

## 5. Anzac Day 2009 – temporary road closures

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This report recommends, subject to conditions, temporary road closures of a number of Council roads for Anzac Day events on Saturday 25 April 2009.

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### BACKGROUND

Beginning late last year, a number of submissions from RSL sub-branches, in relation to Anzac Day events for 2009, were referred to the Local Traffic Committee.

10 This had followed a review by Police of the resources and risks involved in their sole management of Anzac Day events around the Shire. In the past, Police had conducted Anzac Day events as Class 4 events under their sole management as per the State Government's Special Event Transport Management Plan guidelines.

The outcome of the Police review was that they were no longer prepared to conduct as Class 4 events. The next available option was to have the events deemed as Class 2 (or Class 1 where a state highway is involved) and have them conducted on temporarily closed roads under approved Traffic Control Plans.

Council received Anzac Day proposals from the Eden RSL sub-branch (119 6603) for the Eden event, Cobargo RSL sub-branch (122 4029) for the Cobargo event, Bega RSL sub-branch (122 1102) for the Bega, Bemboka, Tathra and Wolumla events and from Merimbula RSL sub-branch (125 0294) for the Merimbula and Pambula events.

20 All received proposals were tabled and discussed at Local Traffic Committee meetings and were also emailed to Police and RTA.

Council has no power to issue approval to hold the events and this is a matter for Police. Council has no power, delegated or otherwise, to temporarily close a state highway or classified road and this is a matter for the RTA. Council's role is to consider the temporary closure of its unclassified or regional roads under delegated function from the RTA.

Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meetings on 3 December 2008, 4 February 2009 and 4 March 2009 have been circulated separately. All 12 of the Traffic Control Plans prepared by Council engineering staff will be tabled at the Council meeting.

30 There was also a report to the 3 March 2009 Council meeting about the overall arrangements for Anzac Day events.

## ISSUES

### Legal

In order to temporarily close any of its unclassified or regional roads, Council is required to follow the process of Delegated Function from the RTA for the regulation of traffic on such a road. Council has no power, delegated or otherwise, to temporarily close a state highway or classified road; this is a matter for the RTA.

Roads are a work place and their temporary closure must achieve the Occupational Health & Safety Act 2000 and the RTA Traffic Control Manual.

### 40 Social / Cultural

Anzac Day ceremonies and marches have an important place in Australian history and culture.

### Consultation

There has been consultation with RSL sub-branches making submissions but it may be that not all fully understand the implications of implementing Traffic Control Plans.

### Financial

As reported on 3 March 2009, there has been a cost to Council in the preparation of Traffic Control Plans and more cost will be involved in making signage available.

### Resources (including staff)

50 Council has offered organisers the use of its signs on the day, as has the RTA. In all, 300 signs will be required. Organisers will need to make their own arrangements to have accredited traffic controllers implement their Traffic Control Plans as prepared for them by Council.

## CONCLUSION

After working through all the available information, including each Traffic Control Plan, the Local Traffic Committee recommended that, subject to conditions, numerous roads be temporarily closed for proposed Anzac Day events on Saturday 25 April 2009 and these recommendations are supported.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. That Anzac Day events within the Shire be deemed Class 2 special events where a state highway is not involved or Class 1 special events where a state highway is involved, and that they be conducted under Traffic Control Plans achieving the RTA Traffic Control Manual.
  2. That, under delegated function from the RTA, Council approves temporary closure of sections of Chandos Street, Bass Street and Calle Calle Street

between 10.30am and 11.30am on Saturday 25 April 2009 for the purpose of an Anzac Day event at Eden as per tabled Traffic Control Plan #3822.

- 70 3. That, under delegated function from the RTA, Council temporarily closes Auckland Street between 5.30am and 6.45am on Saturday 25 April 2009 for the purpose of an Anzac Day event at Bega as per tabled Traffic Control Plan #3823.
4. That, under delegated function from the RTA, Council temporarily closes Auckland Street between noon and 12.30pm on Saturday 25 April 2009 for the purpose of an Anzac Day event at Bega as per tabled Traffic Control Plan #3823.
5. That, under delegated function from the RTA, Council temporarily closes the Bega Street service road between 5.30am and 6.30am on Saturday 25 April 2009 for the purpose of an Anzac Day event at Tathra as per tabled Traffic Control Plan #3829.
- 80 6. That, under delegated function from the RTA, Council temporarily closes sections of Bega Street and the Bega Street service road between 8.00am and 9.00am on Saturday 25 April 2009 for the purpose of an Anzac Day event at Tathra as per tabled Traffic Control Plan #3829.
7. That, under delegated function from the RTA, Council temporarily closes Bega Street, Wolumla between 8.30am and 10.00am on Saturday 25 April 2009 for the purpose of an Anzac Day event as per tabled Traffic Control Plan #3830.
8. Also that, under delegated function from the RTA, Council temporarily closes a section of Beach Street, Merimbula between 5.30am and 7.00am on Saturday 25 April 2009 for the purpose of an Anzac Day event at Merimbula as per tabled Traffic Control Plan #3826.
- 90 9. That, under delegated function from the RTA, Council temporarily closes sections of Alice Street, Main Street, Market Street and Beach Street, Merimbula between 10.30am and 12.00pm on Saturday 25 April 2009 for the purpose of an Anzac Day event at Merimbula as per tabled Traffic Control Plan #3826.
10. That, under delegated function from the RTA, Council temporarily closes a section of William Street, Candelo between 10.45am and 11.30am on Saturday 25 April 2009 for the purpose of an Anzac Day event at Candelo as per tabled Traffic Control Plan #3831.
11. That organisers of each event make their own arrangements for RTA-accredited Traffic Controllers to implement the prepared Traffic Control Plans.
- 100 12. That organisers of each event have approved public liability insurance of at least \$20,000,000 indemnifying Council and, where applicable, the RTA.
13. That the organisers of each event implement an approved Special Event Transport Management Plan, including Traffic Control Plan, for their event.

14. That appreciation be extended to Council engineering staff members George Lewis and Shaun Bell for their work in preparing the Traffic Control Plans.
15. That organisers of each event be advised of the above as soon as possible, and that this advice include a hard copy of the relevant Traffic Control Plan/s.