



## TRANSPORT PROJECTS – Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

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**ATTENDEES:** MA, LB, PB, GB, HD, WF, SH, JL, GM, KN, TO, VS, BS, JW, GT, BA, NF, CS (Minutes)

**PROJECTS DISCUSSED:**

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**NOTES:**

**GH** – There is already a cycling strategy in place for whole Shire – waiting for RMS for endorsement – when endorsed by them, they have to comply with the endorsement. Council will endorse when endorsed by RMS. Caters for all cyclists including racing.

**NF** – look at cycling – see if they are dealt with first

**BA** – Within the Shire – interested in transport into the shire. Everything comes off the freeway through Braemar, this is unsustainable. Sooner or later we will suffer gridlock. Need alternate exits off freeway. Need funding from NSW transport. Strategy (Nov14) Past – talk of freight from port Kembla.

**NF** – Spoke to ports – 30 year plan in place. Nothing similar as we spoke in the past.

**SH** – missed item.



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??? - Public transport in and out of Shire – need to enhance pub transport within the area. Need a transport plan for the whole area.

**BA** – ports – containers – expansion – continue to put on road – freeway getting congested with trucks. Grain to go to Port Kembla via Moss Vale.

**NF** – grain not stable at the moment. ??? having a session in the next few weeks. Can't change but can voice structural issues. First, go through projects on the list.

**GM** – Need to prioritise the list

**TO** - 19May – NSW Planning Transport Seminar in Syd. (previously hosted by Angus Taylor)  
<https://www.planning.org.au/events/category/all-nsw-events-by-date>

### **CYCLING:**

#### **NO. 7 – MITTAGONG TO BOWRAL**

**GH** – already have a plan \$4.5 mill (too expensive) design in strategy. Join thru fire trail. Walkable track (\$750K to be completed) This will join Bowral and Mittagong. Bowral to Moss Vale is okay. Join East Bowral through to bridge – 40-50 km loop to join 3 towns through to aquatic centre.

**NF** – What are the options. Any changes possible?

**GH** – possible through Council. This has been covered off in Strategy document.

**TO** – Stop promoting SH as a cycling hub.

**MA** – Plans cover off the tracks but not attracting people to the area. Set up self-repair Centres.

**GH** – Craig & Zac – child had accident – have to get cyclers to understand what they can and can't do with council. Signage not ??? Need budget review. Write to Council and refer to budget. Strategy will force RMS to mark roads. Once endorsed by RMS Council have to comply. Budgets are out there.

**SH** – Safety is a huge issue. Some roads are deadly. Road from Cement roads one of the deadliest.

**BS** – re budget – how we get money allocated.

**NF** – Question about money. How much looking at total to run strategy? PR and marketing and building infrastructure but how can we fund this from the private sector?

**SH** – It shouldn't be a problem to get this from the private sector.

**GT** - \$8.2 million ???

**BS** – The strategy excellent – over 10 yr period. Have a spine between Bow / Mitta / MV (cost \$750K – deluxe version)



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**BA** – matter of the short distance ??? cyclist clubs meet at ??? They like the good cycling area not the direct route.

**GH** – 12 biking groups advertising to come to SH.

**NF** – why is it a problem to be funded?

**BA** – Resumptions have not been utilised on old Hume Highway.

**GH** – Sending engineer out. Council borrowing \$4mill from State Government to be spent on road resealing. Fit for the future next – fix roads and infrastructure.

### **WALKWAYS – 12 & 13:**

**NF** – Has any work been done on this?

**LB** – Land care prevented from planting in that area (No 14???) walkways just getting around (not tourism) has been kicking around for a very long time. Cul de sac development: a specific example is Lapping point in MV – built up now only a metre easement. Owner has put gate across easement.

**SH** – East Bowral is well linked. Use East Bow as an example to fix other areas.

**TO** – Need hiking boots to walk on the footpaths in all the towns.

**SH** – Duty of care

**NF** – We can still fix this. Identify easements and see what we can do and what we want to do.

**SH** – talked about how much money council doesn't have.

**NF** – Neighbours who are aligned to that area. People to work together to take responsibility.

**GH** – eg: 69 halls in the district – not utilised. We need to rationalise. Use hall or lose it.

**SH** – Burrawang hall is another example. We should look inside the shire for all these projects

**LB** – Halls – toilets are the only place for the public to use. Difficulty on who cleans toilets. Who is in charge?

**BA** – walking tracks that go through Alexandra reserve – crucial asset in terms of tourism. Need to promote. Maybe this falls under National Park. Needs to be brought to their attention.

