

# MEETING OF LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Minutes

Wednesday 21 October 2015

**Please note this meeting was  
held electronically via email**

The Local Traffic Committee is a Technical Committee of Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). The Committee operates under the authority conferred to Council by the RMS under the Transport Administration Act 1988.

Council has been delegated certain powers, from the RMS, with regard to traffic matters upon its local roads. A condition of this delegation is that Council must take into account the Traffic Committee recommendations.

There are four permanent members of the Traffic Committee, each of whom has a single vote only. The members are representatives of the NSW Police Force, the Roads and Maritime Services, the Local State Member of Parliament (for the location of the issue to be voted upon) and a representative of Council.

If the RMS or NSW Police Force disagrees with any Traffic Committee recommendation, or Council's resolution on any Traffic Committee recommendation, that member may lodge an appeal with the Regional Traffic Committee for determination.

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**Wollondilly Shire Council  
LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**Distribution List 2015**

**Committee:**

**Voting Members**

Clr Simon Landow	Wollondilly Shire Council
Clr Col Mitchell	Wollondilly Shire Council
Clr Hilton Gibbs	Wollondilly Shire Council
Michael Shaw	Representative for State MP Jai Rowell
Amy Thomson	Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)
Marcus Cotton	Campbelltown Police (Appin)
Mark Elliot	St Marys Police (Warragamba/Silverdale)
Mick Tanner	Police

**Other Members**

Chris Moule	Picton Buslines
Steve Grady	Busways
Steve BurrIDGE	Busabout
Kelly De Jong	Busabout

**Wollondilly Shire Council Staff**

Michael Nelson	Acting Manager Infrastructure Planning
Choong Yam	Senior Traffic Engineer
Michael Malone	Director Infrastructure Management
Justin Nyholm	Manager Works
Ian Berthon	Acting Team Leader Transport and Assets
Karen Clark	Administrative Support

**All other Councillors**

**All other Executive**

**MINUTES OF MEETING DATE - 19 AUGUST 2015**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**REPORTS**

1. Thirlmere Festival of Steam 2016 – Request for temporary Road Closures
2. Request to extend existing No Stopping (R5-400) zone in front of BP Service Station on Railside Ave, Bargo near Nooral St junction.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**Proposed Dates of Local Traffic Committee meeting for 2016**

As it is near the end of the year, a set of dates for the Local Traffic Committee meetings for 2016 are nominated for the consideration of the Committee. Currently, Committee meeting dates are based on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month to provide appropriate timing for the recommendations to be endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting.

The dates for the Local Traffic Committee meeting for 2016 have been selected on the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The start time remains unchanged at 1.00 pm. on this basis and the dates are as follows:

17/2/2016  
16/3/2016  
20/4/2016  
18/5/2016  
15/6/2016  
20/7/2016  
17/8/2016  
21/9/2016  
19/10/2016  
16/11/2016

**1. Thirlmere Festival of Steam 2016 – Request for temporary Road Closures**

NAR No. 52

TRIM # 2487

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The organising Committee for the Thirlmere Steam Festival has requested Council give permission to close several roads and allow traffic to be detoured during these closures.

The closures are proposed to be in place between 8.00am and 5.00pm on Sunday, 6 March 2016 for the following roads:

1. Oaks Street from the railway crossing to Carlton Rd
2. Westbourne Avenue from South St. to Oaks St
3. Barbour Road from Oaks Street to Close Street
4. Mason Street from Barbour Road to Goodlet St. (proposed to be used for accessible parking)
5. Westbourne Avenue from South Street to Oaks Street
6. Goodlet Street and a small section of Oaks Street between Goodlet Street and Carlton Road for 30mins only at 1.00pm for the traditional street parade

It is recommended that Council approve the road closures subject to the requirements for the issue of a permit for Road Event – Road Closure.

**REPORT**

The organising Committee for the Thirlmere Steam Festival has submitted a request to Council for permission to close a number of roads to permit the 2016 Thirlmere Festival of Steam to proceed and allow traffic to be detoured during these closures.

The Thirlmere Festival of Steam is to be held on Sunday, 6 March 2016.

