



LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

5th February 2007

SUBJECT TO ADOPTION BY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY 2007, IN THE ELBOW STREET MEETING ROOM AT THE CIVIC CENTRE KEMPSEY WHICH COMMENCED AT 11.15AM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Betty Green, Senior Constable Wayne Lollback – Kempsey Police, Rod Dale – Andrew Stoner’s Representative, Mark Thompson - Road Safety Officer, Tom Vermeulen –Director Shire Service, Terry Orvad - RTA.

1 APOLOGIES:

Nil.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Adoption by Council at its meeting on 12 December 2006 of the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on 28 November 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

**3.1 SPEED ZONING AUTHORISATION – PLUMMERS LANE, SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD.
FILE: 326 (340020)**

Speed Zoning Authorisation has been received from the RTA.

Plummers Lane: 70km/h from junction of South West Rocks westward for 800m.

South West Rocks Road: 50km/h from 150m south of Bridge over Spencers Creek to 100m north of Plummers Lane.

South West Rocks Road: 70km/h from 100m north of Plummers Lane to 50m north of Arakoon Road.

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South West Rocks Road: 50km/h from 50m north of Arakoon Road to Simpson Street.

NOTES:

Discussion held regarding the Jerseyville village 50kmph zone, particularly at the T-intersection of Plummers Lane and South West Rocks Road. The road has been assessed according to current speed zone guidelines and council has the authorisation to implement RTA assessment.

Delineation and curve advisory signs, at Spencers Creek Bridge to be reassessed and upgraded before implementation of speed zone.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 SPEED LIMIT REVIEW- SOUTH WEST ROCKS ROAD, JERSEYVILLE Ref 326

NOTES

Road accident statistics indicate area is performing below acceptable expectations.

Anecdotal evidence indicating speed and behavioural issues major causes of accidents in this area.

Road environment may warrant a speed reduction.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the RTA review the speed limit from the start of the existing 100kph speed zone immediately south of Perretts Bridge on the South West Rocks Road, Jerseyville to a point 2km south within the current 100kph zone.
2. That centre line markings be reviewed.

4.2 PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES-CEDAR PLACE, COCHRANE ST, KEMPSEY FILE 102 (338795)

NOTES

The volume of traffic and pedestrian counts do not warrant a pedestrian crossing.

A pedestrian refuge could be considered however the current location of the stop would have to be moved about 80m to the north away from the crest of the hill for adequate sight distance.

If minor route changes occur elderly residents would be able to access bus services from the western side of the street, alleviating the need to cross the road.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the siting of a marked pedestrian crossing in this location is not warranted under Austroad and RTA guidelines.
2. That the bus company be requested to review its services, to provide for set downs/pick ups on the western side of Cochrane Street.

4.3 REQUEST TO REVIEW SPEED LIMIT- RIGHT BANK ROAD, KINCHELA FILE 326 (337422)

NOTES

A previous request was forwarded to RTA in May 2006 for this review to be undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the RTA review the existing speed limit on Kinchela Creek Left Bank Road, Kinchela Creek Right Bank Road, Austral Eden Outer Road, Austral Eden Link Road and the sealed section of Austral Eden Inner Road.
2. That the RTA be requested to advise the current situation in regard to the adoption of new speed zone guidelines.

4.4 REQUEST TO REVIEW SPEED LIMIT- SMITHTOWN VILLAGE FILE: 34 (339673)

NOTES

School zones are usually located on streets bounding school premises. A pedestrian crossing will not meet the guidelines warranted. A school crossing could be considered however the school would have to be responsible for the operation of the crossing. A school crossing cannot be located at any intersection, therefore it would have to be located about 50m to the south in Rawson Street, where unsupervised children are unlikely to use. Footpath, kerb and guttering would have to be provided. Nestle have been previously contacted and are proactive in raising staff awareness of children crossing at this point.

RECOMMENDATION

That the siting of a school zone or marked pedestrian crossing in this location is not warranted.

4.5 ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Reporting on the activities of Council's Road Safety Officer.

	Issue/ Strategy	Activities	Action	Status
Dec/Jan 2006-07	2006/2007 Drink Drive	Alternate Transport Nightrider Program New Years Eve	Nightrider implemented at Crescent Head and Stuarts Point. Alcolisers and promotional material distributed.	New Years Eve program completed Kempsey Cup next program
Dec/Jan 2006-07	Strategic Plan	Development of Kempsey Council Road Safety Strategic Plan 2006-2010	Draft plan	Presented to Strategic Group meeting
Dec/Jan 2006-07	Engineering	Correspondence and reports Reports and Agenda LTC	Bus shelters	Tender document being prepared
Dec/Jan 2006-07	Youth	GLS Workshop held	12 parents participated in program	On-going

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

4.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION- SIGNAGE FOR THE SLIM DUSTY CENTRE FILE: 462 (request by Mayor Green)

A report was considered by Council at its meeting on the 16th January 2007, regarding a meeting with members of the Slim Dusty Project held on 21st December 2006. Council resolved:

"That Council refer the signage request to the RTA via the Local Traffic Committee."

Approval has been granted to the development and conditions set by the RTA through the Regional traffic Committee have been included. One of their conditions stated that any future advertising on the Pacific Highway Frontage is to be limited to a single structure.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

4.7 OPENING OF TIGHES LANE AT SOUTH KEMPSEY BETWEEN CALTEX SERVICE CENTRE AND SOUTH KEMPSEY BOTTLE SHOP FILE: R TIGHES LN (339499)

Council at its meeting on the 16th January 2007 resolved:

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"That the question of the reopening of Tighes Lane, South Kempsey be referred to the Traffic Committee and the Social Strategic Planning Committee."

RECOMMENDATION

That the question of reopening of Tighes Lane be deferred until a recommendation is received from the Social Strategic Planning Committee.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 PACIFIC HIGHWAY LORD ST/HILL ST- ADVISORY SIGNAGE REF: RD

Concern raised regarding vegetation obscuring advisory signage in this area and the alignment of the delineation markers.

RTA will review and undertake necessary maintenance.

5.2 MINI MOTORCYCLES AND MOTORISED TOYS REF: RD

Increase in the use of these devices on public roads particularly in the South Kempsey area.

Police have issued a number of infringement notices for these devices and are aware of the problem.

Mayor to highlight the issues in her newspaper column.

5.3 CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC THROUGH KEMPSEY REF: POLICE

Police noticed an increase in traffic volumes over the Christmas holiday period and were concerned by the delays caused at the bridge. Better synchronisation of traffic signals at the intersection of Smith and Belgrave Streets was sought.

RTA continually monitors these intersections, and will review the signal phasing.

5.4 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS RTA

RTA has released "A guide to the delegation to councils for the regulation of traffic" including the operation of Traffic Committees.

NOTES:

Currently Kempsey Local Traffic Committee is generally operating within guidelines however a change in the format of the Agenda may be required to reflect the different levels of delegated authority.

6 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th March, 2007 at 11am

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