

# *HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

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## MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2014

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Thursday, 4 December 2014

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Present were: Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Mr Robert Giuliano (Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer - ECTO), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Ms Kिरily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Secretary), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Robert Lyon (North Queensland Bio Energy – NQBE), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services), Mr Frank Russo (Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism – HCCI&T), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR); Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service); Luigi Cantoni (APSLINC Pensioners); Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – HSC); Denise Elrick (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR); Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers);

### **APOLOGIES**

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr Jim Kirchner (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Mr Dale Mackenzie (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR); Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services – EMES); Mr Barry Young (Queensland Rail – QR); Ashley White (Ingham Taxis); Mr Jim Kirchner (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited); Cr Patrick Lynch (Councillor – HSC)

### **2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 2 OCTOBER 2014**

Meeting held on 2 October 2014, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Frank Martino

Seconded by: Mr Robert Giuliano

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 2 OCTOBER 2014**

#### **3.1 Alison Barlow provided an overview on the outcome of pedestrian counts taken place recently in Ingham.**

*Alison to send Mayor Rodger Bow an overview on the data.*

*Rodger to talk to the Herbert River Express and put in an article before Christmas.*

*Item to be carried over.*

*Alison tabled Pedestrian Counts Data.*

*To be carried.*

*HRSAC secretary to provide Mayor Rodger Bow with the pedestrian counts provided at the last meeting. Mayor Rodger Bow to talk to the Herbert River Express and put in an article regarding pedestrian safety.*

*Secretary has provided pedestrian counts to Mayor Rodger Bow. Mayor Rodger Bow to talk to the Herbert River Express and put in an article regarding pedestrian safety.*

**ACTION:** *To be carried*

- 3.2 Mr Don Oswin requests for Council to extend the length of the centre island in Neame Street (near Gilroy College) to prevent traffic performing a U turn instead of staying left.

*Inspection to be undertaken by Council to review situation.*

*After discussion involving Police, Council will look into putting in double lines.*

*Wilmar is currently reviewing the new layout and may write a letter to Council regarding putting up a mirror.*

*Finalising the design for installation of double lines.*

*Design to be finalised in the next month.*

*Still on going*

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

- 3.3 Robert Lyon (NQBE) requested the End of Road sign at Lannercost Extension Road be moved to the traffic lights. It was suggested an Ingham Sign with direction arrow be erected.

*DTMR to inspect and review*

*To be carried.*

*Mr Dale Mackenzie advised that he tried to inspect this after the last meeting however was unable to locate the area in question. Will inspect again after todays meeting.*

*Mr Dale Mackenzie to provide findings at the next HRSAC meeting.*

*Mr Dale Mackenzie has inspected the area and advised that the sign in mention should be repositioned on the other side however it may be too close to the train line. Mr Don Oswin advised that the sign can be a minimum of 3 m from the edge of the train line.*

*Mr Dale Mackenzie to investigate further based on this information.*

**ACTION:** *Ms Denise Elrick advised that the existing signage is appropriate and in accordance with design standards.. An end of road sign is not warranted as there is already a stop sign prior to the intersection. Matter closed.*

- 3.4 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that he has raised concerns regarding the current positioning of the 80 km/hr before Challands Street, Ingham, and has requested for the sign to be moved.

*Item to be carried.*

*Mr Dale Mackenzie to investigate and report back to the next HRSAC Meeting.*

*To be carried*

**ACTION:** *Ms Denise Elrick advised that DTMR believe that the shift is not warranted due to the area being out of town. Council to provide DTMR with traffic data for side roads to assist in making final decision.*

- 3.5 Mr Luigi Cantoni brought up concerns regarding the lack of disabled parking within the Ingham CBD and the number of people with no disability parking in the disabled parking bays.

*Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that Council has reviewed a number of sites to possible place extra disability parking bays however the grade of the road within the areas are unsuitable.*

*Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to advise the appropriate department within Council regarding policing of the disability parking bays.*

*Mr Luigi Cantoni to advise Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) of sites where they would like more disability parking bays.*

*Meeting scheduled with Mr Luigi Cantoni and Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) on Monday, 11 August 2014.*

*Mr Mark Carey advised that Council's Design Department have since done a review of four possible disabled parking bays in Lannercost Street, Ingham, and noted that all bays have come back non compliant. Correspondence to be sent to Luigi to advise him of the outcome.*

**ACTION:** *Mr Luigi Cantoni thanked Council for their input in the previous investigation. Mr Luigi Cantoni advised that he would like a review done on the possibility of a disabled car park in the centre parking strip adjacent Coles next to the pedestrian crossing. Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to investigate this new request.*

**3.6 Confusion tourists are having regarding DTMR signs directing them from the highway south (TYTO) to Wallaman Falls.**

Mr Robert Giuliano (ECTO) met with Department of Transport and Main Roads [DTMR] to discuss. DTMR to investigate.

Waiting on response from DTMR in Brisbane. To be carried

**ACTION:** To be carried.

**3.7 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that he received a complaint from a resident at Lucinda regarding motorists continuing to do 80 km/hr right up until the stop adjacent to the Lucinda Pub. The resident enquired whether DTMR could install a sign similar to ones found up north which could be attached to the 60 km/hr sign which says "Check Your Speed".**

Mr Dale Mackenzie to look into the possibility and provide something in writing to advise Council if this is possible.

Mr Dale Mackenzie provided an image of the "check your speed" sign to Council. Council provided the exact location and advised that as this is on a main road, Council would expect DTMR to determine whether it is appropriate for the department to install this sign. Mr Dale Mackenzie advised that he will organise to order this sign to be installed by Council. A few members enquired if flashing signs would be more effective however it was noted that it would be more costly and there would be a risk of faults within the signs.

Mr James Stewart suggested that Council do a traffic speed count before and after the installation of the new "check your speed sign" to monitor effectiveness.

**ACTION:** To be carried.

**3.8 Mr Lenny Toscano advised that the man hole located at the intersection of Townsville Road and Lannercost Street, Ingham, needs to be repaired.**

DTMR to investigate.

Mr Dale Mackenzie advised that the man hole is not a DTMR structure and may be a water and sewerage structure within Council.

Mr James Stewart to look into this.

**ACTION:** To be carried.

**3.9 Mr Giovanni Tantalo from Queensland Police Service (QPS) emailed concerns raised from a resident of Cordelia in relation to the speed limit for Eddleston Drive, Cordelia, particularly within and approaching the township. The resident is requesting an upgrade of the current 60 km/hr speed limit signage to a larger sign or drop the speed limit to 50 km/hr.**

Mr James Stewart suggested that Council do a traffic speed count before and after the installation of the new "check your speed sign" to monitor effectiveness.

Mr Dale Mackenzie and Mr James Stewart to discuss this further.

**ACTION:** To be carried.

**3.10 Mr Rodger Bow raised matters which were brought up at the Bambaroo Community Shed Meeting held on 27 May 2014. It was raised that members of the public requested slow down/turn off lanes to be installed on the Bruce Highway at Catastis Road and also on the Bruce Highway at Toobanna School Road.**

Correspondence to be sent to DTMR for consideration as the responsible authority.

**RESPONSE:** Mrs Denise Elrick advised that correspondence from DTMR is currently being drafted however Toobanna School Road already has a left turning lane and a widening on the right side of the road and Catasis Road doesn't have the traffic volume for this area to warrant a turning lane. Matter closed.

**3.11 Robert Lyon asked when the sink in the road on Abergowrie Road would be fixed and also raised that there is a bad sink in the road at the bottom of the cutaway just before Gowrie Creek Bridge on Abergowrie Road.**

Mr James Stewart noted and to discuss the concern further with Mr Dale Mackenzie.

**ACTION:** To be brought up with Council's Infrastructure Engineer to discuss if works can be included in the NDRRA program.



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

*Mr James Stewart and Mr Dale Mackenzie to inspect*

**ACTION:** *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.*

- 3.13 A request was made from a member of the public for Council to look into installing a street light over the pedestrian crossing in Eleanor Street adjacent the walking track as she had a near miss with pedestrians walking across at night.

