



Willoughby City Council

AGENDA

BICYCLE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING No. 3/ 2017

8 August 2017

**NOTICE OF MEETING
6:00PM TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2017
BANKSIA ROOM
LEVEL 6, 31 VICTOR STREET, CHATSWOOD**



WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL BICYCLE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE – NOVEMBER 2016

Objectives

The objectives of the Committee are:

- To develop strategies to increase the modal share of cycling to help achieve Council's objectives of:
 - Increasing the use of alternative modes of transport to the motor vehicle, and,
 - Reducing the impact of private motor vehicles on the city and region.
- To develop partnerships with Cycling Groups, Police, Roads and Maritime Services and within Council to enable the provision of improved cycle facilities and increased rates of cycling;
- To extend both on road and off road facilities where possible within the Willoughby LGA to provide a comprehensive and connected bicycle network that meets the needs of cyclists of all competencies and ages and links with the wider metropolitan network;
- To create a safe environment for cycling within the Willoughby LGA;
- To assist Council to integrate cycling into transport and land use planning;
- To actively promote Council's existing cycleway network and services and to raise the community's awareness of cycling and its uptake for both recreation and as an alternative mode of transport;
- To champion the needs of cyclists within the Willoughby LGA with respect to the provision of services and infrastructure;
- To achieve the integration of Council's bicycle program across Council's operational areas i.e. Open Space, Engineering Services, Development & Strategic Planning and Community Services etc; and
- To provide feedback on Council's performance in the delivery of cycling infrastructure, services and promotion.

Membership

The membership of the Committee to consist of:

- A minimum of 1 Councillor;
- 5 to 8 community representatives (including at least 2 representatives from bicycle user groups and 1 representing pedestrian interests, for example a member of the Access Committee); and
- 1 representative of the Willoughby City Council Traffic & Transport Group (in advisory/administrative role).

The quorum for the Committee is half the actual number of Community representatives plus one. Attendance at meetings by at least one Councillor, to act as Chair, is mandatory.

Meeting Frequency

The Bicycle Committee will meet 4 times per year with each meeting to have an over-riding theme. Meeting duration to not exceed 2 hours.



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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. PRESENT

2. APOLOGIES

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST – Councillors, Staff and Community Representatives

Refer Code of Conduct:–

Code of Conduct - Community Representatives

Code of Conduct - Councillors and Council Staff

4. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 FEBRUARY 2017

The meeting of the Bicycle Consultative Committee on 9 May are **attached** for the information of members.

Recommendation: That the Bicycle Consultative Committee note the minutes of the previous meeting of 9 May 2017 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Artarmon to St Leonards Route Assessment report by GTA Consultants

Council has allocated \$20,000 in 2017/18 in its Active Transport program for the Artarmon to St Leonards Bicycle route. The funding will contribute to project development and delivery of infrastructure works.

A report will be developed to prioritise and identify a strategic cost for outstanding projects. Council will be requested to approve funding to deliver all the works identified in the route assessment following completion of the report.

Officers Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

5.1. PRESENTATION AND REVIEW OF THE WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL 2017 BIKE PLAN UPDATE INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT

The Willoughby City Council 2017 Bike Plan Update was received from GTA Consultants on the 17th February 2017 and GTA Consultants provided a presentation at the 9 May 2017 meeting. The report was intended to audit the progress with implementation of the 2012 Willoughby City Council Bike Plan Review. Its objectives were to:

- Review the status of completion of the bicycle network in the adopted Willoughby Bike Plan and list outstanding works, including missing links, with preliminary cost estimates;

- Audit the condition of existing bike route infrastructure, identifying maintenance needs and cost estimates;
- Prioritise outstanding works in accordance with likely availability of funds;
- Update the Bicycle Plan so Council can make funding applications for works implementation to RMS.

Council has allocated \$50,000 in 2017/18 in its Active Transport program for planning and development activities for 2017 Bike Plan.

A report will be developed to prioritise and identify a strategic cost for outstanding projects in the Bike Plan. Council will be requested to approve funding to deliver all the works identified in the Bike Plan following completion of the report.

Officers Recommendation: That the information be received and noted

5.2 CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

The *Cycling Without Age* initiative was discussed at the Bicycle Consultative Committee on 9 May 2017. Cycling Without Age provides the opportunity for elderly members of the public with limited mobility to experience the joys of bicycle riding. Cycling Without Age is an organisation which provides material and a framework for volunteers (pilots) to take elderly members of the public for bicycle rides. There are over 225 chapters of Cycling Without Age that operate around the world, where the elderly are given an opportunity to be given a ride on an electric powered trishaw, which is piloted by a volunteer from the community.

There is no commitment to Council's involvement in the *Cycling Without Age* initiative at this time. A study will be undertaken to understand the merits, risks and impact including financial, infrastructure and management relating to Council's role and support for the *Cycling Without Age* initiative.

Carolyn New recently attended the *Cycling without Age* International Summit in Copenhagen has offered to provide her insights from the Summit. In addition, she will provide feedback from the activities of the Sydney Chapter of *Cycling without Age*.

Officers Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

6. PROMOTIONAL, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM

Nil

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 BICYCLE ACCESS ALONG CASTLE COVE DRIVE, CASTLE COVE

Clr Norton has received representations from the local community concerned about safety of children who ride along Castle Cove Drive between Deepwater Road and Eastern Valley Way. Children use Castle Cove Drive to ride to bus stop located in Eastern Valley Way near Smith Street. Clr Norton advised that the current footpath along the southern side of Castle Cove Drive between Deepwater Road and Eastern Valley Way is variable in width and condition. It can also be impacted by parked vehicles.

