
**Port Stephens
Local Traffic Committee Minutes**

**Meeting held in the Port Stephens Council Committee room and via Zoom on
Tuesday 7th February 2023, at 9:30am**

Present:

Steven Moore (representing Kate Washington MP), Cr Leah Anderson, Cr Giacomo Arnott (representing Tim Crackanthorp MP), Jamie Smoother – Transport for NSW, Joe Gleeson (Chairperson), Anna Brown – Port Stephens Council

Apologies:

Mayor Ryan Palmer, Mal Britt – Busways, Anthony Biscan – Port Stephens Coaches, Senior Constable Craig Shaw - NSW Police, Andrew Behrens, Graham Orr

A. Business arising from previous meetings

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C. General business

A. Business arising from previous meetings

Item: 59_11/22

Roads, Raymond Terrace – Extension of the 40km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area

Requested by: PSC

Background:

At the December meeting of the Port Stephens Local Traffic Committee, Cr Arnott and Steven Moore, representing Kate Washington MP, proposed the removal of the HPAA extension to Sturgeon Street (between Jacaranda Ave and Glenelg St) and Port Stephens Street (between Kangaroo St and Bourke St), citing concerns over public acceptance of the scheme and whether traffic data supported their inclusion. Committee members requested Council review the supporting traffic data and the viability of the road safety measures proposed for the project, within the HPAA extension areas of Sturgeon Street (between Jacaranda Ave and Glenelg St) and Port Stephens Street (between Kangaroo St and Bourke St), and remove these from the HPAA extension request, provided that this did not undermine the ability to attract grant funding for the road safety measures.

Comment:

Council officers subsequently conducted fresh traffic surveys which returned traffic data very similar to the earlier data used for the initial project application (traffic data is attached below).

The preference expressed by Council officers involved in the project, is to adopt the originally proposed footprint for the HPAA, except for the Sturgeon Street extension, given the supporting traffic data and the crash history. This will give the maximum community benefit from the project, in terms of improved safety for vulnerable road users, while providing the most logical entry points for the extended HPAA.

Discussion:

Cr Arnott again objected to the extension of HPAA to Port Stephens Street, between Bourke Street and Kangaroo Street, raising concerns about community expectations. Cr Arnott argued that there was little pedestrian movement crossing Port Stephens Street and therefore no requirement for the project to extend that far.

The Transport for NSW representative re-iterated key statistical research data from the NSW Centre for Road Safety, which states that the chances of a pedestrian surviving being struck by a vehicle improves from an estimated 10% survival rate at 50km/h to a 60% survival rate at 40km/h. This data highlights the benefit to vulnerable road users of reducing the speed limit over as great an area as possible.

Local Traffic Committee members were supportive of the remainder of the proposed extension of the High Pedestrian Activity area.

Committee members requested that a pedestrian survey be undertaken in Port Stephens Street, between Bourke Street and Kangaroo Street, in order to demonstrate that pedestrians do use this area.

Although not in attendance at the meeting, the NSW Police representative indicated support for the full extent of the proposed HPAA, including Port Stephens Street, between Bourke Street and Kangaroo Street.

Committee's recommendation:

1. Adopt the reduced extent of the 40km/h HPAA, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.
2. Council officers to undertake a pedestrian survey in Port Stephens Street, between Bourke Street and Kangaroo Street and return the results to a future Local Traffic Committee meeting

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	
2	Majority	✓
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



2012 Speed Statistics

Site: Port Stephens St. Raymond Terrace
Filter time: 12:10 Wednesday, 5 December 2012 => 12:30 Tuesday, 11 December 2012

Vehicles = 81913

Posted speed limit = 50 km/h, Exceeding = 5379 (6.567%), Mean Exceeding = 53.58 km/h

Maximum = 106.3 km/h, **Minimum** = 10.0 km/h, **Mean** = 39.0 km/h

85% Speed = 46.62 km/h, **95% Speed** = 50.94 km/h, **Median** = 39.24 km/h

Speed Bins (Partial days)

Speed	Bin	Below	Above
0 - 10	0 0.000%	0 0.000%	81913 100.0%
10 - 30	9067 11.07%	9067 11.07%	72846 88.93%
30 - 40	35354 43.16%	44421 54.23%	37492 45.77%
40 - 50	32113 39.20%	76534 93.43%	5379 6.567%
50 - 60	5078 6.199%	81612 99.63%	301 0.367%
60 - 70	274 0.335%	81886 100.0%	27 0.033%
70 - 80	18 0.022%	81904 100.0%	9 0.011%
80 - 90	4 0.005%	81908 100.0%	5 0.006%
90 - 100	4 0.005%	81912 100.0%	1 0.001%
100 - 200	1 0.001%	81913 100.0%	0 0.000%

Speed limit fields (Partial days)

Limit	Below	Above
0 50 (PSL)	76534 93.4%	5379 6.6%

2022 Speed Statistics

Site: Port Stephens St. Raymond Terrace
Filter time: 6:48 Tuesday, 13 December 2022 => 9:20 Tuesday, 20 December 2022

Vehicles = 109037

Posted speed limit = 50 km/h, Exceeding = 5218 (4.786%), Mean Exceeding = 53.34 km/h

Maximum = 152.1 km/h, **Minimum** = 10.0 km/h, **Mean** = 37.6 km/h

85% Speed = 45.54 km/h, **95% Speed** = 49.86 km/h, **Median** = 37.98 km/h

Speed Bins (Partial days)

Speed	Bin	Below	Above
0 - 10	0 0.000%	0 0.000%	109037 100.0%
10 - 20	2773 2.543%	2773 2.543%	106264 97.46%
20 - 30	14230 13.05%	17003 15.59%	92034 84.41%
30 - 40	48872 44.82%	65875 60.42%	43162 39.58%
40 - 50	37944 34.80%	103819 95.21%	5218 4.786%
50 - 60	5013 4.598%	108832 99.81%	205 0.188%
60 - 70	180 0.165%	109012 100.0%	25 0.023%
70 - 80	13 0.012%	109025 100.0%	12 0.011%
80 - 90	4 0.004%	109029 100.0%	8 0.007%
90 - 100	0 0.000%	109029 100.0%	8 0.007%
100 - 140	4 0.004%	109033 100.0%	4 0.004%

Speed limit fields (Partial days)

Limit	Below	Above
0 50 (PSL)	103819 95.2%	5218 4.8%

B. Listed matters

Item: 01_02/23

Town Centre Circuit, Salamander Bay – Safety concerns

Requested by:

File: 337983-2022

Background:

A local resident contacted Council with the following: “Recently I have noticed that the traffic coming out of the Salamander Shopping centre onto Town Centre Circuit, is very dangerous as the exit is on a bend on Town Centre Circuit. This could be rectified by putting two traffic mirrors on the existing light pole, opposite the exit. It would save a lot of confusion for drivers exiting into Town Centre Circuit. Failing that, make it no exit, just entrance to the shops and taxi rank. Please give it some thought.”

