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**TITLE           REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS 7/11/07 (IR 4029117)**

Directorate:     General Manager  
Business Unit:  General Manager

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**MEETING NUMBER**

Meeting No RO/07/03 commenced at 9.00am on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at Wyong Shire Council.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**       Jim Macfadyen, Mayor, Gosford City Council  
                  Warren Welham, Mayor, Wyong Shire Council  
                  Doug Eaton, Councillor, Wyong Shire Council (Chairperson)  
                  Laurie Maher, Councillor, Gosford City Council  
                  Robyn Stewart, Councillor, Wyong Shire Council  
                  Peter Wilson, General Manager, Gosford City Council  
                  Kerry Yates, General Manager, Wyong Shire Council  
                  Glen Weymer, Roads and Traffic Authority

**Apologies:**   Chris Holstein, Councillor Gosford City Council

**COMMITTEE CHANGES****RO.022   ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

The Constitution requires that:

- 5.1 The official of the Association shall be the Chairperson
- 5.2 The Chairperson is to be elected for a period of 12 months
- 5.3 The role of the Chairperson is to alternate between Gosford and Wyong Councils on an annual basis
- 5.4 The election of the Chairperson is to be undertaken at the first meeting of the Association following the Mayoral Elections in September with each Council nominating its Chairperson for the relevant year.

On 7 February, 2007 Councillor Laurie Maher, Mayor of Gosford City Council was elected as Chairperson for the ensuing year.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Stewart/Yates) that Councillor Doug Eaton, Wyong Shire Council be Chairperson of CCROC for the period up to the first meeting of the Association following the Mayoral elections in September 2008.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

The Chairperson invited Committee members to declare any pecuniary interest they might have, in accordance with Section 451 of the Local Government Amendment Act 2000, in respect to the agenda for this meeting.

No declarations were received.

### **DECLARATION OF NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

The Chairperson invited Committee members to declare any non-pecuniary interest they might have, in accordance with Section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Code of Conduct, in respect to the business of this meeting.

No declarations were received.

### **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

CCROC resolved (Stewart/Maher) that the minutes from the meeting RO/07/02 on 1 August 2007 be confirmed.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **RO.001 PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations at this meeting.

#### **RO.017 CENTRAL COAST ROAD AND TRANSPORT ISSUES - RTA SESSION**

Mr Glen Weymer, Central Coast RTA office, was in attendance for the special RTA session to discuss road and transport issues on the Central Coast.

Mr Weymer tabled a summary of the RTA update, a copy of which is attached. Discussion occurred on the update and other transport issues.

Mr Weymer also tabled the minutes of the RTA Local Government Liaison Committee held on 23/10/2007, a copy of which is attached.

#### **RO.009 AUSTRALIAN CUSTOM SERVICE**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Stewart/Macfadyen) that the information be noted.

#### **RO.013 PREMATURE ELECTRIFICATION OF NEW ESTATES**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Eaton/Wilson) that CCROC support Wyong Shire Councils resolution that:

- 1 The Council put the following motion to the next Local Government Association Conference (LGA):

That the LGA lobby Energy Australia and the appropriate State Minister to cease its premature electrification of new estates.

- 2 That this matter be referred to Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils for their support.
- 3 That Council write to the Member for Wyong, Mr David Harris, and the relevant State Ministers seeking their assistance to stop this rampant waste of electricity and generation of greenhouse gases.

THE COMMITTEE note that the NSW Local Government Association also supports Wyong Shire Councils resolution and agreed to lobby Energy Australia and the appropriate State Minister to cease its premature electrification of new estates.

#### **RO.003 DISASTER RECOVERY PACKAGE**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Eaton/Maher) that:

- A The information be noted.
- B The General Managers of Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council review each Councils Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice to ensure compatibility between these documents as they are used by the Section 355 committees.

#### **RO.004 CENTRAL COAST ACADEMY OF SPORT**

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (Stewart/Maher) that:

- A Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council continue to support the Central Coast Academy of Sport in the amount of \$20,000 for 2008 being \$10,000 from each Council.
- B That the Central Coast Academy of Sport be congratulated on their efforts, actions and achievements in relation to the development of support on the Central Coast and the academy games.

#### **RO.015 REVIEW OF THE F3 TO M7 CORRIDOR SELECTION OF FINAL REPORT**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Macfadyen/Stewart) that the information be noted.

#### **RO.029 IPART ENERGY AUSTRALIA PUBLIC LIGHTING PRICING**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Wilson/Yates) that CCROC make a similar submission to IPART.

#### **RO.029 THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Macfadyen/Yates) that the information be noted.

#### **RO.019 CCROC SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

A Financial Update

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Yates /Stewart) that the information be noted and that a joint media release be prepared advising of the support provided to date during 2007/2008 under the CCROC sponsorship program.

B Reports from applicants

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Yates/Stewart) that the information be noted.

C Financial reports from Central Coast Academy of Sport

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Yates/Stewart) that the information be noted.

D Sponsorship of Olympic and Paralympic Games 2008

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (Macfadyen/Stewart) that both Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council sponsor the Olympic and Paralympic Games in the amount of \$20,000 being \$10,000 from each Council.

