



Hawkesbury City Council

attachment 2  
to  
item 102

Submissions received during the  
exhibition of the Draft 2021/2022  
Operational Plan

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location: council chambers  
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time: 6:30 p.m.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Fri, 14 May 2021 23:44:13 +1000  
**To:** Hawkesbury City Council  
**Subject:** My concerned about Teale road

Attn: Stephannie Kissun Public Exhibition – Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan

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Council's Corporate Planning and Performance Strategist @ Hawkesbury City Council

Under “4.1.1: Our roads and other transport infrastructure will be planned and provided to ensure connected, efficient and safe movement for all modes of transport.” I believe there is an intersection that really has no safe movement from it and it is not covered within the 2021-2022 Draft Operational Plan.

Teale Road x Putty Road at East Kurrajong NSW 2758

As an 18 year-old with my Learner's Licence, it is with extreme difficulty that I exit Teale Road onto Putty Road. It has taken many hours of driving before my Mum has let me leave the intersection. She worries about my exit when I do pass my test.

I have lived off the road since I was born and I have seen many near misses. There has been many discussions over the years to try and resolve the safety, but nothing has ever happened. It appears that Council and RMS cannot decide who will take responsibility until there is a fatality. Can you please add this intersection to the Draft Plan so that we can have safe movement?

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thu, 18 Mar 2021 12:45:07 +1100  
**To:** Hawkesbury City Council  
**Cc:** Patrick Conolly; Mary Lyons-Buckett; Danielle Wheeler; Barry Calvert; Paul Rasmussen; Sarah Richards; John Ross; Nathan Zamprogno; Emma-Jane Garrow; Peter Reynolds; Tiffany Tree; Amanda Kotlash; patrica schwartz; Claudia Khouri; jeff.organ@hawkesbury.com.au  
**Subject:** HCC Budget 2021-2022 Enhancing the heritage of Thompson Square  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED] items for HCC consideration in 2021-2022 budget planning.docx

Attention: Mr Laurie Mifsud, Acting General Manager

Dear Mr Mifsud

Please find attached a letter sent on behalf of [REDACTED] outlining items for Council's consideration for funding in the 2021-2022 budget cycle.

Warm regards

[REDACTED]  
Sec [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr Laurie Mifsud  
Acting General Manager  
Hawkesbury City Council

Dear Mr Mifsud

I write on behalf of [REDACTED] a community organisation committed to preserving the historic integrity of Windsor, in particular the Thompson Square Precinct. We value the collaborative relationship we have enjoyed with Hawkesbury City Council over recent years, and thank the various Council staff and Councillors who have supported us and been willing to listen to our concerns.

Our ongoing commitment to preserving and highlighting Windsor's heritage has motivated us to propose a number of items for Council's consideration in the 2021-2022 budget cycle. As the third European settlement in Australia, heritage is a vitally important aspect of Windsor's appeal to visitors from across Australia, and indeed the world. The items listed below are all focused on enhancing the heritage appeal of Thompson Square, in the wake of the destructive impacts of the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project.

**Items for consideration in the Hawkesbury City Council Budget for 2021-2022**

- Refurbishment of the Phillip Cunningham memorial in Thompson Square. This memorial commemorates an important historical event and should have landmark qualities.
- Uniform world-class heritage signage in Thompson Square and other significant areas in Windsor. We propose that this signage would welcome visitors to Thompson Square and inform them of its status on the State Heritage Register and its listing by the National Trust. Similar signage addressing Windsor's status in history could also be placed on Windsor Road and Hawkesbury Valley Way.
- Restoration of the remains of the police/military compound in front of the former police station site.
- Development and implementation of a policy on lighting, including the up-lighting of heritage buildings, particularly in Thompson Square, and solar lighting in Howe Park.
- Refurbishment and activation of gas lamps.
- Maintenance of Windsor Wharf.
- Suitable heritage style fencing to keep cars from entering the green space in Thompson Square (bollards would work for this) and along the grass area that connects with George and Bridge Streets (for child protection).

For further information or to discuss this correspondence, please call me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

18 March 2021

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Fri, 14 May 2021 20:08:36 +1000  
**To:** Hawkesbury City Council  
**Subject:** Attn: Stephannie Kissun Public Exhibition – Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan

**Attn:** [Stephannie Kissun](#)

Council's Corporate Planning and Performance Strategist @ Hawkesbury City Council

Under "4.1.1: Our roads and other transport infrastructure will be planned and provided to ensure connected, efficient and **safe movement** for all modes of transport." I believe there is an intersection that really has no safe movement from it and it is not covered within the 2021-2022 Draft Operational Plan.

