



MINUTES of

URALLA LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Held on 5 November 2024 at 10:00 AM

Attendance at Meeting:

**Committee
Members:**

Tracey Niddrie
Bob Barwell
David Mailler

Transport for NSW
Local Member's Representative
Uralla Shire Councillor

Staff:

David Counsell
Staff S Baxter

Manager Civil Infrastructure
Executive Support Infrastructure &
Development

Apologies:

Connor Williams
Myles McLindin

Uralla Police
Group Manager Civil Infrastructure

Observers:

Robert Bell
Tom O'Connor

Mayor
Councillor (Deputy Mayor)

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1 OPENING & WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting opened at 10:02am.

Welcome Cr David Mailler to the Committee.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair read the acknowledgement of country.

3 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS /COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Connor Williams

Myles McLindin

4 DISCLOSURE & DECLARATION OF INTEREST/S

The Chair advised there were no disclosures.

The Chair received no declaration of any interest.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the minutes of the Uralla Local Traffic Committee held 13 August 2024, as a true and correct record.

6 TABLING OF PETITONS

7 LATE REPORT/S

The Chair advised there were no late, urgent and supplementary items or reports of business.

8 REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

8.1 REQUEST FROM BUNDARRA PRE-SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATION

That the Uralla Local Traffic Committee agree that new replacement children warning signs be installed on each approach to the Bundarra Preschool in Court Street with the addition of Preschool signs.

TN It is a residential area, speed bumps would create more noise and nuisance, and would also set a precedent for other schools.

Action: Council to upgrade and replace signs.

8.2 HAWTHORNE DRIVE HEAVY VEHICLES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Uralla Local Traffic Committee recommend the application of a fifteen (15) tonne Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) load limit to Hawthorne Drive and Northeys Road with installation of applicable signage.

- DM Asked if the damage related to heavy vehicles or from when the road was rebuilt?
- DC Some pavement investigation has been done and pavement is not performing as well as it should, it is also exacerbated by the heavy vehicles and wet weather of the last 6 months. Trees have also been removed and affecting the table drain – investigation is ongoing.
- DM We need to look at livestock transport as it is a large part of our areas truck activity.
- DC We need to do better maintenance and build roads to last.
- BB Landholders need to be notified that larger trucks can use the road (to effect deliveries/pick-ups).
- TN If not signposted, cannot enforce it.

Action: Council to write to landholders and post to social media of load limit once approved.

8.3 MAITLAND - HILL STREET PARKING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Uralla Local Traffic Committee note an ongoing investigation into traffic facilities in the area of Maitland and Hill Streets.

Action: DC – Ongoing.

8.4 LEECE ROAD INVESTIGATION UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Uralla Local Traffic Committee note the investigations undertaken to date on Leece Road.

- DC Looking to come up with a concept on how we will treat the different sections of the road, eg, widening, draining, line marking, alignment, etc.

Action: DC – Ongoing.

8.5 BUNDARRA - PINEGROVE ROAD UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Uralla Local Traffic Committee note the recent works completed to enhance safety in the vicinity of Bundarra Road and Pinegrove Road intersection.

Action: DC Clearing of timber/trees, slashing, etc – ongoing.
Looking to put in barrier line marking – ongoing.
Barrier lines 50m either side on intersection to be put in also – ongoing.

Note: Barbatos not Barbados.

8.6 HILL STREET INTERSECTION UPGRADE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Uralla Local Traffic Committee request further engineering treatments be assessed for the intersection of Hill Street and Uralla Street and presented to a meeting early in 2025.

- DC Gave background regarding truck incident – truck coming down road and into house.
Discussed various options:
1. T intersection with improved kerb and gutter – option for consideration.
 2. Installation of guardrail – high maintenance for Council and could obstruct vehicle vision or create nighttime glare issues.
 3. Guardrail could create nighttime glare issues.
 4. Options involving closing off Hill Street is not considered not acceptable.
- TN TfNSW prefer guardrail but agrees in this instance need something better, like T intersection is preferred.
- DM Raised possibility of putting all heavy vehicle traffic onto this road and divert from Hawthorne Drive if load limit is applied.
- DC Hawthorne Drive limit would not impact Thunderbolts Way as Rocky River Road already provides link to the New England Highway.

Action: Council to work with TfNSW and bring back to ULTC.

8.7 JOHN STREET PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

RECOMMENDATION

That the Uralla Local Traffic Committee agree to Council installation of roadside threshold treatments as a pram ramp to designate an appropriate pedestrian crossing point.

- DC Met with School Principal – they are looking at improved access for crossing road, eg, wheelchair access.
Installation of pram ramps would give a threshold appearance approaching the school area and a safer crossing point for pedestrians.

Action: Council to build pram ramps where appropriate fund are available.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- SB To send copy of Confidential Kingstown Road Audit to David Mailler – emailed 6 November 2024.
- DC Delegations – Noted for information of Committee that the Committee is delegated through the Act. Council does not have delegation for roundabouts or permanent traffic lights.
- DC Bridge Street Motorcycle Accident site – island repaired. Concern regarding steel plates.
- TN TfNSW is looking at the site and at better delineation – roadside blisters are being reviewed and metal ramps might be removed.
- DM Is metal hoop going to be removed?
- TN Holding rail (hoop) for bikes is an Australian standard and it will not be removed. It had been used 57 times (last counter) and it can't be removed.

The Incident still has not appeared on TfNSW database from Police. Transport are trying to work with the Police.

- BB Asked if the counter placed in that position was the only criteria as there are other areas within the vicinity of the accident that have also had incidents that need looking into.

9 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 11:40am.

Next meeting: TBA.