Comment:

It was noted during Traffic Committee inspections that Council and TfNSW do not support installation of convex mirrors. It was also noted that sight distance is poor and that the installation of 'Left Only' signs may assist, although sight distance is still very restricted.

It has also been noted that there is a pedestrian desire line across Town Centre Circuit in this vicinity with very restricted sight distance and no pedestrian facilities available, other than the pedestrian crossing, which is located approximately 60m to the west.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules - Rule 88 – Left turn signs

RMS signs database – R2-14 L

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Discussion:

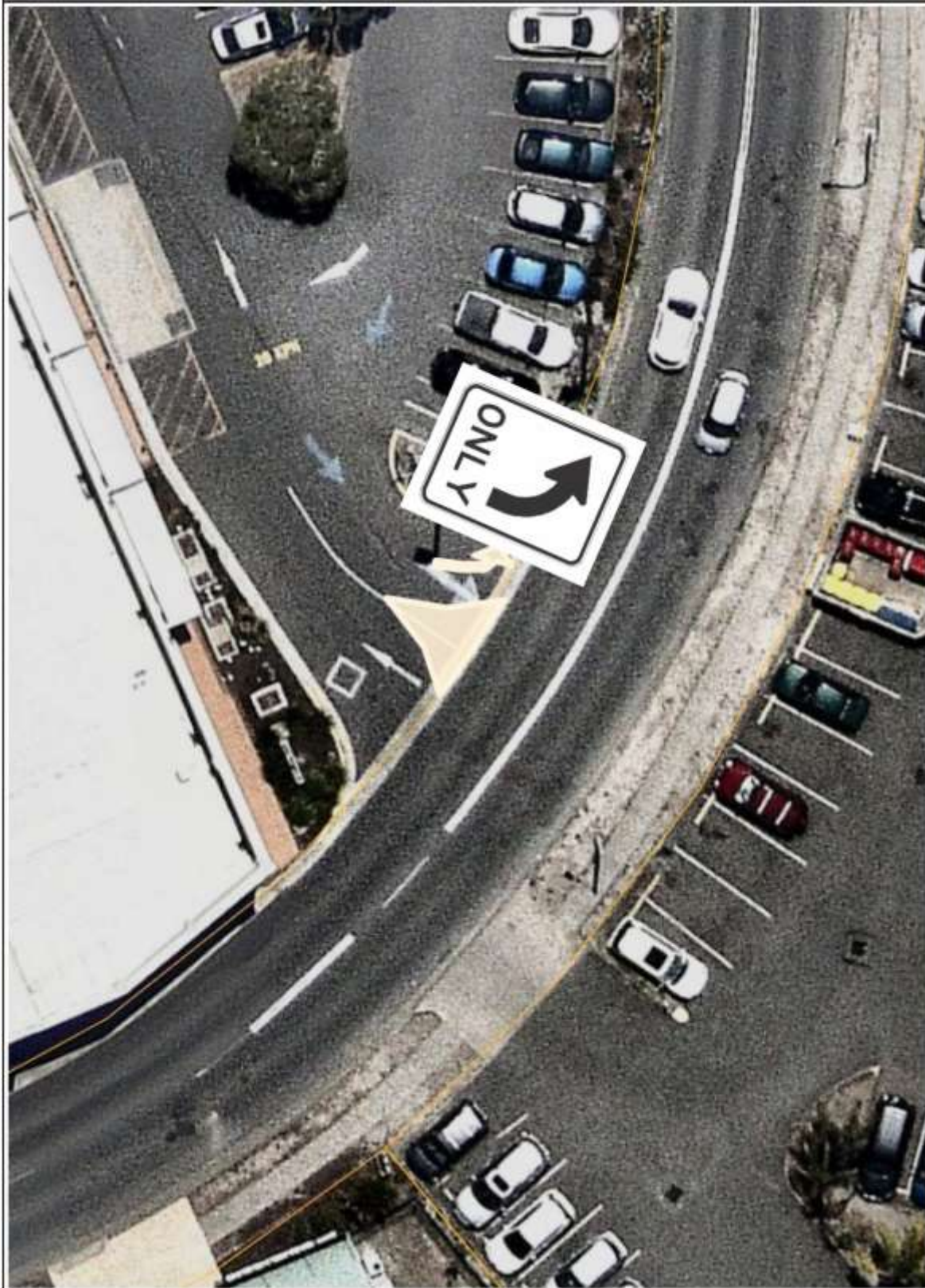
Committee members noted the difficulties for drivers exiting this intersection and supported any actions to improve safety. Committee members supported investigating relocating the pedestrian crossing as well.

Committee's recommendation:

Install 'Left Only' signage and a painted island at the exit from the car park to Town Centre Circuit, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 02_02/23

Peppertree Road, Medowie – Request for accessible parking

Requested by: A resident
File: 336903-2022
Background:

A local mobility permit holder has requested that new accessible parking be located below the chemist outlet in Peppertree Road, Medowie. The reason being that the car park adjacent to the chemist outlet only has stairs and a driveway ramp which is too steep for wheel chair use, to the lower levels of this building. The resident uses the physiotherapist at the gym on the lower level and any parking he can get is too far away.

