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**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE  
HELD IN MURRAY ROOM, GRIFFITH ON  
TUESDAY, 9 JULY 2024 COMMENCING AT 10:34 AM**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Anne Napoli (Chair, via Zoom), Jason Hinson (Police Representative), Frank Goodyer (Transport for NSW Representative, via Zoom), Michael Rowley (Member for Murray Representative)

**STAFF**

Engineering Design & Approvals Manager, Joe Rizzo (via Zoom), Development & Traffic Coordinator, Greg Balind and Minute Secretary, Melanie Hebrok

**1 APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Jason Hinson and Frank Goodyer that apologies be received from Ronelle Green and Greg Minehan.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Jason Hinson and Frank Goodyer that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 June 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING**

**3.1 Request for No Parking Zone – Langley Crescent**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Jason Hinson and Michael Rowley that the report be raised from the table.

Mr Balind said he has spoken to Transport Partnerships following the June meeting who advised Langley Crescent is a designated school bus route. Council has no record of official approval and staff are not in favour of potentially setting a precedent by restricting parking in the area. Mr Goodyer noted if the transport company has identified safety issues using this route, they are able to lodge a bus service alteration request through Transport Partnerships for a safer alternative. Mr Balind to advise Griffith Buslines.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Jason Hinson and Frank Goodyer that the Traffic Committee refuse the request for restricted parking on Langley Crescent.

#### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

##### **Pecuniary Interests**

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

##### **Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

##### **Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

#### **5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

##### **CL01 2024 CITRUS SCULPTURES TRAFFIC CONTROL - BANNA AVENUE**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Frank Goodyer and Michael Rowley that the Traffic Committee:

- (a) Support the implementation of the Traffic Control Plan on Banna Avenue on Sunday, 13 October 2024 and Sunday, 27 October 2024 to allow for the construction and dismantling of the citrus sculptures.
- (b) Support the implementation of the Traffic Control Plan on Banna Avenue and Visitors Centre Carpark on Friday, 18 October 2024 relevant to the 'Springfest Launch Event.'
- (c) Support the implementation of the Traffic Control Plan on Banna Avenue from Sunday, 13 October 2024 to Sunday, 27 October 2024 to facilitate the exhibition phase of the event.
- (d) Note the Transport Management Plans associated with both the Construction/Dismantling and Launch events.

Mr Balind to forward public liability insurance details to Police and TfNSW. A Road Occupancy Licence will be applied for following the meeting.

##### **CL02 PROPOSED STREET PARADE - MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL - BANNA AVENUE**

Mr Balind stated the Multicultural Council of Griffith is proposing to hold a street parade on Banna Avenue on Sunday, 6 October 2024 commencing at 11:30am and concluding at 1:30pm. The event will involve vehicles / floats carrying participants, and walkers representing various cultures. Approximately 350 persons will be involved in the parade.

The event will require the closure of the following roads commencing at 10:30am:

- Banna Avenue between Jondaryan Avenue and Ulong Street,
- Kooyoo Street between Banna Avenue and Railway Street,
- Railway Street between Jondaryan Avenue and Ulong Street,
- Railway Street (Memorial Park) Carpark.

A Road Occupancy Licence will be sought following this meeting. A valid Certificate of Currency remains outstanding.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Jason Hinson and Frank Goodyer that the Traffic Committee:

- (a) Support the installation of the Traffic Guidance Scheme documenting road closures relevant to the event.
- (b) Note the Special Event Transport Management Plan.
- (c) Note the Traffic Management Plan documenting traffic related contingencies for the event.
- (d) Condition approval on the submission of a valid Certificate of Currency to Council prior to 6 September 2024.

### **CL03 TRAFFIC CONTROL - RAILWAY STREET - MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL 2024**

Mr Balind said the Multicultural Council of Griffith are proposing to hold a Multicultural Festival in Memorial Park on Saturday, 12 October 2024. Traffic control relevant to the increase in pedestrian activity and for the closure of the Memorial Park carpark has been requested. A valid Certificate of Currency remains outstanding.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Jason Hinson and Michael Rowley that the Traffic Committee:

- (a) Support the implementation of the attached Traffic Control Plan relevant to the closure of Memorial Park carpark for the Multicultural Festival 2024.
- (b) Condition that support on the provision of a valid Certificate of Currency at least 28 days prior to the event.

### **CL04 REQUEST FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DISABLED PARKING ZONE - BANNA AVENUE**

Mr Balind informed the Committee that NSW Health Pathology have asked for a disabled zone to be installed at their clinic located at 20 Banna Avenue. The existing parking is non-delineated 2-hour time restricted rear to kerb 60-degree angle parking with the nearest disabled parking zone approximately 900 metres from the location.