It was drawn to Council's attention over many years about the Exit/Entry of Teale Road onto Putty Road at East Kurrajong, including a significant number of signatures on a petition submitted, 11 years ago, in March 2010 in regards to "safety improvements". This issue has been passed around between Council and the RMS/RTA/Transport NSW and nothing has happened!

In 1999, there were discussions to move the intersection further up to Bull Ridge Road, using the development of private land, this didn't go ahead. The meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1999 recommended that the Council organise the RTA to adjust the speed limit to be set at 70 within 500 metres each side of the intersection. This hasn't been done. It also stated that sight was "restricted due to an embankment following the curve radius" and that "a site inspection be carried out at the next meeting". There appears to be no progress with this, no record of any inspection as it doesn't appear to be present on the following meeting's minutes and there is no mention of the intersection again!

The 2021-2022 Draft Operational Plan page 36, states that **YOU** will "Work with NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and Transport for NSW and provide input on their projects in the Hawkesbury local government area", given the lack of progress in 1999, it appears this hasn't happened.

At the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009 meeting, Mr Ray Williams MP "raised concern for potential traffic incidents at the intersection", this was referred again to the RTA. It appears **AGAIN** that Council has not followed this up. 10 years passed since the November 1999 meeting and no progress in that decade! Your values on page 4 of the 2021-2022 Draft Operational Plan, is to "work together" and "value open and clear communication". These don't appear to have been values between 1999-2009.

In 2013, it was brought to your attention again and discussed in the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013 meeting, in relation to another subdivision and adjustment to the road to Bull Ridge Road, but strangely, a 4-way intersection was dismissed at being "a more complex intersection", despite there being a very similar one at Kurmond Road x Putty Road, only 10 kilometres down the road. Given that the subdivision did not take place, I understand that the use of private land would not be allowable to adjust the intersection, but why the **unsafe movement** of this intersection wasn't further reviewed is unfathomable.

I moved to a property off Teale Road in August 2020 and have had many near misses exiting the intersection. It is simply a gamble every time. I have installed a dashcam and have footage to show the **UNSAFE movement** from road infrastructure that we, and other residents, endure every time. Your values on page 4 state that you “listen to the contribution of every individual”. Well, I hope you are listening to me now, and the residents of the petition in 2010 and the voices on Facebook when I raised my concern on the local Facebook page a month ago.

I note that the Morrison Government is delivering further federal funding for local Hawkesbury Roads, with more than \$5.4m allocated to the Roads to Recovery Program for the Hawkesbury City Council. I note that monies are being used for State roads like Bells Line of Road, but surely our intersection with Putty Road would be eligible for some funding to have this long awaited safety issue resolved. The residents have waited for you to *keep your commitments* since 1999 and this funding will help ease the cost to do so. I would be interested to find out what I can do to ensure that our intersection is submitted as a site for upgrade.

In the last month, I have experienced the inability for NSW RMS and Council to work together. I sent a request into RMS to have the vegetation cut back around the intersection, this occurred on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May this vegetation was cut back, except for the vegetation on the Teale Road side along Putty Road. I emailed David Osborne who stated that this section is Council Land and hence it was left. I submitted requests for the vegetation to be attended to with Council on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The buck really needs to stop NOW and Council needs to commit to resolving the safety of this intersection with the other agencies.

The 2021-2022 Draft Operational Plan states that YOU will “Work with NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and Transport for NSW and provide input on their projects in the Hawkesbury local government area”, given that you clearly have been unable to work with the agencies in the past, I, along with other residents off Teale Road are interested as to how our **UNSAFE movement** in and out of Teale Road can be rectified, ***given that Council and the RMS/Transport NSW has known of this issue for over 22 YEARS!***

I, and the residents of Teale Road, would like to know why our intersection isn't included in the 2021-2022 Draft Operational Plan given we have been waiting since 1999.

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed, 19 May 2021 18:55:48 +1000  
**To:** Hawkesbury City Council  
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**Subject:** Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan - Wheelbarrow Ridge Rd/Greens Rd Lower Portland

To The HCC General Manager,

Please find this another request for appropriate funding to seal the first kilometre of Wheelbarrow Ridge Road (Greens Road/Lower Portland end) for the reasons outlined below:

#### ROAD SAFETY

Over the last 15 years traffic has increased massively due to a lot more permanent residents living in what previously was weekenders as well as the substantial increase in holiday accommodation and people exploring the area as a result of the north west spread and tourism advertisement. The unsealed road of 50 years ago was never designed to accommodate the significantly increased traffic of today. As such we ask the questions:

Have HCC ever undertaken a risk assessment of the above mentioned first kilometre of Wheelbarrow Ridge Road?  
Does HCC have plans to do a road risk assessment considering the changes the area has seen?  
Are we, the public and residents, going to be able to view such a report?

