

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES – 05 JUNE

Meeting Opened: 10.30am

1. ATTENDANCE

- Mr Geoff Bormann – Queensland Police Service (QPS)
- Mr Rodger Bow – State Emergency Services (SES)
- Ms Rachel Coulson – Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)
- Dr Jenna Devietti – Hinchinbrook Shire Council (HSC)
- Mr Robert Giuliano – Hinchinbrook Shire Council (HSC)
- Mr Paul Marbelli – Canegrowers
- Mr Terry Motti – Canegrowers
- Mr Kevin Riseley – Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)
- Mr James Stewart – Hinchinbrook Shire Council (HSC)
- Mr Kyle Thomson – Hinchinbrook Shire Council (HSC)
- Cr Ramon Jayo – Hinchinbrook Shire Council (HSC)

APOLOGIES

- Mr Ricky Butler – Stone River Bus Service
- Ms Michelle Galipo – Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited
- Mr John Tantalo – Queensland Police Service (QPS)
- Mr Frank Martino – Transnorth

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 27 MARCH 2019

Meeting held on 27 March 2019, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Paul Marbelli

Seconded by: Robert Giuliano

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 27 MARCH 2019

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

Mr James Stewart provided a brief update on interactions with DTMR

Nothing Further.

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

Canegrowers organisation attended a meeting in Brisbane to address the situation. It was advised the Report is still in the hands of DTMR.

Undergoing further investigation

Awaiting DTMR response

It was advised that Mr James Stewart has met with the Department of Transport and Main Road's (DTMR) District Director and advised that DTMR is considering the change. Mr James Stewart to investigate further.

The Department of Transport and Main roads (DTMR) are currently in discussions with Hinchinbrook Mayor, Ramon Jayo. DTMR are considering various submissions including a proposal, which consists of keeping the roads critical status during peak traffic hours and then the road switching back to major status during non-peak periods.

No further progress has been made on this matter.

Awaiting a response from DTMR on the matter.

No further action has been taken on this agenda item. HRSAC still awaiting a response from DTMR.

No further action taken.

3.2 Mr Ricky Butler raised concerns with hedge height on property (Alan Quagliotto) near train line on corner of Neame Street and Gedge Street as it is blocking visibility.

Meeting between Council's Works Engineer and resident was held to discuss the information in the Technical Memorandum provided by Langtree Consulting. The Technical Memorandum mentioned that an alternative solution would be to change the give way sign at the railway crossing to a stop sign.

HRSAC to write to Wilmar requesting a change of configuration to the railway crossing.

No further action has been taken.

Letter has been sent to Wilmar. No correspondence has been received.

3.3 Dr Jenna Devietti requested an update from Mr Don Oswin regarding advice from Council in relation to the pavement marking requirement adjacent to the road crossing on Morleys Road which needs to be undertaken by Wilmar in accordance with the Rail Crossing Agreement

At the meeting it was discussed that Michelle Galipo had tried to organise Council to undertake the works however the matter had not been resolved and was uncertain how to progress.

James Stewart suggested that the matter is taken off line and a direct face to face meeting with Works Engineer Jenna Devietti and Michelle is scheduled after the meeting to resolve the matter completely.

HRSAC Secretary to schedule meeting between HSC Works Engineer Jenna Devietti and Wilmar Michelle Galipo.

Council's Works Engineer, Jenna Devietti and Wilmar Rep Michelle Galipo met to discuss pavement marking requirements for Morley's Road. Council has provided Wilmar with a price. Wilmar Rep Michelle to pass onto Wilmar's Asset Management Team, however it is believed that the scope of works falls under capitals works and not maintenance. This will need to be reviewed by Wilmar, and then a letter to be written to Council indicating Wilmar's intentions.

Wilmar to review price and write back to Council on the matter.

This item is to be actioned through the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

3.4 Mayor Ramon Jayo informed of discussions held with Peter Sheedy (Canegrowers). Issue of concern is road condition between Ashton Hotel and Scotts Road (McKell siding).

The Road Safety Audit report has been completed. This has now been referred to the Principal Engineer (Civil) for endorsement. Mr Kevin Riseley advised HSC to request information in relation to the road safety audit report to the district director.

Mr Kevin Riseley has advised Council is required to formally request for a copy of the Road Safety Audit Report from District Director, Mr Stephen Mallows.

HRSAC Secretary to submit a letter to Mr Mallows and request a copy of the report.

