

MINUTES

Local Traffic Committee



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THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024**

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**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING OF WINGECARRIBEE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD
ON THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024.**

Present:

Formal (Voting) Members:	Mr Shaun Robinson Mr Ankit Bhangale Senior Constable Hayley Upton Mrs Katherine Wood Mr Peter Edwards	Manager Assets Transport for NSW NSW Police Representing the Member for Goulburn Representing the Member for Wollondilly
Informal (Non-Voting) Members:	Mr Michael Rayner Mr Emraul Kayes Mr Luke Lukess	Senior Traffic Engineer Traffic Engineer Berrima Buslines
In Attendance	Inspector Lee Ingmire	NSW Police
Apology	Mr Laurie Stewart	Southern Highlands Taxis, Hire Cars & Coaches
Minutes:	Mrs Liz de Graaf	Administration Officer

1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Senior Traffic Engineer opened the meeting.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

“Wingecarribee Shire Council acknowledges the Gundungurra and Tharawal people as the traditional custodians of this land we now call the Wingecarribee Shire. I pay my respect to Elders both past, present and emerging. I would also like to extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders present here today.”

3 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Laurie Stewart.

4 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 21 March 2024, recommendation numbers TC 2024/11 to TC 2024/21 inclusive, copies of which were forwarded to Committee members, have been received and noted.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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The provisions of Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act 1993 regulate the way in which nominated staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public trust.

The Act prescribes that where a member of Council (or a Committee of Council) has a direct or indirect financial (pecuniary) interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council (or Committee), that interest and the reasons for declaring such interest must be disclosed as soon as practicable after the start of the meeting.

As members are aware, the provisions of the Local Government Act restrict any member who has declared a pecuniary interest in any matter from participating in the discussions or voting on that matter and further require that the member vacate the Chamber.

Council's Code of Conduct provides that if members have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed. The Code also provides for a number of ways in which a member may manage non pecuniary conflicts of interest.

Where necessary any Councillor, Committee Member and nominated staff of Council should disclose any interest and the reason for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration at this meeting.

Councillors and Committee Members are requested to complete the appropriate form to be handed up at the Meeting.

There were no declaration at this meeting.

6 AGENDA REPORTS

6.1 Police Report on recent road crashes in the Shire

Report Author: Traffic Engineer

Authoriser: Karin Targa

PURPOSE

Reporting on recent road crashes in the Shire recorded by Police.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and noted.

TC 2024/27

Unanimous support:

Manager Assets	✓
Transport for NSW	✓
NSW Police	✓
The representative for the Member for Goulburn	✓
The representative for the Member for Wollondilly	✓

6.2 Proposed Changes to Parking Arrangements on Argyle Street, Berrima

Report Author: Traffic Engineer

Authoriser: Karin Targa

PURPOSE

To amend the parking restrictions on Argyle Street, Berrima, adjacent to the Berrima Gaol.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Frances Meagher addressed the Committee on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 70m No Parking zone on the west side of Argyle Street, Berrima, adjacent to the Berrima Gaol be amended to include:

- **Removal of the existing Bus Zone at the southern end of Argyle Street**
- **The installation of a 32m Bus Zone south of the Berrima Gaol driveway**
- **The creation of 58m of unrestricted parking south of the proposed Bus Zone**
- **Removal of the existing 22m Loading Zone located opposite the driveway to Berrima Gaol**

TC 2024/28

Unanimous support:

Manager Assets	✓
Transport for NSW	✓
NSW Police	✓
The representative for the Member for Goulburn	✓

6.3 Intersection of Ellsmore Road and Blue Gum Road Bundanoon - Give way restriction.

Report Author: Traffic Engineer

Authoriser: Karin Targa

PURPOSE

To advise and have the Committee's approval for recently installed Give Way sign and line marking at Blue Gum Road with the intersection of Ellsmore Road, Bundanoon.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council approves:

- 1. The installation of a Give way sign, 9m TB Line and TB1 Line,***
- 2. Existing unbroken dividing single central barrier line (9m) in Blue Gum Road be replaced with 10m unbroken double dividing barrier (BB) lines in Blue Gum Road.***
- 3. A 60m BB line be installed to delineate the priority vehicles movement on Ellsmore Road***

TC 2024/29

Unanimous support:

Manager Assets	✓
Transport for NSW	✓
NSW Police	✓
The representative for the Member for Goulburn	✓

6.4 Range Road Glenquarry - Road reconstruction including signs and line marking.

Report Author: Traffic Engineer
Authoriser: Karin Targa

PURPOSE

To have the Committee's approval for the proposed road reconstruction with Signage and Line marking in the section of Range Road from George Emery Lane to Tourist Road, Glenquarry.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves proposed review and upgrading:

- ***Installation of new signs R4 – 1(B) on both direction at CH 1920 in Range Road, Glenquarry (Ref. Sheet 74 of 74).***
- ***Installation of new BB line marking with RRPMs from:***
 - a) ***CH465 – CH550 at 12m centres (Ref. Sheet 72 of 74)***
 - b) ***CH850 – CH925 at 12m centres (Ref. Sheet 72 of 74)***
 - c) ***CH1065 – CH1130 at 12m centres (Ref. Sheet 73 of 74)***
 - d) ***CH1235 – CH1290 at 12m centres (Ref. Sheet 73 of 74)***
 - e) ***CH1540 – CH1605 at 12m centres (Ref. Sheet 74 of 74)***
 - f) ***CH1740 – CH1890 at 12m centres (Ref. Sheet 74 of 74)***

TC 2024/30

Unanimous support:

Manager Assets	✓
Transport for NSW	✓
NSW Police	✓
The representative for the Member for Wollondilly	✓

6.5 Market Place, Berrima - Line marking for 45° angle parking spaces.

Report Author: Traffic Engineer
Authoriser: Karin Targa

PURPOSE

To advise and have Traffic Committee's approval for the recent painting for new line marking of existing unmarked 45° angle rear to the kerb parking spaces as FIGURE 2.2 LAYOUTS FOR ANGLE PARKING SPACES defined in AS/NZS 2890.1 :2004, on the northern kerb side of Market Place, Berrima.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

Correspondence from Simon Balderstone was tabled on this matter.

Frances Meagher addressed the Committee on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. THAT the line marking for existing unmarked 45° angle rear to the kerb parking spaces as FIGURE 2.2 LAYOUTS FOR ANGLE PARKING SPACES defined in AS/NZS 2890.1 :2004, on the northern kerb side of Market Place, Berrima is not supported.***
- 2. THAT the current unapproved linemarking does not pose a road safety risk and will therefore be addressed as part of future road renewal works.***

TC 2024/31

Unanimous support:

Manager Assets	✓
Transport for NSW	✓
NSW Police	✓
The representative for the Member for Goulburn	✓

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From: Simon Balderstone [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 8:28 PM
To: Michael Rayner [REDACTED]
Cc: Wingecarribee Shire Council <mail@wsc.nsw.gov.au>; Shaun Robinson [REDACTED]
Subject: Urgent - re line-marking in Market Place Berrima - Agenda item for traffic Committee meeting this Thursday 16 May
Importance: High

FORMAL AND URGENT AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear Michael,

As mentioned in my email just sent, following your letter received today, as the contact regarding the Traffic Management Committee meeting of Thursday 16th May - can you also immediately and formally pass on the email correspondence below and the attachments herein, to the following formal voting members of the WSC Traffic Management Committee, for their due consideration before the meeting takes place on Thursday:

- Mr Shaun Robinson Manager Assets (Shaun - I am also cc'ing you, to "double-up")
- Mr Ankit Bhangale Transport for NSW
- Senior Constable Hayley Upton NSW Police
- Mrs Katherine Wood, Representing the Member for Goulburn (I will also forward her the correspondence directly)
- Mr Peter Edwards, Representing the Member for Wollondilly (I will also forward him the correspondence directly)

Please acknowledge receipt of this, and of your passing it on to the members of the Committee.

