

MINUTES OF KU-RING-GAI TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2025

- Present: Ku-ring-gai Council (Councillor Matt Devlin, Chairperson) (Comenarra Ward)
Ku-ring-gai Council (Councillor Barbara Ward) (Gordon Ward) via Teams
Transport for NSW (Mr Joshua Mesiti)
Representing Police Local Area Command Ku-ring-gai (Snr Const Steven Henri)
Representing Police Local Area Command North Shore (Sgt Anthony Leeson)
Representing Police Local Area Command North Shore (Sgt Fraser Mackay)
Representing Member for Davidson (Mr Michael Lane)
Representing Member for Wahroonga (Mr Michael Lane) (for Item GB5 only)
- Staff Present: Director Operations (Peter Lichaa)
Manager Traffic and Transport (Mr Deva Thevaraja)
Team Leader Traffic (Mr Michael Foskett)
Team Leader Regulation (Tony McCormack)
Strategic Transport Engineer (Mr Joseph Piccoli) via Teams
Administration and Traffic Support Officer (Michelle Regan)
- Others Present: N/A
- Apologies: Ku-ring-gai Council (Councillor Christine Kay, Mayor) (St Ives Ward)
David Thompson, Bike North

*The Meeting commenced at 9:03 AM
The Chairperson welcomed those present*

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interest was declared.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Ku-ring-gai Traffic Committee

File: CY00022/17

Meeting held 26 February 2025

Minutes numbered KTC01 to KTC07

The Committee Recommends:

That Minutes numbered KTC01 to KTC07 were received and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting. The Minutes were adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting (OMC) on 18 March 2025.

GENERAL BUSINESS**KTC08 Nelson Road, Lindfield**

File: TM6/17

Vide: GB.1

To consider a proposal to construct a raised Wombat crossing on Nelson Road at Tryon Road, Lindfield.

The Committee's Comments:

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

The Committee discussed the proposal, which is currently unfunded, and the option of converting the existing threshold located a few metres from the Tryon Road intersection, rather than constructing a new crossing.

The Committee agreed to defer this proposal for further consideration, focusing on the option of converting the existing nearby threshold in Nelson Road into a Wombat crossing.

The Committee Recommends:

- A. That the proposal to construct a Wombat crossing, be deferred for further consideration with the option of converting the existing threshold in Nelson Road at Tryon Road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KTC09 Lady Game Drive, Killara

File: TM5/17

Vide: GB.2

To consider a proposal to provide additional lane width for right turns from Lady Game Drive into De Burgh Road.

The Committee's Comments:

The Manager Traffic and Transport outlined the background of the proposal, which originated from a request by the Member for Davidson. He mentioned that Council staff and Councillors Devlin and Ward had previously inspected the site and agreed to implement a temporary adjustment by shifting the centre lines until further investigations into potential road widening to accommodate a dedicated right-turn

lane at the intersection could be completed.

The Committee reviewed the proposal, noting that it involved only a marginal realignment of the centre line, and recommended that the proposal be approved.

The Committee Recommends:

- A. That the double centre lines on Lady Game Drive be moved, as shown on the Plan *Lady Game/KTC/05/25*.
- B. That further investigations, including preliminary designs as appropriate, be carried out into future road widening at the intersection of Lady Game Drive and De Burgh Road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KTC10 **Cecil Street, Gordon**

File: TM4/17
Vide: GB.3

To consider a proposal to construct a raised Wombat crossing on Cecil Street.

The Committee's Comments:

The Team Leader Traffic provided background information on this item, noting that Ravenswood School had requested the installation of a Wombat crossing and agreed to fund the project.

The Committee discussed the issue of vehicle queuing along Cecil Street and the challenges of enforcement, as signage alone has not effectively deterred parking in 'No Stopping' zones. Council's Team Leader Regulation advised that enforcing these restrictions is challenging, noting the heavy congestion typically lasts for about 15 minutes.

The Committee also discussed ways Ravenswood School could assist with traffic management in the vicinity during the drop off/pick up times. A possible solution would be for the school to implement traffic management measures during the morning and afternoon school peak periods for a duration of four weeks following the completion and opening of the Wombat crossing.

Also, Council would offer the services of Council's Road Safety Co-ordinator to assist the school in education and promotion of road safety.