As residents please find this an official notification to council that we believe this first kilometre of road to be unsafe, especially in wet weather and are requesting the road be sealed.

#### RESIDENT'S HEALTH

As a result of the increased traffic on Wheelbarrow Ridge Road, council have attempted to reduce the pot holes and continued deterioration of the road by placing hundreds, if not thousands, of tonnes of road base or similar materials on the road. When this material dries out, traffic causes clouds of dust that has an oily smell in the air constantly.

This dust like substance settles in our paddocks, on our roofs and eventually in our water tanks which we use to drink, cook, clean and bathe. If we are outside we are inhaling this oily dust directly, which is harmful to all residents and particularly to a number of asthmatic residents living on our road. As such we ask the questions:

Has HCC undergone an analysis of this road material we are subjected too?  
Is HCC going to inform us, the public and residents, what is in this dusty substance coming off the road that we are inhaling and that is ending up in our drinking water?

As residents, please find this an official notification to HCC that we believe this to be bad for our health and we request the road to be sealed to prevent this unnatural dust.

#### ENVIRONMENT

As mentioned above, this oily dust is settling in our paddocks, on natural bush land and with rain is eventually in our river system. As such we ask the questions:

Has HCC undertaken an environmental impact study on the effects this oily, unnatural dust-like substance is having on the environment and wildlife?

Is HCC going to perform such an analytical study?

Are we, the public and residents, going to be able to view such a report?

Please find this an official notification to HCC that we believe this dust to be harmful to the environment and we request the road be sealed.

#### SERVICES

Please note that public services use this Lower Portland end of Wheelbarrow Ridge Road, particularly the weekly rubbish removal and weekday school bus. We are concerned for the health and welfare of our neighbourhood school children as they are subjected to inhaling this oily dust while waiting for the school bus or to be picked up by their parents. Can HCC assure residents that this is safe for the children in writing?

For the reasons noted above we hereby request that the first kilometre of Wheelbarrow Ridge Road (Lower Portland end) be sealed in conjunction with the planned sealing of Greens Road and believe this timing to be cost effective with regards availability of machinery and resources.

We would be happy to show HCC our concerns first hand.

We request a timely reply to all the questions in this letter in order to move forward on this matter in whichever way necessary.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Wheelbarrow Ridge Road, Lower Portland

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed, 19 May 2021 20:32:55 +1000  
**To:** Hawkesbury City Council;HCC Councillors  
**Subject:** Response to Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan

2021/2022 Draft operational plan.

Following review of the HCC published draft operational plan 21/22 there are omissions which need to be addressed and these issues have been ongoing for way too long.

### **West Portland Road**

- **Broken & sunken edges.** There are many broken and sunken edges of the sealed road where large deep potholes have formed over the years and these are not being repaired. These holes risk damaging vehicles, wheels and tires and in many places are serious enough to cause accidents through vehicles losing control by hitting these or even head on collisions occurring due to vehicles crossing into oncoming traffic to avoid these hazards. Some of the worst locations are on the east side of Roberts Creek, also between Roberts Creek and Laws Farm Road, between Laws Farm Road and Packer Road and between Packer Road and Lower Colo Road.
- **Vegetation.** I have been reporting this issue for 20 plus years and the situation continues to get worse. I have had many instances of damage to my vehicles due to vegetation overhanging the roadway. I dread having to travel in any vehicle on West Portland Road because on countless occasions I encounter oncoming vehicles, mostly heavy vehicles on my side of the road because they are avoiding vegetation overhanging the roadway. Extremely heavy vegetation i.e. trees have been allowed to encroach right over West Portland Road and these hazards are regularly being hit by larger vehicles (I regularly observe branches and fresh leaves on the road as a result). Some of this heavy vegetation is now dead and is a much higher real risk of falling and killing motorists. Worst locations are between Greens Road and Lower Colo Road, between Lower Colo Road and Ponderosa Drive, and between Packer Road and Laws Farm Road is really bad, especially east bound, also between Laws Farm Road and Roberts Creek especially east bound, and wattle trees over the new armco both sides at Roberts Creek bridge will most likely cause a head on collision eventually if left unchecked, also west of Bull Ridge Road both sides west of the lookout over Andersons corner. It was really interesting to hear at a Lower Portland residents meeting this week that other residents have been also reporting this hazard to council and still nothing is being done.

