

# *HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

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## MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2013

Meeting Opened: 10:30am on Wednesday, 6 February 2013.

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Present were Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control – HTC), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Geoff Bormann (Queensland Police Service), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Dr Jenna Devietti (Acting Works Engineer – A/WE), Mr Robert Giuliano (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HSC), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Mr Frank Russo (Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism – HCCI&T), Mr Gerry Southward (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Chris Byrne (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMRO), Mr Paul Steine (Canegrowers), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post – HRSAC Acting Chairperson), Mr Luigi Cantoni Australian Pensioners & Superannuants League – AP&SL), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth), Barry Young (Queensland Rail – QR), John Tantalio (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Mark Drysdale (Queensland Fire and Rescue Service – QFRS), Mr Don Oswin (Cane Supply and Transport Department), Ms Kirrily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HSC –Secretary).

### **APOLOGIES**

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Hon Mr Andrew Cripps (MP Hinchinbrook), Mr Peter Luke (Sucrogen), and Cr Patrick Lynch (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Councillor)

### **2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 5 DECEMBER 2012**

Minutes of meeting held on 5 December 2012, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

**Moved by:** Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth) and **Seconded by:** Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE)

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – DECEMBER 2012**

- 3.1** Road Safety Implementation Plan has not been reviewed since October 2010. Road Safety Implementation Plan attached for review. [#12/01769] [Item 3.1].

*Road Safety Implementation Plan was distributed to HRSAC Members for review.*

*No amendments were required to the Road Safety Implementation Plan other than to update references to currency periods, and changes to executive committee members and Chairperson, Mayor Rodger Bow.*

*Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) to action above mentioned amendments to 2012/2013 Safety Implementation Plan.*

*Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR and Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) presented updated crash data and suggested actions and comments for inclusion on the new plan, via PowerPoint presentation.*

*HRSAC members accepted changes.*

*Amended Hinchinbrook Shire Council Road Safety Implementation Plan to be presented to the HRSAC members for adoption. Safety Implementation Plan proposed to be presented at the next Council General Meeting of 19 February 2013. [Item 4 – Inwards Correspondence].*

**RESPONSE:** *HRSAC members accept the amended Hinchinbrook Shire Council Road Safety Implementation Plan 2012 / 2014*

- 3.2** Mr Paul Steine (Canegrowers) requested Council investigate the size of car parking bays in Ingham town, as Mr Steine believed they were not uniform. [Item 3.2]

*Mr Paul Steine (Canegrowers) expressed concerns with the size of various car parks within the Hinchinbrook Shire.*

*Mr Paul Steine (Canegrowers) to provided exact location/s of the parking areas of concern by email to HRSAC Secretary, Ms Kirrily Low.*





HRSAC Secretary, Ms Kirrily Low, to present copy of Mr Paul Stein's (Canegrowers) email to Council's Manager Technical Support, Mr Graham Weston, for assessment of the areas of concern areas to be undertaken by Council's Technical Support.

**RESPONSE:** Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) presented findings and drawings completed by Council's Manager Technical Services, Mr Graham Weston, and advised that the car parks in question were assessed and proposed amendments provided WE, Dr Jenna Devietti, also advised the members to be aware that there may be car parks lost due the change.

**ACTION:** Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to organise implementation of the changes to the car parking bays.

- 3.3 Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) advised that since the new pedestrian lights have been implemented, some pedestrians have been pressing the button but not waiting for the green light and just walking across causing traffic to stop for no pedestrians crossing. [Item 3.3]

*Rick Quabba and Mayor both confirmed experiences with traffic lights and pedestrian lights both being red at the pedestrian crossing on the southern side opposite Australia Post.*

*Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advised that DTMR had inspected times set for traffic light changes and will again undertake a review after HRSAC Meeting.*

*DTMR to prepare a media release to be included in the Herbert River Express as a reminder to the pedestrians of the proper use of the pedestrian crossings.*

*Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) confirmed that DTMR are conducting observational surveys of the pedestrian crossings and will present findings at the next HRSAC Meeting of 6 February 2013.*

*Results of DTMR 2012 Pedestrian Observational Survey received from Alison Barlow (DTMR). To be considered with Item 4 – Inwards Correspondence].*

**RESPONSE:** Results of DTMR 2012 Pedestrian Observational Survey was handed to the HRSAC members. Alison Barlow (DTMR) presented findings within the survey.

**ACTION** Alison Barlow (DTMR) to conduct a similar survey this time next year.

*Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) advised DTMR that the traffic lights on the Australia Post Office side are inconsistent in the effect that in some instances when vehicle traffic get a red light the pedestrian light remains red.*

**ACTION:** Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) to arrange DTMR technical staff to investigate the issue.

**RESPONSE:** Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advised that there should be more education on pedestrian safety.

**ACTION:** Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) to organise a press release presenting information from the DTMR 2012 Pedestrian Observational Survey.

- 3.4 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. [Item 3.4]

**RESPONSE:** Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) presented various options he had sourced to support above proposal.