Stephen Mallows [Department of Transport and Main Roads] – Letter to the District Director requesting Road Safety Audit Report for Abergowrie Road. [Item 3.5]

Letter from DTMR providing the Road Safety Report has not been received as at the 5 December 2018

No response has been received by DTMR. However DTMR Rep Kevin Riseley has advised that the Road Safety Audit Report has been reviewed by TMR. The audit did not find any section of road that had 'road camber and ride ability' issues as has been previously reported and the District Director now considers this matter closed. If this matter is still of concern TMR may consider other MUTCD related options.

Action: HRSAC Secretary to follow up response.

3.5 Mr Gio Tantalo put forward a request for the Department of Transport and Main Roads to install flood height indicators at the Halifax Lagoons between Paravicinis Road and Vellas Road. Additionally another site at the western side of Halifax Bridge between the bridge and Morleys Road, commonly known as Castorina's Lagoon.

Kevin advised that the flood marker on the RHS has been knocked over at Castorinas Lagoon and the area between Parravacinis and Vellas Roads needs inspecting. There are criteria for the planning and design of floodways, and initial indications show it is a road, not a floodway. To change it to a floodway would require an upgrade to current standards. Kevin will investigate further, including budget and funding provisions and report findings to next HRSAC meeting.

The location on the western side (Castorinas Lagoon) where the flood marker has been knocked over requires replacement. It was identified that a flood way sign is required in the area. However the second site has been looked at and will be needed to be referred to design to investigate and reviewed in the near future.

Mr Kevin Riseley to update the committee in relation to the Halifax lagoon floodway proposal (subsequent to design review)

Mr Bob Milne has made mention that through the RMPC Maintenance process; the replacement of new sign's in the area has been scheduled.

Mr Bob Milne to report back to the committee once works have been completed.

DTMR advised in relation to Halifax Lagoons (between Paravicinis and Vellas Roads) CH: 2.695 this has been referred to Design section for a preliminary review.

The review is ongoing.

The Preliminary Design Review has progressed and advised flood depth markers can be recommended for installation at this location. A site visit is now pending to determine the types (G9-22-1A or G9-22-1B), number and locations (based upon March 2018 flood photograph provided in February 2019 by the Halifax QIC)

A follow up on the status of the 4km Floodway Signage rationalisation in relation to Castorina's Lagoon will be conducted and will provide an update on this at the next meeting.

Regarding Halifax Lagoons, TMR is attending the location immediately following this meeting to scope depth markers installation locations.

3.6 Terms of Reference – Hinchinbrook Road Safety Advisory Committee

This is on hold - the meeting noted that all Council Terms of Reference are currently under review by the CEO.

Nothing further on this matter.

Nothing further on this matter.

3.7 Request to reduce speed within the Macknade township

Letter of correspondence was sent out to Mr Sam Zullo advising him of the outcomes to be undertaken.

Council's Design Department to undertake procurement to engage a suitable consultant to undertake the review.

The meeting noted that the EMISD attended the speed review with Langtree Consulting. After reviewing the traffic count data, it is believed that the data warrants the speed to be reduced from 60km/h to 50km/h. Report to be finalised and presented to Council.

At the DTMR Safer Roads Training Workshop that Council's Works Engineer, Jenna Devietti and Council's EMISD James Stewart attended last week, James said he learnt that speed reviews must be put to a formal Speed Review Committee before any change can be implemented. He was advised that there is currently no Speed Review Committee in North Queensland and HRSAC does not meet the requirements as a speed review committee. No further action can be taken on this until a speed review committee is formed.

EMISD had mentioned that this was raised at the most recent Regional Roads and Transport Groups (RRTG) Meeting. It was discussed that DTMR Rep Mr Brett Whitbread will be following this up. EMISD to follow up on an ETA.

Action: HRSAC Secretary to draft letter to advise Mr Sam Zullo of the outcome.

3.8 Mr John Tantalo raised concerns regarding the lack of lightning for the intersection of Dungeness Road and Wharf Road. It was noted that two recent incident reports have been provided to QPS in relation to this concern raised.

Council to investigate tenure of road to the jetty and existing lightning at this location.

Council officers have identified that the land is owned by the Port of Townsville and is not a Council road. Mr Bob Milne has mentioned that he has spoken to Ergon Energy, in which they have said they will get back to him with pricing for additional lighting.

To be left on the agenda.

No further progress.

HRSAC Secretary to follow up on price of additional lighting.

A request had been sent through to Ergon; however Council has not received a response. Council to follow up on price for additional lightning.

No response has been received by Ergon.

Action: HRSAC Secretary to follow up with the Maintenance Supervisor.

