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**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE  
HELD IN MURRAY ROOM, GRIFFITH ON  
TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 10:34AM**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Anne Napoli (Chair), Greg Minehan (Transport for NSW) (Zoom), Anthony Butcher (Police Representative) and Michael Crump (Member for Murray Representative)

Quorum = 3

**STAFF**

Development & Traffic Coordinator, Greg Balind, Development & Traffic Engineer, Ronelle Green and Minute Secretary, Melanie Hebrok

**1 APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Michael Crump and Anthony Butcher that apologies be received from Joe Rizzo, Colin Lonsdale and Jason Hinson.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Michael Crump and Greg Minehan that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 December 2022, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING**

**3.1 Traffic Management – 2023 City to Lake Fun Run**

Mr Balind advised that the event has been postponed until September 2023 due to flooding along the proposed route.

**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**

*Members making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.*

Staff – Greg Balind

Outstanding Action Report / General Business

Reason – Discussion was held at the Traffic Committee in relation to Traffic and pedestrian management in the vicinity of the Griffith North Public School. Declaration of interest provided as Mr Balind's residence is on the same street mentioned during the discussion.

## **5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **CL01 TRAFFIC CONTROL - 2023 CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL - COMMUNITY GARDENS**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Michael Crump that the Traffic Committee support the implementation of traffic control relevant to the event on Coolah Street and Willandra Avenue as per the attached Traffic Control Plan.

### **CL02 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - 2023 ANZAC DAY MARCH**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Anthony Butcher that the Traffic Committee approve the implementation of the Traffic Control Plan associated with the closure of Banna Avenue for the purpose of the 2023 ANZAC Day March and Memorial Service.

### **CL03 KOOYOO STREET STAGE 2 UPGRADES - LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

Mr Balind presented the draft plan for Stage 2 of Kooyoo Street Upgrade, which includes:

- Installation of two pedestrian crossings, including one wombat profile crossing with associated signage off Yambil Street and one pedestrian crossing on the eastern side of Kooyoo Street crossing Banna Lane;
- Change of priority for traffic from Banna Lane crossing Kooyoo Street; and
- Installation of a 30 km/h speed zone on Kooyoo Street from Banna Lane to Yambil Street.

Mr Minehan raised concerns about the different speed zones in close proximity and noted a 10km/h speed limit would likely be recommended throughout Kooyoo Street following the upgrades.

Councillor Napoli advised that a Notice of Motion was included in this evening's Council Meeting Agenda proposing that the community be consulted regarding a possible permanent closure of Kooyoo Street (Stage 1) to vehicles and only allowing pedestrian access.

Mr Minehan suggested that in light of this Notice of Motion, the regulatory speed zone signage depicted in the plans should be laid on the table.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Anthony Butcher that::

- (a) The Traffic Committee approve (as per the attached designs) a change in priority at the intersection of Kooyoo Street and Banna Lane to favour west bound traffic on Banna Lane.
- (b) The Traffic Committee approve (as per the attached designs) the installation of two (2)

pedestrian crossings at the respective locations on Kooyoo Street (northern side of Yambil Street) and Banna Lane (eastern side of Kooyoo Street).

- (c) The Traffic Committee approve (as per the attached designs) the installation of a speed hump on Banna Lane to the east of Kooyoo Street.
- (d) The Traffic Committee approve (as per the attached designs) the installation of regulatory signs relevant to a restricted parking and restricted access on Kooyoo Street and Banna Lane.
- (e) The installation of regulatory speed zone signs relevant to High Pedestrian Activity Area  
**LAY ON THE TABLE.**

Mr Balind to notify TfNSW of the outcome of the Notice of Motion before Council.

## **6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

### *Speed Zone Reviews*

Mr Minehan advised that the review of Rifle Range Road was complete pending final sign off, with an 80km/h limit proposed from Smeeth Road to Beelbanger Road.

### *Letter – School Crossing Complaint*

Mr Crump clarified that one of the issues raised was that there was a step instead of a ramp at one side of the North Griffith Public School crossing on Kooba Street, posing access problems for prams, wheelchairs and the like.

Mr Balind declared an interest and advised that a ramp could not be installed here due to existing drainage infrastructure and non-compliance with Disability Standards, however there was ramp access via a driveway a few metres further which was still within the boundaries of the designated crossing.

Mr Crump further asked that a possible pick up / drop off zone be investigated across the road on the nature strip in front of the old Girl Guides building which would provide ample space. Mr Balind noted that reverse parking in school zones was not encouraged and existing infrastructure around the strip was not favourable for such a proposal. There was ample parking available in the vicinity and the onus was on the parents/carers to ensure they were compliant with parking regulations.

Mr Crump to forward concerns in writing to Mr Balind for investigation.

### *Hanwood School Crossing Upgrades*

Mr Minehan advised quotes for the construction of the crossing were in progress. Mr Crump asked whether the new crossing would allow wide vehicles through. Mr Minehan advised the proposed crossing would not be any narrower than the existing infrastructure.

### *Hanwood Shared Path*

Mr Balind and Mr Crump sought an update regarding rectification works relevant to the cycle way crossing refuge/path to the south of Hanwood which causes issues with oversized vehicles. Mr Minehan advised there are no funding sources available for those works to be undertaken.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Anthony Butcher that the report be noted.

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Beelbanger / Carver Road Intersection**

Mr Crump noted that Beelbanger Road at its approach to Carver Road was in need of heavy patching. Mr Balind to pass on.

### **7.2 Signage Request**

Mr Crump asked if it was possible to install warning signage regarding the use of compression brakes by trucks at the Kookora Street lights. Mr Balind advised that it was custom to refuse such requests in the area as has previously been done at Yoogali / Burley Griffin Way and Kidman Way / Hanwood.

### **7.3 Jondaryan Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Request**

Councillor Napoli advised that concerns have been raised at the Community Opinion Group meeting regarding pedestrians crossing to Griffith Central at the intersection of Jondaryan Avenue and Yambil Street. Mr Minehan noted that this was a state road and needed to meet the warrants for installation of a crossing taking into account the number of pedestrians versus the number of vehicles per hour, which he said it currently did not meet. Another possibility would be traffic lights however these could not be installed near the roundabout and would need to be further away from the entrances so it was likely they would not be used to cross the road.

Councillor Napoli suggested looking at a crossing from the fire station to Central. Mr Balind advised that he has previously met on a number of occasions with the owners of Central regarding a crossing in the area that would require 30 metres of parking on each side of Yambil Street to be forfeited which the owners did not support.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at 10:30am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:45am.

Confirmed: .....

CHAIRPERSON