The Committee Recommends:

- A. That a Wombat crossing be constructed on Cecil Street, outside Ravenswood School for Girls on the basis of the below:

- I. All costs associated with the implementation of any approved Wombat crossing, public realm upgrades and traffic management shall be borne by Ravenswood School for Girls.
- II. That 'P10min 7am-8.30am, 2.30pm-4pm School Days' restrictions be introduced on Cecil Street.
- III. That 'No Stopping 2.30pm-3.00pm School Days' and 'No Parking at other times' restrictions replace the existing 'No Parking' restrictions on Henry Street.
- IV. That Ravenswood School for Girls provide Council with a Traffic Management Plan and a Traffic Control Plan for Cecil Street and Henry Street during construction period.
- V. That Ravenswood School for Girls provide Council with a Traffic Management Plan and a Traffic Control Plan for Cecil Street and Henry Street during the morning and afternoon school peak periods. That these plans include the provision of licenced traffic controllers to facilitate pedestrian and vehicle movements in accordance with new signage, to ensure school community adherence to new restrictions. Once approved by Council, these plans be implemented for a duration of four weeks (excluding school holidays) during gazetted school-zone hours following the construction of the approved Wombat crossing.
- VI. That Ravenswood School for Girls be requested to provide a copy of their "Drop Off / Pick Up" policy.
- VII. That Council provide Ravenswood School for Girls the assistance of its Road Safety Coordinator to work collaboratively on implementing measures, including educational materials, to address the issues associated with the "Drop Off / Pick Up".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KTC11 **Robert Street, Gordon**

File: TM4/17

Vide: GB.4

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

The Committee's Comments:

The Manager of Traffic and Transport provided background information on this item and informed the Committee that Council had received a petition regarding the proposed loss of parking on Robert Street as a result of the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing.

The Committee discussed the proposal, noting that the revised plan includes an

additional parking space near the proposed Wombat crossing on Robert Street.

Clr Ward questioned the need for another raised pedestrian crossing on Robert Street when there is one on Werona Avenue. The Manager Traffic and Transport informed that the intersection is heavily used by both school children and commuters on both legs of the intersection, and a formal pedestrian crossing on Robert Street would improve safety for them when crossing the road.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the main purpose for bringing this report back is to address the parking loss as a result of the installation of a Wombat crossing as well as the petition that was submitted at that time. This matter has now been addressed with the revised plan showing an extra on-street parking space in the vicinity.

The Committee recommended the proposal be approved.

The Committee Recommends:

- A. That a raised Wombat crossing be constructed on Robert Street at Werona Avenue, Gordon, as shown on the Plan No. Robert St/KTC/02/25.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KTC12 **Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga**

File: TM11/17

Vide: GB.5

To consider a proposal to upgrade the existing at-grade pedestrian crossing on Fox Valley Road at Strone Avenue Wahroonga to a raised Wombat crossing.

The Committee's Comments:

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

The Chairperson expressed concerns about the location of the speed hump on the route to SAN Hospital. The Team Leader Traffic advised that both SAN Hospital and NSW Ambulance were invited for comment regarding the proposed Wombat crossing, but no feedback was received from either party.

The Representing Member for Davison passed the Member for Wahroonga's support to this proposal.

The Committee recommended the proposal be approved.

The Committee Recommends:

That the existing at-grade pedestrian crossing on Fox Valley Road near Strone Avenue, Wahroonga, be upgraded to a raised Wombat crossing with lighting upgrade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KTC13 **Cowan Road & Memorial Avenue, St Ives**

File: TM9/17

Vide: GB.6

To consider a proposal to retain the recently installed asphalt speed humps on Cowan Road and Memorial Avenue, St Ives.

The Committee's Comments:

The Manager Traffic and Transport provided background information on this item. In late 2020, rubber speed cushions were installed on both Cowan Road and Memorial Avenue as part of the approved 40 km/h HPAA areas. However, the rubber cushions deteriorated rapidly, necessitating their replacement for safety reasons. He noted that other metropolitan Councils have been replacing rubber cushions with either concrete or asphalt alternatives.

The Manager Traffic and Transport further informed the Committee that the existing damaged and unsafe rubber speed cushions were inadvertently replaced with speed humps of the same profile. The Representing Member for Davidson expressed some concerns about the profile of the speed humps. The Director Operations explained that the asphalt speed humps maintain the same profile (with respect to height) as the previous rubber cushions.

The Representing Member for TfNSW advised that he has no objections to the full-length asphalt speed humps that replaced the speed cushions and believes these devices are necessary on both streets to support the existing 40 km/h HPAA areas.

The Chairperson commented that removing or modifying the recently installed asphalt speed humps would not be cost-effective and called for a vote among Committee members. Three out of four voting members agreed to retain the newly constructed asphalt speed humps, and the installation of barriers to prevent people crossing at these points.

The Committee Recommends:

- A. That recently installed full width asphalt speed cushions, which replaced the rubber speed cushions, on Cowan Road and Memorial Avenue be

retained.

- B. That pedestrian fencing be installed adjacent to all speed humps on Cowan Road and Memorial Avenue.

CARRIED

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Representing Member for Davidson made a suggestion that the previously finalised TDA reports, including comments from each member, be included in future Traffic Committee agendas so that the Committee could view comments that may have been made.

The Committee resolved to include a summary of the TDA outcomes and actions taken to address any comments in future Traffic Committee meeting agendas as an appendix. However, it was noted that these TDAs will have already been approved and implemented, and therefore will not be reopened for further discussion.

The Chairperson advised that the Traffic Committee Meeting is scheduled for 18 June 2025, however, this may be cancelled if there are insufficient items for discussion.

The Meeting closed at 10.06AM