**GT** – SH tourism has all the tracks listed.

**NF** – National Parks have a ??? in but falls under recreation.

Community groups who have funded some areas

**SH** - funded by Boral Cement



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**TO** - this is not maintained by council but by the community.

**NF** - Back-end costs?

**BA** – Around Mittagong reservoir – under costed. Cycle track that goes south down past the Bowral sewage treatment. Land being acquired.

**BS** – walking tracks - 75% of tourists are day trippers – 53% on hols – if we convert 10% into overnighters this would increase jobs in the area.

**BA** – needs to change attitude to accommodation.

**GT** - ??? Crown land being given back to Council.

**NF** – how to make these things more sustainable with maintenance.

**SH** - ??? generate maintenance

**GH** – Council can't do certain things due to public liability. Committees also have to have public liability insurance.

**GB** – East Bowral ??? is running at a profit.

??? - Can't hand back ??? to the community.

**NF** – if we don't get the maintenance right we have a problem.

**TO** – form a company

**GH** – we should be forming a company to run these things (projects).

**NF** – summary: long term cycle tracks – look at easements

### **68 – INTEGRATED AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORT NETWORK**

**GH** – Get it to Bowral (electric train)

**TO** – Gen Manager based in CBR (VFT) needs support. CBR APT line is built in already.

**BA** – Train – electric or diesel – depends on nbr. of stops  
(early morning train Mittagong to Sydney – 1:35mins; otherwise it takes 2:30 hrs)

**MA** – Central Coast example

**SH** – South Coast rail - people who live in Wollongong and work in Sydney.  
Links to new apt – huge advantages to this area. Will be good for our wineries etc.

**NF** – working with Steve Rosa – benefit to bring them straight from airport to the shire. Get direct line to CBR.



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**TO** – Used to be on Badgery's Creek committee.

**GT** – State govt. has put Wollondilly on the metro system why not WSC?

**MA** – Airport issue by road – uneconomic to do it (1hr longer) alternate go 1 hour earlier. Go by train – you know the time but still allow for delays. No constant predetermined way to get to airport.

**LB** – Rail goes all the way to Melbourne. Went on train recent – single rail all the way through.

**NF** – catch up with the person in Canberra.

**BA** – track that was laid down – is a wish list – won't work because of the turn ??? In 1990 \$ spent on ??? (VRT station was going to be Wombeayan Caves Rd & ???). Government was not willing to do it. To push it, we have to think where it's going to be. It won't necessary go around the back ???

**MA** – It would be unfair to choose an existing town.

**NF** – Irrespective of where it goes it is going to cost \$15bill ???

**SH** – Wherever they decide, we still need decent public transport.

**PB** – Ideas in the future. 5:30 am train to Sydney back at 5:30 pm this will increase population in the Shire if you have direct train Bowral with stop in Picton then onto Sydney.

City rail and Country rail

**BA** – The problem is not enough population at the moment. Most people here are in retirement (their best train times are at 9am)

**PB** – Need to determine what kind of people we want here.

**GH** – VFT at MV (\$80mill at CBR Int Apt – not used)

**BA** – It's privately owned. Can't convince the politicians to bring the flights in.

### ELECTRIC CARS

#### 81 / 36 - FAST ELEC

**NF** – Tesla – manufacturing batteries for cars and homes (US\$3k) average home can repay in ??? years

**TO** – ??? (KazCare)

**LB** – Any new supermarket should be asked to put in ???

**SH** – Investment we can expect. Lobby for electric cars. Where do they want charging stations? Goulburn and Berrima. Concern – economics point of view. Goulburn is going ahead and is being funded by Tesla. Would like one that will charge Tesla vehicles (fast charge 15 mins) this is the future = needs to be built in with public transport. Be smarter.