Comment:

It was noted during Traffic Committee inspections that it appears that there is sufficient road width, on Peppertree Road, to accomodate accessible parking. An accessible parking space will require an access ramp to be installed, as well as signs and markings.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

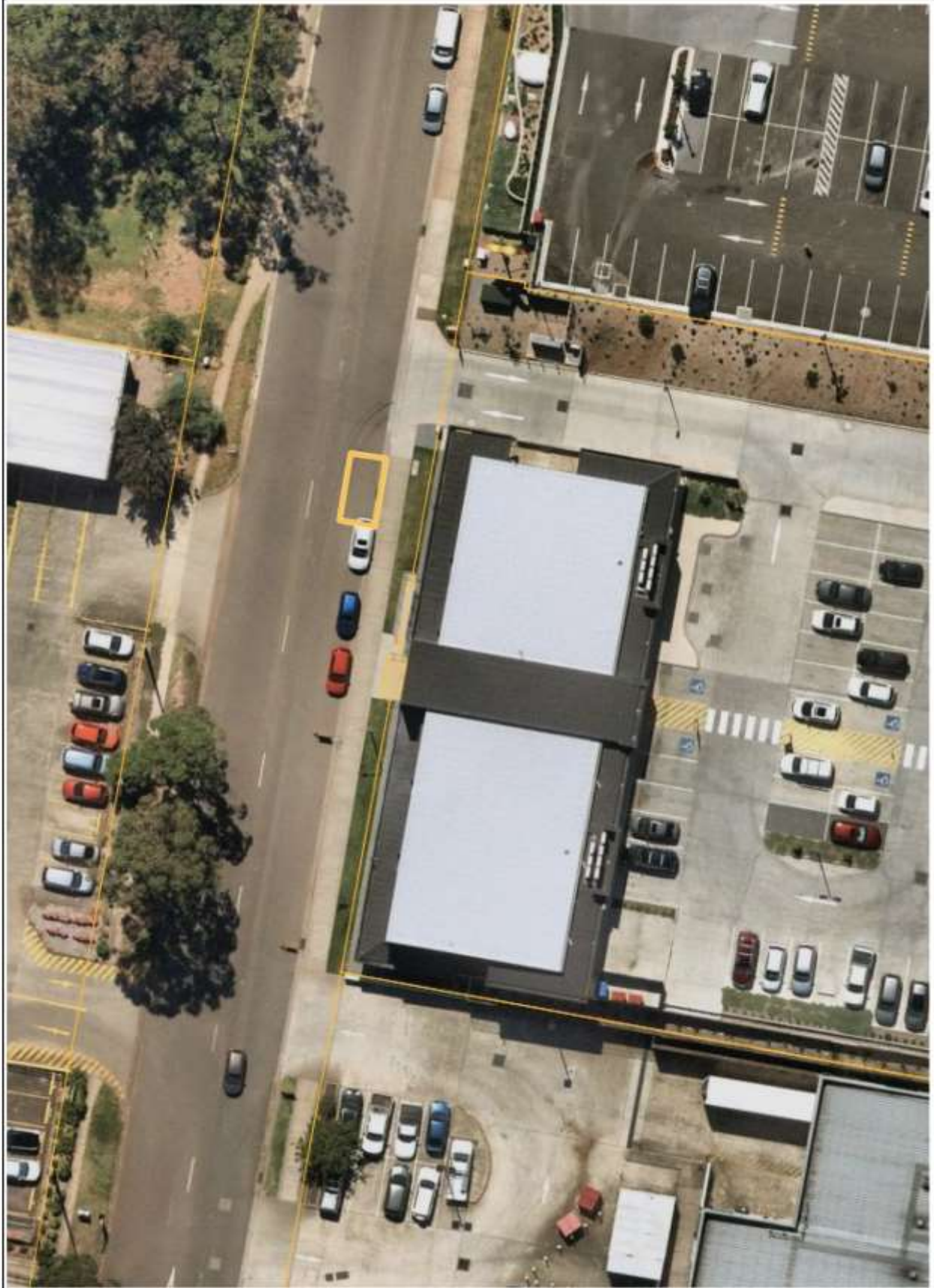
NSW Road Rules – Rule 167 – No stopping signs
RMS signs database – R5-400
Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Committee's recommendation:

Council to investigate the installation of accessible parking in Peppertree Road, Medowie, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 03_02/23

Bayview Street, Nelson Bay – Request for parking restrictions

Requested by: A resident
File: 336377-2022
Background:

The resident writes: “Once again I am requesting a NO PARKING sign to be erected from the driveway of 4 BayView Street to the Driveway of 6A Bayview Street Nelson Bay where parking any vehicle is illegal and unsafe.

While I understand I can contact the rangers to get cars moved it isn't practical - we need to be able to leave our residence and get to medical and other appointments on time - preferably without having to have to either wait or locating the driver.

Cars parked over the driveway is a regular occurrence which is not solely related to developments in the street. This is happening during social events and even visiting nurses for elderly residents have been guilty of blocking our access.”

Comment:

It was noted during Traffic Committee inspections that parking restrictions are generally not supported in residential streets. The layback kerb in this street however, makes the driveways more easily ignored. Concerns were raised that installing restrictions may set a precedent.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 168 – No parking signs

RMS signs database – R5-40

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Committee's recommendation:

Install 'No Parking' to cover the driveways of No.4 to No.6A Bayview Street, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 04_02/23

Irrawang Street, Raymond Terrace – Request for additional accessible parking at the Raymond Terrace Men’s Shed

Requested by: Raymond Terrace Men’s Shed

File: 336350-2022

Background:

The Raymond Terrace Men’s Shed would like to increase the existing, two, accessible parking spots by a further two (4 in total) by adapting a couple of the existing, standard car parking areas.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 203 - Stopping in a parking area for people with disabilities

