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20.1 Notice of motion: Cr Croxford - pedestrian crossings

Cr Mark Croxford has submitted the following Notice of Motion for Councillors' consideration:

MOTION

That Council:

1. Note the "Question for future meeting" content item 17.2 from the ordinary meeting of 21 May 2024, concerning the transverse rumble strips in Terralong Street, Kiama, and the issues raised in the staff report.
2. Note the recommendations from the "Kiama Town Centre Study - Integrated Report - Part 1" (April 2019) regarding the removal and replacement of transverse rumble strips in Terralong Street due to safety, compliance, and accessibility concerns.
3. Request a report on a comprehensive review and reassessment of all pedestrian crossings, including transverse rumble strips, throughout the Kiama Municipality, focusing on:
 - Compliance with current Australian standards and guidelines, including Austroads Guide to Road Design.
 - Safety assessments for all users, particularly vulnerable groups such as the elderly, people with disabilities, and cyclists.
 - Potential legal liabilities associated with the current pedestrian crossings.
 - Already obtained community feedback on the effectiveness and safety of the pedestrian crossings.
4. Prepare a report for Council that includes:
 - Findings from the review, identifying any deficiencies and risks.
 - Recommendations for compliant and safer alternatives, such as elevated zebra crossings.
 - Estimated costs and potential funding sources for implementing the recommended changes.
 - A proposed timeline for the implementation of the recommended actions, noting current budgetary constraints.

Signed Councillor Mark Croxford

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Purpose

To address safety, regulatory, and legal concerns associated with pedestrian crossings, including transverse rumble strips, throughout the Kiama Municipality. This motion aims to ensure pedestrian safety, regulatory compliance, and mitigate potential legal liabilities by instructing the CEO to conduct a comprehensive review and reassessment of these traffic management features. It also responds to issues raised in item 17.2 from the ordinary meeting of 21 May 2024 and incorporates recommendations from the "Kiama Town Centre Study - Integrated Report - Part 1" (April 2019).

Background

Transverse rumble strips were installed in the late 1980s as a traffic calming measure to reduce vehicular speeds in high pedestrian areas. These strips are now problematic for several reasons:

Regulatory compliance – they are not a prescribed traffic facility and do not comply with current Australian standards and guidelines, including Austroads Guide to Road Design. potentially exposing the Council to legal liabilities.

Safety risks – the cobblestone material and uneven surface pose tripping hazards, particularly for the elderly, people with disabilities, and cyclists. They can also confuse pedestrians and drivers, especially tourists, increasing the risk of accidents and injuries.

Community feedback – observations indicate that their use as informal crossings can be misleading and hazardous, even though there have not been significant complaints in recent years.

Strategic recommendations – the "Kiama Town Centre Study - Integrated Report - Part 1" (April 2019) recommends replacing these rumble strips with elevated zebra crossings to enhance pedestrian safety, accessibility, and overall traffic management.

Council's previous discussion – during the ordinary meeting of 21 May 2024, Councillor Croxford commented on the question for future meeting report presented to Council addressing the transverse rumble strips in Terralong Street, highlighting compliance issues, potential liabilities, safety concerns, community feedback, and alternative measures.

Costing/budget

The CEO's report will include detailed cost estimates for implementing the recommended changes, along with potential funding sources. This will ensure that the Council is fully informed of the financial implications and opportunities associated with the proposed actions.

Chief Executive Officer response

Council is not required to update or upgrade previously authorised/compliant traffic facilities unless it is the subject of a specific direction from Transport for NSW as the main Roads Authority in NSW e.g. replacement of No Standing signs with No Parking or No Stopping.

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To maintain its protections and obligations under the Civil Liability Act, 2002 Council is required to undertake reviews, inspections, maintenance of its public assets within its resource capacity and priorities.

The recommendations noted in point 2 regarding the transverse rumble strips are noted but not current priority. Additionally there is currently no resource capacity including budget to undertake a review of all pedestrian crossings in the Kiama LGA nor data that indicates that such a review should impact in council's short to medium term priorities.

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20.2 Notice of motion: Cr Croxford - Irvine Oval lighting

Clr Mark Croxford has submitted the following Notice of Motion for Council's consideration:

MOTION

That Council:

1. Note the current resolution (19/129OC) passed on 16 April 2019, which restricts the use of field lighting at Keith Irvine Oval, Jamberoo to weekdays only, with an automatic cut-off at 8.30 pm.
2. Request a report on the feasibility and implications of amending the current resolution to allow for more flexible and extended use of field lighting at Keith Irvine Oval, Jamberoo, including:
 - Removing the timer restrictions entirely to allow lighting use on weekends.
 - Assessing the impact on local residents and addressing any concerns regarding light pollution and noise.
 - Evaluating the safety benefits for evening and weekend sporting activities.
 - Considering the potential economic and community benefits from extended use, including hosting events like the Jamberoo Sevens tournament.
 - Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the current lighting system and the planned upgrades, ensuring they meet the needs of current and future users.
3. Report back to Council with findings and recommendations, including potential costs and funding sources for any necessary upgrades or adjustments to the lighting system.

Signed Councillor Mark Croxford

Purpose

To revisit and amend the current lighting restrictions at Keith Irvine Oval, Jamberoo, in response to increased usage and community needs, ensuring the facility can be used safely and effectively during evening and weekend sporting events.

Background

The current resolution passed on 16 April 2019 restricts the use of field lighting at Keith Irvine Oval to weekdays only, with an automatic cut-off at 8.30 pm. This has led to several issues:

Increased usage – the field is now used more extensively by sporting clubs, necessitating lighting beyond the current restrictions.

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Safety concerns – there have been instances where games had to be concluded in semi-darkness due to the inability to turn on the lights outside the permitted hours.

Community impact – the current lighting system has not met expectations, partly due to a lack of consultation during its installation. There is a need for upgrades to ensure it meets current requirements.

Economic benefits – extending the use of lighting could facilitate events like the Jamberoo Sevens tournament, which has significant economic benefits for the community.

Future considerations – changes in climate and increased frequency of evening games necessitate more flexible lighting solutions.

Costings / budget

The CEO's report will include detailed cost estimates for any recommended changes and potential funding sources, ensuring that the Council is fully informed of the financial implications and opportunities associated with the proposed actions.

Chief Executive Officer response

A targeted community engagement process can be undertaken for a potential change to the lighting timer for a later curfew and/or potential weekend use within existing resources and the outcomes reported to Council. The potential change to the timer system can be achieved within existing resources.

There is currently no resource capacity to undertake the larger feasibility investigations and assessment of the broader matters outlined in the Notice of Motion.

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