

# *HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

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## **MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2013**

Meeting Opened: 10:33am on Wednesday, 2 October 2013.

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Present were, Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Service – QPS), Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – WE), Mr Robert Giuliano (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HSC), Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary), Mr Jason Macpherson (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Ms Nicole Smart (Department of Transport & Main Roads), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Mr Luigi Cantoni (APSLINC Pensioners), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post – Vice Chairperson), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE).

### **APOLOGIES**

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control – HTC), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth), Mr Rick Buttler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Mick Surawski (Queensland Fire & Rescue Service – QFRS), Mark Drysdale (Queensland Fire & Rescue Service – QFRS)

### **2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 7 AUGUST 2013.**

Minutes of meeting held on 7 August 2013, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

**Moved by:** Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) and **Seconded by:** Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR)

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 7 AUGUST 2013.**

- 3.1** Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) expressed concerns with people walking in the dark without high visibility clothing or embellishments. Mr Quabba suggested buying high visibility ribbon or sashes and donating them to various community groups so the public could obtain one for free.

**RESPONSE:** *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to look into the possibility of applying for the Department of Transport and Main Roads [DTMR] Road Safety Grants by 30 August 2013.*

*Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to send correspondence to various service clubs within the Hinchinbrook Shire.*

**ACTION:** *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that the HRSAC missed out on the first round of the Road Safety Grants due to a lack of interest from the Ingham's Lions Club and therefore will aim to apply for the next round of funding in February 2014.*

*Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to send correspondence to various service clubs within the Hinchinbrook Shire prior to February 2014.*

- 3.2** Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) asked DTMR the reasoning behind the two dotted centre lines located in parts on Townsville Road. Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) confirmed that the two dotted lines are to separate the traffic from the centre. [Item 3.7]

*Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) to locate information pamphlets to distribute.*

*Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advised that signs advertising the new lines are to be erected and information will be distributed via email.*

*Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advised that the public can access the guideline on the website regarding the two centre lines and DTMR are looking into advertising information on the new lines in the paper. Mayor Rodger Bow (HSC – HRSAC Chairperson) to advertise information on the Mayors Facebook page.*

**RESPONSE:** *Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) advised that signs have gone up in some parts but more signs are yet to go up in other areas.*

- 3.3 Mr Ricky Quabba (QMCHA) raised concerns regarding tracked cane harvesters driving long distances along public roads. [Item 5.1]

*Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) advised that he had photos of a tracked cane harvester driving along a public road.*

*Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) to send the photos to Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers). Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) to place photos in the next canegrowers newsletter to advise the safety concerns.*

**RESPONSE:** *Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) advised that an email has gone out to the cane harvester operators and the contractor at fault in this particular incident had been advised.*

**ACTION:** *Item to be left open to be discussed at next meeting.*

- 3.4 Mr Steven Marbelli (QMCHA) advising that the shoulders on newly sealed roads are too steep. For example, Cragg Road, Toobanna. [Item 5.3]

*Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) to provide road names to Dr Jenna Devietti (WE). Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to look into.*

**ACTION:** *Item still yet to be addressed. Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) to provide road names to Dr Jenna Devietti (WE).*

- 3.5 Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) advising that the Blackspot submission applications will be sent sometime this week and application will need to be in by 13 September 2013. [Item 5.5]

*Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to organise submitting applications for Hinchinbrook Shire Council.*

**RESPONSE:** *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council has submitted Blackspot applications to DTMR for their assessment. Item completed*

- 3.6 Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advising that he had sent line marking plans to Council regarding new line markings for Fairford Road, Ingham. [Item 5.6]

*Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that works had not yet commenced.*

*Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to investigate status of these works.*

**RESPONSE:** *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advising that line marking works have been completed apart from the edge lining. Works have been completed in accordance with the design plan provided by DTMR.*

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Outward Correspondence**

N/A

##### **Incoming Correspondence**

- David Fascetti – Traffic Safety Concern at intersection of Cartwright Street and Hardy Street, Ingham. [Doc # 13/15406]