AS2890.5 – Parking Facilities – On-street parking

RTA signs database – R5-1-3

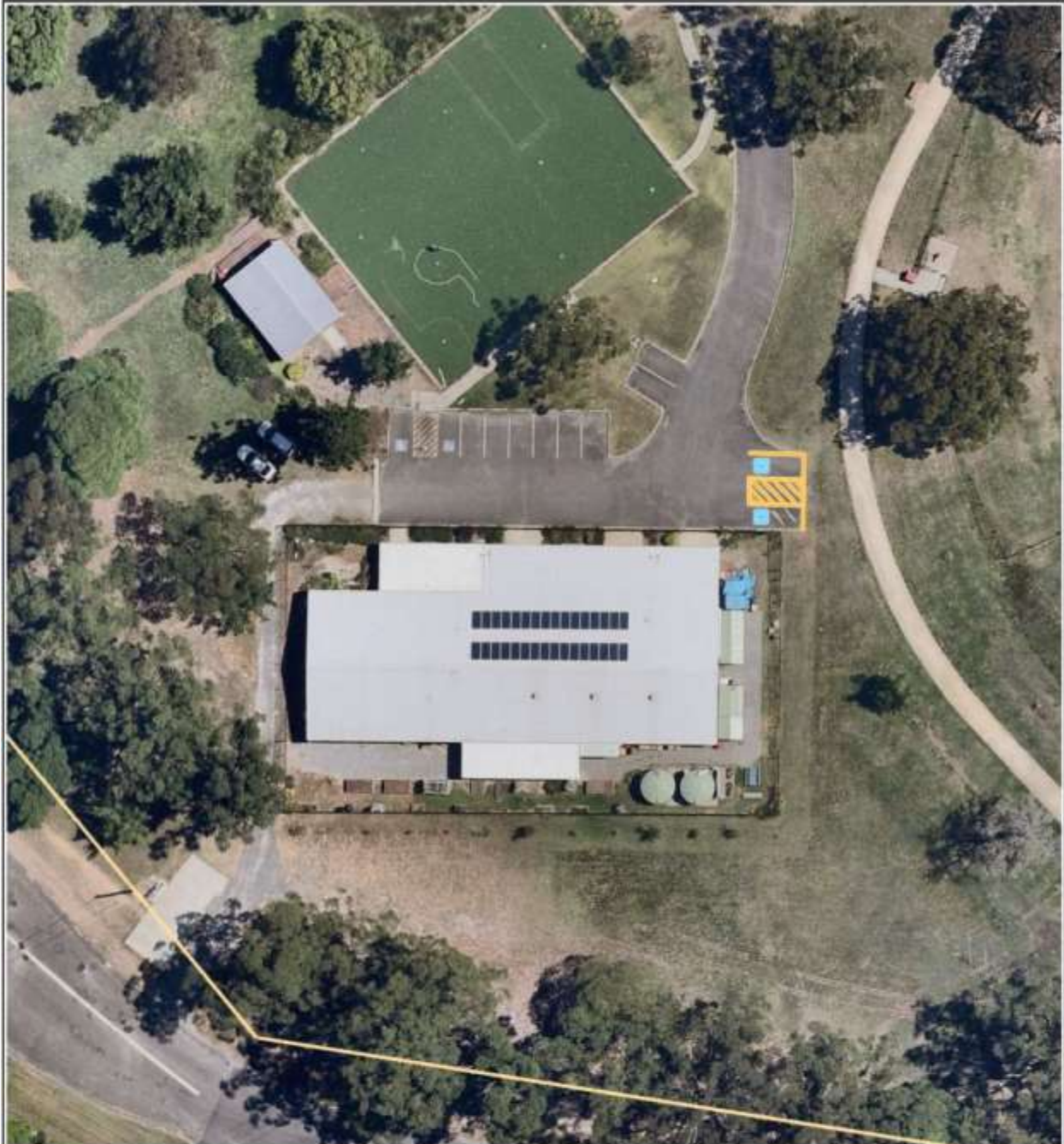
Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Committee’s recommendation:

Install accessible parking at the Raymond Terrace Men’s Shed, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 05_02/23

Government Road, Nelson Bay – Road Safety improvements

Requested by: PSC

File:

Background:

Council has received Federal Blackspot grant funding to undertake road safety improvements to Government Road at Nelson Bay/Corlette. Proposed changes include:

- Install wide painted profile centre line – from approximately No.60 Government Road to No.27A Government Road (210m).
- Improve the deflection angle in the northbound lane on Bagnall Beach Road Roundabout at the intersection of Government Road, Sandy Point Road and Bagnall Beach Road
- Upgrade the eastern section road surface to a high-level, non-skid surface (as much as funding allows)
- Install retro-reflective pavement markers (RRPMs) on centre or edge lines
- Install side-road name signs and directional guide signs.
- Mark road edge lines – entire length of works.
- Install a pedestrian refuge island and kerb blisters (both sides of road) where the shared path connects Government Road through to Bagnall Beach opposite No. 165 Government Road.
- Install a pedestrian refuge and kerb blisters (both sides) on Government Road between approximately No.93 and No.102 Government Road. Exact location may need to be adjusted due to driveways, steep batters into kerbs etc.
- Install kerb blisters (both sides) Government Road where path connection runs between No.70 and No.72 Government Road. This provides both pedestrian safety as well as preventing cars parking across path transitions.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

RMS – Delineation Guidelines

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Discussion:

Cr Arnott requested detailed designs be provided to the Local Traffic Committee, to enable more thorough consideration of potential impacts.

It was noted that further approvals will be required with regard to the proposed pedestrian refuges.

Committee's recommendation:

Approve the works as described

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	

Government Rd Nelson Bay 1



Government, Sandy Pt and Bagnall Beach Rds Corlette



Item: 06_02/23

Tarean Road, Karuah – Road changes

Requested by: PSC

File:

Background:

Council is to undertake re-sealing work on Tarean Road at Karuah. This was the former Pacific Highway and now carries only a fraction of the design traffic volumes. Council plans to reduce the road to a more manageable pavement width and to re-mark the travel lanes.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

RMS – Delineation Guidelines

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Discussion:

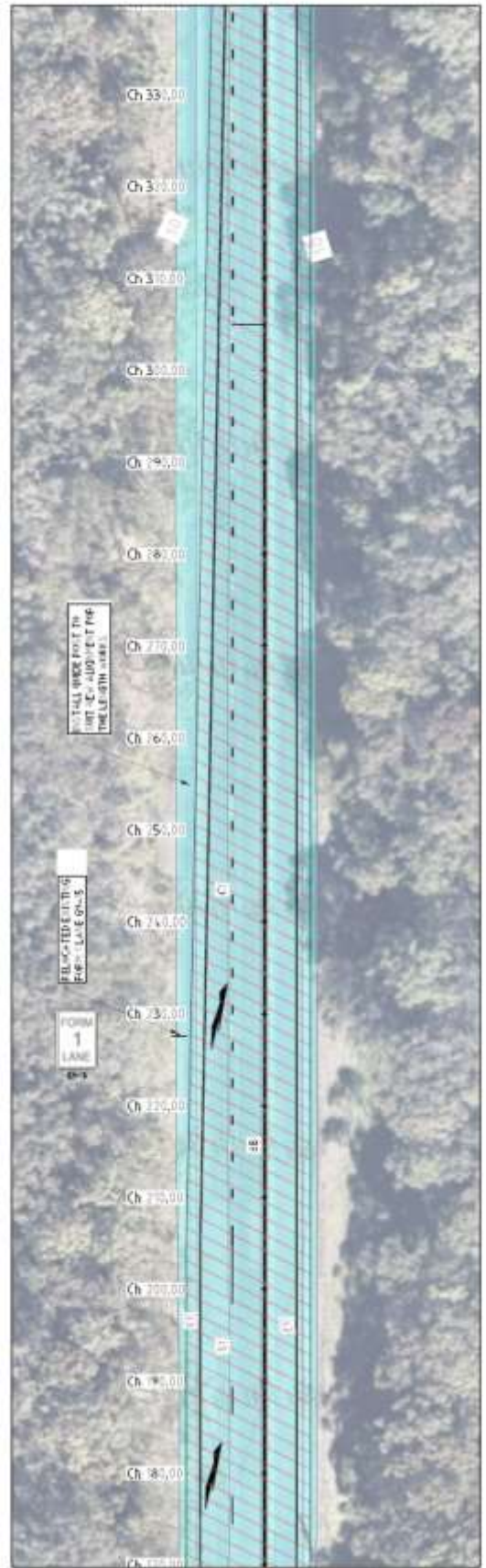
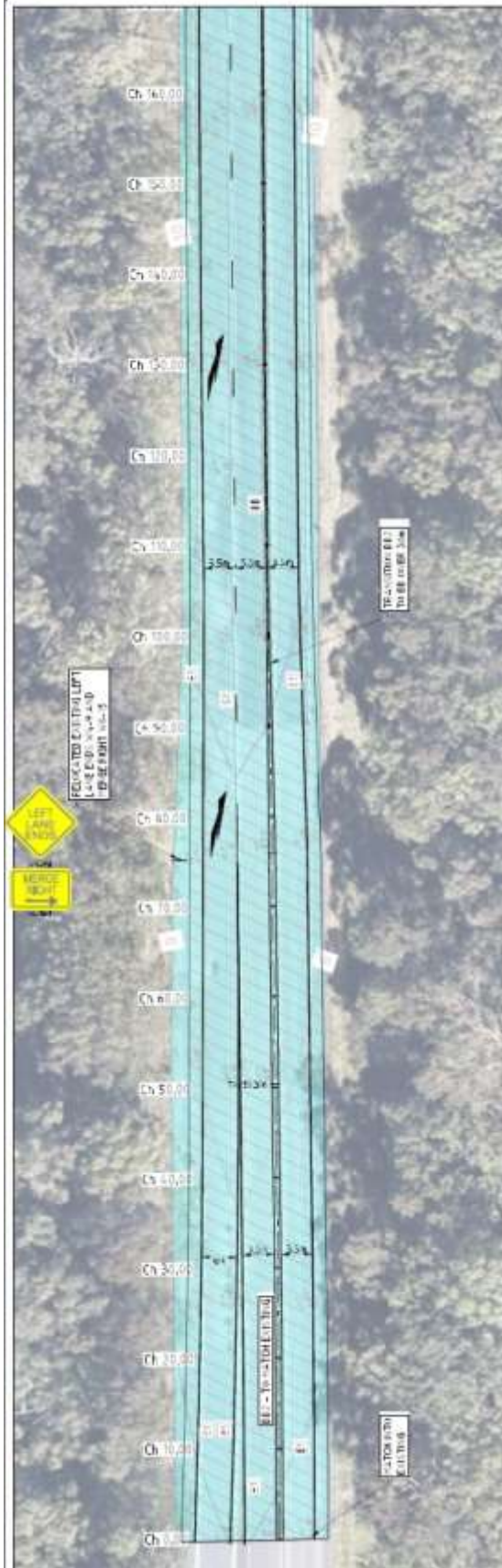
Cr Arnott objected to the proposed reduction of pavement width on Tarean Road. Cr Anderson requested that Council officers meet with Central Ward Councillors to explain the reasoning behind the proposal.

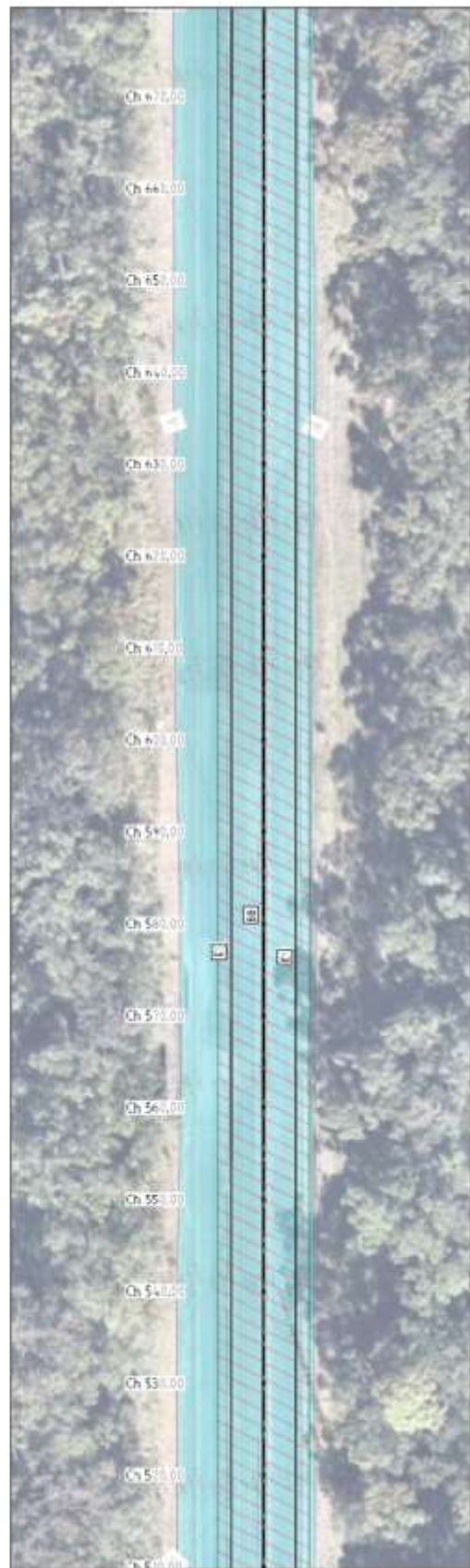
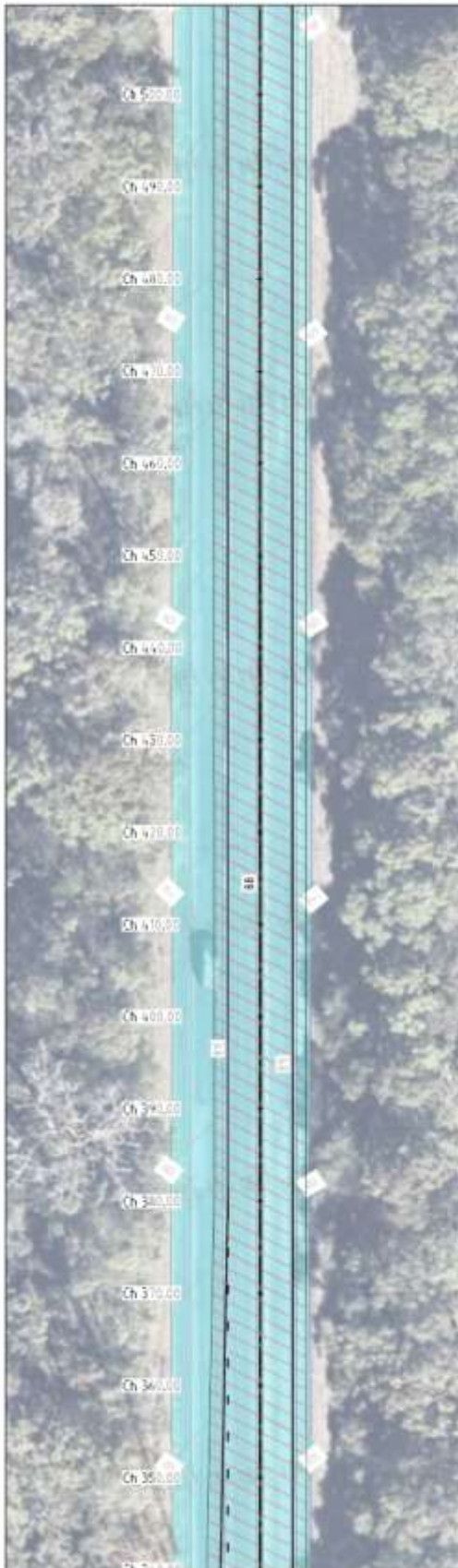
Committee's recommendation:

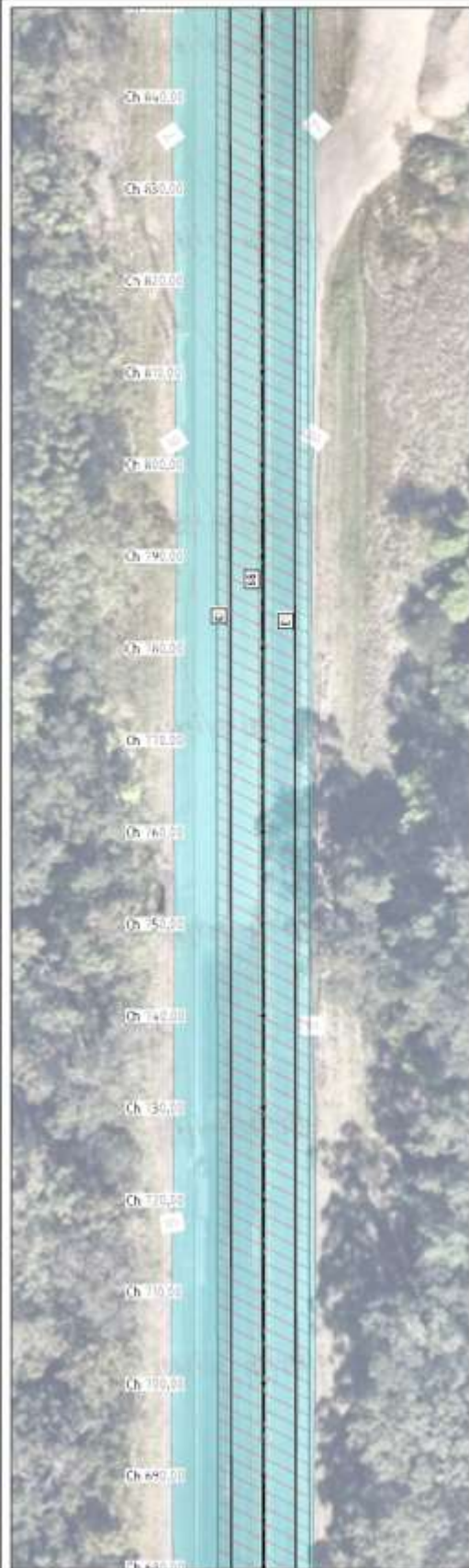
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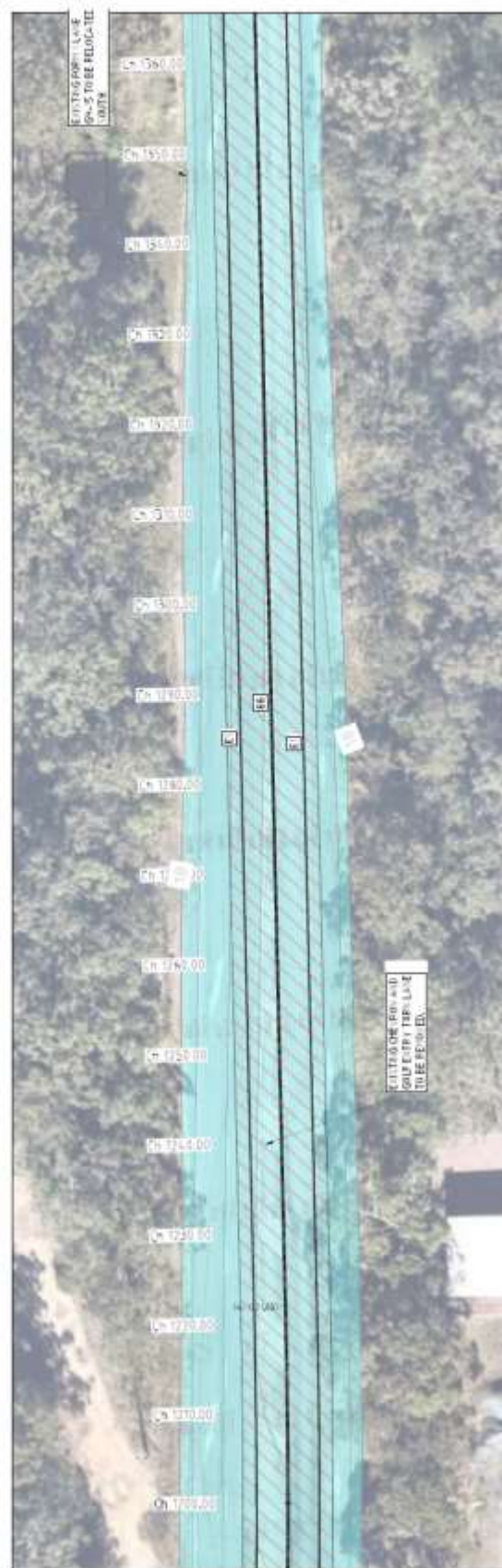
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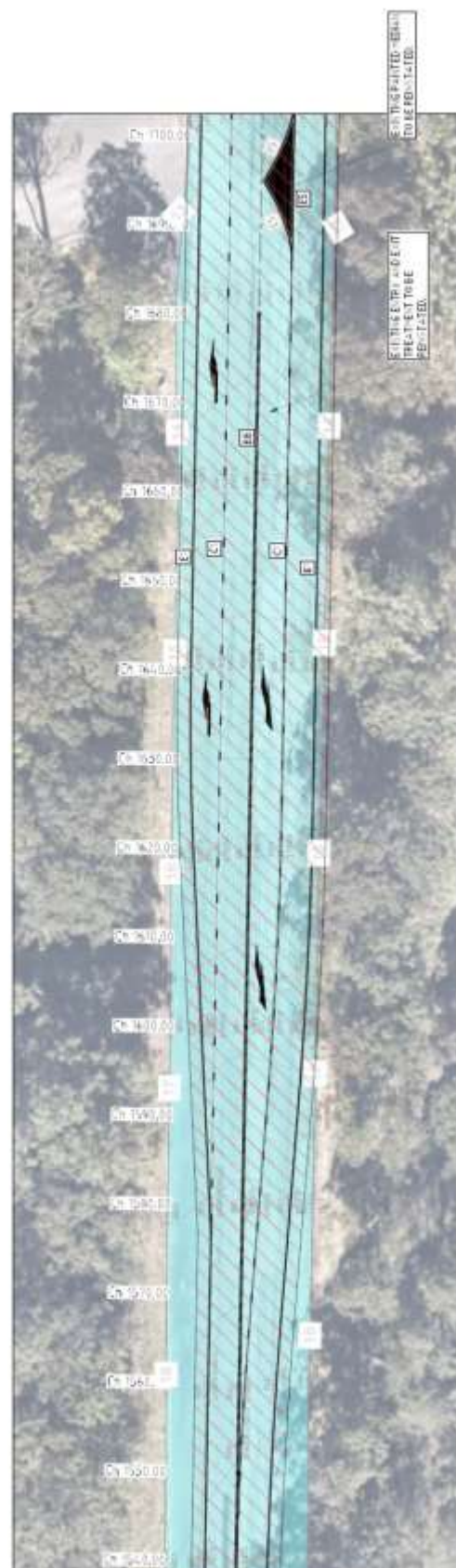
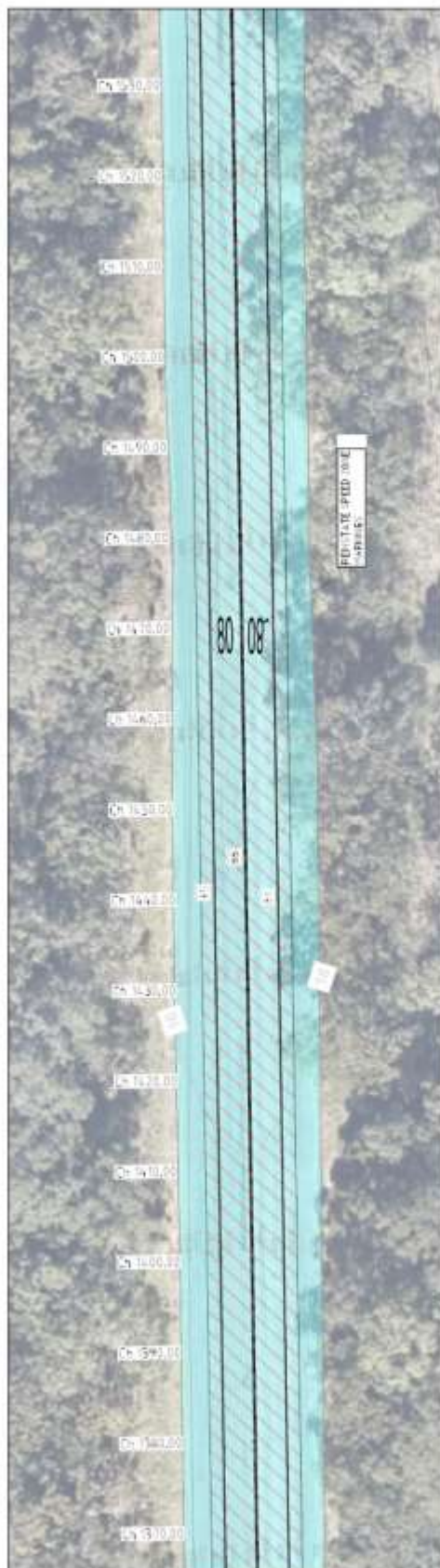
1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	

