I wish to inform you that the 503rd Meeting of the TRAFFIC COMMITTEE will be held in the Supper Room, Council Chambers, North Sydney at 10am on Friday 22 July 2016 when your attendance is requested.

Your attention is directed to the accompanying statement of the business proposed to be transacted at such meeting.

ROSS MCCREANOR
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS

1. Minutes
   Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 10 June 2016. (Circulated)
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. (4.1) Delegated Authority
Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
Attached is a list of projects given interim approval under delegated authority to the Traffic & Transport Operations Manager. Interim approval was given subject to concurrence of Roads and Maritime Services, the NSW Police and the local State Members.

Recommending:
1. THAT the information regarding Delegated Authority items be received.

3. (4.2) Minor Parking Restrictions
Report of Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
Attached is a list of recommendations made for changes in the parking restrictions.

Recommending:
1. THAT the recommendations made for changes in the parking restrictions be adopted.

4. (4.3) Seven Bridges Walk 2016
Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Nathan Wu
An application has been received for the annual Cancer Council Seven Bridges Walk to be held on Sunday 30 October 2016. The North Sydney section of the event will start from Berry Creek, Smoother Park in Wollstonecraft and finish at the Harbour Bridge stairs (Burton Street) where walkers may continue across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Event sites will be set up at Burton Street, Milsons Point and Brennan Park, Wollstonecraft. A road closure in Burton Street is proposed and traffic controllers will be used to assist pedestrians crossing the road at key locations.
The walking route is approximately 27km in length, and is a closed loop circuit that utilises pathways around the inner metropolitan region of Sydney that skirts the Sydney Harbour and includes the crossing of seven bridges. The event is expected to attract a total of up to 15,000 participants across a number of starting locations throughout the various participating LGAs and the course will travel in a clock-wise direction.

Recommending:
1. THAT Council raises no objection to the Seven Bridges Walk to be held on Sunday, 30 October 2016 according to the submitted pedestrian and traffic management plan, subject to Police approval, RMS approval, appropriate public liability insurance, and the event being undertaken in accordance with AS 1742.3 and the RMS’s Traffic Control at Work Sites.

5. (4.4) 2016 Crows Nest Festival Traffic Management Plan
Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Nathan Wu
The annual Crows Nest Festival is scheduled to be held on Sunday 16 October 2016. The event is in its 28th year of operation and is expected to attract approximately 40,000 visitors throughout the day. A traffic management plan has been submitted for approval. The TMP is based similar to that of last year’s event with proposed road closure times from 12.00am (midnight) to 10pm (extended to 11pm to allow for any delays in packing up) with the event in operation from 10am to 5pm. The TCPs have been altered since last year to allow access to new Woolworths car park. Road closures are proposed for Willoughby Road between Atchison Street and Falcon Street, including closures in adjoining roads, and Clarke Street between Hume Street and Willoughby Road.

**Recommending:**

1. THAT Council raise no objection to the following road closures on Sunday 16th October 2016 between 12.00am (midnight) and 11.00pm for the annual Crows Nest Festival, as per the submitted Traffic Management Plan, subject to NSW Police approval and RMS approval:
   - Willoughby Road and adjoining roads between Atchison Street and Falcon Street
   - Clarke Street between Hume Street and Willoughby Road

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6. **(4.5) 2015 Spring Cycle - Traffic Management Plan**

Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Nathan Wu

An application has been received on behalf of Bicycle NSW for the annual Spring Cycle event which is to be held on Sunday 16 October 2016. As in previous years the North Sydney section of the event will start from St Leonards Park in North Sydney to the Harbour Bridge. The courses then continue to Pyrmont and Sydney Olympic Park.

Temporary road closures are proposed along Angelo Street, Arthur Street, Berry Street, Blue Street westbound, Bullivant Lane, Carlow Street, Denison Street, Little Spring Street, Little Walker Street, Miller Street, Mount Street, Ward Street and Cahill Expressway from 4.00am to 11.00am. Road closures will be implemented by the RMS and/or NSW Police.

Special Event Clearways between 3am-11am will be implemented by the RMS along the route in Arthur Street, Berry Street and Miller Street. Complaints were received previously that Special Event Clearways were installed in Carlow Street contrary to the Traffic Management Plan. The Event Organiser and RMS should ensure that road closures and clearways are only implemented in accordance with the TMP.