Thank you in advance,
Simon Balderstone

Simon Balderstone AM

Director, Ways and Means Consultancy Pty Ltd.

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From: Simon Balderstone [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 14 May 2024 7:21 PM
To: 'Karin Targa' [REDACTED]; mail@wsc.nsw.gov.au
Subject: RE: Response: Market Place Linemarking correspondence 10 April

URGENT and WITHOUT PREJUDICE

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Dear Ms. Targa,

In response to your letter of 10 April, I make the following points:

You say you can "confirm" that Michael Rayner "has not communicated to residents of Market Place Berrima that the line-marking will be removed" .

This is seriously misleading. As I stated in previous correspondence, Michael Rayner – who it would appear is one Council officer who **has** followed due process in this matter – immediately upon being notified by residents of the line-marking , inspected it, decreed it should not have happened, and said he would be discussing with his senior officer (then on holidays) options for removal/covering up/rehabilitation – **i.e. not if, but when** ! Also, Please see attached stat decs. Also, He was clear in stating it would be removed. Further, he said that had the line-marking been done during the day, it could have been stopped , through immediate notification by residents. Further, local residents have had confirmed to them this view of Mr. Rayner, and that , further, senior officers of the Council claim it would be too costly to remove the line-marking. First, that is not a proper consideration of the Traffic Management Committee, and is, also, not a justification to keep unauthorised line-marking which should not have taken place.

You state "the line-marking optimises the available parking in the area..." –

First, it does not increase the space available for parking. Second, it - if all parking takes place within the lines - creates at most 2 or 3 more "parks" . Third, the only time there is any filling of the car spaces in that vicinity is, one morning a month (and not all months of the year) , during the "Cars and Coffee" event (apart from during Australia Day celebrations, during which there are traffic control/management systems in place) .

Fourth, "optimising" parking in that area is not, as far as I aware, a part of or contained in any policy/strategy/plan of the Council.

On the contrary, the Berrima Village Development Control Plan, Jan 2021, states (excerpts)...

- ... the visual character of Berrima cannot afford to have development or planning mistakes. This plan therefore deliberately sets out to avoid a "death by a thousand cuts
- The public spaces in Berrima include an absence of formed footpaths, kerb and guttering
- The scale of the town, the generous expanse of the Market Place and surrounding low slung buildings, the subtle siting of the Gaol and Court House on higher ground, together with the mature landscape, all help contribute to the sense of historic character and place that is not readily matched elsewhere in the State."
- To ensure that all new development within the Berrima Conservation Area is compatible with the existing visual, built and landscape character of the area by setting standards which will ensure this.
- Kerb and guttering is discouraged, with a more 'passive' approach to drainage design such as grass swales being the preferred option, to reduce sedimentation and water quality problems.
- the conservation of scenic and heritage landscapes,
- The well preserved, uncompleted nature of the Georgian town plan

A9.6.1 Objectives

- To conserve the existing original road hierarchy and layout, pedestrian circulation patterns and subdivision layout.

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- To preserve the existing land use pattern which reflect the mix of land uses of the early town.
- To retain the aesthetic and historic appeal of a rural Village.
- To retain unformed road reserves,
- No kerb, gutter, street drain or culvert shall be installed, unless its location is approved by council's heritage adviser and is designed in sandstone to an approved heritage detail.

I note that...(In an excellent letter in March 2024 to the State Government regarding the Berrima Gaol sale and redevelopment (under an SSDA) Lisa Miscamble stated: "It is strongly recommended that the Berrima Development Control Plan is considered as a part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared. These controls were developed in conjunction with the Berrima community and have robustly guided development and preserved character of the historic village of Berrima."

You also state the line marking is..."consistent with the approach in other parts of Berrima – that is from 7-15 Old Hume Highway and Argyle Street Carpark (in front of the Surveyor-General Inn)" .