### **Wheelbarrow Ridge Road (Greens Road end)**

- Finally, it has been conceded that there is a serious dust pollution problem and council are now regularly watering the road past residences. Thank you very much for this.
- Noted there is planning to seal more of Wheelbarrow Ridge Road at Colo Heights. This is great news.
- By comparison close to 3 kilometres of Wheelbarrow Ridge Road at Colo Heights is already sealed and majority of that sealed portion does not pass any residences.

- At our Greens Road end there would be not much more than 30 meters sealed and then within less than a kilometre there are at least 14 residences.
- Are council budgeting to seal the Greens Road end or continue watering it each day moving forward?
- Vegetation once again after the expense of being cleared by council 5 to 10 years ago has been allowed to regenerate, creating risk by blocking view of any oncoming traffic, and causing vehicles to risk driving into oncoming traffic.
- I have written to council, the mayor and deputy mayor on most of these matters and the matter of garbage bins and the end of our street and had ZERO response.

As for the continual excuses I have received from HCC staff over the years regarding how many kilometres of roads they are managing as a reason for inaction my feeling is if the organisation cannot manage the portfolio then all management should stand aside. Who is liable if death or serious injury or illness results from these reported hazards?

Thank You,



Wheelbarrow Ridge Road  
Lower Portland

Full Name	Postal Address	Email Address	Submission
			Please add Old Bells Line of Road Kurrajong Heights to the list of roads that need to be upgraded. This road is no longer in use due to a large landslide in the middle of it. It needs to be reinstated so that it can be used as a detour when there is an accident on Bellbird Hill and Bells Line of Road is blocked. Accidents on Bellbird Hill are a regular occurrence and the road can be closed for many hours at a time. I have approached t@nsw and they advised to contact Council.
			I fully appreciate the position of council following the devastation of the past couple of years in particular bushfires & the recent flood. As a result council will be required to make changes to its draft 2021/22 Operational plan. I extremely disappointed that Greens Road Lower Portland has not been included in your proposed Sealing of Gravel Roads - \$2.9M.
			The only comment I want to make on the Operational Plan is that it is pleasing to note that Council is not implementing the Liberal proposal to adopt a 50% base rate, which would dramatically increase the rates payable by roughly 70% of ratepayers in the Hawkesbury. Their proposal can be proven to benefit only the wealthy landowners at the expense of the average and below-average property valueholders.
			At what stage will the sealing on Roberts Creek RD be placed on a priority list. The road is the only road to link Blaxlands Ridge Rd and East Kurrajong RD and we have seen a substantial increase in through traffic. The road at most times is in dangerous condition, with vehicle damaging corrugations forming generally within 2 weeks of it being graded. The dust generated off the road is contaminating drinking water which we collect off our roofs. There is a small section remaining to be sealed, would be good to see council apply some commonsense and have it completed. There has been accidents
			'Preferred improvements:  - Toilets next to Gov Phillip Park (Windsor) have the fence moved back to where it was. Children keep running into the toilets and adults have to walk through the park to get the the toilet. Suggest fencing blocks off access from the park and the only entrance is from the outside.
			Crooked lane should be sealed and part of slopes rd needs to be fixed between crooked lane and maddens rd  Also the one lane bridge on crooked lane needs to be widened into a two lane bridge to prevent any crashes as well as a round-a-bout at the crooked lane and bells line of road intersection
			James Meehan all the way around and including Harris Street in Windsor has not had a complete resurface in 30 years. It's been patched and parts resurfaced without being sealed. Pot holes get filed, only to reappear after rain and a few weeks of traffic. Every time it looks like council is going to do a total resurface, work stops and the joke is on the residents.
			Hi Bourke Street on both sides East Richmond station is in need of a road upgrade please.
			Please consider sealing the unsealed section of Mountain Lagoon Road.
			Allocation of upgrades have been made for Lower Portland. Greens Road, Lower Portland is a infrastructure vein linking the western side of the Hawkesbury river and should be completely sealed to Nardoo stud. (624 .)This is a realistic and achievable request considering three sections are already or to be, completed. Whilst other roads in Lower Portland have been scheduled on the plan, Greens Road hosts a higher population in comparison.
			Please seal Greens Road, lower Portland. Life changing to so many humans.
			I agree that Packer Road needs to be sealed, as in times of Flood it's the only way in or out for the communities of Lower Portland, Blaxland Ridge and surrounds. However, Ponderosa Drive Lower Portland should be added to your list as Council does not upkeep the road very well, we always seem to be at the bottom of the list. This week your graders were at Packer Road just up the road, but you have since moved them and Ponderosa continues to be impossible to drive on without a four-wheel drive. You would be aware that you allow a business to operate at Ponderosa Ski Park, therefore in

