

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE, ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 COMMENCING AT 11.05AM.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Steve O'Halloran, Sgt Peter Kirk (Police), Fazlul Hoque (RMS) via telephone, Margie Vanzanten (Local Members representative), Acting Director Infrastructure and Development (ADID) Bob Stewart and Engineering Coordinator (EC) Gavin Helgeland.

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

### *1. Bertram Road & Taylor Road – Community Requests*

The following recommendations were made:

- i. Speed limit on both roads to be reduced from 80km/h to 60km/h
- ii. Installation of temporary traffic calming measures on both roads for a six month trial.
- iii. Monitoring traffic (using vehicle classifiers) on both roads for the duration of the trial.

**Agreed by Consensus**

Sgt Kirk raised the Police's ability to actively enforce the speed reductions stating that presently there is the possibility that Police Officers from Albury, Griffith and Finley would occasionally be able to frequent the area for approximately three days at a time.

EC to forward vehicle classifier data from recent monitoring program on SH14, Bertram Road and Taylor Road to Sgt Kirk. **EC to action.**

EC to investigate design and cost options for traffic calming. **EC to action.**

F Hoque to check warrants on reducing speed limits on both roads. **F Hoque to advise.** *Note: once RMS has a request from Council to reduce the roads from 80km/h to 60km/h they will begin the process to implement the change. This process can take up to 3 months.*

F Hoque advised that he may be attending the Council office on the 30<sup>th</sup> May for a JPA meeting. *Note: confirmed.*

### *2. Sturt Highway Corridor*

Request by ADID for the status of the Sturt Highway Corridor Study. **F Hoque to advise.** *Note: RMS presently have the draft for the Sturt Highway Corridor Study and the release date is to be confirmed.*

Cr O'Halloran raised concerns over the hazardous condition of road surface on an approximately 2km long section northwest of Euston Township stating it needed to be upgraded. "Rough Road" signage is presently installed on this section. F Hoque to follow up on status / priority of this section of road. **F Hoque to advise.**

Cr O'Halloran raised concerns in regards to trucks presently parking on the verge in front of the Euston Motel despite "No Truck Parking" signs being installed. Sgt Kirk suggested removing the existing signs and replacing them with "No Stopping" signs to cover the area in question.

Cr O'Halloran enquired whether the RMS had considered a truck parking bay with toilets on SH14 northwest of Euston for southbound traffic. **F Hoque to advise.**

3. *Policing on SH14 through Balranald township during public holidays / long weekends*

Cr O'Halloran echoed ill-sentiment of residents regarding the high numbers of drivers being pulled over by police for RBTs during long weekends. Sgt Kirk explained the NSW Police state-wide strategy for reducing accidents where police are asked to increase their quota for RBT checks during these periods to reduce road toll. Sgt Kirk stated this strategy is proven to be effective. ADID recommended a notification be publicised by Balranald Shire Council ahead of these periods to build an awareness / explanation of NSW Police strategies.

No further general business.

Next Meeting – At a date to be advised.

CLOSED – The meeting closed at 11.35pm.

**Recommendation** That the report be accepted and recommendations therein be adopted.