**ACTION:** *Item sent to DTMR for consideration. No further action required.*

- Lucinda Progress Association – Request for roundabout at Ingham-Halifax-Bemerside Road/Macrossan Street, Halifax, intersection [Doc # 13/16593]

**ACTION:** *Item sent to DTMR for consideration. No further action required.*

- Gerry Southward [DTMR] – Retiring as of 20 September 2013 [Doc # 13/17931]

**ACTION:** *HRSAC members noted and signed a farewell card. Mr Jason Macpherson to present card to Mr Gerry Southward on behalf of the HRSAC members.*

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

**Moved by:** Mr Geoff Boremann (QPS) and

**Seconded by:** Mr Robert Giuliano



**5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**5.1 Adoption of HRSAC Meeting Dates for 2014**

**RESPONSE:** *Meeting dates for 2014 adopted by HRSAC Members subject to Mayor Rodger Bow's (HSC – HRSAC Chairperson) acceptance.*

**5.2 Ms Nicole Smart from Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)**

**RESPONSE:** *HRSAC Members welcomed new member Ms Nicole Smart from DTMR.*

**5.3 Mr Robert Giuliano (ECTO) advised that the low dip located on a sweeping corner along Abergowrie Road between rural road number 2815 and 3026 on the inside lane travelling towards Abergowrie is getting worse.**

**RESPONSE:** *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to advise Maintenance Supervisor however as investigated once before, repair will depend on funding from DTMR as part of RMPC.*

**5.4 Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) advised that there will no longer be registration stickers issued commencing 2014.**

**ACTION:** *Item noted.*

**5.5 Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) advised that licensed members of the public who are 75 years and over will now need to undertake a medical exam each year.**

**ACTION:** *Item noted.*

**5.6 Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) advising that there are deep pot holes located just past Gowrie Creek bridge, Abergowrie, heading towards Ingham.**

**ACTION:** *Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to log a Works Request.*

**5.7 Luigi Cantoni (APSLINC) advising that a group of youths are standing in car parks shining laser pointers at passing traffic.**

**ACTION:** *Mr Geoff Boremann (QPS) advised that these incidents need to be reported to QPS*

**5.8 Mr Luigi Cantoni advised that the trees located on the corner of Perkins and Abergowrie Road is blocking visibility of traffic coming along Abergowrie Road. Traffic turning onto Abergowrie Road has to pull right out to be able to see if there is any on coming traffic.**

**ACTION:** *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that as the trees are on private property, Council can't force the land owner to remove them however  
er can encourage them to remove them or trim them back.*

*Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to undertake inspection of the intersection.*

**5.9 Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) advised that the quality of the new bitumen seal being used for the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements [NDRRA] Infrastructure Restoration Program works is poor and not lasting.**

**RESPONSE:** *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that Council is aware of this and is being looked into by NDRRA.*

**5.10 Mr Don Oswin (Wilmar) requesting status of the proposed removal of the two big trees located on Victoria Mill Road which are currently blocking visibility to traffic.**

**ACTION:** *Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) to investigate.*

**5.11 Mr Don Oswin (Wilmar) advising that traffic turning at the traffic lights from Herbert Street onto Cartwright Street, Ingham, are backing up and stopping on top of the cane train line. Requested thoughts and ideas as to how this can be prevented.**

**RESPONSE:** *It was noted that there is no feasible solution and that it is up to the public to take more notice of where they are stopping.*

- 5.12 Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post) advising the current situation with the houses located in the Abergowrie Township along Abergowrie Road having Street numbers rather than Rural numbers. If a resident were to phone emergency services and advise their address, it is unclear to the emergency services of where their residence is situated for e.g. 21 Abergowrie Road, Abergowrie, is a street number but emergency services may think this is a rural number and be looking just outside Trebonne where Abergowrie Road rural numbering starts.

**ACTION:** *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to take comments to Technical Support for consideration in changing the numbers to rural numbers.*

**NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Thursday, 5 December 2013, at Council Chambers.

6. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at 11:32am.



Mr Lenny Toscano  
VICE CHAIRPERSON