

MINUTES OF MEETING



EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Venue	Conference Room, Station Street, Mullumbimby
Date	Tuesday, 16 March 2021
Time	10:30am
Committee Members	Ian Shanahan – Transport for NSW Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe – Police Cr Basil Cameron Tamara Smith MP

**REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2021**

File No: I2021/403

MEETING COMMENCED: 10:30am

PRESENT:

Councillor: Cr Basil Cameron

Transport for NSW: Ian Shanahan

Police: Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe

Siobhan Foley for Tamara Smith MP

Staff: Evan Elford and Andrew Pearce

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest raised.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Committee Recommendation:

**That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2021
be confirmed.**

(Kehoe/Cameron)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising,

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/RESOLUTIONS

None.

REGULATORY MATTERS

Report No. 6.1 Brunswick Heads - No Parking Signage
File No: I2021/204

Council recently introduced No Parking 1am - 6am along South Beach Road Brunswick Heads. This has reduced the illegal camping problem along the beach front but has pushed campers to a couple other locations within Brunswick Heads, namely:

- i) Along the River front. See the yellow highlighted area in figure 1.
- ii) In the Stan Thompson Oval area on the southern approach into town, see yellow area in figure 2.

To help Council's compliance team better manage illegal camping in these areas Council requests the installation of:

- i) No Parking 1am-6am signs along the river front streets highlighted yellow in Figure 1. Blue dots show the typical location of proposed signs.
- ii) No Parking 1am-6am area signs at the entrance to Stan Thompson Oval area. Blue line at the entrance shown the typical location proposed for signage.



Figure 1 – Brunswick Heads river frontage signage plan



Figure 2 – Stan Thompson Oval area.

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Committee Comments

Shanahan: Potential to use "Parking Area" signs.

Pearce: Yes, this is proposed for the Stan Thompson area

Kehoe: No issues from Police

Management Comments

None.

Committee Recommendation:

That Council endorse the installation of:

- 1. No Parking 1am-6am signage along the eastern side of Mona Lane, Fawcett St (between Mona Lane and Park Street) and Park Street (between Fawcett Street and Mullumbimbi Street).**
- 2. No Parking Area 1am-6am signage at the entrance to the Stan Thompson Oval area**

(Cameron/Shanahan)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried. *Shanahan, Foley, Cameron and Kehoe voted in favour of the motion.*

Nil voted against the motion..

Report No. 6.2
File No:

Event - Byron Writers Festival 2021
I2021/300

Summary

Council has received an event application with Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the 2021 Byron Writers Festival to be held between Friday 6th August and Sunday 8th August 2021.

The event site is located at the northern end of Bayshore Drive, adjacent to Elements Resort. See attached 2021 TMP for location.

Based on previous events in 2018 and 2019 patron numbers are expected to be in the order of 12 000 tickets sold, with 55% of visitors staying for four days or more, and 12% for over seven days. The festival will therefore contribute to additional traffic in the lead up to, during and after the festival.

CONSIDERATIONS

Ewingsdale Road is susceptible to queuing and congestion.

Byron Bypass will be operational and its impact on traffic flow is currently unknown. It is

expected to have minimal impact initially.

Refer to attachment 1 for the TMP for the event. In summary it proposes:

- Wayfinding traffic control signage on Ewingsdale Rd on the approach to Bayshore Drive.
- 40km/h speed zone north of the Bayshore Drive rail crossing to event car park
- 10km/h from the car park entry to the end of Bayshore Drive.
- Retain pedestrian traffic within the parking area as much as possible and provide a pedestrian crossing linking the car park to the event within the 10k/h zone, with traffic controllers
- Mobility parking to be provided adjacent to the event on Bayshore Drive and a valet service for PWD patrons to allow their vehicles to be parked amongst the regular cars, thus effectively creating more PWD parking spaces.
- Taxi and Uber drop off point is proposed within the Car Park on the south western side of Bayshore Drive.
- Bus drop off area is proposed at the end of Bayshore Dr within the cul-de-sac.
- Traffic exiting the event and heading to Byron Bay is directed down Bayshore Drive.
- Traffic heading west along Ewingsdale Rd from Byron Town Centre is directed to turn right at the Bayshore Dr Roundabout.
 - As a contingency, staff recommends if significant traffic congestion occurs at the Bayshore Drive Roundabout with east bound traffic backing up towards The Farm then west bound traffic arriving from Byron Town Centre is to be directed towards the event via Sunrise Blvd.