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**TO** - ?? down the Princes Highway.

**NF** – Very low in terms of nbrs. Very few in Aust. Can buy in NZ – Nissan Leaf second hand for \$20K.

Volume – too high for Tesla (\$100K) other techniques – bigger picture.

**SH** – See no reason why not taken off. Not enough stations. Lobby is pushing for more stations along the road. Volvo electric cars ???

**TO** – major safety factor – takes off very quickly

**SH** – If something has already happened, need info to give to lobby ( John ???)

**NF** – too early to put too much money down. But don't walk away – batteries will drop in cost.

Audi – water to diesel concept.

**MA** – what are major service stations doing?

**SH** – big issue providing power for free. Major service stations – nothing in it for them. Goulburn is supported by community.

**NF** – stats very low. Tesla can do 400km before recharging. Goulburn beat us to the station.

**BS** – Switzerland – cabs electric.

### PROJECTS STRADDLING OTHER PROJECTS

**NF** – To get an economy here we need more people we need to move up. Part of previous conversations ie: shelter, Terraced housing, low income housing. Stats on land – nbr of people who live in the region (700 sqm blocks)

**BA** – Plan of block of land – can we sub-divide? Eg: couple wanted to subdivide, build new home and sell old (min 3,000sqm allowed) but they weren't allowed to sub-divide.

**GH** – That's the way it is. Can't butcher land. Should've been told that when they bought 15 years ago.

**NF** – A lot of people in a small area. Walk to work and cycle to work. Very little low income housing here. High rents for mediocre housing.

**GH** – problems with that – conservation.

**KN** – His reason for moving out there was land size – not claustrophobic like in the city.

**MA** – Our towns are now established, we can't change it.

**TO** – Interchange – want 200 acre site for people with disabilities (<http://www.interchangeau.org/>)

**SH** – A lot of small towns in this area with small communities. Unless built into a strategic plan. Not enough work in this area. How do we make this place more viable for people to put their businesses



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here? Right housing, right sort of people. Eco village good concept but must be done on the right scale. Future – bigger picture plan – building from all these little projects.

**BA** – We created economic zone.

**BS** – Switzerland – offer company 10 year free tax. We charge them to come here!!!

**NF** – buying businesses doesn't work, they play off different areas against each other.

**BS** – be more creative how we think about it. Through the Post Office – PO van delivers the post and carries the people from point to point.

**TO** – Berrima coaches (NSW Govt funding), community coaches (not self-funded – dependent on Govt funding). Coaches extended to Hill Top, Robertson, etc. but not enough patronage.

**LB** – eg: Wollongong shuttle bus – have we looked at that - can do it with a small bus.

**GH** – WSC as big as Sydney metropolis. Size of our Shire large with small population. LEP model of State Govt. looking at changing LEP. Govt looking at changes for smaller community areas vs Sydney

**SH** – eg: Maryborough – taking mail whilst transporting children to school. Deregulation could work.

**GM** – ???

**SH** – Take SH .05 taxi service - there was a need

**TO** – no, there was a loophole.

**BA** – cabs too expensive for the youngsters

**LB** – worked previously as taxi driver – overlooked – subsidized people using Taxis. Poor people, people with a disability.

**NF** – mix of people who live here.

**INNOVATION CENTRE – basically about a centre (this project across food, water, etc)**

**GH** – The house in Mitta – tried to be rented for last 12 months, to no avail.

**NF** – Need an ideal place for people to meet and talk about innovation.

**SH** – how does this help this area?

**NF** – Somewhere for people to meet and share ideas. There is no central place for the community to go to get specific information.

**TO** – eg: Cooma have one – (received a grant) ½ developed for university study – accessible any University in the country. Other ½ - used by small business who have access to internet, phone etc.



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**GH** – Privatisation university discussions happening ???

**SH** – Uni students will do courses online at home. Our online is too slow. Hubs ???

**NF** – Need a room you can use for business meetings.

**BA** – Speak to ??? Holt - hot desking – conference room

**SH** – We have lots of expertise in this area but there's not enough communication. We need somewhere to share it all.

**NF** – snapshot of what is happening

**KN** – Uni courses done online. Personally works with 7 other people on the phone – we need to talk in person with associates – need the right technology.