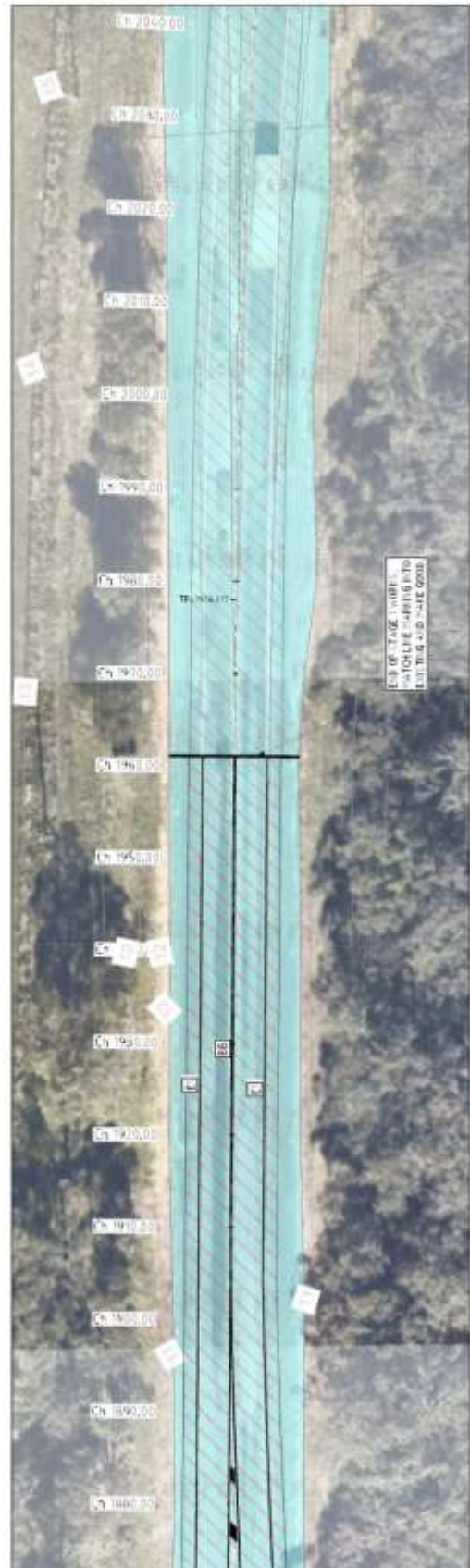
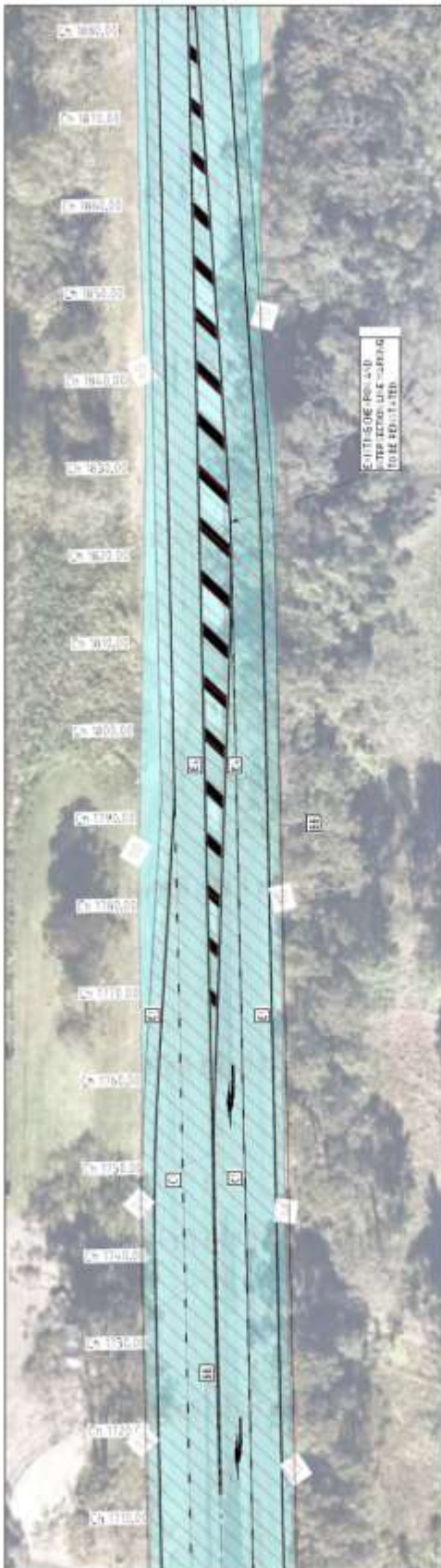












