

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING – 18 MARCH 2015
STAFF REPORTS

5 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE – 12 FEBRUARY 2015 (S638)

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SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with the recommendations of the February Local Traffic Committee meeting for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That all the recommendations of the Traffic Committee, as listed within this report, are accepted.

BACKGROUND

The Local Traffic Committee meeting was held on Thursday 12 February 2015. The reports for the meeting can be found in full as attachments to this Council report. Below is provided the report name and issue addressed, the recommendation of the Traffic Committee and any budgetary implications associated with the recommendation.

DISCUSSION

General discussion relating to new matters raised in this report.

ITEM 1: WYNTER STREET, TAREE – ANGLE PARKING (RD4805/02)

RECOMMENDATION

That the parking spaces on the southern side of Wynter Street, Taree between Manning Street and Pulteney Street be changed in these two stages:

Stage 1:

- change the three parking spaces directly in front of the Medical Clinic to one parallel space and designate this space as a disabled parking space,

- remove the one angled disabled parking space from the three parking spaces between Taree Central driveways,
- the next section to the west be changed from five parallel parking spaces to seven nose in angled parking spaces.

Stage 2:

- shorten the kerb extension in front of Medical Clinic to provide a second parallel disabled parking space.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The installation of the signs and pavement markings to be funded from *Projects Dev/Traffic – Traffic Committee Items* cost centre at a cost of approximately \$1500.

The modification of the kerb extension to suit parallel parking will cost approximately \$2000 to be funded from *Projects Dev/Traffic – Traffic Committee Items*.

ITEM 2: MACQUARIE STREET, TAREE – ANGLE PARKING (RD3060/02)

RECOMMENDATION

- (i) That the angle parking spaces in Macquarie Street, Taree between Victoria Street and Taree Aquatic Club be changed from rear to kerb parking to front to kerb.
- (ii) The three redundant laybacks in Macquarie Street along the frontage of the vacant block of land on the south eastern side of the Victoria Street intersection be replaced with kerb and guttering.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The installation of the signs and pavement markings to be funded from *Projects Dev/Traffic – Traffic Committee Items* cost centre at a cost of approximately \$600.

The removal of the laybacks and replacement of kerb and guttering will cost approximately \$6000 to be funded from *Projects Dev/Traffic – Traffic Committee Items*.

ITEM 3: MANNING STREET, TAREE – PARKING (RD3135/02)

RECOMMENDATION

That the parking spaces in Manning Street, Taree between Albert Street and Wynter Street be changed in these two stages:

Stage 1:

- The section of parking on the western side between the driveway to Taree Central and Wynter Street be changed to nose in parking. At the southern end of this zone a disabled parking space be installed with a Police parking space next to this new disabled parking space. The six angle parking spaces at the Albert St end be changed to three parallel parking spaces to ensure the safety of the pedestrian crossing.

Stage 2:

- The Bus Zone on the western side of Manning Street outside Taree Central become a No Parking zone. The Bus Zone on the eastern side be extended north to the northern driveway of the BWS store, and the disabled parking space at the front of the Bus Zone be removed. This stage to proceed when and if Eggins Comfort Coaches confirm agreement to the changes to bus services.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The installation of the signs and pavement markings for stage 1 to be funded from *Projects Dev/Traffic – Traffic Committee Items* cost centre at a cost of approximately \$1000.

The installation of the signs and pavement markings for stage 2 to be funded from *Projects Dev/Traffic – Traffic Committee Items* cost centre at a cost of approximately \$600.

ITEM 4: WYNTER STREET, TAREE – MEDIAN ISLAND (RD4805/02)

RECOMMENDATION

That a 20 metre long concrete median island be installed on Wynter Street in a westward direction from the existing median island at the roundabout at Manning Street. This is to provide a physical stop preventing vehicles from turning right out of Caltex service station.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The installation of the central island would cost of approximately \$3000 to be funded from *Projects Dev/Traffic – Traffic Committee Items*.

