

# HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2015

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Wednesday, 2 December 2015

### 1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Mrs Denise Elrick (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Robert Giuliano (Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer - ECTO), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Ms Korrily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Secretary); Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services – EMES), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Frank Russo (Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism – HCCI&T), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr John Tantalio (Queensland Police Services – QPS) and Ms Shelandra Watts (Ingham Courthouse).

### APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services), Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – HSC), Mr Jeff Aitchison - (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control - HTC), Ms Nicole Smart (Transport and Main Roads – TMR), Ms Krystle Wittingslow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Mark Drysdale (Queensland Fire Rescue Service – QFRS), Mr Luke Giudicatti (Queensland Fire Rescue Service – QFRS), Mr Barry Young (Queensland Rail – QR), Mr Lee Gnezdiloff (Acting Works Engineer – HSC), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post).

### 2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 7 OCTOBER 2015

Meeting held on 7 October 2015, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Rick Butler

Seconded by: Mr Frank Russo

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 7 OCTOBER 2015

- 3.1 Mr James Stewart advised that the intersection of Cartwright Street and Hardy Street requires around - about to be installed due to a lack of visibility in this area.

*Mr James Stewart and Mr Dale Mackenzie to inspect*

*Ms Denise Elrick advised that DTMR have discussed and don't think a roundabout would fit unless resumption of land is undertaken as well as movement of street lights and power poles. DTMR to continue investigation and report back to the next HRSAC meeting.*

*Transport and Main Roads advised that a roundabout won't fit. Mr James Stewart advised that he will organise Council Design Department to investigate further.*

*Mr James Stewart was unable to attend the meeting so no comment was available.*

*Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to follow up with Design and James Stewart re fit.*

*Mr James Stewart advised that investigations are continuing with the concern with the possibility of a roundabout however noted that a few surrounding blocks would need to be resumed. Mr James Stewart advised that there could be a possibility to realign the approach from Forrest Beach side of the intersection. Council to organise to get a survey done for Transport and Main Roads.*

*Mr Jenna Devietti advised that Lidar survey has been carried out and she will organise for the data to be forward onto Transport and Main Roads.*

*Ms Denise Elrick advised that Transport and Main Roads are organising a risk assessment on the installation of a mirror at the intersection of Cartwright Street and Hardy Street, Ingham.*

*Ms Denise Elrick advised that TMR are still in the process of organising a risk assessment on*

the installation of a mirror at the intersection of Cartwright Street and Hardy Street, Ingham. This assessment is to be forwarded to Council on completion.

*Denise Elrick advised that a risk assessment had been carried out in June 2014 and noted that a mirror is not suitable in this area.*

*Matter closed.*

### 3.2 Road Safety Implementation Plan 2014/2016

To be carried due to recent election.

Ms Alison Barlow advised that owing to election issues timing is not ideal.

To be reviewed in 6 months.

Ms Alison Barlow advised that a committee has been appointed to work on the Queensland Road Safety Action Plan. Once this has been completed then the Road Safety Implementation Plan 2014/2016 can be reviewed.

Ongoing.

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*ACTION: HRSAC members agreed to update the Road Safety Implementation Plan for 2014/2016. Ms Kirrily Low to email copy of the old Road Safety Implementation Plan 2012/2014 to HRSAC members for review and comment at the next HRSAC meeting on 3 February 2016.*

### 3.3 Mr Rick Quabba raised concerns with regards to the intersection of Gangemi's Road onto Hawkins Creek Road and is requesting extra line marking at the intersection.

*Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to discuss matter with Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer) and Design to scope possible fix with line marking.*

*To be carried.*

*Mr Robert Giuliano discussed the matter with Council's Designer where it was noted that the original line marking was removed and needs to be put back.*

*Mr Robert Giuliano to forward plan supplied by Council's Designer to Council's Works Engineer for action.*

*Ongoing.*

*ACTION: Mr Robert Giuliano advised that he has discussed the concern with Council's Designer with line marking to be scheduled. Item to be removed once line marking works have been completed.*

### 3.4 Mr Steven Marbelli advised of safety concerns regarding a drop in the road located on Abergowrie Road just past the Ashton Hotel heading towards Ingham.