While on-street disabled parking is not recommended on a 60km/h road, the combined width of the two travel lanes and associated parking area provides enough separation between the travel lanes and the parking area to allow for a disabled zone to be implemented. Formalised parking bays along the frontage of the site will also assist with managing parking of all vehicles at that location.

Mr Balind noted Council will seek funding for a compliant access ramp to be constructed.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Frank Goodyer and Jason Hinson that the Traffic Committee:

- (a) Approve the installation of a 60-degree angled rear to kerb unrestricted disabled parking zone and relevant signs/pavement markings on the southern side of Banna Avenue, west of the Lenehan Road intersection.
- (b) Approve the formalisation of parking at the site by installing parking bays/pavement markings in compliance with Australian Standards 2890.

## **CL05 PARKING COMPLIANCE REPORT - SIKH GAMES 2024**

The Committee discussed the information received from Council's contract compliance officers. It was noted that while hundreds of 'Move on Directions' were given out by rangers, only 8 infringement notices were issued in total based on the information provided in the compliance report.

Sergeant Hinson noted it was positive that no major speeding incidents were observed this year after Police worked hard at targeting speeding offenders at the Sikh Games in recent years. He added that compliance with road/parking rules is increased when penalties are issued rather than just when warnings are given.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Jason Hinson and Michael Rowley that that the information be received.

## **6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

### **6.1 Intersection Treatment – Noorilla Street and Boonah Street**

Mr Balind advised that there has been a further accident at the intersection since the previous Traffic Committee meeting, bringing the total number of accidents in the last three years to nine. Five of those accidents have occurred in the last 12 months. This site sustains one of the highest incidents of crashes on council managed roads. The intersection is the main thoroughfare to the airport, and two of the crashes have involved hire cars. The Director of Infrastructure and Operations has indicated that while there were funding streams available for potential intersection treatment, no grant writing resources were currently available and that Council will do what is possible when the situations arise.

The Chair asked Mr Balind to provide information in a report to Council so the resolution from the December 2023 Committee meeting can be progressed as a matter of urgency.

### **6.2 General Business – Mackay Avenue / Macedone Road Intersection**

Mr Rizzo noted that as a result of the Mackay Avenue footpath construction, vegetation cleanup in the area has significantly improved sight distance from Macedone Road to Mackay Avenue.

### **6.2 Speed Zone Reviews**

- Rifle Range Road – inspected and enforceable
- Barracks Road and Murrumbidgee Avenue – currently submitted to Council for works quotation
- Todd Road – confirmed is signposted at 50 km/h and is identified on SpeedLink as 50 km/h default.
- Slopes Road – inspected and will be the next to have a review progressed unless Council has a priority for the current 80km/h zone at Rifle Range Road, Beelbangera.

Mr Balind to liaise with TfNSW regarding prioritising Rifle Range Road.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Frank Goodyer and Michael Rowley that the report be noted.

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Bus Zone on Wyangan Avenue / Messner Street**

Mr Rowley noted that he has received another report of a near miss at the new Wyangan Avenue bus zone, with reports people are crossing Wyangan Avenue to access the bus stop on the other side and not seeing cars coming out of Messner Street behind them. He is working with residents to put a request in writing for further action.

### **7.2 Traffic Build-Up Blumer Avenue / Poole Street**

Mr Balind received a request from Councillor Singh Lally to investigate a traffic issue on Blumer Avenue when a car parked parallel to the kerb at a residence near the Poole Street intersection prevents cars travelling along Blumer Avenue from overtaking other cars waiting to turn right into Poole Street and causing traffic to build up. Mr Balind noted that similar issues have resulted in requests for restricted parking at other intersections however Council did not want to set a precedent by implementing parking restrictions to ease traffic congestion. The Committee discussed the issue and agreed that expansion of Collina will lead to traffic congestion however people can use alternative routes via Clifton Boulevard to travel into town.

### **7.3 Sidlow Road / Stafford Road Intersection**

Mr Balind has received a further request from Councillor Singh Lally regarding a possible intersection treatment for Sidlow and Stafford Roads following recent accidents. He informed the Committee that he has forwarded a request to the Works department for installation of bigger 'Stop' signs (Size B) on both sides of Stafford Road approaching Sidlow Road as well as a request for roadside vegetation slashing which should improve sight distance and advanced warning for the intersection. Mr Rizzo asked that line marking be refreshed as well. Mr Balind to add to the request.

### **7.4 Items for Next Meeting**

Mr Balind noted the Urban Design team are holding a street activation event which involves the closure of Olympic Street for a weekend in November. A report will be presented at the August meeting.

He further stated that he has received requests for No Stopping Zones around the hospital due to sight distance issues as cars parked parallel to the kerb near the hospital are obstructing views for people exiting driveways in the area. A report will be prepared for the next meeting.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 13 August 2024 at 10:30 am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:28 am.