### **RO.030 CENTRE FOR VOLUNTEERING**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVES (Stewart/Maher) that the information be noted and CCROC write to the Centre for Volunteering wishing them well for the events.

**Attachments:** Central Coast Roads - RTA Update

**Tabled Items:** Nil

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008

**Time:** 9.00am

**Venue:** Gosford City Council

### **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

The meeting closed at 10.30am.

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## ATTACHMENT A

**CCROC AT GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL – 7 NOVEMBER 07  
CENTRAL COAST ROADS – RTA UPDATE****Wyang**

- **Pacific Highway, Tuggerah Straight – Stage 1** - Anzac Rd to Mildon Rd – Nace Civil Engineering – Footway work, structural work for bridges over Mardi Creek almost completed / pavt surface widened to the west / traffic switch to the west shortly. Work scheduled to continue into 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr of 2008.  
**Stage 2** – Mildon to Johnson Rd – Tenders invited 29/10/07. Culvert widening piling completed to allow utilities to proceed on this section.
- **Pacific Highway Ourimbah**  
**Stage 1 – Dog Trap Rd** – Charles Street service road complete / traffic speed camera soon to be operational. Some fencing outstanding at RSL club.  
**Stage 2 from Glen Rd to Burns Rd** – Tenders invited 29/10/07. Clearing, utility relocations and widening of Dog Trap Gully to precede the main contract.
- **Pacific Highway Wyong Township** – Continuing to assess alternative options put to us by Council and the community. Business impact & heritage investigations complete. Traffic studies ongoing.

**Gosford**

- **Central Coast Highway (The Entrance Rd) – Terrigal to Carlton Rd.** GCC contracted to landscape.
- **Central Coast Highway (The Entrance Rd) – Ocean View Drive to Tumby Rd.**  
**Stage 1 Pitt Rd to Tumby Rd** – retaining wall almost completed. This section scheduled for completion late 2007.  
**Stage 2 Ocean View Dr to Pitt Rd** – Seymour Whyte P/L started in March 2007. Works are slightly ahead of schedule. Northbound pavement complete south of Reads Rd. Works will continue well into 2008.
- **Central Coast Highway (The Entrance Road) – Carlton Rd to Ocean View Drive.**  
**Stage 1 Carlton Road to Matcham Road** - Connell Wagner engaged to design, and environmental assessment and contract documentation  
**Stage 2 Matcham Road to Ocean View Drive** – have invited tenders to design, and environmental assessment and contract documentation
- **Central Coast Highway – Dane Dr/Masons Pd upgrade** – alternative option developed – for community information together with the environmental assessment.
- **Avoca Drive – The Entrance Rd to Sun Valley Rd.** Works progressing well with median work next and some transition pavement over crest. Scheduled to complete in 2007.
- **Avoca Drive – Sun Valley to Bayside** – alternative option developed – next to be released for community information together with the environmental assessment.

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❖ **RTA Local Government Liaison Committee** ❖

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**Minutes of 34th Meeting**

**Held on Thursday 23 November 2006 at 2pm at the RTA**

**Attendance:**

**RTA:** Les Wielinga, (*Chairman*), Michael Bushby, David Stuart-Watt, Peter Collins, Soames Job, Bob Sharpe, Stephen Baker.

**LGSA** Clr Col Sullivan, Clr Barry Johnston, Clr Sam Byrne, Shaun McBride.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome.</b></p> <p>Michael Bushby chaired meeting until arrival of Les Wielinga and introduced new RTA committee members and changed roles of other members. RTA agreed to provide a copy of the new organisation structure.</p>	<p><i>RTA to provide new organisation structure and contact details to LGSA</i></p>
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p> <p>Genia McCaffery, Bill Gillooly, Richard Connors.</p>	
<p><b>3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>Confirmed.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters arising from the previous minutes</b></p> <p><b><i>RTA to liaise with LGSA to establish terms of reference and operation of new SIMC Liaison Committee - IM</i></b></p> <p>The new committee is to meet in February and will confirm its terms of reference.</p>	
<p><b>5. Regional Road Timber Bridge Partnership Program - IM</b></p> <p>RTA is developing the administrative processes to support the Program and expects letters will be sent to councils shortly with details of program guidelines. Councils will be asked to submit proposals and supporting data to assist in prioritisation. Draft guidelines and project proposal and data forms were tabled and discussed. LGSA noted the concept has merit but was not in a position to give immediate detailed comment on the tabled documents.</p> <p>LGSA sought clarification on: the eligibility of local road bridges, the basis for selecting the announced 12 bridges, the number of bridges the program would cover, and the issue of packaging works.</p> <p>LGSA advised that the Minister had indicated that local road bridges may be eligible. RTA undertook to seek clarification and will advise.</p> <p>RTA has pushed hard for this program and is keen to get some bridges built.</p>	<p><i>RTA to advise re eligibility of local road bridges &amp; packaging of works.</i></p>