- First, it is, therefore, inconsistent with the approach in every other area of Berrima (apart from those two areas?)
- Second, both the areas you name are in several respects very different to the area of the unauthorised Market Place line-marking:
 - They are very busy car-parking spaces, constantly in high demand to the point of being full.
 - The Surveyor-General Car park is , to all practical purposes, an off-street parking space, not in Argyle Street – it is effectively serving several business premises that in fact do not effectively, have direct street frontage.
 - Further, the car park across the Old Hume Highway from the Survey-General Inn, which actually abuts Argyle Street , but which cannot be accessed from Argyle street, has no markings whatsoever, and does not involve any formal parking angles, rules, etc. ...

You state in your letter that : The line marking "also does not a significant impact on the heritage significance of the Conservation area" and therefore "...the provisions of the Development Control Plan therefore do not apply and consultation with Council's Heritage Officer is not required".

First and foremost, this is non-sensical : **how can such a heritage evaluation (i.e. that is doesn't have significant impact on the heritage) occur without consultation with the Heritage Officer ! ??** This is also in stark contrast to other matters considered by the Heritage Officer e.g. Other matters such as the trimming of cotoneasters - a pest! – which has far less impact on heritage values has been deemed as necessarily the subject of consideration – indeed, decision-making – by the Heritage officer.) " .

Further, I have been informed that senior officers of the Council feel it would be too costly to remove the line-marking. First, that is not a proper consideration of the Traffic Management Committee, and is, also, not a justification to keep unauthorised line-marking which should not have taken place.

As distinct from the maladministration and lack of due process in regard to this item, there is substantively, absolutely no justification or reasoning for the line-marking:

- The only time there is any filling of the car spaces in that vicinity is during "cars and coffee" (apart from during Australia Day celebrations, during which there are traffic control/management systems in place);

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- There is absolutely no rationale for, or need to "optimising" car parking spaces in Market Place given that , even during "Cars and Coffee" and, on the same day, the Schoolyard market, there are dozens upon dozens of other carparking spaces not filled throughout Berrima. I have photographic proof , taken during the most recent (and the biggest) "Cars And Coffee" event, on April 28, 2024, of this: of the public car park behind the main Berrima shops (nearly empty) ; Wingecarribee Street,(ditto); even near the Community hall in Argyle Street; along the Old Hume Highway further north through Berrima; the carpark behind the S-G pub; Argyle street north from the S-G Hotel, and other places, some even much nearer Schmokin' (Of course, Nathan Buckley would not request allegedly "optimised" parking through line marking in these areas because this would not suit his and his co-host's self-interest in keeping "Cars and Coffee" concentrated near Schmokin'...whereas spreading it throughout Berrima would decrease safety issues on narrow residential streets and, inter alia, increase any economic benefits to more shops etc throughout Berrima).
- The unauthorised line-markings have only created, at most, "room" for 2 or 3 more cars (and that is IF ALL cars park within the line-markings) . I have photos which clearly show that in that area, during "Cars and Coffee" , the cars park relatively tightly together anyway.
- The line-marking goes against heritage considerations in this area, being as it is immediately adjacent to the heritage-listed Market Place Park and in . As detailed, this particular matter has not been the subject of consultation with the Council Heritage Officer.

Yours,
Simon Balderstone

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Director, Ways and Means Consultancy Pty Ltd.

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From: Simon Balderstone [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 10 April 2024 10:55 AM
To: 'Karin Targa' [REDACTED] mail@wsc.nsw.gov.au
Cc: AdministratorOffice@wsc.nsw.gov.au; [REDACTED]; Office of the General Manager <gmoffice@wsc.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Response: Market Place Linemarking correspondence 10 April
Importance: High

Dear Karin,
Thank you for your letter (attached) .
Unfortunately, there is a very important factual error in it which I will respond to forthwith, and another very important point which is ignored in relation to the alleged need to "optimise parking" as a premise for this line-marking, which is in fact inconsistent with ALL other parking arrangements in the streets around Market Place Park, which is very important from a Heritage point of view .