This is an annual event and has received consent for similar road closures in the past.

**CONSULTATION**

This annual event has involved the participation of local stakeholders through the organising committee.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Copies of the letter of application with site plan of the proposed closures and detours are attached for reference.

**DISCUSSION**

Police raised the need for a speed reduction on Thirlmere Way at Richardson Street (currently 80k/h as part of the requirements for a permit for road closure)

Item Noted  
No further objections

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve road closures of the following streets:

1. Oaks Street from the railway crossing to Carlton Rd
2. Westbourne Avenue from South St. to Oaks St
3. Barbour Road from Oaks Street to Close Street
4. Mason Street from Barbour Road to Goodlet St. (proposed to be used for accessible parking)
5. Westbourne Avenue from South Street to Oaks Street
6. Goodlet Street and a small section of Oaks Street between Goodlet Street and Carlton Road for 30mins only at 1.00pm for the traditional street parade

in Thirlmere, between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm on Sunday, 6 March 2016 for the staging of the Thirlmere Festival of Steam 2016 subject to the requirements for the issue of a permit for "Road Event – Road Closure".

## ATTACHMENT



Rotary



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25th September 2015

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Mr Luke Johnson  
General Manager  
Wollondilly Shire Council  
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Picton NSW 2571

Dear Luke

**Proposed Temporary Road Closures – Thirlmere Festival of Steam 2016**

Once again, and following the success of the Thirlmere Festival of Steam in March this year, thanks in no small way to the support of Council, we have re-established our organising committee for next year's festival. The committee includes local business and other interested people from Wollondilly generally, appropriate in view of the contribution of the wider Wollondilly Shire and the significance of the event in the shire overall - not just Thirlmere.

As you would be aware the Thirlmere Festival of Steam is now in the ownership and care of the Rotary Club of Picton. The existing Festival of Steam committee members are delighted to continue in their roles and will work alongside the new committee members from Picton Rotary to present another successful event for the Wollondilly Shire on Sunday 6th of March 2016.

Obviously there are some organisational matters that need to be attended to, including application for the necessary temporary road closures in Thirlmere for the event, to be held on Sunday 6 March 2016.

We therefore apply for Council's permission to close roads in Thirlmere, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., to facilitate the events of the festival and ensure the safety of the many visitors the day attracts, as follows:

- Oaks Street from the railway level crossing to Carlton Road
- Barbour Road from Oaks Street to Close Street
- Mason Street from Barbour Road to Goodlet Street (proposed to be used for disabled parking)
- Westbourne Avenue from South Street to Oaks Street

In addition, as in all past years, we seek approval to close Goodlet Street and the very short section of Oaks Street between Goodlet Street and Carlton Road, for 30 minutes only at 1:00 pm, for the conduct of the traditional street parade.

The closures proposed are the same as those arranged for the 2015 Steam Festival, and includes an additional half-hour of road closure (4.30 pm to 5.00 pm) to improve public safety while stalls are being dismantled and packed up. We – and the Police - identified this as an issue of concern in 2008, and the change since then has worked well.

A sketch map showing the proposed closures is included below.

We will comply with the conditions set by Council for the closures, including:

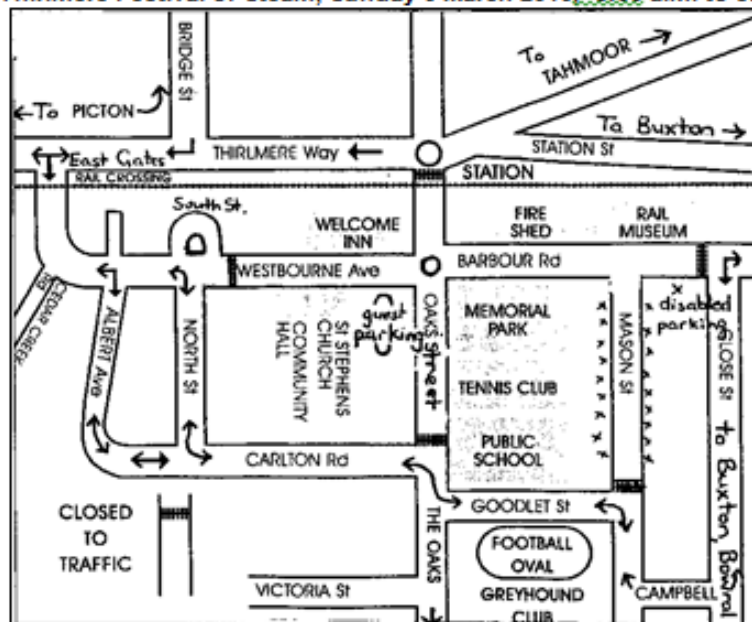
- Police concurrence;
- publication of a notice in local newspapers giving notice and details of the closures and detours, at least seven days prior to the event;
- erection of signs detailing the closures at all entrances to Thirlmere;
- advice to affected residents and businesses by means of a letterbox drop;
- advice to local bus operators;
- advice to emergency services including Rural Fire Service, NSW Ambulance Service, Police and NSW Fire Brigade
- maintenance of emergency access for affected residents and emergency services;
- manned road closure barriers;
- submission of a Traffic Control Plan prepared by a suitably qualified person;
- submission of a Transport Management Plan addressing wider transport issues such as parking, etc, as we did for the 2015 Festival; and
- public liability insurance cover (\$20 million).

We understand from the police that our arrangements for traffic control and our Transport Management Plan were very satisfactory, and we intend to maintain and improve in these areas for 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Phillip Costa  
Chairman of the Organising Committee

**Map of Thirlmere village showing proposed road closures and traffic diversions**  
Thirlmere Festival of Steam, Sunday 6 March 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.





2. **Request to extend existing No Stopping (R5-400) zone in front of BP Service Station on Railside Ave, Bargo near Nooral St junction.**

NAR No. 52

TRIM # 1093

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- To review and consider the appropriate extent of the previously approved “No Stopping” zone at the front of BP Service Station at Railside Ave, Bargo to improve sight distance for exiting traffic at the northern access.
- It is recommended that Council endorse the proposal for the adjustment to the existing and the proposed new “No Stopping” zone of 4m either side of the northern access and reduced (from 6.5m) to 4m from the northern side of the southern access of the BP service station at 116–118, Railside Ave, Bargo.

**REPORT**

The Committee has considered the request previously and Council has endorsed its resolution T78/14 as follows:

1. That Council endorse the extension of existing “No Stopping” (R5-400) zone on the entry (south side) of the service station to 12m on departure to the exit (north side) of the BP service station.
2. That Consultation be undertaken with nearby businesses prior to implementation to confirm support for the changes.”

Following the consultation of adjacent businesses and property owners (6 in total), Council has received 2 telephone responses indicating their objections to the proposed extension of existing No Stopping zone.

The reasons were the length of No Stopping zone is “overkill” and has severe impact of parking for the existing business at the BP Service Station.

In view of these objections, the matter is returned to the Committee for consideration.

As a compromise, it is proposed to keep the No Stopping Zone to a minimum in order to reduce the impact on existing on street parking spaces available while improving visibility for exiting traffic at the northern access of the BP Service Station. The existing No Stopping restriction at the southern access will be shortened from 6m to 4m and a new 4m “No Stopping” zone be implemented either side of the northern access. This will minimise the loss of parking spaces and provide improved visibility for exiting traffic from the service station at the northern access.

**CONSULTATION**

The adjacent businesses and property owners (6 in total) were consulted via letter box drop of the original resolution and 2 objections via telephone calls were received. The objections were due to the concern of loss of parking spaces for the business.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Locality photo of the proposed revise “No Stopping (R5-400)” Zone.

**DISCUSSION**

No Objections  
Unanimous

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That Council endorse the proposal for the adjustment to the existing and the proposed new “No Stopping” zone of 4m either side of the northern access and reduced (from 6.5m) to 4m from the northern side of the southern access of the BP service station at 116–118, Railside Ave, Bargo.



Proposed No Stopping (R5-400) Zone at the BP Service Station, Railside Avenue, Bargo.