ITEM 5: RIVER STREET, TAREE – ROAD CLOSURE (S154/01/17)

RECOMMENDATION

That approval be granted for the temporary closure of River Street, Taree between Florence Street and Stevenson Street for the annual Easter Power Boat Classic from 7.00 am Friday 3 April 2015 to 5.00pm Sunday 5 April 2015 (Class 3 Event) subject to the following conditions:

- The applicant's Traffic Control Plan (TCP) has been accepted as the TCP as it has been signed by a current RMS accredited person. The requirements include:
 - that a current RMS accredited "Apply TCPs" (Yellow Ticket or Grey Ticket) person will install the TCP.
 - that only current RMS accredited "Traffic Controllers" (Blue Ticket) persons will operate Stop/Slow bats if required, this will include marshals working on the road.
- The applicant is responsible for organising and funding all aspects of this event including the requirements in the Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan.
- The applicant must notify local Police of this event.
- The applicant must have current public liability at the time of the event cover to the value of \$20 million.
- Any use of private land shall have the owner's approval.
- The organiser shall distribute a news release to local media at least one week in advance and repeated 2 days prior to the event, announcing the event and advising affected residents. The organiser shall provide Police with a copy of the media release and date of issue. The news release shall include dates, times and roads that will be affected.
- The applicant shall be responsible for informing all emergency services regarding the proposed event.
- The applicant shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage caused to Council infrastructure as a result of the proposed event.

- A clear passageway of 4 metres wide shall be maintained for emergency access.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ITEM 6: INFORMATION ITEMS (S638)

ITEM 6.1: OXLEY STREET, CHATHAM - NO PARKING (RD3590/02)

Item 2 at the December LTC meeting approved “No Parking, 8.00am-9.00am, 3.00pm-4.00pm Monday-Friday” zone at 25 Oxley Street, Chatham to allow kerb access for a mini bus to pick up a disabled person. The residents have informed Council that they no longer need the proposed zone as their circumstances have changed. The proposed No Parking zone will not be installed.

ITEM 6.2: 2015 ANZAC DAY (S154/02/22)

The road closures for the 2015 ANZAC Day celebrations are being managed by Council in consultation with the individual RSL Sub-Branched as done in previous years. The ANZAC Day road closures for Wingham, Old Bar and Harrington will be the same as previous years. The Taree ANZAC Day march will have the usual closure of Victoria Street plus additional road closures of Macquarie Street between Victoria Street and Albert Street, Albert Street between Macquarie Street and Florence Street, Pulteney Street between Victoria Street and River Street, and River Street between Pulteney Street and Martin Bridge. The final arrangements for the road closures are currently being discussed between the Police and Council.

ITEM 6.3: DINING PARKLET IN VICTORIA STREET, TAREE (S253/06)

Rhett Pattison reported to the meeting there was a proposal to use a parking space in Victoria Street outside the Sicilian Restaurant for alfresco dining as part of the Vibrant Spaces trial and the dining area is being called a Parklet. The Sicilian Restaurant will construct the parklet with pavers and timber planter boxers around the outside of the dining area. One car parking space will be used for the parklet and there will be two remaining parking spaces on either side of the parklet. The planter boxes will provide protection for people in the parklet from passing traffic and parking vehicles. The design of the parklet has been evaluated including a risk assessment and it is considered satisfactory. This proposal is being considered by Council at their February meeting.

ITEM 6.4: MARTIN BRIDGE ANNIVERSARY – ROAD CLOSURE (B1234)

There was a proposal by the Night Bazaar Committee to close Martin Bridge to traffic to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the bridge opening. Mayor Paul Hogan informed the meeting that the Committee are no longer wanting to close the bridge but was continuing with the plans to hold the bazaar along Pulteney Street and River Street on Sunday 17 May 2015 for the bridge celebration.

CONSULTATION

Attendees at the LTC meeting were voting members Mayor Paul Hogan (Chair), Kathryn Bell (representing Steve Bromhead MP), Jamie Smoother (RMS), Sergeant Michael Martin (Police) and non voting members Phil Miles (Senior Leader Asset Planning), Rhett Pattison (Team Leader Development & Traffic), Chris Dimarco (Road Safety Officer) and Richard Wheatley (Traffic Engineer).

Apologies were received from Councillor Trent Jennison. Consultation was undertaken in the development of the recommendations in the agenda with Police, RMS and Council staff.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Community impact (negative and positive) is considered by the Traffic Committee in its deliberations for each item. A whole of community impact is taken into account when formulating the recommendations within the regulations, standards and guidelines that administer the roads, traffic management and road safety.

TIMEFRAME

The endorsed recommendations involving signs and pavement markings are typically undertaken within eight weeks. The recommendations requiring construction work will be completed by June 2015.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The budgetary implication of each recommendation is listed in the summary of that report.

STATUTORY OR LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The statutory and legislative requirements are delegated by the RMS to Council through the Local Traffic Committee and its recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

[Traffic Committee Reports and Recommendations in full](#)

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MOVED Cr Hogan/Jenkins

That all the recommendations of the Traffic Committee, as listed within this report, are accepted.

CARRIED

For: Jennison, Bell, Epov, West, Keegan, Tickle, Jenkins, Christensen & Hogan.