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Department:	Infrastructure and Regulation
Submitted by:	Director Infrastructure and Regulation
Subject:	Late Report 1 - Uralla Local Traffic Committee

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

Goal:	2.3	A safe and efficient network of arterial roads and supporting infrastructure; and town streets, footpaths and cycleways that are adequate, interconnected and maintained
Strategy:	2.3.1	Provide an efficient network that balances asset conditions with available resources and asset utilisation
Activity	2.3.1.1	Deliver road and drainage maintenance services and capital works programs
Action:	2.3.1.1.4	Seek funding for transport infrastructure expansion projects

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the Minutes of the Uralla Local Traffic Committee (LTC) meeting held Tuesday, 5 December 2017.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the minutes of the Uralla Local Traffic Committee held on 5 December 2017.

BACKGROUND:

The Local Traffic Committee includes a Councillor, an Armidale Police representative, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Officer and the Local Member or his representative.

REPORT:

Presentation on the Uralla Shire Council 40K High Pedestrian Activity Area Concept Plan

The consultants undertaking the works presented their findings and proposed direction with which the Committee concurred. Subsequently, a draft report and concept plans have been provided to Council and are currently under review by staff and the RMS. The documents have also been provided to the members of the LTC for review and comment.

King Street Maitland Street Intersection.

At its February 2017 meeting Council resolved that;

For the King St and Maitland St intersection, Council prepare a couple of intersection layouts incorporating traffic calming and considering pedestrian continuity for the consideration of the Traffic Committee in response to the recorded accident history.

The LTC considered the options presented and selected Option 2 as the preferred option.

The Committee's recommendation is that:

That the treatment option 2 (attached) be implemented subject to funding approval by Council.

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Council staff will prepare an estimate of budget costs for consideration of the additional works in the 2017/18 budget development as per Option 2.

Bargibal single white line.

At its meeting of 28 February 2017, in considering the Traffic Committee report, Council resolved that;

Council undertake further investigation regarding sight distances and other factors affecting traffic at the Bargibal access from Thunderbolts Way for submission to the next Local Traffic Committee Meeting.

Advice was provided to the Committee that;

Council and RMS staff had jointly inspected the location. The sight distance available on Thunderbolts Way meets the warrant to allow overtaking and this should be applied. There was agreement with the advice by the Committee.

Requests for on-street disabled parking at the Hill Street Medical centre and a pedestrian crossing at McMaugh Gardens in King Street were considered.

The recommendation from the Committee was that;

- disabled parking requirements for Uralla be considered as part of the PAMP, and
- pedestrian crossing requirements be considered within the 40K High Pedestrian Activity Area Concept Plan

The disabled parking requirements for Uralla can be accommodated as per the recommendation subject to approval by RMS of funding for the PAMP study 2018/19.

Additionally, the consultant has considered the pedestrian crossing requirements in King Street as part of the 40K High Pedestrian Activity Area Concept Plan.

Speed reduction requests;

The RMS proposed a speed reduction (from 100km/hr to 80km/hr) on Barleyfields Road from the 50km/hr zone to the intersection with the New England Highway. This was supported by the Committee, subject to a review by RMS of the signage proposed and implications for Warwick Street. When the RMS review is finalised, it will be reviewed by the LTC and if supported presented to Council for formal adoption of the recommendation.

A request for a speed reduction to 80km/hr on Bingara Road was not supported by the Committee.

A request for a speed reduction on Rocky River Road was not supported by RMS, however the RMS will provide advice on some recommended safety improvements for Rocky River Road.

A request for a repeater sign for additional 50km/hr signage in Leece Road was considered and the LTC had no objection should the Council staff consider it warranted.

Request for a speed camera in Bundarra.

The Committee received the RMS advice that proponents for speed cameras should nominate the proposed location on the Safer Roads website.

CONCLUSION:

That Council note the minutes of the Uralla Local traffic Committee meeting held on 5 December 2017.

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COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

- 1. Community Engagement/ Communication (per engagement strategy)**
Nil
- 2. Policy and Regulation**
Nil
- 3. Financial (LTFP)**
Nil
- 4. Asset Management (AMS)**
Nil
- 5. Workforce (WMS)**
Nil
- 6. Legal and Risk Management**
Nil
- 7. Performance Measures**
Nil
- 8. Project Management**
Works Manager / Director I&R

Prepared by staff member:

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Approved/Reviewed by Director:

Terry Seymour, Director Infrastructure & Regulation

Department:

Infrastructure and Regulation

Attachments:

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Option 2 – Maitland Street – King Street intersection layout

North

12 m

16 m

KING STREET

GIVE WAY

KEEP LEFT

GIVE WAY

GIVE WAY

KEEP LEFT

GIVE WAY

B size

GIVE WAY

60m advance warning

9 m

to Woodville

MATLAND STREET

7 m

- Boundary
- Kerb & Gutter
- Bitumen
- Proposed
- Point

Scale 1:600 424 URALLA King / Maitland Streets intersection

ALTERNATIVE 2 ENHANCED SIGNAGE, ETC

by Jim Wagner 23-Jan-2017



**Minutes of Uralla Local Traffic Committee
Held at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 05 December 2017
in Council Chambers**

In Attendance: Mr Stefan Wielebinski (SW)– Roads and Maritime Services
Snr Const. Tom Grace (PC) – Uralla Police
Mr Bob Barwell (BB) –Local Representative for Local Parliamentary Member
Clr Robert Bell (RB) –Uralla Shire Council

Mr Terry Seymour (TS) – Minutes

Business Arising from the Minutes not otherwise covered in the Agenda

(i) Nil

Agenda Items:

1. Presentation Uralla Shire Council 40K High Pedestrian Activity Area Concept Plan – Rupert Milne and David Toovey.

The consultants presented on their preliminary findings. Draft report to follow.