Committee Comments

Kehoe: Bypass impact will be minimal

Cameron: Are there continuing improvements to public/active transport? Suggest future improvement to include public transport access in ticket pricing.

Pearce: Solar Train and taxi drop-offs, are the extent of modal changes.

Elford: Page 9 of the agenda discusses this broadly, but specifics not identified.

Cameron: I would be interested to know if they are successful. Bluesfest included parking in the ticket. For example, your access on Solar train or bus could be included with the ticket price, in conjunction with pay parking.

Kehoe: Pay parking/gold coin donation would be too late to introduce now. Is there any suggestion of using the Cavanbah Centre to bus people from there?

Elford: I don't disagree that (public/active transport) need to be included, however the event organisers are most likely trying to manage the Covid safety aspect at this stage.

Kehoe: Future events could include public/active transport incorporated with the ticket. This would mean you could distribute vehicles into other areas. It is not a recommendation for LTC to put to the organisers, but this advice can be made as a suggestion for them to consider for the next years' events.

Shanahan: No Issues from Transport
Management Comments
None.

Committee Recommendation:

That Council support the Byron Bay Writers Festival 6-8th August 2021, subject to:

- 1) Development and implementation of a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and Traffic Control Plan(s) (TCP) by those with appropriate TfNSW accreditation and the holding of current and appropriate levels of insurance and liability cover. The TMP and TCP to be generally in accordance with Attachment 1 (E2021/38636);**
- 2) West bound event traffic arriving from Byron Town Centre to be directed down Sunrise Blvd, as a contingency, if east bound traffic on Ewingsdale Rd is queued back to the Ewingsdale Road interchange;**
- 3) Separate approvals by NSW Police and TfNSW being obtained;**
- 4) The event organiser to:**
 - i) Advertise the impact of the event, via a Variable Message Signage (VMS) and notice in the local weekly paper, a minimum of one week prior to the operational impacts taking effect, noting it must include the event name, specifics of any traffic impacts or road closures and times, alternative route arrangements, event organiser, a personal contact name and a telephone number for all event related enquiries or complaints;**
 - ii) Arrange the event being notified on Council's webpage a minimum one week prior to the TCP being implemented;**
 - iii) undertake consultation with community and affected businesses including adequate response/action to any raised concerns during and after the event;**
 - iv) undertake consultation with emergency services and any identified issues addressed;**
 - v) hold \$20m public liability insurance cover which is valid for the event.**

(Kehoe/Shanahan)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried unanimously. *Shanahan, Foley, Cameron and Kehoe voted in favour of the motion.*

Nil voted against the motion..

SUMMARY

Council has received an application from the Mullum2Bruns Paddle Committee for the Mullum2Bruns Paddle 2021 to be held Sunday 23rd May 2021.

BACKGROUND

The event will be the same as the 2020 Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan. The 2020 TCP has been attached for reference but has not yet been updated to reflect 2021 dates. Below is a general summary of what traffic control is proposed as part of the 2021 event.

To ensure greater safety around the registration and marshalling area the event proposes temporary one-way traffic off Brunswick Terrace, between Tincogan Street and Tyagarah Street, Mullumbimby, between 6:30am and 10:00am. The direction of the one way is shown in the image below.