3.9 Wallis Street Speeding Concern

It was raised by a concerned resident, that there are a number of vehicles that seem to be speeding along Wallis Street, Trebonne.

It was discussed and agreed that Council check recent Traffic Count Data. QPS have been notified and there may be an option to deploy the Multi Message Board.

HRSAC Secretary to find details of the resident and notify them of the outcome.

HRSAC Secretary could not gather where the request came from. No further action has been taken on this one. HRSAC Secretary advised that Council is trying to implement a strategy to ensure the Multi Message Board is spread around evenly.

HRSAC Secretary to implement strategy and deploy the message board to monitor Wallis Street.

Strategy has been implemented and the message board was deployed. The board detected 177 vehicle movements with 19 of these vehicles over 50km/h. Matter closed.

Action: QPS to monitor as resources allow.

Matter Closed.

3.10 Concerns of High Speeding Numbers on Halifax Road, Ingham.

QPS had advised that a report has indicated that Ingham holds one of the highest recorded speeding numbers for Northern Queensland.

Local QPS have asked if speed activated R4-1 LED Warning Signs could be installed along this stretch of road (CH: 0.000 – CH: 1.278) due to high crash rates and speeding vehicles travelling in both inbound and outbound directions.

DTMR advised a preliminary investigation into crash, speed and AADT data would be conducted and reviewed against warrants.

No further update for this agenda item. DTMR Rep, Kevin Riseley to advise the committee at the next HRSAC Meeting.

Following the previous meeting (March 2019) the correct location was advised/confirmed by the minute taker and a subsequent investigation was conducted on the correct location – 10N Halifax Road to the immediate north of Ingham Agencies.

A review of QRAM, Emerging Crash Location Data, RC2 and Speed Data (Histograms) from site 91402 was conducted. 15km Pace Speeds detected (north / south direction) were Lane 1 = 53km/hr – 68km/hr & Lane 2 = 49km/hr – 64km/hr indicating voluntary speed compliance.

Query search of RC2 revealed there were no reportable crashes in this area in the last 5 years with contributing circumstances of speed. Advised the warrants for R4-1 LED Warning Signs and asked if QPS had any further information that may support the original request to please forward through.

Action: QPS Representative to communicate this with the staff member that had raised the question originally.

Matter Closed.

3.11 School Time Zones for Trebonne State School

Committee member queried existing 40km/hr school zone signage at the Trebonne State School that displayed the school zone times 7-9am & 2-4pm.

He stated every other school zone in the LGA had school zone times of 8-9:30am & 2:30-3:30pm. DTMR advised that all schools in the Hinchinbrook LGA should all be displaying the same time (i.e. 8-9:30am & 2:30-3:30pm) on all school zone signs.

DTMR advised a preliminary investigation would be conducted.

DTMR Rep attended 6141 – Stone River Road at the Trebonne State School on 16 January 2019 and confirmed the issue raised. The signs appear to have been replaced recently and the new signs effective times are the standard default times 7-9am and 2-4pm, not 8-9am and 2.30-3.30pm as required in the Hinchinbrook LGA (and as was previously signed at this location)

This matter was referred to Maintenance for investigation and enquires have been made with the Hinchinbrook RMPC Coordinator. Matter on going.

No update provided at this meeting. A drive through will be conducted and an update will be given at next meeting.

3.12 Safety Concern on Sir Arthur Fadden Parade

Concern resident has again raised his concerns in relation to safety along Sir Arthur Fadden Parade. The meeting noted that QPS is aware and have increased resources for the area. The committee agree that Council could deploy the multi message board to try and deter motorists from speeding.

HRSAC Secretary to organised Sir Arthur Fadden Parade to be scheduled in for the multi message board.

No further action has been taken on this one. HRSAC Secretary advised that Council is trying to implement a strategy to ensure the Multi Message Board is spread around evenly.

HRSAC Secretary to implement strategy and deploy the message board to monitor Sir Arthur Fadden Parade.

Strategy has been implemented and the message board was deployed. 4467 vehicles detected, with 165 of these being over 65km/h.

Action: QPS to monitor when resources allow.

Matter Closed.

3.13 Review of Bus Shelter along Stone River Road

Resident has raised concerns relating to the bus shelter located along Stone River Road. It was mentioned that the bus shelter has little visibility of road traffic and the resident is concerns for his daughter's safety. He has asked if the bus shelter could be relocated or a tree nearby be remove to improve sight distances.

Committee member has advised that the resident will be required to formally request the bus shelter audit committee to review and make a decision.