*HRSAC Meeting considered Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) proposal to be a good idea which would benefit both motorists and pedestrians and subsequently agreed pursuing options. HRSAC Meeting authorised Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) to approach the local paper – Herbert River Express to arrange a media release, following further discussions with Dr Jenna Devietti (A/WE).*

*Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) and Dr Jenna Devietti (A/WE) to further discuss proposal prior to Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) presenting information to the Herbert River Express for consideration as media release in the local paper.*

**ACTION:** Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to organise suitable time for Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) and Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) to discuss options to present to the Herbert River Express as a media release.

- 3.5 Mr Rick Butler reported repair works to kerbing and channelling required in the vicinity of bus stops at the Ingham State Primary School and Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, as well as potholes requiring maintenance. [Item 3.5]

**RESPONSE:** Works Request for the above to be logged.

Works Request # 12325 logged.



Maintenance work has been undertaken to kerb and channelling and potholes.

Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service) advised that there were still potholes at the front of the botanical gardens on McIlwraith Street and also at the front of Ingham State Primary School.

Works Request to be logged as original request did not specify the locations adjacent to the Schools.

Works Request # 12365

Maintenance work has been undertaken to kerb and channelling

**ACTION:** Completed

- 3.6 Mayor Rodger Bow reported that the street light over the Lannercost Street pedestrian crossing, near Coles, is not working. [Item 3.6]

**RESPONSE:** Works Request for the above to be logged.

Repair request has been logged with the Department of Transport and Main Roads for attention.

Light has since stopped working. Another repair request has been logged with the Department of Transport and Main Roads for attention.

- 3.7 Mr Paul Steine requesting clarification on the correct action to take regarding road closure signs, in particular during flooding. [Item 3.7]

**RESPONSE:** Mr Geoff Bormann (QPS) confirmed that driving through water is only allowed if the driver is permitted to do so. Permits are usually only issued to emergency services for example Ergon Energy.

DTMR advised that gaining access through a road block is allowed if the Driver can present a licence to prove his/her residence is between the road block and the problem area.

Correspondence received from DTMR advising that all information regarding the above can be found on their website. To be discussed with Item 4 – Inwards Correspondence.

Mr Geoff Bormann (QPS) presented information regarding correct action to take for road closure signs which can be found on the DTMR website: <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Road-and-traffic-info/Guide-to-flooding-and-roads/Road-flooding-signage.aspx>

Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) requested information regarding the time requirement to open Abergowrie Bridge after a flood.

Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that there is a requirement to inspect the all bridges affected by a flood event before it can be open and the time frame may vary.

- 3.8 Mr Luigi Cantoni (AP & SL) advised that disability seniors are concerned that there is insufficient disability parking in the main street of Ingham in particular Lannercost Street and that people without a disability are parking in the few disability parking bays available. [Item 3.8]

**RESPONSE:** Dr Jenna Devietti (A/WE) advised Mr Luigi Cantoni (AP & SL) that Council will need specific areas where they would like the disability parking bays as some areas are unsuitable for the parking bays due to the bays needing ramps etc installed onto the footpath and this may be the reason for the lack of bays in that part of town.

Mr Luigi Cantoni (AP & SL) to provide exact location/s the seniors would like new disability parking bays.

Dr Jenna Devietti (A/WE) to log a Health Request regarding people parking in the disability bays and policing this issue.

Health request has been logged.

Dr Jenna Devietti to inform HRSAC of processes with logging requests.

Dr Jenna Devietti (A/WE) to discuss options of more disability parking bays with Council's Manager Technical Support, Graham Weston, on receipt of exact location from Mr Cantoni.

Mr Luigi Cantoni (AP & SL) suggested putting disabled parking bays near pedestrian crossings to allow easier access to walk across the road

**ACTION:** Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to discuss possible locations along Lannercost Street, Ingham, adjacent to Coles, with Council's Manager Technical Services, Mr Graham Weston.

- 3.9 Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) presented an image of a sign painted on the ground to be used in a high pedestrian and Mobility Scooter area to aware pedestrians and motorists of each other and suggested that this might be useful to use within the Hinchinbrook Shire. [Item 3.9]

**RESPONSE:** *HRSAC members agreed this would be a good idea.*

*Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) to source more information on areas where the sign has been used and under what legislation.*

*Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) advised that she had not yet received any further information regarding the above and will advise once received.*

**ACTION:** *Matter noted and completed.*

#### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Outward Correspondence**

- The Manager [Sucrogen (Herbert) Pty Ltd] – Review of Sucrogen Timetable for Cane Trains Travelling Adjacent Gilroy Santa Maria College. [#12/26334];
- The Manager [Sucrogen (Herbert) Pty Ltd] – Improvement Works to Existing Level Crossing on Musgrave Street and River Avenue, Halifax. [#12/26585];
- The Secretary [Queensland Bus Industry Council] – Flashing 40 km/hr Speed Zone on Rural School Buses. [#13/01782]; and
- Health Request Officers [Hinchinbrook Shire Council] – Monitoring and Policing Disability Parking Bays. [#13/01805].

