that this request was made by a customer for the signage to be changed from a stop to a giveaway sign at the intersection of Cox's River Road and the Great Western Highway.

L Kearney noted that a traffic count of the area showed that there is no change in traffic volume in the area. Crash statistics had also been reviewed noting that whilst there have been a few crashes recorded in the area, none have been at this particular intersection. It was also noted that there has been no improvement upgrades to the intersection or change in speed limits even though there has been more residential development in the area. Based on no significant improvement or decreased crashes it is recommended that the stop sign remains.

Cr S Lesslie advised that this is not an unreasonable request and believes that a giveaway sign would work in this area.

J Woodhouse advised that she too had also carried out an inspection of the site and whilst there is perfect vision from the East bound traffic there is a blind spot where there the vision is obstructed from the West.

It was also noted that there is an intersection directly across from Cox's River Road , being Ambermere Drive therefore its not just a look left and right but also across.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Stop sign at the intersection of the Great Western Highway and Cox's River Road, Little Hartley remain unchanged.

**MOVED:** W Hazelton

**SECONDED:** J Woodhouse

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

#### **6.4. LithGlow 2022 - Traffic Management Plan**

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L Kearney gave an overview of the proposed Traffic Management Plan for the 2022 LithGlow event. It was noted that there is no changes from the previous year ( prior to Covid) with road closures in the area , parking in and around the greyhound track and Lithgow buslines assisting with shuttle buses for the event. It was also noted that the Traffic Control Plan is compliant.

No issues were raised by the committee.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** TALC endorse the LithGlow 2022 Traffic Management Plan for Council approval.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Lesslie

**SECONDED:** J Woodhouse

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

#### **6.5. Upper Macquarie County Council - Signage Request**

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L Kearney provided an overview of the request nothing that the signage is information on weeds with placement along major roads. Cr S Lesslie advised that he is on board of Upper Macquarie County Council but noted there is no conflict. The committee noted that there is similar signage installed in other Council areas. W Hazelton requested that the request for the Great Western and Castlereagh Highways need to be referred to TfNSW (RMS) for approval.

Original Recommendation

**THAT** Council approve and install ( sidewalks road ) 3 x 1200mm x 800mm weed signs across the LGA, on behalf of Upper Macquarie County Council, for a fee of \$1,368 (\$456 per site), at the following locations:

- Great Western Highway, Little Hartley - between Cox's River Road and the Little Hartley café, for traffic to see heading west towards Lithgow
- Castlereagh Highway, Cullen Bullen - between the Cullen Bullen township and the Cullen Bullen cemetery, for traffic to see heading north from Cullen Bullen and;
- Sodwalls Road, Tarana - on the Lithgow side of the intersection with Diamond Swamp Road / Hazelgrove Road, for traffic to see heading east from Taran

#### **Recommendation**

1. Council approve and install 1200mm x 800mm weed signage on Sodwall Road, Tarana (on the Lithgow side of the intersection with Diamond Swamp Road / Hazelgrove Road, for traffic to see heading east from Tarana) on behalf of the Upper Macquarie County Council for a fee of \$456.00;and
2. Refer the Signage request to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for Great Western Highway, Little Hartley (between Cox's River Road and the Little Hartley café, for traffic to see heading west towards Lithgow and Castlereagh Highway, Cullen Bullen - between the Cullen Bullen township and the Cullen Bullen cemetery, for traffic to see heading north from Cullen Bullen for approval.

**MOVED:** W Hazelton

**SECONDED:** J Woodhouse

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

## **6.6. Cullen Bullen Public School - Relocation of Bus Zone**

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The committee reviewed the report noting that the school has bus zone signage on both sides of the road. It was noted that the shelter is on the left hand side of the road but not within the zone. The proposal includes the zone to be moved slightly down towards the bus shelter making it safer for students in the area.

The committee raised no issues with this report and endorsed the below recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council relocate the bus zone adjacent to Cullen Bullen Public School, Castlereagh Highway, Cullen Bullen further north to improve school student safety.

**MOVED:** M McGrath

**SECONDED:** J Woodhouse

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

## **7. General Business**

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J Woodhouse raised a signage matter in Naomi Street (side street between Main Street and Carpark at Harvey Norman). It was noted that there is no signage on the left hand side of the road but there is signage on the right hand side. This was brought to attention as this is a narrow street and a vehicle was parked in the left hand side however no action could be taken due to the lack of signage on the left hand side of the street coming from Main Street.

The committee reviewed this street on google maps and agreed that signage was required on the left hand side of the narrow street.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT No stopping signage be placed on left hand side of the road and signage on the right hand side remain in Naomi Street from Main Street to Car Park.

**MOVED:** J Woodhouse

**SECONDED:** Councillor S Lesslie

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

No other General Business was raised.

## **8. Meeting Close**

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Next Meeting: Thursday 5th May 2022 at 11:00am in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:37 am.

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