HRSAC Secretary to advised Council's Maintenance Supervisor of the outcome.

A Customer Request through the Hinchinbrook Shire Council had been raised for this one. HRSAC to follow up with Maintenance Supervisor for an update.

Works have been completed.

Action: HRSAC to advise residents of the outcome.

3.14 Bus Pick Up Area Concerns – Hawkins Creek

Community member has raised concerns in relation to the bus pull up area on Hawkins Creek Road. The community member believes the state of the drop off area is such that the bus can no longer pull off the road because of the conditions and is forced to stop in the middle of the roadway to pick up kids. This was identified as being a dangerous place for the bus to stop, due to line of sight issues with trees and creek crossing. It was also mentioned that neighbouring property owner had performed drainage works in the vicinity, which was hindering the buses ability to pull off the road.

The matter to be referred to Council's Compliance and Technical Officer for investigations.

An investigation was undertaken into the matter by Council's Compliance and Technical Officer and where it was found that unauthorised drainage works had been undertaken in the vicinity of the bus pick up area. It was noted that the said drainage works were hindering the buses ability to pull off the road, which was creating the dangerous situation. Council's Compliance and Technical Officer had mentioned that communication had be undertaken with the neighbouring property, where it was mentioned that AECOM had removed the hard stand area during road construction works, however it was never in the scope to reinstate the hard stand area.

Council's Compliance and Technical Officer noted that Transnorth have been performing pick-ups/drop offs on the shelter side only, and have had no concerns.

Action: Council in conjunction with Transnorth to monitor the change to the pick-up/drop off area.

3.15 Mangroves on the eastern side of Lucinda Road

HRSAC Committee member had raised that the mangroves on the eastern side of Lucinda Road is requiring a trim.

To be processed through the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

Works have been completed.

Matter Closed.

3.16 Pavement Failure – Log Creek Bridge to JK's Deli

HRSAC committee member wanted to make a note of the repeated pavement failure between Log Creek Bridge and JK's Deli.

Council's Executive Manager ISD required to follow up with DTMR.

HSC Officers have organised a meeting to conduct an inspection on this section of road.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward Correspondence

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

- Geoff Bormann [Queensland Police Service] 03 May 2019 – Traffic Improvements for Forrest Beach Roads – *Refer correspondence to HSC to include in capital bid for 20/21 budget.*

Action: All correspondence be received and noted.

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

Moved by: Paul Marbelli

Seconded by: Robert Giuliano

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Traffic Concerns on Forrest Beach Road (Intersection of Forrest Beach Road and Sunnybank Road)

Community member had concerns with a few road users along Forrest Beach Road. The community member explained that while turning into their property along Forrest Beach Road, they would indicate and attempt to make the turn, however motorist are overtaking them within the right hand lane. It was mentioned that they've almost had a few accidents because of this.

The HRSAC discussed this item and it was agreed that this situation was due to poor driver behavior and not related to the quality of the road carriage way. The committee discussed that the compliant should gather clear evidence of the road users doing the perceived dangerous activities and reports these to QPS for action.

Action: HRSAC Secretary to advise the compliant of the outcome.

Matter Closed.

5.2 Traffic Incident occurring around Damper Creek

QPS Representative wanted to note that good response times had been received by relevant authority in relation to the traffic incident that occurred around the Damper Creek area.

Received and noted.

Matter Closed.

5.3 Road Safety Week – August 2019

DTMR Representative wanted to note that road safety week will be held again at the end of August 2019. DTMR will be planning to hold a number of events in support of this.

Received and noted.

Matter Closed.

5.4 School Transport Infrastructure Program (STIP)

DTMR Representative wanted to note that Council is now able to submit ideas for the STIP. It was noted that the funding provides specific funding to improve the safety and operation for schools through new or improved infrastructure at the school and/or on the surrounding road network.

The program complements other ongoing initiatives to improve safety in and around Queensland schools including the Flashing School Zone Signs Program, the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme and the Community Road Safety Grants Program.

Received and noted.

Action: HSC to process applications for the STIP.

Matter Closed.

5.5 Bruce Highway and Mount Cudmore Road (Mount Gardiner Road) Intersection

A resident of Mt Gardiner Road raised concerns in relation to the current configuration of the intersection. The resident has asked if the Give Way sign can be changed to a stop sign as traffic is not stopping at the Give Way sign. He has witnessed two close calls at this intersection.

