

**MINUTES OF KU-RING-GAI TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025**

- Present: Ku-ring-gai Council (Councillor Matt Devlin, Chairperson (Comenarra Ward)) via Teams
Transport of NSW (Mr Joshua Mesiti)
Representing Police Local Area Command Ku-ring-gai (Snr Const Steven Henri)
Representing Police Local Area Command North Shore (Sgt Ryan Edwards)
Representing Member for Davidson (Mr Michael Lane)
Representing Member for Wahroonga (Mr Michael Lane)
- Staff Present: Director Operations (Peter Lichaa)
Manager Traffic and Transport (Mr Deva Thevaraja)
Team Leader Traffic (Mr Michael Foskett)
Team Leader Regulation (Tony McCormack)
Administration & Traffic Support Officer (Michelle Regan)
- Others Present: The Mayor, Ku-ring-gai Council (Councillor Christine Kay)
Northside Montessori School (Mr Ian Carlson)
Ku-ring-gai High School (Mr Stephen Plummer)
Bike North (Mr David Thomson)
- Apologies: Member for Wahroonga (Mr Alister Henskens)

*The Meeting commenced at 9:03 AM
The Chairman welcome those present and acknowledged The Mayor's attendance*

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interest was declared.

GENERAL BUSINESS**KTC01 Eastern Road, Turramurra**

File: TM10/17

Vide: GB.1

To consider a proposal to construct a raised wombat crossing on Eastern Road at Hastings Road, Turramurra.

The Committee's Comments:

The Manager Traffic and Transport provided background information on this item.

The Committee discussed the proposal and recommended the proposal be approved.

The Committee Recommends:

That the existing pedestrian refuge island on Eastern Road at Hastings Road, Turramurra, along with an upgrade to the existing street lighting, be replaced with a raised Wombat crossing, subject to the approval of the detailed design by TfNSW.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**KTC02 Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra**

File: TM10/17

Vide: GB.2

To consider a proposal to construct a raised Wombat Crossing on Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra.

The Committee's Comments:

The Manager Traffic and Transport invited Mr Stephen Plummer, Principal, Ku-ring-gai High School, to join the meeting. The Manager Traffic and Transport provided background information on this item.

Mr Stephen Plummer spoke in support of the pedestrian crossing at the location. He commented student numbers at the school continue to grow and a lack of crossing is dangerous to students. Currently parents drop off children in the turning circle, despite it being signposted as 'No Stopping', as they are not

prepared to drop children off on the other side of the road. This has resulted in several near misses. A pedestrian crossing would allow students to be dropped off and cross the road safely. There is also a hospital across the road from the school and patients and staff need to cross the road to access the bus.

The Manager Traffic and Transport tabled an email from a parent at the high school in support of the pedestrian crossing.

The representative for the Member for Davidson questioned whether the cost of the works could be justified.

The Team Leader Regulation proposed that 'No Parking' restrictions during school peak times be considered, so students could be picked up and dropped off opposite the school.

The Committee discussed this proposal and noted issues with the turning circle. and recommend this project be approved, subject to consideration of adjustments to the detail design to incorporate the drop off zone.

The Committee Recommends:

- A. That the existing pedestrian refuge island located outside Ku-ring-gai High School on Bobbin Head Road, North Turramurra, be replaced with a raised Wombat Crossing, and that the street lighting at the site be upgraded. That the detailed design consider providing a pick-up and drop-off zone.
- B. That the Principal of Ku-ring-gai High School be informed of Council's decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KTC03 **Bobbin Head Road, Pymble**

File: TM7/17

Vide: GB.3

To consider a proposal to construct a raised Wombat Crossing on Bobbin Head Road, south of Selwyn Street, Pymble.

The Committee's Comments:

The Chairperson introduced Mr Ian Carlson, Board Secretary, Northside Montessori School.

Manager Traffic and Transport provided background information on this item.

Mr Ian Carlson advised that the school has grown significantly from 180 to 280 students and caters for primary and high school aged students. This has increased pedestrian traffic around the school. He commented that students take classes in Bannockburn Oval, and partake in activities outside of the school and a pedestrian crossing is needed. Parents have reported multiple near misses involving pedestrians outside the school.

The Committee discussed the proposal and recommended the proposal be approved. Representing Member for Wahroonga advised The Member for Wahroonga recommend this proposal be approved.

The Committee Recommends:

- A. That, subject to available funding, the existing pedestrian refuge island outside Northside Montessori School on Bobbin Head Road, Pymble, be replaced with a raised Wombat crossing.
- B. That the street lighting at the site be upgraded in conjunction with the replacement of the existing pedestrian refuge island with a raised Wombat Crossing.
- C. That Adam Scotney, Principal Northside Montessori School, be notified of Council's decision

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KTC04 **Mudies Road, St Ives**

File: TDA145/24
Vide: GB.4

To consider a proposal to construct a raised wombat crossing on Mudies Road at Memorial Avenue, St Ives.

The Committee's Comments:

Manager Traffic and Transport provided background information on this item.

The Representative for Davidson queried the benefits of a raised pedestrian crossing.