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<p><b>6. Occupational Health and Safety Issues and SIMCs - OHS</b></p> <p>RTA reported on its implementation of OHS desk top audits of SIMC councils. In a recent audit of Northern Region councils, a number of councils did not meet requirements. RTA stressed the importance of work place safety and is keen to work in partnership to help councils get up to standard. This includes training assistance and partnering between councils.</p> <p>RTA will continue to develop its OHS partnership with SIMC councils.</p> <p>LGSA indicated support for the initiative.</p>	
<p><b>7. HML Route Assessment Guidelines for Councils – CFS</b></p> <p>Philip Halton and Gavin Hill attended for this item.</p> <p>RTA presented on in the implementation of HML vehicles supported by GPS Tracking enforcement.</p> <p>An information package to assist in route assessment for HML vehicles will be distributed to all councils shortly. RTA has presented to Regional consultative groups on the issue. Routes will require a council engineering sign off in most cases. RTA will maintain a register of all routes.</p> <p>LGSA noted that residents may be impacted as access approvals relate to routes but do not limit truck numbers. Councils will need to take this into account when considering route applications.</p> <p>It was noted that introduction of B triples and quad axle vehicles as restricted access vehicles was on the COAG agenda.</p> <p>There was discussion on the HML status of the New England Highway.</p>	<p><i>RTA to distribute Information Package on HML route assessment.</i></p>
<p><b>8. Mobility Parking Scheme – DVS</b></p> <p>Irene Siu and Chelsea Hampel attended for this item.</p> <p>RTA reported on recent successful enforcement operations undertaken jointly with police and council parking officers from Sydney City and North Sydney Councils. Results are being reviewed and standardisation of data collection and operational agreements are being looked at.</p> <p>RTA sought advice of other councils interested in joining in operations.</p> <p>It was agreed that LGSA put an item in the weekly notice.</p>	<p><i>RTA to liaise with LGSA re item in the Weekly Notice</i></p>
<p><b>9. Release of Local Government Traffic Committee Guidelines and Implementation Strategy - TB</b></p> <p>Phil Margison attended for this item.</p> <p>RTA advised that after extensive consultation, the guidelines will be released in December and be available via the web. The guidelines clarify the delegations and the process to be followed by committees.</p> <p>RTA staff will be trained in early 2007 and RTA will undertake an audit in late 2007 to review the operation of guidelines.</p> <p>RTA confirmed there are no changes to the delegations, but the process guidelines will potentially affect the way some committees operate.</p>	<p><i>RTA to release guidelines.</i></p>
<p><b>10. Council Clustering – IM</b></p> <p>RTA reported on the clustering process. Comments on the discussion paper have been received. Responses to the issues will be discussed at the next working party meeting in December. A copy of the responses will be available for inclusion in the weekly notice.</p>	<p><i>RTA to make available a copy of responses.</i></p>

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<p><b>11. Local Government Road Safety Program - Update - RS</b></p> <p>RTA reported that the program is in consolidation mode with 81 officers over 91 councils. Efforts are focussing on efficiencies to avoid duplication, localise content, and provide generic material that can be adapted to local situations, and spread use of successful local innovations. The January 2007 Local Government Road Safety Conference is part of the ongoing commitment to the education of Road Safety Officers.</p>	
<p><b>12. Road Safety Progress Report – RS</b></p> <p>RTA gave an update on the road toll and trends in key areas including reduction in pedestrian fatalities associated with 50K USL and increases in both male fatalities, and fatalities on the Newell Highway. There was discussion on Pacific Highway accidents, driver education, and numbers of injuries compared with fatalities.</p>	
<p><b>13. Roads Act Review and Roads (General) Regulation Review – Update - IM</b></p> <p>Roads Act issues are still being worked through within the RTA.</p> <p>A briefing is being prepared for Parliamentary Counsel on the Roads (General) Regulation. A Regulatory Impact Statement is also being prepared for public comment.</p>	
<p><b>14. Review of Road Classification – IM</b></p> <p>RTA advised that the independent Panel has completed its report.</p> <p>LGSA expressed concern that the interim report favoured the RTA. Some councils are feeling that they will be impacted. LGSA also raised the issue of compensation, which was provided in last review.</p> <p>RTA is looking at the implications of what the Panel has proposed including the revenue neutral intention of the review.</p>	
<p><b>14. Local Government Report</b></p> <p>LGSA advised of resolutions passed at the recent LGA conference. LGSA will write to the Minister shortly with details of these motions and seek his response.</p>	
<p><b>15. General Business</b></p> <p>The following issues were raised by LGSA and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Car Sharing – RTA advised that the draft discussion paper has been discussed with the Minister and its release is expected in December</li> <li>• RTA landscaping policy in relation to planting native species</li> <li>• Proposed bus lanes on Victoria Road and bus/bike lanes on Spit Bridge – RTA to provide details to LGSA</li> <li>• Pedestrian activated traffic signals</li> <li>• Regulation of Heavy vehicles in relation to floating of major equipment such as scrapers. LGSA to bring particular details to the RTA.</li> </ul>	<p><i>RTA to provide bus/bike lane detail to LGSA</i></p> <p><i>LGSA to provide heavy vehicle issue detail to RTA</i></p>
<p><b>16. Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 29 March 2007</p>	