

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL, ON 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019 COMMENCING AT 3PM.**

- 1. PRESENT:**, Sgt Narelle Tucker (NSW Police), Sgt Andrew Mensforth (NSW Police) Greg Minehan (RMS) Ray Davy (Director Infrastructure & Development Balranald Shire Council - BSC) and Carol Holmes (BSC - minutes)
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Mayor Alan Purtill, Cr Trevor Jolliffe, Cr Steve O'Halloran and Michael Kitzelmann (General Manager) - BSC.
- 3.** Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting

There were no Minutes of February Meeting.

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

#### **Market Street/McCabe Street, Balranald follow up to site inspection by BSC/RMS and discussion about potential signage solutions.**

Ray distributed plans of the Market Street/McCabe Street corner, discussions were held regarding the concerns over safety of heavy vehicles turning right heading east.

The police advised they had no issues currently with that intersection. RMS suggested the trial usage of cameras on the intersection to observe truck behaviour – Greg to follow up possibility of relocating cameras in use at Hay.

#### **Line marking Morris Road/Sturt Hwy Euston**

Plans of Morris /Sturt Hwy Euston were distributed to members. BSC has sent this to RMS for comment/approval.

RMS advised that there are plans to realign this intersection and suggested that there be no immediate action re line marking.

#### **Line marking Sturt Hwy/side street intersections in Euston Township**

Ray advised that this had been partially done and needs to be completed when the contractors are available.

#### **Closure/traffic management options for Bertram and Taylor Roads, Euston**

RMS advised that options for reduction of speed limit to 60kmh had been investigated, and that Bertram Road is marginally eligible for reduction but Taylor Road is not. RMS further advised that they would not support physical traffic constraints on Bertram Road as this is the bypass route for SH14 in the event of a road closure event.

One proposal/suggestion was to insert NO Left Turn at Taylor Road/Sturt Highway but it was agreed that this would be difficult to enforce. Ray suggested that a STOP sign at Taylor Road/Leslie Drive would have some impact on eastbound traffic.

RMS and BSC to continue discussion as to potential solutions. Ongoing police presence from time to time will assist in enforcing existing speed limits.

### **Illegal access to Murray Valley Highway, Euston – potential road furniture response**

Ray suggested closely spaced guideposts with a deep table drain be put in place adjacent to Murray Valley Highway to stop illegal vehicle access across the embankment batter.

Greg suggested that BSC write to Karel Bijker re installation of a wire rope barrier. Greg will speak further with RMS and report back to Ray.

### **Redevelopment of BP site – Council concerns re Duryea Street/Windomal Road intersection**

Council were concerned with the Development Application design of Duryea/Sturt Hwy intersection due to potential heavy vehicles conflicts involving trucks turning between Sturt Hwy and Windomal Road.

Greg will inspect the Development Application and Council's resolution, and report back to Ray.

### **Cristal Mine (now Tronox) development – update on status and traffic implications**

Current Development Approval requires all mine related traffic to use the haul route. This is considered unrealistic and unenforceable in relation to light commercial and commuter traffic from Mildura and Balranald. Tronox is seeking an increase in approved production levels and is negotiating variations to existing approval conditions.

Tronox has commissioned a traffic impact study, showing an increase of traffic movements from Mildura with a slight increase from Balranald. Ray will send RMS a copy of the traffic assessment report and report on further discussions with Tronox.

### **Rural Road closures – development of new SOP**

Ray reported that BSC is seeking to enable more efficient wet weather road closure process for unsealed rural roads and preparing a new SOP, but queried what accreditation and authorisation was required for this to be selectively delegated to local farmers..

Greg advised that Council has the authority to close roads for wet weather and should be able to delegate rural property owners to put signs up under Council's delegation. Greg will check if this is correct.

### **Yanga Way/Weimby-Kyalite Road**

BSC has written to RMS expressing concerns about implications of increased turning heavy traffic arising from intensive almond farm development.

Greg noted that Weimby-Kyalite Road is not a B-Double rated road and will most likely not get rated because of the site issues at the intersection with Yanga Way.

Ray advised that BSC intends to meet with the Almond Farms to discuss possible assistance with funding to upgrade the road and the intersection to enable it to become a B-Double Rated route.

### **Access in and out of Euston Land fill**

Ray raised BSC concerns about safety of traffic Davy to write to RMS requesting the possibility of road widening at the access point of Euston Landfill.

### **Truck Parking Bays along MR 67 (Ivanhoe Road)**

Ray advised that Council has been approached by transport operators to have one or more rest stops constructed between Balranald and Ivanhoe. Greg advised that RMS policy requires minimum 100km between truck stop.

Ray noted that distance is more than 200 km between Balranald and Ivanhoe and will write to RMS requesting one truck parking bay be constructed at a suitable location on MR 67.

### **Establishment of Permanent Police Traffic Patrol presence in Balranald – Status**

The PCA readings in town are high. Visiting police officers will be staying in town for support of local police from time to time.

The discussion of trucks avoiding the cameras on Sturt Highway and using Oxley Road took place. Police noted this and will patrol that area randomly.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion – Greg Minehan RMS re new Black Spot funding.

\$600M for saving Country lives funding has been allocated with more flexibility around the eligibility criteria. However, Balranald does not have a case for funding because of insufficient injuries and/or deaths within this area.

No further general business.

Next Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**CLOSED** – The meeting closed at 4pm.