

# OBERON COUNCIL

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**Present:** Ian Tucker (in the Chair); Councillor Clive McCarthy; Councillor Kerry Gibbons; Snr Const Luke Cole; David Vant, RMS; and Tim Charge

## Visitors:

Nil

## Apologies

Nil

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 August 2011 were accepted. (Cole/McCarthy).

## Business Arising from Minutes

Edith Road/Butterfactory Lane Intersection – David Vant advised that no funding is currently available to improve this intersection. It is seen as a low priority due to lack of any significant accident history.

## Declarations of Interest

Nil

## General Business

### 1. B-Double Application – Cosgrove Road

An application has been received from FDC to operate 25m B-Doubles on Cosgrove Road, for approx. 2.9km at its western end off Abercrombie Road. It is proposed that trucks would access the forest at four points off the northern side of Cosgrove Road.

This is similar to a previous application which was rejected due to sight distance concerns at the third access point. The new application proposes the third access would not be used for access from the forest onto Cosgrove Road.

An assessment of the route has been carried out and it is considered to be suitable, subject to conditions to ensure the third access point is used correctly.

The Committee recommends that the application for 25m B-Double access on Cosgrove Road, for approx. 2.9km starting from the western end at Abercrombie Road, be approved subject to:

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- (a) Each access to be named or numbered, and signposted.
- (b) The third access not be used for access from the forest onto Cosgrove Road, with this condition to be included in the gazette notice.
- (c) Signage to be erected on the third access to remind drivers it must not be used for access onto Cosgrove Road.
- (d) This approval to be subject to review after 12 months. (Vant/Charge – unanimous)

## **2. B-Double Application – Wrens Nest Road/Nupiers Road**

An application has been received from Aries Forestry to operate 25m B-Doubles on Wrens Nest Road and Nupiers Road.

An assessment of the route has been carried out and it is considered to be unsuitable due to narrow road width, inadequate turning radius, and inadequate sight distance at the terminal point.

The Committee recommends that the application for 25m B-Doubles on Wrens Nest Road and Nupiers Road not be approved. (Vant/Cole – unanimous)

## **3. Edith Road Angle Parking**

The Committee inspected Edith Road adjacent to The Common where it has been suggested the parallel parking be replaced with front-in angle parking.

It was found that the existing barriers would need to be moved approx. 6m into The Common to provide enough manoeuvring space.

The Committee considered the existing parallel parking to be adequate, but suggested signs be installed to reinforce it, and that Council consider funding to improve the condition of the road verge.

A separate report will be prepared for Council.

## **4. Balfour Street Traffic Islands**

The Committee inspected the traffic islands at a curve in Balfour Street. The central median island is very narrow, and the Keep Left signs are frequently damaged.

The Committee did not favour any changes to the traffic islands.

## **5. O'Connell Road – No Parking Zones**

A resident at 2430 O'Connell Road has requested a No Parking zone in front of her property, due to sight distance problems when exiting her property onto the road.

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The Committee recommends that a No Parking zone be established on the east side of O'Connell Road, between the entrances at No. 2430 and 2432. (McCarthy/Charge – unanimous)

On the western side of O'Connell Road, the owners of the café have requested the existing No Stopping zone to be removed. This zone was originally established as part of the Development Application for the pre-school and the café.

The café owners will be advised to request a variation to the Development Approval. Being a State Road, the request will also need to be referred to RMS for comment.

## **6. Howards Lane/Walker Lane Intersection**

The Committee inspected the intersection of Howards Lane and Walker Lane where there is poor sight distance.

The Committee recommends that a Stop sign be erected at the western end of Howards Lane at its intersection with Walker Lane. (Vant/Cole – not unanimous)

One or two convex mirrors may also be erected to assist with visibility.

## **7. Tasman Street Road Closure**

Oberon High School has requested a temporary closure of part of Tasman Street on 15 December 2011 to run billy cart trials.

Luke Cole advised that separate Police approval may be required. If so, an approved traffic control plan must be prepared, and insurance will need to be verified.

The school will be advised to contact the Police to determine if this approval is required.

## **8. Tractor Trek**

The Oberon Heritage and Collectors Club is proposing a tractor trek on 10 February 2012, from Oberon to Jenolan Caves and return. The route would involve a number of roads controlled by various authorities.

The RMS and Police advised that they oppose the use of Jenolan Caves Road for this event under any circumstances.

Based on the information provided to date, they also oppose the event proceeding at all, and in particular the use of major roads such as Duckmaloi Road.

However they may be open to the event going ahead using a modified route on less heavily trafficked roads.

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Much more detailed information would be required, including a traffic management plan and risk assessment.

Evidence of insurance would be required which specifically includes the tractor trek, and covers Council, RMS and the Police.

All tractors participating would need to be fully registered for general road use.

The organisers will be advised to thoroughly review the events guidelines, and to have further discussions with the RMS, Police and Council if they wish to proceed using a modified route.

## 9. Abercrombie Road B-Doubles

Councillor McCarthy expresses concern about B-Doubles accessing the property "Wilga" from Abercrombie Road. The turning vehicles are damaging the pavement. Also the access needs to be widened and lengthened to comply with the normal standards for B-Doubles.

A letter will be sent to the property owner.

## 10. Albion Street Lighting

Councillor McCarthy enquired about the availability of funding to improve street lighting on Albion Street. Council staff will investigate.

## 11. Carrington Avenue/Rupert Street Intersection

The Committee again inspected the intersection of Carrington Avenue and Rupert Street. There continue to be concerns about visibility due to the angle of the intersection, and vehicles parked in Carrington Avenue.

The Committee recommends that a No Parking zone be established on the southern side of Carrington Avenue, commencing from Rupert Street and heading east for 20m. (McCarthy/Charge – unanimous)

A small modification will also be made to the traffic island to encourage vehicles to approach the intersection at a squarer angle.

## Recommendations

1. That the application for 25m B-Double access on Cosgrove Road, for approx. 2.9km starting from the western end at Abercrombie Road, be approved subject to:
  - a) Each access to be named or numbered, and signposted.
  - b) The third access not be used for access from the forest onto Cosgrove Road, with this condition to be included in the gazette notice.
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- d) This approval to be subject to review after 12 months.
2. That the application for 25m B-Doubles on Wrens Nest Road and Nupiers Road not be approved.
  3. That a No Parking zone be established on the east side of O'Connell Road, between the entrances at No. 2430 and 2432.
  4. That a Stop sign be erected at the western end of Howards Lane at its intersection with Walker Lane.
  5. That a No Parking zone be established on the southern side of Carrington Avenue, commencing from Rupert Street and heading east for 20m.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the meeting closed at 10.45am

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.

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