*Review to be made on the pedestrian crossing in mention to see if the crossing is meant to be there in the first place.*

**RESPONSE:** *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that the pedestrian crossing has since been removed and correspondence from Council has been sent to the Ingham State Primary School to advise of the removal. Matter closed.*

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### *Outward Correspondence*

- Luigi Cantoni – Request for additional disability parking bays within the Ingham CBD [doc # 14/15907] [Item 3.5]

**ACTION:** *Matter Closed.*

- Transport and Main Roads – Request for turn off lanes in Bambaroo and Toobanna areas [doc # 14/15906] [Item 3.10]

**ACTION:** *Matter Closed*

##### *Incoming Correspondence*

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

*Moved by: Mr Robert Lyon*

*Seconded by: Mr Ricky Quabba*

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

- 5.1 *Mrs Denise Elrick advised that after NDRRA works carried out on the Halifax Washaway, the 100km/hr sign from Cordelia to Halifax has been replaced with an 80km/hr sign. Noted.*

##### 5.2 *Meeting Dates for 2015*

**ACTION:** *Adopted by members. Noted.*

- 5.3 *Cr Rodger Bow advised that Mr Schiappadori's fruit and vegetable stall located on the side of the Bruce Highway at Gairloch, is in a highly dangerous area and is unsafe for vehicles to pull off the road within the 100km/hr speed zone.*

**ACTION:** *Ms Denise Elrick advised that DTMR do not have authority to remove the stall however can address the signage that is erected in Main Roads corridor.*

*Council to investigate if they have the authority to remove the stall. Discussions to be held with Council's Town Planning department.*

- 5.4 *Ms Alison Barlow provided a summary on the Join the Drive to Save Lives campaign which will go out through social media and the radio. Noted.*

- 5.5 *Ms Alison Barlow advised that changes have been made to road rules for motorcycle riders. Noted.*

- 5.6 *Ms Alison Barlow advised that pedestrians have been going onto the road when trying to access the pedestrian crossing on Eleanor Street due to the directional fencing which has been installed.*

**RESPONSE:** *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that pedestrians are supposed to walk down the ramp which has fencing to guide the pedestrian along the appropriate path to the pedestrian crossing. Pedestrians are choosing not to walk the ramp and are going around the ramp configuration.*

- 5.7 Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council had received correspondence from the Quabba Brothers requesting for the Halifax Road intersection to be improved to allow large machinery to manoeuvre onto the Bruce Highway safely to travel north.

**ACTION:** Ms Denise Elrick advised that she will raise this concern with DTMR to be investigated.  
HRSAC Secretary to write to Quabba Brothers advising that their concerns have been raised at the HRSAC meeting and DTMR have been made aware of the concern.

- 5.8 Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Ms Rebecca Coulson from DTMR has been in contact regarding the Community Road Safety Grants - Round Four, to apply for funding for bike & pedestrian safe precinct.

**ACTION:** Dr Jenna Devietti to advise further information at the next HRSAC meeting.

- 5.9 Dr Jenna Devietti provided an update on the Road Safety Grant for the Pedestrian Safety Packs. Packs will be distributed at the "Christmas in the Park" function at Leo Park, Trebonne, on 14 December 2014. Noted.

- 5.10 Mr Frank Martino thanked the Queensland Police Services for monitoring the school zones throughout the year. Noted.

- 5.11 Mr Frank Martino raised that in other shires, road safety meetings are secluded to only local government bodies such as Queensland Police, Ambulance, Fire Services etc.

**RESPONSE:** Cr Rodger Bow advised that our road safety meetings will never exclude non local government bodies and is open to anyone to represent. Noted.

- 5.12 Mr Ricky Butler thanked the Hinchinbrook Shire Council for promptly acting on works requests when brought up directly through the Council. Noted.

- 5.13 Mr Geoff Boremann raised concerns regarding large plants located at the intersection of Beatts Road and Leichardt Street, Allingham, which are currently blocking the vision of motorists wanting to turn from Beatts Road onto Leichardt Street to head back towards Ingham.

**ACTION:** Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the concern will be investigated by Council.

## 6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Thursday, 5 February 2015, in the Council Chambers

7. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at: 11:38am



Mayor Rodger Bow  
CHAIRPERSON