*Ms Kirrily Low to send an aerial view of the location to Ms Denise Elrick for investigation.*

*Aerial was emailed to Ms Denise Elrick on 3 June 2015.*

*Ms Denise Elrick to follow up with Transport and Main Roads Maintenance Department.*

*Ms Denise Elrick advised that TMR maintenance staff have said that there will be a reseal carried out along the area of concern. Item to be left open until the works have been completed.*

*ACTION: Reseal works have now been completed however it is believed that the area of concern has not been addressed.  
Ms Denise Elrick to further investigate on options regarding Transport and Main Roads maintenance priority listing. It was agreed that a new discussion item would be created regarding communication between Transport and Main Roads and Hinchinbrook Shire Council, and the priority list of jobs to be carried out.*

- 3.5 Mr Jeff Aitchison advised that the newly installed cement slab in the middle of the highway heading towards Cardwell Range has caused a speed bump effect and is a safety concern.

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that she has investigated the concern and believed it had been since fixed however Jeff Aitchison advised that the cement slab is still causing a speed bump effect.

Ms Denise Elrick to re visit.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that she has investigated and doesn't believe it is a safety concern however will organise for the area of concern to be revisited with a heavy vehicle.

**ACTION:** Ms Denise Elrick advised that she had been notified that until it meets intervention level, no action will be taken.

Matter closed.

- 3.6 Mr Ricky Butler raised concerns regarding an access located on a corner at the end of Fairford Road, Ingham. As the access is in a table drain, it fills up with water therefore anyone turning off has to slow right down could cause an accident for anyone coming around the corner. The water is also hazardous for vehicles traveling on the road as they are veering into oncoming traffic to avoid it.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that inspections and research into a solution had been undertaken in the past by Council and Transport and Main Roads. Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and Mr Robert Giuliano to provide any information he can find to Denise.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that Mr Les Stables from Transport and Main Roads came up and while in the area, inspected this concern. Mr Robert Giuliano provided Les all the past information he could gather for further investigation.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that both concerns have been outstanding for some time now however Transport and Main Roads have responded that they have no money to fix the concern. Council has officially requested investigations to occur several times in the past, namely to David Atkinson, former District Director of TMR however recent searches of Council records indicate that Council never received a response. Mr Gangemi has also requested the movement of his current access position on the Fairford/Trebonne Road corner due to safety concern. TMR have been out there to investigate the proposal, but Council has not heard anything back regarding an outcome.

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and raise again with TMR.

**ACTION:** Ms Denise Elrick advised that Transport and Main Roads have investigated the area and noted that they will need to clean out their culvert when funding becomes available.

- 3.7 Ms Alison Barlow asked if a speed review of Herbert Street is to be placed on the agenda for Transport and Main Roads to carry out.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that it may be reviewed as part of the Ingham CBD Revitalisation project.

Ms Denise Elrick to raise this with Nicole Smart.

Ongoing.

**ACTION:** Ms Denise Elrick advised that the speed review of Herbert Street will be carried out once resources become available.

- 3.8 Mr Donald Oswin raised concerns regarding the safety of Wilmar staff and the public surrounding the Herbert Street rail crossing and requested Transport and Main Roads to revisit the possibility of installing a boom gate or additional signed for the rail crossing.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that she will investigate however it may come back to the owner of the rail crossing.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that installing a boom gate and cross hatching is the responsibility of Wilmar being the owner of the rail crossing however must obtain approval from TMR before carrying out the works. Ms Kirrily Low to send correspondence to Wilmar to advise.

**ACTION:** Refer to Item 4 Outwards Correspondence.  
Mr Don Oswin advised that Wilmar currently doesn't have the funds to carry out the works.  
Matter closed.

- 3.9 Mr Donald Oswin advised that there used to be a chain fence between two garden beds near the Herbert Street rail crossing to stop the public from coming near the cane trains and request that it be put back up or something similar.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the request will need to be raised with Council's Public Open Spaces Department.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council's Public Open Spaces Manager, Mr Colin Dallavanzi, has advised that there was a low chain barrier on either side of the train line many years ago however as this area is the responsibility of Wilmar, if they want to erect something similar they will need to organise this at their expense. Ms Kirrily Low to send correspondence to Wilmar to advise.

**ACTION:** *Refer to Item 4 Outwards Correspondence.  
Mr Don Oswin advised that Wilmar currently doesn't have the funds to carry out the works.  
Matter closed.*

- 3.10 Mr Stephen Marbelli enquired if there had been any further news on the Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (Zone 1) trial to extend current width limits.

