

Committee Report

9.1 **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BERRIGAN SHIRE COUNCIL OFFICE, CHANTER STREET, BERRIGAN ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2014 COMMENCING AT 2:00 PM**

**RECOMMENDATION – that recommendations numbered 1 to 9 inclusive of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2014 be adopted.**

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1. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – MURRAY STREET, FINLEY**

This site has been assessed in relation to Council's request for the installation of traffic lights.

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The RMS representative advised the Local Traffic Committee that the site did not meet the warrants for traffic lights as traffic counts and pedestrian counts were well below RMS adopted requirements.

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The Police representative advised that there had not been any recent accident history at the intersection.

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It was agreed that if the Finley community felt unsafe with the current crossing it could be improved by moving it 10 to 15 metres to the north to give turning traffic more time to assess pedestrian movements on the crossing. This would obviously result in a decrease in car parking spaces in Murray Street.

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**RECOMMENDATION No. 1 - that Berrigan Shire Council consult with the Finley community to determine if safety concerns warrant moving the pedestrian crossing 10 metres to the North and report back to a future Local Traffic Committee Meeting.**

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2. **TRUCK PARKING – MARY LAWSON WAYSIDE STOP - MURRAY STREET, FINLEY**

**RECOMMENDATION No. 2 - that a 'No Stopping' sign be erected on Murray Street, Finley a distance of 25m north of the intersection with Tongs Street.**

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3. **SCHOOL BUS STOP – RIVERINA HIGHWAY, FINLEY (MAXWELL'S MOTORCYCLES)**

The Committee considered the request from Bickley's Bus Lines to construct a bus stop at the entrance to Maxwell's Motorcycles on the Riverina Highway and agreed that as there are existing sealed pull off areas on both sides of the Riverina Highway at Canalla Road intersection 800m east of the requested work, construction of new pull off areas at this point is not warranted.

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**RECOMMENDATION No. 3 - Transport NSW be consulted about the need for a bus stop at the entrance to Maxwell's Motorcycles given that there are sealed pull off areas on both sides of the Riverina Highway at Canalla Road intersection 800m east of the requested work.**

**4. SPEED ZONING NEWELL HIGHWAY SOUTHERN APPROACH TO FINLEY**

The Committee considered a request for reinstating the buffer speed zone on the southern approach to Finley township.

The RMS representative advised that current NSW policy for speed zoning was not to have buffer zones on approach to 50km/hr zones and that existing buffer zones on the Riverina Highway would be assessed in the near future with a view to removing them.

It was agreed that the speed zoning within the state should be consistent and that town approached in Berrigan Shire be assessed for conformance.

**RECOMMENDATION No. 4 - that the resident requesting the change to the buffer speed zones be advised of RMS policy relating to this matter.**

**5. SCHOOL BUS STOP – WOOLSHED ROAD AND FULLERS ROAD**

The Committee agreed there is a need for improvement to the school bus stop at the intersection of Woolshed Road and Fullers Road as it is an interchange point where students need to change from one bus to another.

**RECOMMENDATION No. 5 - that the school bus stop at the intersection of Woolshed Road and Fullers Road be improved by extending the gravel shoulder to a distance of 3m from the traffic lane for a length of 45m south of the Fullers Road junction and that the Local Traffic Committee support an application by Berrigan Shire Council for a grant from Roads and Maritime Service for this work.**

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**6. SCHOOL BUS STOP – BRUCE BIRRELL DRIVE, TOCUMWAL**

The Committee agreed that the road side at Bruce Birrell Drive and Hunter Drive does not provide adequate width for a safe bus stop and that this could be best addressed by provision of an ‘off road’ bus stop on the road reserve on the north east side of the intersection as shown below subject to final design and adequate sight distances for turning movements.



**RECOMMENDATION No. 6 - that the school bus stop at the intersection of Bruce Birrell Drive and Hunter Drive be improved by the construction of an ‘off road’ bus stop on the north east corner of the intersection and that the Committee support an application by Berrigan Shire Council for a grant from RMS for this work.**

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7. DO NOT LITTER SIGNS – BERRIGAN

**RECOMMENDATION No. 7** - that the Committee does not object to the erection of anti-litter signage at the five locations shown on the plan below provided they can be erected with a minimum clearance of 3m from the traffic lanes based on a 50km/h speed limit on the road. While some of the roads in question may be zoned 50km/h as part of subsequent speed zone reviews, the signs should be located outside the required clear zones at the time of installation.



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**8. COBRAM / BAROOGA CYCLE CLUB 2014 RACE PERMIT APPLICATION**

**RECOMMENDATION No. 8 - that NSW Police be advised that the Committee support the application from the Cobram/Barooga Cycle Club to hold cycle races on a weekly basis during the period 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 to 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 on varying routes contained within Hughes Street, Barooga, Mulwala-Barooga Road, Back Barooga Road, Carramar Road, Draytons Road and Yarrawonga Road.**

**9. REQUESTS FOR SPEED ZONE REVIEWS**

The Council representative tabled requests recently received for reduction of speed zones on Racecourse Road, Tocumwal and Murray Grove, Barooga.

RMS representative will review the speed zones using the adopted guidelines and recommend any changes (if any) identified in the review.

**RECOMMENDATION No. 9 - that the residents requesting the speed zone changes on Racecourse Road, Tocumwal and Murray Grove, Barooga be advised that RMS will review the speed zones for compliance with adopted NSW guidelines and recommend changes if any are warranted.**

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