Additional traffic control measures proposed include:

- The right turn off Tincogan Street into Brunswick Terrace to have a “no right turn” sign
- The left turn off Tincogan St into Brunswick Terrace to have a “no left turn”
- Relevant detour signs will be installed at the approaches to the impacted area
- No parking signs along the one way part of Brunswick Terrace
- Participants will be diverted along the southern part of Brunswick Terrace to the

intersection of Brunswick Terrace & Tincogan Street to enable them to cross to the starting area. The traffic controllers will hold traffic crossing to the registration zone until there are spaces for them to unload their craft.

- Uniformed Marine Rescue personnel will be patrolling the homes opposite the registration area to ensure that participants are not parking in front of or across driveways, thereby minimising inconvenience to the residents.
- A letter-box drop would be done 2 weeks prior to the event, informing residents in the surrounding streets of the temporary one-way traffic closures.

Committee Comments

Cameron: Have multiple year approvals been suggested?

Kehoe: Similar to Anzac Day approvals, 3 year approval can be arranged, unless there will be changes to the traffic plan.

Shanahan: Any events that affect state roads need yearly approvals, but events on local roads can receive three year endorsement.

Management Comments

None.

Committee Recommendation:

That Council endorse the TMP and TCP for the Mullum2Bruns Paddle 2021 to be held Sunday 23 May 2021, and event dates in 2022 and 2023 subject to:

1. The development and implementation of a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and Traffic Control Plan(s) (TCP) by those with appropriate NSW accreditation.

2. The event organiser to:

a) Advertise the impact of the event, via a Variable Message Signage on site and notice in the local weekly paper, a minimum of one week prior to the operational impacts taking effect, noting it must include the event name, specifics of any traffic impacts or road closures and times, alternative route arrangements, event organiser, a personal contact name and a telephone number for all event related enquiries or complaints;

b) Arrange for the event to be notified on Council's webpage a minimum one week prior to the TCP being implemented;

c) undertake consultation with relevant community and affected businesses including adequate response/action to any raised concerns during and after the event;

d) undertake consultation with emergency services and any identified issues addressed;

e) hold \$20m public liability insurance cover which is valid for the event.

3. Endorsement for the three year period is subject to no significant changes being made to the running and timing of the event.

(Cameron/Shanahan)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried unanimously. *Shanahan, Foley, Cameron and Kehoe voted in favour of the motion.*

Nil voted against the motion..

Report No. 6.4 Bay Lane Modifications
File No: I2021/363

Staff propose to modify the signage and regulatory plan for Bay Lane to improve waste collection.

In July 2020 LTC approved making Bay Lane One Way from Jonson Street to Fletcher Street. However, it is now known that waste collection vehicles are not able to access Bay Lane via Jonson Street due to the inability to manoeuvre into Bay Lane off Jonson Street.

Instead, waste collection trucks have been servicing Bay Lane against the legal direction of travel, travelling from Fletcher St and exiting onto Jonson St. This is the only way Bay Lane can be adequately serviced.

Therefore, to allow this to happen legally staff propose the following modifications to Bay Lane (refer to attachment 1):

- i. No longer make Bay Lane One Way
- ii. Remove all One Way signs and lines
- iii. Widen bollards to provide waste trucks with increased room to manoeuvre
- iv. Modify the No Entry signage at the eastern end to say No Entry, Residents and Service Vehicles Excepted.
- v. Install No Stopping 1am -9am signage across 3 car spaces on the north western side Jonson Street.

Committee Comments

Discussion surrounding waste collection, different trucks, method of collection, different bin locations, entry points.

Cameron: Is there collection off Jonson St?

Kehoe: No most are collected from the Lawson St North Carpark. Fletcher St shops mostly have their bin collection points in Bay Lane.

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Shanahan: No need for custom sign, replace with R2-14R standard sign.

Management Comments

None.

Committee Recommendation:

That Council supports removing the One Way from Bay Lane and installing the regulatory signs and lines outlined in Attachment 1 (E2021/40751) as modified by the committee comments.

(Kehoe/Cameron)

The recommendation was put to the vote and declared carried unanimously. *Shanahan, Foley, Cameron and Kehoe voted in favour of the motion.*

Nil voted against the motion..

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11:11am.