**GB** – Failure rate for online Uni is huge.

**Noel** - You need the support of your peers. Why can't we do it with WLG Uni? Or any of the other Unis.

**LB** – We have a 24/7 learning study in the area but can't connect with their library. It's great to have the computers.

### **OLDER RESIDENTS LIVEABILITY / MOBILITY SCOOTERS**

**NF** – There is a survey at the moment for the elderly from council – realistically not something for a project at this stage

**LB** – mobility scooters – alternative forms of transport – solar powered bicycles

**NF** – likes Tuk Tuks

**SH** – can't have mobility scooters on foot paths as not enough room.

**NF** – plenty of issues with these

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPGRADE**

**TO** - ??? looking after funding for ???

**TO** - RDASI follows through from other things we have been discussing. ??? mainly freight.

**GT** – ??? trying to get the trucks off the road.

### **84 – SH EVENT**

**NF** – What about a transport related event held in SH each year?

**TO** – Council – one for people with disabilities – what options are available?





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**MA** – Car clubs to come down here for big event

**BS** – Old cars from Canberra and Sydney currently meet annually in Berrima.

**GH** – RMS own road

**SH** – every 2 years – old trucks come through the WSC go through to Yass. They weren't allowed to stop in Berrima this year.

**GH** – clubs did not comply with Council.

**NF / SH** - Something we don't have to organise but help them get the permission to stop and encourage them to stopover.

**GH** – Bong Bong race course ideal spot.

**BA** – Bundanoon pony event is another example.

**BS** – has all details of how many people go to each event.

**GH** – 640 runners – marathon (privately run)

**NF** – Tourism side working very hard. Can't we help these clubs to promote their event with all the expertise we have in this area?

**SH** – Steve Rosa wants to promote all the events on one calendar.

**MA** – They need the permission to run these events.

**GH** – They not all approved by council

**NF** – Club events not currently on Steve Rosa's calendar. Why can't we get in touch with these niche clubs and promote for them and sell for them with add-ons.?

**BA** – eg: equestrians – big money – 3 day event

**NF** – inviting people into the region – too generic

### UPGRADE OF COMMUNICATIONS

**SH** – need to piggy back – what we can do to upgrade our technology?

**NF** – process is straight forward. We have enough people who understand the technology in this area. Working with communities ie: high aeriels.

**SH** – some projects going to go over a year. ACENET have own high speed. Lobby the right people to change.

**NF** – right people, not Telstra but those who have ????



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**GH** – have written to these people to give them permission to put up their aerials but have received no response.

**NF** – Huge savings if we use ???

**GH** – broadband

**MA** – rent top of buildings and bring in providers

**SH** – need property strategy – build with Council

**GH** – The problem is Government broadband. This is going into Renwick development.

**MA** – we can't afford to wait.

**SH** – start lobbying the right people

**NF** – Us as a community can do it. If we have access we can do that.

**MA** – renting the space for people to put up on buildings ???

**NF** – as long as you have access to the region

**NF** – owners are the investors

**MA** – yes interested!

**SUSTAINABILITY LEARNING** – not applicable ???

### 3D PRINTING

Major game players.

**BS** – people doing it in this region

Going to change manufacturing.

Transport article

Smart roads

**MA** – trial of solar powered cycle paths

**NF** – every road to be covered by solar panels

Ports – changed deals end up with Port Kembla and Botany. No reason to come here. Feasible to fill up economic zone. Need best housing, transport etc or solar panels

**TO** – problem is jobs



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**BA** – ??? not allowing us to create jobs

**NF** – tourism is creating jobs – we are way ahead of it.

**BA** – transport – day on the green – got stopped . Park at Braemar – take bus to Centennial.  
Look at what they are doing in the Hunter. Need to develop somewhere where we can do it well.

**NF** – get more smaller events.

**NF** – change model for agriculture. Nbr of people required for intensive farm. (NN 5,000 people?)  
growing veggies organically.

**GB** – cost of the land

**TO** – UN farm in the future will be small type farms.

**NF** – \$8k p/acre – how you run the farm i.s.o. \$250 p/acre per 100 acre farm