			Settlers Road is desperate for an upgrade and or repairs. The first section from the ferry to the wooden bridge has dangerous drop offs on the narrow edges and the general surface is very uneven and rough. The unsealed section after Sunnyvale is bad at the best of times, dangerously narrow and a slippery surface.
			Could you look at upgrading the road at East Richmond Railway on Bourke street between Blacktown Road & Windsor Street. It is terrible and desperately needs an upgrade.
			When will Council consider sealing Wollombi Rd from St. Albans to Bucketty? It is full of potholes after rain, is either incredibly dusty or muddy and is dangerously narrow In its upper reaches. It could be an alternative route to the Hunter Valley instead of a 3rd world track. Of course it's going to be expensive in which case get some federal or state funds for it! Previous state member Dominic Perrotet had no interest in it and took off for greener pastures. Use current member to leverage some funds. Make all of Hawkesbury better please ! This is supposed to be the era of big projects so get into it.
			Upper Colo bridge no longer exists causing a great deal of social and economic harm to local residents. The alternate route of Colo Heights Road is unsafe and in poor condition. I would have thought these projects warrant some funding as critical infrastructure. Kind regards David Ward
			Ham St is constantly having its speed limit ignored by dirt bikers, P platers, semi trailers, b doubles and the list goes on. How long until a car doing burnouts on the intersection of Ham and Berger Rd loses control and slams into our Ham St facing bedrooms?
			I note the proposal simply refers to road resurfacing for South Windsor. Where are these suggested works? Mileham Street (in its entirety) is a disgrace, along with each each street that stems from it, and has been for the past 20 years I've resided here and is only getting worse. This would be a major work but one that is essential for local residents. Is this part of the plan?
			I can't believe nothing for Bilpin when our roads are so heavily used and weather Beaton after fire, storms and landslides, very disappointed ☹️
			Comleroy Rd at the Bells Line of Road end The potholes which just get patched after each heavy rain . They are growing more and more dangerous every day . Right on bends were cars can't avoid them . Only a matter of time before an accident!
			Golden Valley Drive Glossodia, Mitchell Drive Glossodia, Creek Ridge Road Cnr Putty Rd, All shocking Roads and always have been causing dangers to motorists, riders and pedestrians. Creek Ridge Road length causes blowouts continuously as it isn't wide enough for cars and trucks to pass safely.
			Sealing Packer road should be a high priority as it has extremely dangerous blind corners and constantly needs re-grading.
			Upgrade and face lift to North Richmond shopping centre. With the Redbank development, we are seeing increase in population for North Richmond and surrounds. The shopping complex needs to be updated as well as increase in parking spaces, perhaps multi-storey. It's very old, run down, dark and stingy.
			Upgrade of East Kurrajong rd. It's a main road but really needs some TLC
			'I am submitting this request for the Hawkesbury Council to consider road upgrades on the unsealed portion of Upper Colo Road, up to the intersection of Comleroy Road and a continuation on Comleroy Road leading up past the Anglican Church.
			Key reasons for consideration of these road upgrades are as follows:

██████	██████████████	██████████	<p>We have been writing to council requesting funding for sealing on Wheelbarrow Ridge Road Lower Portland Greens Road end without response or satisfaction. This plan includes sealing of the other end of Wheelbarrow which is ALREADY sealing. As per recent email correspondence.</p>
██████	██████████████	██████████	<p>Key call outs:  When will rectification works begin on Greens Road so that residents and visitors can access their properties without taking the lengthy and hazardous detours via Wheel Barrow Ridge Trail?  I understand that engineering surveys have been carried out. When will this report become available so that a time frame for repairs can be put in place?  Why can't the cliff face been cut into so that cars can access their properties via Greens Road while awaiting the long-term</p>
██████████	██████████	██████████	<p>SEALING OF GRAVEL ROADS  We welcome the inclusion of Packer Road in the program  This will greatly benefit the ever increasing population of Lower Portland who will then choose to use Packer Road in lieu of West Portland Road, through Ebenezer to Wilberforce.  The Putty Road will provide a safer and more direct route.</p>
██████	██████████████	██████████	<p>With regard to the sealing of Packer Rd It is long over due and would benefit the safety of the many truck and car travellers of the Road. I have lived on Packer Rd 25 years taking children to and from school and going to work and know how dangerous it can be.</p>
██████	██████████	██████████	<p>The whole of Greens Road Lower Portland needs to be the priority and Council must see that this is repaired without delay. This Road should also be sealed as part of the restoration.  My holiday home business is being critically impacted due to the Greens Road closure.</p>