##### **Incoming Correspondence**

- Gerry Southward [Department of Transport and Main Roads] – Information regarding flood signage. [#12/25603]

**ACTION:** *Item noted.*

- Alison Barlow [Department of Transport and Main Roads] – Final version of Hinchinbrook Shire Council Road Safety Implementation Plan. [#12/25580]

**RESPONSE:** *Amended DTMR version of the Hinchinbrook Shire Council Road Safety Implementation Plan received and noted.*

*Suggested changes and final document formatting completed. [Item 3.1]*

**ACTION:** *Noted and accepted by HRSAC.*

- Alison Barlow [Department of Transport and Main Roads] – 2012 Pedestrian Observational Survey. [#13/01918] [Item 3.4].

**ACTION:** *Noted with item 3.3*

- David Tape [Queensland Bus Industry Council Inc.] – Flashing 40 km/hr Speed Zone on Rural School Buses.

**RESPONSE:** *Response from Queensland Bus Industry Council Inc. received and noted.*

**ACTION:** *HRSAC to await feedback from School Services Committee meeting of 27 February 2013.*

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

**Moved by:** *Mr Luigi Cantoni (AP & SL)*

**Seconded by:** *Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service)*

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

- 5.1 Discuss possible change of dates for the HRSAC Meetings of 5 June 2013 and 4 December 2013, due to absence of Chairperson, Mayor Rodger Bow.

**RESPONSE:** *HRSAC agreed to change meeting dates to 12 June 2013 and 5 December 2013.*

**ACTION:** *Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to send out updated HRSAC meeting dates for 2013.*

- 5.2 Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advised that the speed limit along Victoria Mill Road has been changed with the 80 km/hr sign being extended to the 100 km/hr sign. Mr Southward advised that the change was due to a number of complaints received by DTMR from the residents along Victoria Mill Road.



- RESPONSE:** *The meeting noted that Council was notified and the appropriate paperwork was completed however Queensland Police was not notified of the change.*
- ACTION:** *Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) to investigate as to why Queensland Police were not notified of the change.*  
*Mr Paul Stein (Canegrowers) questioned why the public was not notified.*
- RESPONSE:** *Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advised that it was not a requirement for DTMR to advise the public of the change.*

5.3 Mr Gerry Southward (DTMR) advised HRSAC of the current and upcoming road works within the Shire.

**RESPONSE:** *HRSAC members noted.*

5.4 Mr Paul Stein (Canegrowers) enquired if flashing 40 km/hr lights could be installed at schools within the Shire.

**RESPONSE:** *Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) advised that the lights are not deemed as required needed for the schools in Ingham in accordance with current legislation.*

5.5 Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) advised schools within the Shire to add pedestrian safety signs in the schools newsletters where possible.

**RESPONSE:** *HRSAC members noted.*

5.6 Mr Barry Young (QR) advised that the cane train lights at Bemerside are now working and a report is currently being processed which will be presented to the HRSAC when finalised.

5.7 Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post) acknowledged the completion of the disabled parking bay in front of Rotary Park.

5.8 Mr Mark Drysdale (QFRS) acknowledged and thanked the Council for cleaning of the culverts

5.9 Mr Geoff Bormann (QPS) advising HRSAC of upcoming Motorbike Safety Expo scheduled on 12 May 2013 at the Ingham Dirt Bike Club.

**RESPONSE:** *HRSAC members noted.*

5.10 Mr Don Oswin (Sucrogen) discussed proposal plans for improvements to the train crossing on Herbert Street, Ingham. Proposal plans have been sent to DTMR for approval. Advised that a parking bay located in front of J & B Marine and Repco will be removed once approved by Council.

**RESPONSE:** *HRSAC members noted.*

5.11 Mr Rick Butler (Stoner River Bus Service) advising that the children pick up at Our Lady of Lourdes school is getting worse particularly in the afternoons and when its raining. There is currently way too much traffic congestion.

**ACTION:** *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to investigate history of the issues involved to provide HRSAC background.*

5.12 Mr Rick Quabba (QMCHA) advising that the cane rail crossing located at Victoria Estate gets filled with water during rainfall and gets trapped due to a large tree preventing drainage.

**RESPONSE:** *Sucrogen advised that the issue has been noted and removal of the tree has been organised.*

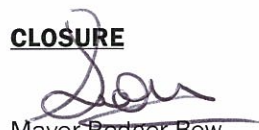
5.13 Ms Alison Barlow (DTMR) advised that a study was undertaken on the Driver Reviver sites and statistics show that the Driver Reviver site south of Ingham is getting good use.

**RESPONSE:** *HRSAC members noted.*

## 6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am on Wednesday, 3 April 2013**, at Council Chambers.

7. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at 12:00pm

  
Mayor Rodger Bow  
**CHAIRPERSON**