

MINUTES

Kingborough Road Safety Committee

Meeting No. 2017-1

Wednesday 18 January 2017



Kingborough

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Kingborough Road Safety Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 8:45a.m.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paul Chatterton	✓	
Members:			
Community Representatives	Mr Neil Broomfield	✓	
	Mr Jack Buzelin	✓	
	Mr Henry De Cesare	✓	
	Mr Michael Hughes	✓	
	Mr Peter Leschen	✓	
	Ms Rae Wells	✓	
Kingborough Access Committee			
RACT	Ms Ali Tope	✓	
Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee	Mr Richard Langman	✓	
Tasmania Police	Sgt Nigel Ransley		
Kingborough Community & Police Liaison Group	Mr Bill Brundle	✓	
Council Officers In Attendance:			
General Manager	Mr Gary Arnold	✓	
Communications Officer	Ms Sarah Wilcox	✓	
Executive Assistant	Ms Julie Summerfield	✓	
In Attendance:			
Mayor	Cr Steve Wass	✓	
	Cr David Grace	✓	
Road Safety Advisory Council	Mr Craig Hoey	✓	
Road Safety Advisory Council	Ms Beck McKinney	✓	
Road Safety Advisory Council	Ms Georgie Branch	✓	

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Chair welcomed the new community representatives and Ali Tope from RACT, with introductions being made to the Mayor and staff,

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no leave of absences recorded.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Neil Broomfield
SECONDED: Michael Hughes

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 30 November 2016, as circulated be confirmed.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Monthly Meetings

Neil Broomfield provided background to the Committee previously meeting on a monthly basis and his opinion on reverting back to same with three main points:

1. The Committee's purpose is to save lives;
2. Every death costs \$2 million; and
3. Bi-monthly meetings mean large gaps in communication.

The General Manager understood Neil's rationale with the Committee necessitating an emotional element. Kingborough is the fastest growing municipality with the largest underlying deficit, with resourcing an issue. As such, it is not feasible for staff to be in attendance on a monthly basis.

The Mayor commented that the Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee meet regularly without staff present and conduct a ride around to look at issues. The Road Safety Committee may do similar if they wish.

The General Manager stated that there was no room for negotiation on the issue.

The Chair welcomed Cr Grace to the meeting.

Terms of Reference and Communications Strategy

The Committee's Terms of Reference will be clarified at the 22 March 2017 meeting.

Also, Council's Communications Officer will present the Communications Strategy and provide guidance on the Committee's direction and aims for the next twelve months.

Kingborough Community and Police Liaison Group Minutes

Minutes are attached for the information of members. There were no items that required discussion.

Traffic Signals Beach Road, Kingston

Bill Brundle apologised for misinformation he provided to the Committee at the 30 November 2016 meeting and tabled a plan that suggested where he thought 'No Right Turn' signage was needed.

The Executive Assistant to refer to the Roads & Stormwater Engineer.

Terms of Reference and Operational Matters

The General Manager explained to new members that there are a number of State Growth owned roads that Council has no jurisdiction over. Within the Council owned road network, Council is constrained by regulations that are put in place at State and Federal level.

The Committee's Terms of Reference are in place for the Committee to act at a strategic level, for example to bring to the attention of the appropriate authority matters that require professional action to improve road safety.

Council may adopt recommendations to undertake lobbying for matters such as road improvements on Ferry Road.

Summerleas Road/Huon Highway Intersection

The contract has been signed with an announcement to be made in 2-3 weeks' time. Works will commence immediately after, with completion expected within 18 months.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

- Letter from Jack Buzelin regarding the Channel Highway/Browns Road junction – the Executive Assistant has forwarded to the Roads & Stormwater Engineer.
- Letter from the Kettering Community Association – the Executive Assistant has forwarded to Tasmania Police.

Outwards

There was no outwards correspondence.

The General Manager left the meeting at 9.15a.m.

Presentation by Road Safety Advisory Council

Craig Hoey from the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC) presented the *Towards Zero Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-26*, which was launched in December 2016.

Statistics show that males are over represented, with the 16-25 age group representing one third of serious casualties. During 2011-2016 (YTD) 43 serious casualties were male motorcyclists.

There are 13 key directions to support the Strategy under the 'Safe System' approach (Safe Road Users, Safe Roads and Roadsides, Safe Vehicles, Safe Speeds). The directions are detailed in The Towards Zero Action Plan 2017-19 and are available from staff or on the Department of State Growth website. Directions include improving the graduated licensing system, reducing run-off-road and head-on crashes, reducing motorcycle casualties and vehicle safety.