Subsequent minutes were received following with heading mentioning Mt Gardner Road intersection with the Bruce Highway and stated TMR had "advised that the sight distance is in accordance with the MUTCD, which doesn't warrant for the give way sign to be replaced with a stop sign. No action to be taken – Matter Closed" when in fact this was not assigned to TMR at the meeting to investigate and no physical investigation, preliminary or otherwise had been conducted.

Advised minute taker of the issue and the minutes of 5 December 2018 were corrected and the matter was assigned (5 June 2019) to TMR to investigate.

Update – 5 June 2019: Preliminary investigation is pending.

5.6 Review of Signage – Intersection of Cooks Lane and Victoria Mill Road

Canegrowers representative had raised a complaint from a community member that traffic users coming off Cooks Lane heading to Ingham along Victoria Mill Road are using the right hand lane (oncoming traffic) instead of using the left hand lane to make a right hand turning movement. The meeting noted that this request would be processed through Council's CRM system.

Action: Customer request to be entered and processed through Council's CRM system.

Matter Closed.

5.7 School Parking Review

HSC Representative noted the outcomes of an internal review of the parking arrangements and general traffic movements for schools within the Hinchinbrook Shire Council. During the review of this, the Ingham State Primary School raised two concerns that they had with traffic movements.

- The school noted that vehicles are doing illegal U-Turn movements along Eleanor Street, Ingham. It was mentioned that these types of movements are believed to be a road safety concern. The committee agreed that QPS presence could benefit from this. QPS to monitor the area when resources allow.
- The school also noted that there seems to be miscommunication between the crossing supervisors. The concern they are having is allowing traffic movement at two close locations, which isn't allowing traffic to flow sufficiently. The purpose of this note is to allow DTMR to communicate this with their crossing supervisors and to create a plan so traffic flows better in that area.

Received and noted.

Matter Closed.

5.8 Commencement of Cane Season

Mr Mayor advising Canegrowers and Wilmar Sugar that cane season will be commencing shortly and wanted to make a note on the minutes to ensure that all publicity in relation to cane in close proximity to reserves is completed. This is to ensure that all cane in close proximity that causes bad line of sight is cut in the first instance. Cutting the said cane in the first instance is to eliminate any safety concerns that may arise from bad line of sight.

Received and noted.

Matter Closed.

5.9 Trees on Beatts Road, Allingham

QPS representative making note that a tree located along Beatts Road (close to the Hibiscus Street intersection) is starting to overhang onto the road reserve and may be an issue for traffic movements.

Action: Customer request to be processed and actioned through Council's CRM system.

Matter Closed.

5.10 Driveway along Beatts Road

QPS Representative noted that there is a driveway adjacent 65 Beatts Road, Allingham that is requiring rectification. The meeting noted that this request would be entered and processed through Council's CRM system.

Action: Customer request to be entered and processed through Council's CRM system.

Matter Closed.

5.11 Mango Tree on Fulton Drive

Canegrowers Representative requested that the mango tree on Fulton Drive (near Ufers Road) be trimmed. The meeting noted that an inspection was conducted on the said mango tree, where it was found by Council's Maintenance Supervisor that there were no issues present. The committee has agreed that this tree be inspected again and would like to see action taken.

Action: HRSAC Secretary to follow up with Council's Maintenance Supervisor.

5.12 Road shoulders on Forrest Beach Road

Road safety inspection of the Forrest Beach floodway requested arising from a MOP's concerns. The concerns were discussed by the constituent with Cr Andrew Cripps a subsequent CRM was raised and forwarded directly from HSC to TMR advising:

Pat Pollard contacted me to advise that during a flood event, the water on the Ingham - Forrest Beach Road, on the northern side of the Forrest Beach washaway, rises to the point that it obscures the steep edge of the road shoulder, as the road shoulders are submerged under water. A motorist is therefore unable to perceive that the road shoulder falls away steeply. Unlike the southern side of the road at the washaway, the northern side doesn't have guard rails to prevent vehicles, for whatever reason, pulling over on the side of the road through the Forrest Beach washaway area. Pat feels this is a safety issue and has requested that guard rails be installed on the northern side of the road through the Forrest Beach washaway. People are also observed walking along this stretch of road during a flood event. The Ingham - Forrest Beach Road is a state controlled road. It may be that this matter needs to be forwarded to the Hinchinbrook Road Safety Advisory Committee for consideration and communication to the Department of Transport and Main Roads Northern District Office in Townsville.

Action: DTMR Representative to undertake preliminary investigations.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am on Wednesday, 7 August 2019**, in the Council Chambers

7. CLOSURE

Meeting closed at: 12.00

Mayor Ramon Jayo
CHAIRPERSON