

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL, ON 13th August 2019 COMMENCING AT 4PM.

- 1. PRESENT:** Snr Constable Brodie Horrigan (NSW Police), Greg Minehan (RMS) Ray Davy (Director Infrastructure & Development Balranald Shire Council - BSC), Cr Steve O'Halloran (Councillor Balranald Shire Council) and Carol Holmes (BSC - minutes)
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Michael Kitzelmann (General Manager – BSC) and Margie Vanzanten (Local Representative)
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Moved: Greg Minehan
Seconded: Ray Davy

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Market Street/McCabe Street, Balranald.

Greg advised the priority of cameras has been shifted to Griffith. The recordings started last Sunday (11 August 2019) for 30 days. RMS will relook at the assessment in about 6 weeks. The question was raised whether all traffic directions will be monitored or will it just be traffic turning right from Market Street going over the bridge. The reply was Yes all directions on the Market Street/McCabe Street intersection will be captured.

4.2 Traffic Management Options for Bertram and Taylor Roads, Euston

Greg confirmed that a preliminary assessment indicated that Bertram Road would potentially qualify for a speed limit reduction but Taylor Road would not. It was resolved that:

The Balranald Shire Council Local Traffic Committee of request RMS to undertake a review of the speed limit on Bertram Road Euston.

Greg undertook to initiate the review immediately. Council will now consult affected parties regarding possible traffic calming devices on Taylor Road.

There was discussion regarding concerns with traffic calming devices being installed on Bertram Road as if there was to be an accident at the roundabout in Euston, Bertram Road would be used as an alternative route and trucks would not be able to access if traffic calming devices were in place.

Ray advised the committee of a DA Council had received involving a large shed in Bertram Road which would require trucks to reverse off the carriageway to the loading bocks. This would cause issues for the traffic along the road. A shoulder widening was discussed, so trucks can leave the traffic lane before reversing onto the property to load/unload at the shed.

Ray is to forward the DA to RMS for review along with the speed limit submission.

4.3 Illegal access to Murray Valley Highway, Euston

Ray advised the committee he has emailed Karel Bijker (as per last meeting) regarding the installation of a wire rope barrier.

4.4 Redevelopment of BP site

Greg advised the committee, RMS had received the Development Application for reviewing. Maurice has reviewed the concerns Council had with the design of the Duryea St/Sturt Hwy intersection. He advised that the status quo is of standard and no further actions need to be taken.

4.4 Tronox Mineral Sands Project

The Modification to the Development Approval is at the formal approval state. Council is supportive of the proposed modification providing the conditions as discussed in relation to local roads are adhered to.

4.5 Rural Road closures

Greg advised RMS was still searching information, and will report back to Ray.

4.6 Yanga Way/Weimby-Kyalite Road

Ray is searching information and will forward to RMS.

4.7 Access to Euston Landfill

Ray advised the committee he has sent an email to RMS requesting the consideration of pavement widening to enable safer right turn into the Euston landfill.

4.8 Truck Parking Bays along MR 67 (Ivanhoe Road)

Ray proposed a truck stop/parking area be at Hatfield, which is just short of RMS guidelines (100km from town). Ray is to send the proposal through to RMS for review and approval.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Minor Safety Initiatives, MR 67

Ray advised the committee of work being done to improve safety at a dangerous grid at the northern border of Balranald Shire.

Council has done some pavement widening at Clare School intersection, this enables turning onto the school road safer for all road users.

Council is proposing to improve safety on MR67 and MR514 by widening culverts and removing obsolete grids, funded by the 2019/20 block grant.

5.2 Relocation of Urban Speed limit on SH14

Greg advised the committee that the review for dropping the 50km/h speed limit on SH14 to beyond Endeavour Drive has come back and was not approved pending police and local member consultation.

The Traffic Committee and police representative present at the meeting confirmed their full support for relocation. RMS will contact Helen Dalton advising her of the request.

5.3 Emergency Management

With the boundaries now changing for police, to now include Tooleybuc in Emergency situations, it was discussed whether to contact Murray River Council in regards to having Yanga Way regarded as within our boundaries for Traffic Committee purposes.

Greg advised the committee this could lead to complications with crossing over of local government areas, as Traffic Committees worked within the LG Areas.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Police Update

Snr Constable Horrigan advised that the numbers within the police office were a bit low. He had no stats for this area, will look into supplying them for the next Traffic Meeting. Speeding would be the main concern for this area as all other statistics are reasonably low.

6.2 Arumpo Road

Greg enquired in regards to Arumpo Road being open. Ray advised that he had no information that it was not open at the current time. In relation to potential impacts of the Tronox mine traffic, the current conditions for the Development Approval state that "all Mining related vehicles are to use the haul road". A relaxation of this condition forms part of the proposed Modification, which is in progress.

No further general business.

7. Next Meeting – 11th September 2019 commencing at 10 am.

Cr O'Halloran stated that he had concerns about the traffic lanes at the intersection, in front of the BP Service Station on Sturt Highway (Item 4.4).

CLOSED – The meeting closed at 5.10pm.