Strong support has been shown in the community for the following areas (in order) to be improved:

- Education

- Improved driver training
- Enforcement
- Speed Limits
- Road treatments

A question and answer session was held on the Strategy and other items of interest. Of note was:

- There is a need for the Committee to assist with RSAC campaigns at a local level. Financial support could be gained from State Growth's community grants program on a case by case basis, eg signage, mock crash demonstration.
- Follow up to be held with Craig Hoey regarding a KRSC representative attending RSAC meetings and the Committee having access to meeting minutes.
- Craig to look into directional signage being provided in Mandarin at the Bruny Ferry Terminal.
- Tourist plates are not supported, driver education is supported.
- Driver education at universities is on the agenda, to be provided electronically as part of an induction information package.
- There is the possibility of 'Graham', a life size sculpture of a person who has evolved to withstand crashes, to be brought to the community in a year or two.

The Chair thanked RSAC representatives for attending the meeting and Craig Hoey accepted an invitation to attend the Committee's March meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held on Wednesday 22 March 2017, starting at 9:00a.m. at the Civic Centre.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10.30a.m.

Kingborough Community and Police Liaison Group
Minutes of Meeting
10:30am Wednesday 17th August 2016

Attendance:

Brian Dale	Chairman
Ross Thomas	Kingborough Community Enterprise Centre Inc.
Bill Brundle	Kingston Beach
Tanya Flakemore	Kingston LINC
Anne Kingston	Kingston High School
Robyn Barratt	Community Member
David Grace	Councillor, Kingborough Council
Roger McGinniss	Community Member
David Wiss	Divisional Inspector, Kingston Police Station
Alice Norris	Minute Taker, Kingston Police Station

Apologies:

Rod Cooper	Illawarra Neighbourhood Watch
Angela Jenni	Manager, Community Services, Kingborough Council
Dean Winter	Councillor, Kingborough Council

Meeting opened at 10:40am by Chairman Dale

Chairman Dale extended a warm welcome to all present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were amended with the change of June to August on the Agenda.

Moved:	Bill Brundle
Seconded:	Tanya Flakemore
All in favour	Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

- NIL

IN-COMING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email received from Rod Cooper advising of his resignation from the Kingston Community and Police Liaison Group due to family commitments.
- Email received from Daniel Smee advising of his move within Kingborough Council to a new position as Manager of Governance & Property Services. Ms Angela Jenni has taken over the role as Manager of Community Services and will now be attending meetings of the Kingston Community and Police Liaison Group.

OUT-GOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email to Rod Cooper requesting a replacement representative from Illawarra Neighbourhood Watch to attend Kingston Community and Police Liaison Group Meetings. Replacement will be advised when known.

CRIME REPORT:

The following statistics show the number of offences reported to police year-to-date compared to the same period last year. (Please note these figures also include Huonville)

Category	2015/2016	2016/2017
Total Offences	178	128
Serious Crime	3	5
Home Burglary	15	7
Business Burglary	13	3
Property Damage	20	24
Car Burglary	2	9
Motor Vehicle Stealing	10	5
Public Place Assaults	1	3

We have now moved to a new year which is showing early indications of Kingston Division continuing to improve.

CRIME REPORT cont...

The issue of cars being left on the sides of Highways was raised by Councillor Grace. Concern is that when vehicles are left even for short periods of time, offenders are vandalising and burning out the motor vehicles, cars need to be removed as soon as possible to reduce the risk of such outcomes. Inspector Wiss explained that following public call for action over hooning behaviour, legislation was passed in Parliament that gave police greater power in relation to confiscation of cars following hooning and dangerous driving. This has resulted in police compound areas being filled to capacity with vehicles. Tasmania Police and Kingborough Council to continue to work together to provide the best outcome within current restraints.

Councillor Grace raised the issue of unroadworthy trailers being used to take rubbish to the tip. Inspector Wiss advised that traffic Police did conduct operations targeting traffic offenders involving the 'fatal five' causes of fatal accidents near the Barretta Waste Management Centre and provided advice or issued cautionary Police Infringement Notices to offending vehicles.

Councillor Grace asked Inspector Wiss if Kingston Police Station is sufficiently staffed. He has had complaints of people attending the station with no one present. Inspector Wiss advised that there has been an additional position advertised currently. Kingston Station is sufficiently staffed however it is not a 24 hour station. The front office is shut after hours to enable police to be actively responding to jobs and out in the community. Inspector Wiss also thanked the Kingborough Council for their ongoing support to the Kingston Police Station. Inspector Wiss advises two additional Constables will commence on 26/9/2016.

Chairman Dale noted that during the 2015 / 2016 financial year that Kingston Station had an increase in allocated budget. Has this been increased in the 2016 / 2017 budget. Inspector Wiss advised that the Government have committed extra money to allow for two extra police positions to be allocated to Kingston area.