The applicant has submitted the Draft 2016 Traffic Management Plan. No major route changes in the North Sydney area are proposed and will be similar to previous years’ events.

**Recommending:**

1. THAT Council raises no objection to the Sydney Spring Cycle event to be held on Sunday 16 October 2016, subject to Police and RMS approval, appropriate public liability insurance, and the event being carried out in accordance with AS 1742.3 and 2016 Traffic Management Plan.
7. (4.6) 2016 North Sydney Backstreet Block Party - Traffic Management Plan
Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Nathan Wu
North Sydney Council is preparing to hold a street festival on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September 2016 in Napier Street and Charles Street. The proposed event is intended to feature live music, a small bar, food vendors, funky furniture, games and interactive activities, art and ambient installations. The event will be free and open to the public. Council is working with The Australian Catholic University (ACU) to use the courtyard area in front of the Tenison Woods House building at 8-20 Napier Street to be utilised as part of the event.

Road closures are proposed for Napier Street (south of 26 Napier Street’s driveway to Charles Street), Charles Street (west of 100 Pacific Highways driveway on Charles Street to Napier Street) and Oak Street east of the ACU’s loading dock. The road closure times are proposed from 12:00pm to 11:00pm with the event in operation from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.

Property access to the above streets will be managed under detour and contraflow arrangements by authorised traffic controllers. Access to 9 Napier Street owned by Australian Catholic University will be blocked and Council will make alternate parking arrangements.

Parking spaces in Napier Street will be barricaded by traffic controllers from 07:30am each morning to reserve the parking spaces for the event. Council will install Work Zone signage to compliment the barricading.

A traffic management plan has been submitted and included in this report.

Recommendation:
1. THAT The following road closures and associated signposting on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September 2016 for 2016 North Sydney Backstreet Block Party, as per the submitted Traffic Management Plan be approved, subject to NSW Police approval and RMS approval:
   - Full closure of Napier Street, south of 26 Napier Streets driveway to Charles Street.
   - Full closure of Charles Street, west of 100 Pacific Highways driveway on Charles Street to Napier Street.
   - Closure of Oak Street east of the ACU’s Loading Dock

8. (4.7) 2016 Sydney Running Festival - Traffic Management Plan
Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Nathan Wu
Events & Sports Australia has submitted an application for the annual Blackmore’s Sydney Running Festival to be held on Sunday 18 September 2016.

The event comprises four different courses with similar routes to last year’s event. The North Sydney leg for each course will start from Bradfield Park via Alfred Street, Middlemiss Street, Arthur Street Tunnel/ Lavender Street and Pacific Highway to the Harbour Bridge.

Road closures between 4am and 11am and special event clearways between 1am and 10am in areas of Milsons Point, Lavender Bay and Kirribilli are proposed on the day. These will be implemented under Police and RMS control.
The applicant has also provided Traffic Control Plans for pedestrian management between Milsons Point Train Station and the event marshalling area in Bradfield Park. The plans include water-filled and crowd control barriers on the western side of Ennis Road and Broughton Street, closure of the exit on the western side of Milsons Point Train Station in liaison with Sydney Trains, and a reduced temporary 40 km/h speed limit for Broughton Street during the event. Speed limit authorisations require approval from RMS.

**Recommending:**
1. **THAT** the Traffic Committee approve the road closures detailed in this report, in accordance with the submitted Traffic Management Plan, on Sunday 18 September 2016 for the purpose of the 2016 Blackmores Sydney Running Festival, subject to RMS and Police approval, appropriate public liability insurance and subject to notifications being distributed to affected properties at least 2 weeks prior to the event and compliance with North Sydney Council’s standard Road Closure conditions.

9. **(4.8) Waterhen Drive - Proposed Parking Changes and Consultation Results**

Report of Traffic Operations Officer, Maria Coyne

Council consulted with residents in 2015 concerning plans for upgrades along Balls Head Road, Waverton between Woolcott Street and Balls Head Drive. The plans indicated a change to parking arrangements in Waterhen Drive, in conjunction with a new footpath on the southern side, to relocate parking from its current location on the northern side of the street to the southern side. Feedback from the consultation indicated a preference to retain parking on the northern side of Waterhen Drive. The plans were tabled at the Traffic Committee on 4 September 2015 where it was resolved to retain parking on the northern side.

