

# *HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

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## MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 APRIL 2017

Meeting Opened: 10.31am on Wednesday, 5 April 2017.

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Present were: Mayor Ramon Jayo (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Cr Wallis Skinner (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Councillor), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Ms Kirrily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Secretary), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Rodger Bow (State Emergency Services – SES), Mr Kevin Riseley (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Ms Sheley Millns (Queensland Police Service – QPS), Mr Robert Giuliano (Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer – ECTO), Dr Jenna Devietti (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Works Engineer), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Mr Paul Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Don Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd), Mr Giovanni Tantalò (Queensland Police Services – QPS) and Mr Robert Milne (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Maintenance Supervisor).

### **APOLOGIES**

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services – EMES), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) and Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control).

### **2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 1 FEBRUARY 2017**

Meeting held on 1 February 2017, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Ms Alison Barlow

Seconded by: Mr Ricky Quabba

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 1 FEBRUARY 2017**

#### **3.1 Communication between Transport and Main Roads and Hinchinbrook Shire Council and priority listing of jobs.**

Mr James Stewart to compile a prioritised list of areas of concern which need attention and forward onto Denise.

List to include:-

- Rows Corner located on Stone River Road;
- Corner of Fairford Road and Abergowrie Road – Water ponding; and
- Abergowrie Road – Drop in the road just past the Ashton Hotel heading towards Ingham and Rail crossing's after re seal.

Mr James Stewart advised that he had a meeting with Peter Sakkas on 22 November 2016, and went through a whole register of various concerns involving TMR. Commitment has been made to continue these meetings on a two monthly basis.

Mayor Ramon Jayo and Mr James Stewart to make a submission regarding changing Abergowrie Road from a critical road to a major road.

To be carried.

**ACTION:** *To be carried. Dr Jenna Devietti to follow up with Mr James Stewart regarding the matter.*

#### **3.2 Mr Frank Martino enquired why there is no school zones for the Ingham State High School which poses a safety concern with the speed limit being 60km/hr.**

Dr Jenna Devietti to investigate the standard for a school zone at a High School and if they are required.

Dr Jenna Devietti has been in contact with Ms Alison Barlow regarding what is an eligible school for school zones.  
Ms Alison Barlow has since emailed Dr Jenna Devietti updated TMR document on speed limits and management and suggested she speak with Dearn Chisholm regarding the enquiry.  
Mr James Stewart advised that Dr Jenna Devietti confirmed that school zone signage could comply.  
Mr James Stewart and Dr Jenna Devietti to discuss further with the High School.  
An onsite meeting with the Ingham State High School principal has been scheduled for Friday, 10 February 2017.

**ACTION:** *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that following from the meeting held on 10 February with Ingham State High School, has been proposed that a school zone be put in place. Design plans are currently being finalised for approval by Transport and Main Roads. Removal of some parking bays will occur.*

*Ms Alison Barlow advised that once the school zone is in place, Transport and Main Roads will undertake data counts to determine if flashing school zone signage is warranted.*

**3.3 Ricky Quabba advised that there are dead branches overhanging the road on the straight just before Arnott Creek.**

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.

To be carried.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that she is currently waiting on TMR's Enviro Department to get back to her.

To be carried.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that the concern has been referred to TMR's Environmental Department for further investigation and have indicated to cut the overhanging branches which will be referred to Corridor Management.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that this concern is currently with TMR Maintenance Department. It has been held up with TMR's Environment Department due to the type of bird species nesting in the area. To be carried.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that TMR have actioned the works to be completed mid to late February 2017.

**ACTION:** *Works have been completed.*

*Matter closed.*

**3.4 Mr Paul Marbelli advised that the approaches to the Anabranh Bridge are overgrown causing visibility concerns.**

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and email findings to the HRSAC Secretary.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that the visibility concerns have been investigated and noted and is now with TMR maintenance.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that the matter is still with TMR's Maintenance Department. Mr Kevin Riseley to reinspect.

Mr Kevin Riseley to follow up as there had been no change since the last inspection, and check to see if this type of work can be done under the RMPC.

**ACTION:** *Works have been completed under RMPC up to where RMPC works permit however this did not include the area of concern.  
Mr Kevin Riseley to re inspect.*

**3.5 Mr Robert Lyon advised that there is currently an indent in the road from a bucket off machinery located on Abergowrie Road adjacent Mckell's Siding.**

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate. Mr Robert Giuliano to provide chainages to Mr Kevin Riseley.

Item to be logged in Council's Works Request System.

**ACTION:** *Item has been logged. Works Request #14646. Works to be carried out under RMPC within the month.*

**3.6 Mr Don Oswin advised that the newly installed directional sign located on the northern approach to Ingham, has blocked visibility of the rail crossing lights.**

Mr James Stewart to investigate.



Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council had sent correspondence to TMR requesting that they investigate the concern and action as TMR had approved the locations of the signs. TMR's response received by Council had not fully addressed the initial concern raised and further direction will be sought.

Dr Jenna Devietti to respond to TMR to request direction on the location of the sign.

**ACTION:** *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that a road side auditor has been engaged to undertake a safety audit on the visibility concern. Dr Jenna Devietti to report back to the next HRSAC meeting with the results dependent on the reinstallation time of the rail crossing lights.*

- 3.7 **Ms Coral Guard raised concerns with near misses along Musgrave Street, Halifax, due to the current speed limit. Requesting that the 80km/hr speed limit be reduced to 60km/hr from where the houses start.**

Mr Kevin Riseley to inspect and report back to the next HRSAC meeting.

**ACTION:** *Mr Kevin Riseley investigated the area of concern and noted that it is a low traffic volume area and there is sufficient sight distance therefore Transport and Main Roads have recommended that the speed zones remain as they are.*

*HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to Ms Coral Guard, outlining investigation results provided by Mr Kevin Riseley.*

- 3.8 **Ms Coral Guard advised that the drains along Musgrave Street, Halifax, between Stephensen Avenue and the Taylors Beach turn off, seem to be blocked.**

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

**ACTION:** *Mr Kevin Riseley investigated and noted that the drain is on private property where the land owner has previously filled in and closed it off.*

*Mayor Ramon Jayo to investigate further.*

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### *Outward Correspondence*

- Ms Gayl Walker, A/Principal Advisor [Transport and Main Roads] – Acknowledgement of correspondence regarding Ripple Creek Siding Access Request.

##### *Incoming Correspondence*

- Ms Gayl Walker, A/Principal Advisor [Transport and Main Roads] – Ripple Creek Siding Access Request.

**ACTION:** *Noted.*

*Matter closed.*

**RESOLUTION:** *That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.*

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Mr Lenny Toscano

#### 5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 **Mr Frank Martino raised concerns that the flashing lights for the QR cane rail crossing on McIlwraith Street are too low and hard to see in a high vehicle.**

**ACTION:** *HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to QR to enquire if the lights are to standard.*

- 5.2 **Mr Kevin Riseley gave an update on current Transport and Main Roads projects. Cattle and Francis Creek works have commenced and Toobanna works are to be completed at the end of June 2017.**

**ACTION:** *Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate drainage concerns within Toobanna properties as a result of the road works.*

- 5.3 **Ms Alison Barlow raised concerns that the current Driver Reviver south of Ingham is in need of more volunteers.**

**ACTION:** *Mayor Ramon Jayo advised that there has been talk surrounding the relocation of the Driver Reviver site. Mayor Ramon Jayo to investigate further.*

- 5.4 **Mr Lenny Toscano raised concerns with motorists cutting the corner when entering the T intersections of Blackrock Road and Warrens Hill Road, and Miles Street and McIlwraith Street.**

**ACTION:** *Mr Geoff Bormann to organise more police presence at these locations.*

- 5.5 Mr Ricky Quabba raised concerns with the bats at the botanical gardens now that they have moved closer to the bus shelter and pedestrian crossing.

*Dr Jenna Devietti advised that a new bus shelter has been ordered and is being placed at a new location away from the bats.*

**ACTION:** *The bat concern to be progressed outside of the HRSAC meeting.*

*Matter closed.*

- 5.6 Mr Paul Marbelli had received a complaint regarding the current condition of Sheahans Road and that it is not suitable for haulouts.

**ACTION:** *Discussions were held surrounding the actual location of the area of concern.*

*Mr Paul Marbelli to find out more information and report back.*

- 5.7 Dr Jenna Devietti raised drainage concerns with some of the Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd pipes needing to be cleaned out.

**ACTION:** *Mr Don Oswin to investigate.*

- 5.8 Mr Robert Milne questioned if the linemarking at Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd crossings are to standard.

**ACTION:** *Mr Don Oswin to investigate.*

- 5.9 Cr Wallis Skinner raised visibility concerns at the intersection of Beaver Road and Abergowrie Road.

*Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council had applied through black spot funding to improve visibility however it didn't get approved.*

**ACTION:** *Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.*

- 5.10 Cr Wallis Skinner gave an update on current Council projects.

*Noted*

- 5.11 Mayor Ramon Jayo advised that concerns had been raised regarding the current speed zone signage near the small Lannercost Extension Bridge.

**ACTION:** *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that she is engaging a road safety auditor to audit this area.*

- 5.12 Mayor Ramon Jayo requested for the stop sign located at the rail crossing on Bullock Paddock Road be checked to see if it is warranted as the train is visible when you travel alongside the track before coming to the crossing.

**ACTION:** *Mr Don Oswin to investigate.*

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 7 June 2017, in the Council Chambers

7. **CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at: 11:24am

  
Mayor Ramon Jayo  
**CHAIRPERSON**