Recommendation

That the consultant be thanked for the presentation.

2. Rocky River Road speed reduction request.

A petition was received and reviewed by Council staff and RMS.

SW advised that an 80km/hr speed zone is not supported but revised signage and line marking could be updated to improve the safety. RMS will provide a report to Council detailing the recommendations.

Recommendation

That the advice from RMS be noted.

3. King St and Maitland St intersection treatment options.

At its meeting of 28 February, Council resolved that ***For the King St and Maitland St intersection, Council prepare a couple of intersection layouts incorporating traffic calming and considering pedestrian continuity for the consideration of the Traffic Committee in response to the recorded accident history.***

Four layouts were provided for the LTCs consideration.

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Recommendation;

That the treatment option 2 (attached) be implemented subject to funding approval by Council.

4. Temporary road closure procedure.

TS advised that this is not finalised.

Recommendation

That the advice be noted.

5. Bargibal single white line and bus stop works requests.

At its meeting of 28 February, in considering the Traffic Committee report Council resolved that;

Council undertake further investigation regarding sight distances and other factors affecting traffic at the Bargibal access from Thunderbolts Way for submission to the next Local Traffic Committee Meeting.

Council's Works Manager and the RMS representative inspected the site on the 15th of March 2017 and have advised.

From the site inspection it was agreed that there is no warrant to provide road barrier lines north from Abington Bridge to the "Bargibal" Property entrance.

The sight distance available (>300m in either direction) on Thunderbolts Way meets the warrant to allow overtaking and this should be applied.

The LTC concurred with the assessment.

Recommendation;

That the advice be noted

6. Request for pedestrian crossing at McMaughs in King Street and disabled parking bay in Hill Street at the Medical Centre.

Disabled parking in Hill Street at the medical centre is considered to be best managed onsite. Minimum slope requirements for on street disabled parking (AS 2890.5 – 1993, Section 4) are likely to preclude on street disabled parking in this location.

The PAMP funding application for 17/18 was unsuccessful as submitted as a combined application with the footpath/cycleway strategy. Separate applications for both projects (which can be undertaken simultaneously) have been lodged for 18/19.

Initial review considers that a blister and footpath realignment might be a preferable solution if at all warranted and has been considered by the consultants preparing the **40K High Pedestrian Activity Area Concept Plan**.

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Recommendation;

That disabled parking requirements for Uralla be considered as part of the PAMP, and pedestrian crossing requirements in King Street be considered within the 40K High Pedestrian Activity Area Concept Plan

7. Barleyfields Road

At the December 2016 LTC meeting, RMS were requested to investigate a speed reduction request on Barleyfields Road.

RMS has recommended the speed be reduced from the 50km/hr zone to the intersection with the highway. Report attached.

Council staff have reviewed the recommendation and concluded;

- The proposed signs near Kliendienst Road appear unnecessary as Kliendienst Road is unformed.

- Preferable to have 80/100 signs on the Big Ridge Road leg instead of the 80 signs on Barley Fields Road each side of Big Ridge Road as drivers turning up Big Ridge Road have no indication they are out of the 80kph zone.

- Probably worthwhile for Warwick Street to be rezoned 80 kph or signed as per Big Ridge Road 80/100.

SW advised that signage on a side road from a road that is signed 80 km/hr onto a side road is not required as the speed zone on the side road is the default speed zone unless signed otherwise.

Recommendation;

That the Committee proposes the recommendation of RMS for an 80km/hr zone for Barleyfields Road with RMS to review the signage arrangement proposed for Kliendienst Road and implications for the short run of 100km/hr zone in Warwick Street.

8. Referral to the LTC from Adam Marshall – Member for the Northern tablelands.

The LTC considered Attached is a letter requesting consideration by the LTC for a reduction in the speed zone from 100kph to 80kph.

Council staff do not support the request based upon the justification provided.

Recommendation;

Retain the current speed zone for Bingara Road.

9. Referral to the LTC from Adam Marshall – Member for the Northern Tablelands forwarding a request from a constituent for a speed camera in Bundarra.

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The SW advised that such requests are best progressed through nominations by the proponent on the Safer Roads website.

Recommendation;

That the Member for the Northern Tablelands be advise that the proponent may wish to consider proposing the location for a nominated speed camera on the Safer Roads website. .

10. Leece Road

On the 20th of September police have advised of a request for a 50kph speed sign due to speeding vehicles and drivers.

Typically, repeater speed signs are installed sparingly in an urban environment within a designated 50kph area.

Recommendation:

That the Committee had no objection to the installation of a repeater sign if Council staff considered it warranted.

Meeting Closed at 4.00 pm