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There is absolutely no justification for this line-marking – even on the spurious grounds of “optimising parking” - which was rightly rejected (as a proposal) by Michael Rayner but , dubiously, done anyway.

Also, there is a very disturbing broader point in relation to this unauthorised line-marking action and the now-obvious intention of the Council to keep the unauthorised line-marking in place, even though the Traffic Management Committee has not yet met to discuss the matter. I will also address that in my full response to you.

Yours,

Simon Balderstone .

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6.6 2024 Bowral Classic

Report Author: Traffic Engineer
Authoriser: Karin Targa

PURPOSE

Reporting on the traffic management arrangements for the 2024 Bowral Classic event.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

David Kemp addressed the Committee on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT there is no objection to the traffic arrangements proposed for the 2024 Bowral Classic events on Saturday 19 October and Sunday 20 October subject to approval by the NSW Police and completion of the approval process for Class 2 Race Events as per the NSW Guidelines for Bicycle Road Races and the Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events including the approval of specified speed reductions and granting of Road Occupancy Licenses (ROL) by TfNSW.

TC 2024/32

Unanimous support:

Manager Assets	✓
Transport for NSW	✓
NSW Police	✓
The representative for the Member for Goulburn	✓
The representative for the Member for Wollondilly	✓

6.7 Proposed Pedestrian Crossing - Lackey Road, Moss Vale

Report Author: Traffic Engineer
Authoriser: Karin Targa

PURPOSE

To review the proposal for the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Lackey Road, Moss Vale.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed pedestrian crossing with associated kerb blisters, signage and line marking on Lackey Road, Moss Vale be recommended for approval.

THAT the proposed No Stopping Zones on the approaches to the pedestrian crossing be recommended for approval.

THAT zig zag linemarking be installed on the approach to the crossing in both directions.

TC 2024/33

Unanimous support:

Manager Assets	✓
Transport for NSW	✓
NSW Police	✓
The representative for the Member for Goulburn	✓

6.8 Railway Avenue, Wingello - Removal of Pedestrian Refuge

Report Author: Traffic Engineer
Authoriser: Karin Targa

PURPOSE

To not support a pedestrian refuge from previously approved road work design plan in relation to Casburn Park, Wingello upgrade works

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the pedestrian refuge shown in the design plans produced by Complete, design plan No. 3393, in relation the Casburn Park upgrade, not be recommended for construction.

TC 2024/34

Unanimous support:

Manager Assets	✓
Transport for NSW	✓
NSW Police	✓
The representative for the Member for Goulburn	✓

6.9 Access Road Arrangements for 6 Lot Subdivision at 267 Bundanoon Road Exeter

Report Author: Traffic Engineer

Authoriser: Karin Targa

PURPOSE

To assess the proposed access road arrangements for a 6 lot subdivision at 267 Bundanoon Road, Exeter

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the median island, signage and line marking arrangements as shown in design plan drawing No. 22071-D01-V8 designed by CJP Consulting Engineers for the access to the proposed subdivision be recommended for approval.

THAT further information be requested for the proposed turning area on Ringwood Lane, Exeter.

TC 2024/35

Unanimous support:

Manager Assets	✓
Transport for NSW	✓
NSW Police	✓
The representative for the Member for Goulburn	✓

6.10 Traffic Arrangements for Proposed Development on Sally Corner Road, Sutton Forest

Report Author: Traffic Engineer

Authoriser: Karin Targa

PURPOSE

To assess the traffic arrangements for a proposed food outlet development on Sally's Corner Road, Sutton Forest.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the civil design plans and associated traffic arrangements designed by Richmond and Ross Consulting Engineers (Plan No. 230139) and SLR Consulting (Plan No. 610.31088) not be recommended for approval, on the basis that further revision is required on the westernmost access.

TC 2024/36

Unanimous support:

Manager Assets	✓
Transport for NSW	✓
NSW Police	✓
The representative for the Member for Goulburn	✓

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th July 2024 in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale commencing at 10am.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12:22pm.