Item: 07_02/23

Duns Creek Road, Duns Creek – Request for safety improvements at the intersection of Duns Creek Road and Butterwick Road

Requested by: Kate Washington MP

File: 23/14019

Background:

The office of Kate Washington MP, has received representations from a local resident regarding a recent crash at the intersection of Butterwick Road and Duns Creek Road. A crash occurred on Christmas Day, with a vehicle travelling on Butterwick Road, failing to give way to another vehicle travelling on Duns Creek Road. The resident states that other, similar crashes have occurred before and the Council's crash data does indicate a serious injury crash occurred there on the 4th April, 2021.

Comment:

Council did submit a grant funding application last year, to the Federal Road Safety program, which was unsuccessful. The funding application proposed the installation of central medians to allow duplication of signage and to better highlight the intersection.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rule 69 - Giving way at a give way sign or give way line at an intersection (except a roundabout)

RMS signs database – R1-2

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Discussion:

Cr Arnott queried the low number of crashes appearing in the crash data at this intersection. Committee members noted that there is a time lag between crashes occurring and the data being added to the crash database.

Committee members noted that previous safety improvements installed at the intersection include advanced intersection warning signs, duplicated give way signs and additional barrier lines on approach.

The Committee also discussed possible future treatments including changing intersection priorities, should funding become available.

Committee's recommendation:

Council to seek grant funding to allow for additional intersection improvements.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 08_02/23

Stockton Street, Nelson Bay – Safety concerns regarding the intersection with Tomaree Street

Requested by: Cr Anderson

File:

Background:

A local business operator reports frequent screeching of tyres and honking of horns at the above intersection. They say that this is due to confusion with drivers heading north in Stockton Street failing to give way, when turning into Tomaree Street.
A similar situation applies at the Yacaaba Street / Donald Street intersection.

Comment:

The Local Traffic Committee previously did consider altering priorities at this intersection, following the extension of the one-way traffic flow. It was considered at the time, that this would create more confusion and potential accidents.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rule 69 - Giving way at a give way sign or give way line at an intersection (except a roundabout)

RMS signs database – R1-2

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Discussion:

Cr Anderson noted that there is ongoing confusion for some drivers at the intersection. Council officers noted that improvements are being considered as part of the current project for the extension of the High Pedestrian Activity area in Nelson Bay.

Committee's recommendation:

Install TB1 linemarking at the intersection to improve the delineation, as well as extend the barrier line toward the intersection.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Item: 09_02/23

President Wilson Walk, Tanilba Bay – Installation of ‘No Stopping’ restrictions adjacent to Diggers Drive

Requested by: Tanilba Bay Public School

File:

Background:

An incident occurred late last year, adjacent to Tanilba Bay Public School, where a school child was contacted by a car while trying to cross Diggers Drive, after school. The child stepped out from the kerb as a car was approaching, with the car tyre going over the child’s foot. Fortunately, there was no serious injury. The sight lines of both the child and the car driver were obstructed by vehicles parked too close to the corner, with the statutory ‘No Stopping’ restrictions not currently signposted.

Comment:

Installation of ‘No Stopping’ signs will assist in improving sight distance at the intersection which does seem to be a desire line for children walking to and from the school.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 167 – No stopping signs

RMS signs database – R5-400

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Committee’s recommendation:

Install ‘No Stopping’ restrictions at the intersection of President Wilson Walk and Diggers Drive, Tanilba Bay, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	

