
**Port Stephens
Local Transport Forum Minutes**

**Meeting held in the Port Stephens Council Committee room and via Teams on
Tuesday 7th April, 2026 at 9:30am**

Present:

Emma Jane Scott representing Kate Washington MP, Sen Const Rod Minter – NSW Police, Cr Nathan Errington, Cr Giacomo Arnott representing Tim Crakanthorp MP, Kim Hardinge – TfNSW, William Ridley – CDC Hunter Valley Buses, John Maretich, Andrew Behrens, Anna Brown, Joe Gleeson (Chairperson) - Port Stephens Council

Apologies:

Mayor Leah Anderson, Cr Ben Niland, Anthony Biscan – Port Stephens Coaches, Nick Trajcevski – TfNSW, Busways

A. Matters arising

618_06/25 Grahamstown Road, Campvale – Safety concerns regarding the Richardson Road intersection

B. Listed matters

01_04/26 Abundance Road, Medowie – Submission of Medowie High School public domain plans

02_04/26 Sturgeon St, Raymond Terrace – Request for one-way traffic

03_04/26 Port Stephens Drive, Salamander Bay – Request for ‘No Stopping’

04_04/26 Government Road, Shoal Bay – Request for parking restrictions at the Bullecourt Street intersection

A: Matters arising

Item: 618_06/25

Grahamstown Road, Campvale – Safety concerns regarding the Richardson Road intersection

Requested by: Cr Niland

Background:

Cr Niland requested an update on his earlier requests regarding improving safety at the intersection of Grahamstown Road and Richardson Road.

Since this matter was last raised at the Transport Forum there have been other serious crashes at this intersection, as advised by NSW Police.

Discussion:

Cr Arnott spoke of the increased number of crashes occurring at this intersection since the most recent changes were implemented. He requested an update from TfNSW, on a Council motion, requesting installation of lighting at the intersection. Cr Arnott noted that with how dangerous the intersection is, he couldn't understand how TfNSW had approved right turns and that he thought it was unsafe.

The NSW Police representative also expressed concerns at the number and severity of crashes continuing to occur at this intersection.

Council officers advised that Council has been in discussions with Hunter Water Corporation (HWC) with regard to potential upgrades to lighting at the intersection, utilising HWC's electricity supply.

Forum members requested that Council write to TfNSW requesting an urgent update on what measures are being planned to improve safety for all road users at this intersection.

B: Listed matters

Item: 01_04/26

Abundance Road, Medowie – Submission of Medowie High School public domain plans

Requested by: NSW Department of Education

File: 457926-2026

Background:

Contractors for the construction of the new high school at Medowie have submitted public domain plans for Council's assessment, as part of a Roads Act application. The plans detail the regulatory signage and linemarkings in Abundance Road and Ferodale Road proposed to be installed as part of the project.

Proposal to the Forum:

For discussion

Engagement level

Level 1 – Inform

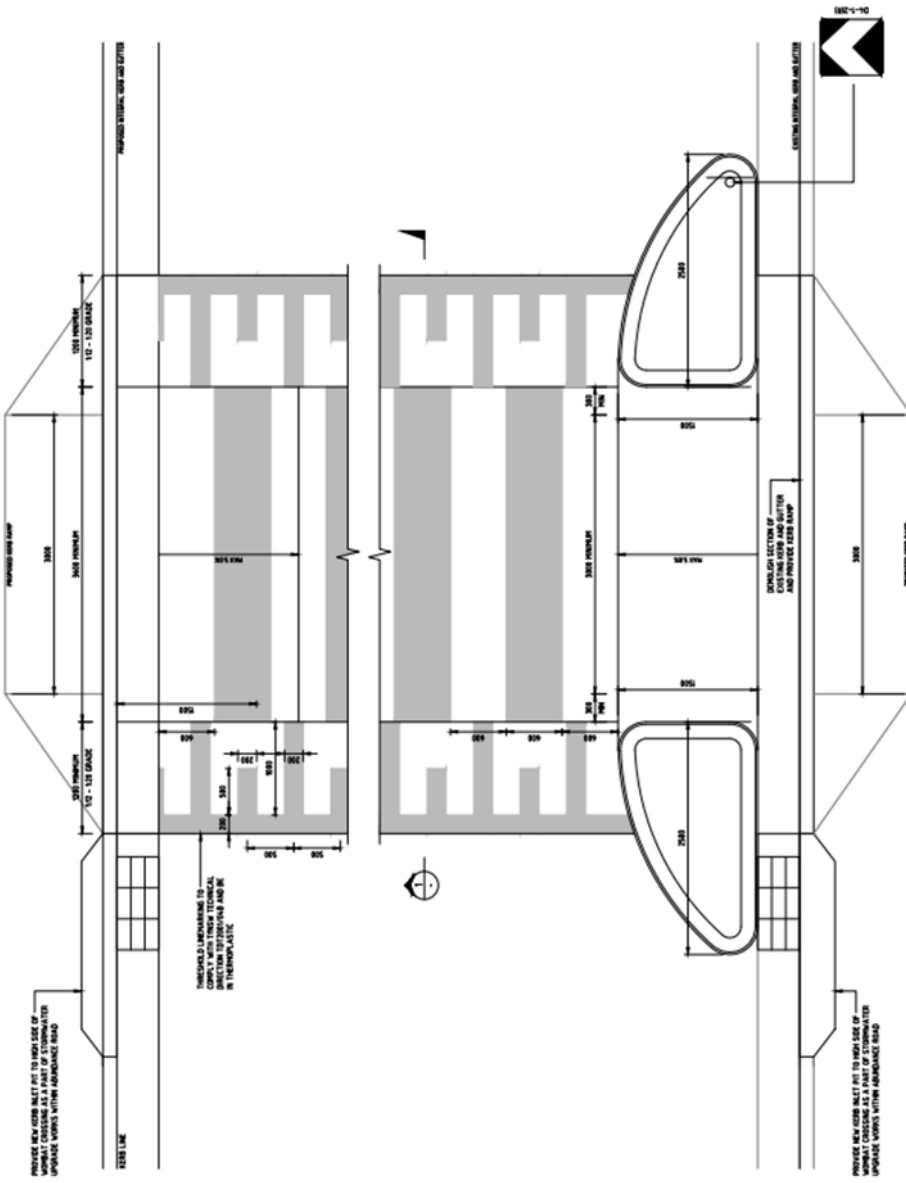
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Discussion:

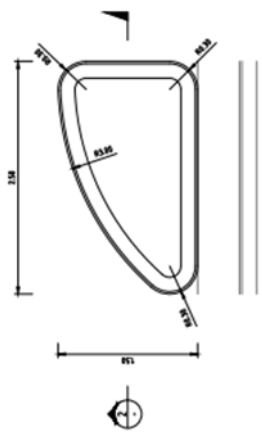
Concerning issues noted:

- 1.2m footpaths are proposed – This is the minimum width allowable and only suitable for areas of low pedestrian demand. Given the need to encourage greater use of micro-mobility to access the new school, a shared path width would be make more sense
- The wombat crossing proposed indicates kerb ramps to road level and kerb blisters rather than a continuous, at-grade path, to enhance safety and accessibility.
- Need to ensure that lighting is considered and upgraded for the pedestrian crossings as required

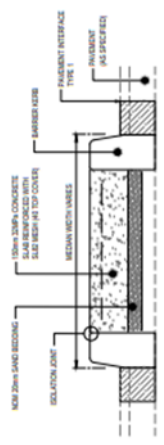
Forum members requested access to the original set of plans to enable proper consideration and comment on the proposal. Forum members also requested another meeting of the Local Transport Forum to allow for a combined response from the LTF to go back to the assessing Council officers.



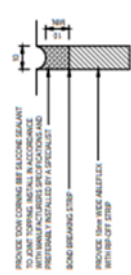
WOMBAT / PEDESTRIAN CROSSING 'PX'
 SCALE 1:50
 ENSURE PLACEMENT OF THRESHOLDS DO NOT DISRUPT SURFACE FLOWS AND IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS AS/AS 19



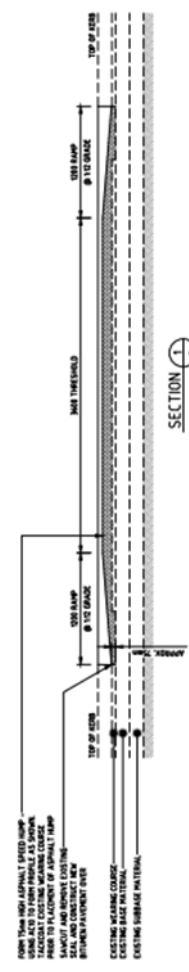
PAVEMENT BLISTER



CONCRETE MEDIAN PAVEMENT
 PROVIDE COLOURED CURBS & 10mm REINFORCING BARS @ 100mm CENTRES



ISOLATION JOINT



SECTION 1-1

FOR CONSTRUCTION

Item: 02_04/26

Sturgeon Street, Raymond Terrace – Request for one-way traffic

Requested by: A resident

File: 457926-2026

Background:

A local resident requests a review of road safety for the bus zone area at Raymond Terrace Public School. The existing signage is unclear and parents/carers have been parking around the loop road, obstructing access for local residents.

It was noted on inspections that signage could be made clearer for more consistent vehicular movement.

Proposal to the Forum:

Remove “No Left Turn” signage and make the loop road one way. Install one-way and no entry signage and directional arrows, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Engagement level

Level 1 – Inform



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Discussion:

Cr Arnott raised concerns with the proposed one-way traffic flow and requested that Council officers discuss any proposals with residents prior to implementing any changes.



Legend

-  = Bus Zone
-  = No Stopping

Item: 03_04/26

Port Stephens Drive, Salamander Bay – Request for ‘No Stopping’

Requested by: A resident

File: 460209-2026

Background:

Council has received a request for ‘No Stopping’ signage on Port Stephens Drive (western side), to allow for vehicles to be able move around someone turning right into Horizons residential estate. The requestor has seen near misses at this location with one recorded rear end crash.

Proposal from the Forum:

Install ‘No Stopping’ and bus zone signage in Port Stephens Drive, Salamander Bay, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.



Engagement level

Level 1 – Inform

Action: Provide stakeholders with information to assist understanding of the changes and the Local Transport Forum proposal once endorsed



Legend

-  = No Stopping
-  = Bus Zone

Item: 04_04/26

Government Road, Shoal Bay – Request for parking restrictions at the Bullecourt Street intersection

Requested by: A resident

File: 457926-2026

Background:

A resident of Bullecourt Street contacted Council to raise concerns in regard to the traffic conditions when exiting Bullecourt Street onto Government Road. When cars, trucks and delivery vehicles are parked in the current marked parking spaces outside the shop area of the Shoal Bay Diner, it is particularly dangerous, as there is no visibility to the left or right of Bullecourt Street. Exiting is also impacted by traffic departing the holiday park and parking area and traffic entering left and right from the lights at Shoal bay Road onto Government Road.

Proposal from the Forum:

Change the first parking space outside No.1 Government Road from parallel parking to become motorbike parking, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Engagement level

Level 1 – Inform

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Discussion:

Forum members requested that Council officers engage with the business operator potentially impacted by the proposed change.



Legend

The meeting closed at 10.15am