Council’s designer has since reviewed the design in light of further feedback received and site conditions and the southern side is considered the most appropriate location for the parking on Waterhen Drive in terms of accessibility and safety.

A parking survey for Waterhen Drive was sent out on 17 June 2016 to 49 residents, including HMAS Waterhen, and Waverton Precinct. Residents were given until 1 July 2016 to respond. A total of 9 responses were received. This represents a response rate of 18.36%. This is a fair response rate for a traffic related survey.

**Recommending:**
1. **THAT** Council relocate the parking in Waterhen Drive to the southern side of the road in conjunction with footpath works as indicated on the attached plan.

**INFORMAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

10. **(5.1) Abandoned Vehicles Processed Report**

Report of Traffic Manager Ranger and Parking Services, Mark Richardson
Report of Abandoned Vehicles processed during the reporting period of 21 May 2016 TO 1 July 2016
Year to date (2016) Council had investigated 217 reports of abandoned vehicles

**Recommending:**
1. THAT the information concerning the Abandoned Vehicles Processed Report be received.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

11. **(6.1) 152 Military Rd, Neutral Bay - Construction Traffic Management Plan**

Report of Traffic & Transport Engineer, Nathan Wu
Council has received a Construction Traffic Management Plan, dated 17 May 2016, prepared by Varga Traffic Planning Pty Ltd, for an approved development at 152 Military Rd, Neutral Bay (Development Consent 397/2014).

The development proposal involves the demolition of the existing building on the site and the construction of a new five-storey mixed use residential/retail building.

Condition B1 of the development’s conditions of approval states:
B1. A Construction Management Program prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced traffic consultant must be submitted and approved in writing by North Sydney Traffic Committee PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF ANY Construction Certificate. Any use of Council property will require appropriate approvals prior to any work commencing.

The applicant’s CTMP is discussed in the report overleaf.

**Recommending:**
1. THAT subject to no objection from the Traffic Committee members, the traffic aspects of the Construction Traffic Management Plan prepared by Varga Traffic Planning Pty Ltd dated 17 May 2016 for development at 152 Military Road (Development Consent 397/2014) be approved subject to the conditions outlined in the report.
2. THAT subject to no objection from the Traffic Committee members, the Work Zone on Grosvenor Lane as described in this CTMP is approved with the same conditions pending lodgement of a Work Zone application and payment of all applicable fees.

12. **(6.2) 193 Ernest Street, Cammeray - Off-street Parking Application**

Report of Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp
Council has received a development application for a single off-street parking space at 193 Ernest Street, Cammeray. The dwelling on the property is a single storey semi-attached Victorian terrace with no off-street parking. The property is on the southern side of Ernest Street near the Council depot access road.
The application is not supported by Council’s Planners or Development Engineers and has been referred to the Traffic Committee for technical advice due to concerns with the design. This matter was considered at the Traffic Committee meeting on 29 April 2016. Initial concerns were raised with limited visibility to pedestrians on the footpath for a vehicle reversing from the driveway and the short length of the car space.

At the Traffic Committee meeting on 29 April 2016 it was recommended:

1. THAT Council defer the item until the applicant has received information from their Traffic Consultant and submitted it to Council regarding the proposed driveway at 193 Ernest Street
2. THAT the applicant addresses the concerns raised in the report regarding the proposed driveway at 193 Ernest Street
3. THAT the DA and conditions approved by Council Planners in similar circumstances be presented to the next Traffic Committee regarding the proposed driveway at 193 Ernest Street

The applicant has submitted a report prepared by traffic and transport planners, Traffix. Council’s planners have provided additional information with regard to other driveways approved in similar situations in Ernest Street.

**Recommending:**

1. **THAT** the Traffic Committee does not support the application for off-street parking at 193 Ernest Street, Cammeray due to the length of the car space not meeting minimum Australian Standard requirements, sub-optimal visibility to pedestrians from the internal driveway and non-standard design of the external driveway splays and layback.