Clr Norton has requested Council investigate the potential for the provision of a shared path in Castle Cove Drive between Deepwater Road and Eastern Valley Way.

NSW Road Rules state that children under 12 and older riders who are supervising them may ride on footpaths unless signs specifically prohibit it. Children over 12 may not ride on footpaths unless they are shared footpaths.

Council has undertaken a preliminary investigation of Castle Cove Drive to assess the feasibility and implications of providing bicycle facilities along the corridor (road and footpath).

Castle Cove Drive Carriageway

- Castle Cove Drive is narrow and parking has made it difficult for passing traffic particularly in the case of buses and trucks.
- There is no kerb on the southern side of the road
- Given the narrowness of the road pavement, it would be unsafe to provide any marked on-road bike paths from the roundabout to Eastern Valley Way without significant road widening at high costs and environmental impacts.

Castle Cove Drive Southern Footpath

A 1.2 m approximately wide patterned concrete footpath exists along the southern side of the road.

It is considered that the only feasible option for bicyclists is to convert the existing footpath on the southern side of Castle Cove Drive into a shared path. The width of the shared path would need to be from 2.0m (min) to 2.5m (preferred).

It is considered that there is potential to provide a 2.0 - 2.5m shared path along the southern side of Castle Cove Drive west of Deepwater Road to a point approximately 120m east of Eastern Valley Way. However, the path would encounter intermittent pinch points such as trees, handrails and steep embankments. At these pinch points, it would be necessary for the shared path to weave around these obstacles and possibly, also require a narrowing to the shared path width, which would result in it not complying with design standards. Hazard reduction/minimisation would be achieved in these circumstances using warning signs.

The strip of land which contains the footpath narrows down considerably for the last (approximately) 120m before it meets Eastern Valley Way. At this point, harsher measures involving the removal of mature trees and the construction of soil retaining structures would be necessary if the shared path is to continue towards Eastern Valley Way. The implementation of a shared path in this location has significant environmental and financial implications.

A short term cost-effective solution would be to designate the last 120m as to leave it as a footpath and require cyclists to dismount. This is never an acceptable solution for cyclist but may have to suffice as an interim measure. A longer term option is to provide a standalone structure such as a cantilevered path over Scotts Creek or a separate 'bridge' adjacent to the existing road bridge in Eastern Valley Way.

Council will provide a presentation on the results of its investigations.

Officers Recommendation:

- That the information be received and noted.

- That approval is given for Council to undertake concept design of a 2.0 - 2.5m shared path along the southern side of Castle Cove Drive west of Deepwater Road to a point approximately 120m before it meets Eastern Valley Way.

8. STATUS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The section of the business paper is to provide feedback on issues and requests made by Committee members at meetings. These requests are logged in Council's customer request system.

The issue and requests register is provided in Attachment A.

Officers Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 VELO-CITY 2017

Carolyn New recently attended the Velo-city 2017 held in Arnhem-Nijmegen, Netherlands and associated excursions to other Netherlands cities. Carolyn has offered to provide her insights from the event.

Officers Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

10. MEETING DATES FOR 2017

The next Bicycle Consultative Committee will be held on **Tuesday 14 November 2017**

The date for meetings in 2017 and 2018 are as follows:

- Tuesday 14 November 2017; and.
- Tuesday 13 February 2018

Officers Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Bicycle Consultative Committee Issue And Requests Register

ATTACHMENT A: Issue And Requests Register

MEETING DATE	ISSUE AND REQUEST	COMMENTS	STATUS
Aug 2016	Completion of works at 38 Albert Avenue, Chatswood. The Committee enquired about the status of works associated with a recent development. This includes line marking and signage to link Claude Street with Albert avenue, through the development, thence via Spring street to Victoria Avenue.	Design details are being investigated to enable this link to be completed.	On-going
Aug 2016	Mowbray Road at Beaconsfield Avenue. The Committee enquired about a squeeze point on Mowbray Road at the signalised intersection.	Resolution of this matter will be explored as part of a review of the signals and turn bans at this intersection.	On-going
Aug 2016	Quarry Road/ Marks Street/ Hamilton Lane – Road Safety.	Council is currently investigating safer traffic arrangements for vehicles and pedestrians in Quarry Street.	On-going
Aug 2016 and May 2017	Thomas Street Car Park – Status of Bicycle Facilities.	Bicycle facilities were recently implemented to Council's specification as part of the development of the former Council at-grade car park. A review of Governance arrangements and resourcing for the future administration of the facility is being undertaken.	On-going
Oct 2016	Explore new opportunities for bike paths between Wollstonecraft and St Leonards to be investigated.	This is currently being investigated in conjunction with North Sydney Council.	On-going
May 2017	Bicycle Counts	A report will be developed to prioritise and identify a strategic cost for a data collection program. Council will be requested to approve funding to deliver a data collection program following completion of the report.	Not started
May 2017	Cycling Without Age	A study will be undertaken to understand the merits, risks and impact including financial, infrastructure and management relating to Council's role and support for the <i>Cycling Without Age</i> initiative.	Not started
May 2017	Mowbray Road West	A report will be developed providing Council's position on	On-going

		the role of Mowbray Road West in its bicycle network including strategic costs of works either to remove or provide facilities Council will be requested to approve funding to deliver all the works in identified in the route assessment following completion of the report.	
May 2017	Investigation of bicycle lanterns on eastern valley way	A report will be developed to identify a strategic cost for the provision of bicycle lanterns at traffic control signals along Eastern Valley Way. Council will be requested to approve funding to deliver a bicycle lanterns program following completion of the report.	Not started