

Kelton Correspondence

From NC3 Agenda - 17th February

7 For Discussion

Email – Re: Kelton Lane, Thirroul

Email – NHC2 meeting 3 March, 7.00pm (first item on agenda) Re: Draft Plan of Management for the Illawarra escarpment.

From NC3 Minutes - 17th February

4 Kelton Lane, Thirroul

The lane is 3.2m wide and 80m long. There is no footpath on the lane and it is used daily by 300 vehicles and 50 pedestrians and is a dangerous road which has serious safety implications. Council has suggested closure of the lane.

MOTION: NC3 requests mid-lock closure with collapsible bollards to enable emergency vehicles etc. access when needed.
CARRIED

From Traffic committee 25th February

THIRROUL

2 Kelton Lane – traffic issues

The City of Wollongong Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 5 November 2003 considered the following matter.

Kelton Lane is a short narrow laneway which is used on a regular basis by school children during morning and afternoon peak times. Due to the nature of Kelton lane and reported ongoing heavy vehicle abuse of this laneway the Committee suggests that this laneway be closed to vehicular access and allow for pedestrians access only.

It is suggested that a resident who attended the onsite meeting held on the 19 November be nominated to consult with adjoining and affected residents. A petition is to be prepared and forwarded to the Neighbourhood Committee for comment and referred back to Traffic Committee for further consideration.

The Traffic Committee recommended

Council's Community Services Access Liaison Officer be informed of the above information.

Council varied the recommendation as follows:-

Council's Community Services Access Liaison Officer be informed of the information contained in the précis of the Traffic Committee minutes relating to this item.

An on site meeting was held on Tuesday 17 February 2004 between Northern Works Division Engineer, Council's Traffic Engineers and local residents to discuss options for Kelton Lane. The resident indicated that the issue was on the agenda for the Neighbourhood Committee meeting to be held that evening.

The Traffic Committee inspected Kelton Lane and noticed the narrow lane is widely used by pedestrians and two-way vehicular traffic. The bridge over Hewitt's Creek is approximately 3m wide and vehicles have limited room to stop to give way and it is also used as an existing access to adjoining properties. Neighbourhood Committee 3 at its meeting held on 17 February moved that the laneway be closed. In light of the obvious safety issues raised and observed, the following recommendations have been made:

RECOMMENDATION

- a) ***Kelton Lane be closed to through traffic at the mid point using removable bollards. This will allow for vehicular access to adjoining properties and allow for pedestrian/ bicycle through traffic only.***
- b) ***Emergency services be provided with keys to these bollards***
- c) ***Councils Traffic Section be requested to carry out necessary procedures for closing the road to through traffic.***

From NC3 20th April

4.2 12/3/04 WCC 04/069 – Kelton Lane Thirroul. Recommended to be closed at midpoint with bollards that can be opened for emergency services.

The Traffic Committee recommended –

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- traffic only.
- b) Emergency services be provided with keys to these bollards
 - c) Councils Traffic Section be requested to carry out necessary procedures for closing the road to through traffic.

Residents from the local area stated that the closure of Kelton Lane would require them to travel via Lawrence Hargrave Drive. They were critical that there had been no further consultation with the resident west of the main road before the matter was put to Traffic Committee.

MOTION: There are unforeseen implications and the wider community has not been consulted. NC3 requests that no action to physically close the lane be taken until wider community consultation occurs.

CARRIED

NC3 18 th May Meeting

3.2 Kelton Lane, Thirroul

At the February meeting council advised that it would close Kelton Lane, however NC3 had moved the concern that “unforeseen implications and the wider community has not been consulted. NC3 requests that no action to physically close the lane be taken until wider community consultation occurs.” Cr Alice Cartan advised that Mark Roebuck, the Traffic Engineer has advised that the closure will not be effected until there is more community consultation including advertising and a letterbox drop.