The Representative for Transport for NSW (TfNSW) advised a preference for raised pedestrian crossings and this has become a safety standard around schools. TfNSW funding has been approved for a raised pedestrian crossing, and if there

was a change in the scope of the design, TfNSW could not guarantee funding would be maintained.

The Committee discussed the proposal recommend that this proposal be approved.

The Committee Recommends:

That the existing pedestrian refuge island on eastern leg of Mudies Road at Memorial Avenue, St Ives be replaced with a raised Wombat crossing, subject to the approval of the detailed design by TfNSW.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLYKTC05 **Hunter Avenue, St Ives**

File: TM9/17

Vide: GB.5

To consider a proposal to install a raised Wombat Crossing on Hunter Avenue at Yarrabung Road, St Ives.

The Committee's Comments:

Manager Traffic and Transport provided background information on this item.

The Chairperson noted that previous designs for an at-grade crossing received objections. However, no negative responses have been received with the proposed upgrade and relocation of crossing.

The Representative for Davidson agreed that the proposed location of the wombat crossing was the most suitable location.

The Committee discussed the proposal recommend that this proposal be approved.

The Committee Recommends:

That a raised Wombat crossing, along with new street lighting, be constructed on Hunter Avenue at Yarrabung Road, St Ives, subject to the approval of the detailed design by TfNSW.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KTC06 **Margaret Street, Roseville**

File: TM8/17

Vide: GB.6

To consider a proposal to construct a raised Wombat Crossing on Margaret Street at Archbold Road, Roseville.

The Committee's Comments:

Manager Traffic and Transport provided background information on this item.

The Chairperson commented that the location may cause concerns and northbound traffic on Archbold Road turning into Margaret Street may hold up traffic.

Representative from TfNSW mentioned the crossing needed to be set back at least 6 metres from the intersection. However, there is a concern that moving the crossing even further back may take the crossing away from the pedestrian desire line.

Director Operations noted there is scope to move the crossing further into Margaret Street. However, this may impact the tree canopy, and pedestrian fencing would be required to channel people to cross at the pedestrian crossing.

The Committee discussed the proposal and recommend the crossing be moved further back in Margaret Street and pedestrian fencing installed.

The Committee Recommends:

That a raised Wombat Crossing, along with new street lighting, be constructed on Margaret Street at Archbold Road, subject to the approval of the detailed design by TfNSW.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KTC07 **Robert Street, Gordon**

File: TM4/17

Vide: GB.7

To consider a proposal to construct a raised Wombat Crossing on Robert Street at Werona Avenue, Gordon.

The Committee's Comments:

Manager Traffic and Transport provided background information on this item

The Chairperson noted there had been petition concerning loss of parking to surrounding businesses. To address this issue, the plan had been amended to provide an additional 2 short-term parking spaces on Werona Avenue. This meant there was an overall gain of one parking space.

Transport for NSW advised there were no concerns with the crossing, however, recommended further community consultation in relation to parking.

The Chairperson agreed with TfNSW for the community consultation concerning parking and to hold the matter pending future consultation.

The Committee Recommends:

- A. That a raised Wombat crossing, along with new street lighting, be constructed on Robert Street, subject to the approval of the detailed design by TfNSW, and further consultation with affected businesses and residents regarding the amended proposal.
- B. That the results of the consultation be referred to the next Traffic Committee Meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

Robert Street, Gordon – Petition Letter

Manager Traffic and Transport tabled a petition letter on behalf of Councillor Barbara Ward from businesses in Robert Street, Gordon.

Barra Brui Crescent and Eastern Arterial Road, St Ives

Member for Davidson

Manager Traffic and Transport tabled a letter received from Mr Markham requesting signalised traffic lights at the intersection. In order to commence design process, traffic committee will need to approve.

Bike North Attendance as Observer

Chairperson

The Chairperson introduced Mr David Thomson from Bike North, as an observer and advised Bike North would like to join the Committee as in previous years.

Manager Traffic and Transport advised that Bike North was in attendance at previous Committee meetings and attendance was ceased.

Mr David Thomson advised he represents Bike North which is a community group of 500 members and organise recreational interest for riders in the area. Bike North is involved in nine Council's across Sydney and had attended meetings in previous years. Bike North has been a member of the Active Transport committee and will be a member of the expanded Smart Transport Advisory Committee which looks at topics to assist the community such as E-bike trails, children travelling school and electric car charges. Bike North has added value in the past to enhance the work of the Traffic Committee.

The Chairperson commented the Committee will discuss Bike North's attendance at future meetings and will make a decision following the meeting.

Committee Meeting Dates

The Committee discussed moving from quarterly to monthly meetings, upon the recommendation of the Chair and supported by other Members. The Mayor noted that the GB.5 of the OMC in December 2024 set the Committee's quarterly meeting dates for 2025, and the Committee agreed to, on notice, review and recommend amending the meeting schedule to monthly (excluding December). The Committee would be able to postpone a meeting if there is insufficient business but would still meet at least once in each quarter on those dates already set.

The Meeting closed at 10.25AM