

PRESENT Mayor S O'Halloran, Cr Lynda Cooke, Michael Buckley RMS, NSW Police Ray Wilson, NSW Police Dale Willis, Margie Vanzanten, General Manager Aaron Drenovski and Director Infrastructure & Development John Stevenson (Chair).

APOLOGIES: Sgt Narelle Tucker (NSW Police).

The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming the attendance of all, in particular the new Police Officers.

Minutes of the Meeting of 28th November 2013 were read and confirmed as correct.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Cr Cooke – what was the outcome of dark areas where street lights are deficient and a bus trip to identify the need for additional street lighting.

Mayor O'Halloran indicated that discussions with Essential Energy have resulted in repairs to some lights.

There is no budget consideration for additional street lightning.

New Business

1. General discussion on the difficulty for long vehicles to turn off Market Street southbound into Mayall St. The Committee agree that existing freight B Double routes should remain in place and that a trial will be undertaken to realign Mayall St centreline affording additional lane width to benefit the required turning circle for these left turn vehicles into Mayall St. DID to action.
2. Discussion was held to reduce random overnight truck parking in Euston residential streets. NSW Police advised that signage can be erected limiting parking to one hour and for lengthy periods parking should be confined to the State Highway (Cary St).
3. Mayor O'Halloran commented that the former RMS Depot should be investigated for opportunity as a truck parking area. Michael Buckley suggested that Council write to the RMS about the future of this land.
Agreed by consensus.
4. Murray Valley Highway intersection - the DID advised that a survey is underway for a forthcoming works plan to improve the safety aspects of this intersection in conjunction with approaches to the new third bridge (est completion this calendar year). DID to liaise with RMS to make alterations to signage height for visibility and improved hospital location signage.
5. Pickerings frontage highway edge treatment – the DID advised that “No Truck Parking” signage is being erected in the vicinity of the Depot

entrances in an effort to restrict random parking to this highway side area.

6. The request for a curtesy bus bay within Nixon St nature strip was considered. Agreed by consensus that a design be provided for further consideration of the matter.
7. A request for a disabled parking bay in Market St was discussed. NSW Police advised that it is a likely risk in allowing a disabled parallel park bay in this area when users alight from a vehicle close to the fog line. Options were to locate a bay in Mayall Street adjacent to the IGA car park.

The general consensus was that a bay is required in close proximity to the pharmacy. NSW Police commented that they would not oppose a trial parallel park bay in the location if Council were to resolve to proceed with a trial.

8. Advice from RMS confirmed that none of the three main street refuge type crossings qualify to be formal pedestrian crossings. NSW Police and GM noted the benefit of appropriate signage on the footpaths warning pedestrians to "Give Way to Traffic". DID to action.
9. Opportunity for 45 degree angle parking Mayall St. The Committee considered an opportunity to trial 45 degree angle parking on the north side of Mayall St between Ballandella St and Market St. This section of roadway has sufficient width to cater for the circumstance. The DID to provide a plan to determine the benefit to the next meeting.

Late Items

1. Mayor O'Halloran raised the issue of no action to improve the safety of the Market St / McCabe St intersection. DID advised that this section of Market St to River St is currently planned for reconstruction. RMS to be approached to repaint kerb faces and trial appropriate decals and advisory symbols on the pavement in lieu of "ripple strips".
2. A request of Balranald Central School to close Church St between We St and Cook St on the morning of the departure of the "Bush Bash" was tabled. NSW Police highlighted the difficulty due to the limited time for a process and moreover the impracticality considering school commencement hours and pedestrian / vehicle drop off congestion.

GM suggested that the formal departure could be organised from the nearby water tower car park with the school attending as a formal group if desired.

Agreed by consensus.

3. The DID advised of funding applications lodged through NSW Transport for the improvement to Endeavour Drive and other intersections onto the Sturt Highway.

REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL TRAFFIC
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON TUESDAY 5th
AUGUST 2014, COMMENCING AT 12.00PM

There being no further business the Meeting **closed** at 2.10pm.

NEXT Meeting:

Time and date to be advised.

Recommendation that the Report be received.