Mr James Stewart advised that he hasn't heard anything further after last speaking with Peter Sheedy of Canegrowers.

**ACTION:** *Mr James Stewart advised that a local representative from National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is planning to come up to the Hinchinbrook Shire to discuss the matter with Canegrowers.*

- 3.11 Mr Stephen Marbelli raised concerns regarding trees obstructing the view of haulouts coming out of Morellis Siding onto Abergowrie Road near the Lannercost Substation, and requests that the trees be trimmed back.

Ms Denise Elrick to inspect site and provide feedback at next meeting.

**ACTION:** *Ms Denise Elrick advised that the responsible authority of the siding, being Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd, will need to organise the removal of the trees however suggested that the haulouts use an alternative exit route which is available.*

*Don Oswin to take information back to Wilmar for further discussion.*

- 3.12 Mr Frank Martino advised that on Cooks Lane, near Mammino's, haulouts turning in and out have created mounds of dirt on the road.

Concern to be raised with Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited.

**ACTION:** *Mr Robert Giuliano to investigate further.*

- 3.13 Mr Frank Martino advised that Transnorth are disappointed with the process carried out by Wilmar regarding the near miss involving a Transnorth school bus and a cane train at Blackrock/Tokalon Road, with Wilmar going to the Herbert River Express first before consulting with Transnorth or the Police.

Ms Denise Elrick to send Robert Giuliano possible advanced warning signs to be forward onto Wilmar as a suggestion for them to install.

*Mr Don Oswin advised that investigations have been undertaken of the area and noted that the vision is sufficient and therefore advanced warning signs are not warranted.*

*Matter Closed.*

- 3.14 Mr Rick Butler raised concerns regarding Rows corner located on Stone River Road, 1.6km past the Trebonne State School. Mr Butler advised that there have been a number of accidents and near misses and also a death on this corner due to the poor condition of the road. Mr Butler also advised that there is no current signage advising of the rough surface.

Mr James Stewart advised that the Councillors have raised this concern and that he had contacted Mr Glen Vaughan from TMR who had advised that there was no money to be able to fix the area of concern.

Ms Denise Elrick to raise the concern again with TMR and look into possible advanced warning signs.

**ACTION:** *Mr James Stewart advised that discussions had been held regarding the possibility of moving the 80km sign to capture the corner.*

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

*Ms Denise Elrick to organise a meeting to discuss prioritised list in the New Year.*

- 3.15 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that there used to be a left turn lane into Sportsmans Parade on Fairford Road however since TMR resurfaced the area, they didn't put it back in when they did the linemarking. Requesting for the linemarking to be reinstated for the left turn lane.

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.

**ACTION:** *Ms Denise Elrick advised that there are plans in place for further line marking to include an edge line.*

4. CORRESPONDENCE

*Outward Correspondence*

- Mr Don Oswin [Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd] – Herbert Street Rail Crossing [Doc ID # 37321] [Item 3.8 and 3.9]

*Incoming Correspondence*

- Mr Jeff Aitchison [Hinchinbrook Traffic Control] – Wishing HRSAC a merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Moved by: Mr Don Oswin

Seconded by: Mr Robert Giuliano

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5.1 Mr John Tantalo raised concerns regarding the overpass/bridge located on Eddleston Drive, Cordelia, in the centre of Cordelia township. Advised that the bridge is narrow and is currently unmarked and not controlled by any signage. The road traffic through the township is residential however due to the road being signed at the Bruce Highway as a thoroughfare, tourist vehicles utilise this road. The road is also a B double route and used by heavy vehicle. Requesting for a review to be done on the bridge for possible signage to control traffic traversing along this bridge.

**ACTION:** *Ms Denise Elrick to organise a re assessment of the bridge regarding the possibility of additional signage or the possibility of removing Cordelia as a registered B Double Route.*

5.2 *HRSAC Meeting Dates 2015*

*Noted.*

*Matter closed.*

- 5.3 *Ricky Quabba raised concerns with most of the school children accessing the back of the Victoria Plantation State School instead of the front where the school zone is located. He advised that in most cases police are situated at the front of the school with the radar gun and requested that they also monitor cars coming from Forrest Beach way.*

*Noted.*

*Matter closed.*

6. NEXT MEETING

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, in the Council Chambers

7. CLOSURE

Meeting closed at: 11.40am.

Mayor Rodger Bow  
CHAIRPERSON