Councillor Grace requested information in relation to Bruny Island and the new policy in relation to single officer responses. Inspector Wiss advised that on the 1st September a new Operational Response Policy was being rolled out across Tasmania Police. A draft plan had been put together for Bruny Island. A second police officer would be on Bruny Island for two months over the peak period which is an increase from one month and also all long weekends. The ferry service was available for a second police officer to attend the island or the helicopter would also be available if situations arose where a second officer was needed due to an incident. A trial would run for 6 months which would include the peak time to determine if a second officer on the island was needed, or if the ferry and helicopter would provide sufficient back up when needed. Councillor Grace advised that Kingborough Council have one council officer on Bruny Island also so there is concern for their safety. During this discussion the issue of the ferry cues and traffic management for the Bruny Island ferry were also raised.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Road Safety Committee – Mr. Brundle advised of the following:

Cycling Safety

- The Roads & Stormwater Engineer contacted Cycling South and Bicycle Network Tasmania requesting that the concerns of riders travelling two abreast on roads causing an unnecessary obstruction to motorists was in breach of the Australian Road Rules as is riding a bicycle without a bell or a horn. Cycling South considers that the two abreast rule has good safety implications but where a wide sealed shoulder exists it is safer to ride on the shoulder. Cycling South will contact the two main cycling clubs to gauge their views on the rule. Cycling South considers the requirement for bell is an outdated rule and not of great safety benefit noting that riders generally use their voice as a warning device.

Learner Drivers

- The Committee is concerned that too many bad habits are being passed on to learner drivers. It was considered that the item should be left on the agenda to discuss with RACT at the August meeting to explore the possibility of supervisor drivers having to set the same test as the learner drivers before teaching learner drivers.

Hooning

- It is considered that hooners tend to operate with a lookout person so they have usually cleared out before Police arrive. It is a community issue and residents need to be encouraged to do in offenders.

Proposed Roundabout at Algona Road/Opal Drive/Crystal Downs Drive junction

- A number of concerns were discussed by the Committee as raised by Wisby's Buses and also the proposed construction timeframe occurring during school term. It was noted that the junction has a high crash history and lengthy delays are experienced in Opal Drive during the afternoon peak causing motorists to undertake dangerous and illegal manoeuvres. The Roads & Stormwater Engineer advised that Department of State Growth (DSG) are now considering constructing indented bus bays as part of the works but will pass on the concerns to DSG.

School Safety Zones

- Cr Chatterton raised a number of concerns regarding the school zone at Illawarra Primary School:
- Many motorists do not appear to be complying with the 40 km/h speed limit.
- Parents park on the opposite side of the school but don't use the school crossing because it is too far away.
- Parents open car doors without checking for approaching vehicles. □ Sight line issues at the outward access. The Roads & Stormwater Engineer will undertake an assessment during the morning drop off time and can provide road safety brochures to assist the school develop a better pick up and drop off routine if necessary.

Unroadworthy vehicles

- One member of the committee advised that he observed around 20% of vehicles had faulty lights. He would like to see mandatory vehicle inspections required for all vehicles over three years old introduced in Tasmania, to be brought in line with other states.

Vegetation at roundabouts

- Cr Chatterton raised concern about vegetation being too high, particularly at the Hutchins Street/Church Street roundabout. The Roads & Stormwater Engineer advised that the Reserves Crew are required to maintain the vegetation to a maximum height of 750mm. The vegetation is inspected regularly and currently meets the limits. It will be checked frequently during the spring/summer growth period. The vegetation will not be removed as it provides a safety factor requiring approaching motorists to negotiate the roundabout slowly.

- Ross raised the issue of phone scams. He had received a phone call from an organisation claiming to raise money for various charitable organisations such as Tasmania Police Charity Trust. General discussion was had in relation to the scam offenders preying on the vulnerable and becoming very aggressive and threatening if money wasn't given. Inspector Wiss advised that Tasmania Police had been very active in trying to get the message out through media sources of the increase in scams and advice in relation to protecting yourself and family and friends from scams and what to do if contacted.
- Robyn raised the issue of Tarana Road in Blackmans Bay and vehicles parking on the side of the street facing the wrong way, of particular note was numbers 13 and 19 parking on a weekend causing issues for other vehicles trying to use the street.

Meeting closed at 11.28am.

The next meeting of the KC&PLG will be held on

Wednesday 19th October 2016 commencing at 10:30am

at the Civic Centre, Kingborough Council Chambers

Councillor Paul Chatterton
Chairperson
Kingborough Road Safety Committee
Council Chambers
Kingston 7050

Jack Buzelin
80 Channel H'way
Taroona 7053

17 January 2017

Dear Mr Chatterton (Paul),

Re. ^{Brown's} **Committee appraisal (junction Channel H'way – ~~Procter's~~ Rd) -Concern**

Comprehending the limited time for discussion for our first 2017 meeting of the Road Safety Committee on 18th January, I have taken the initiative (here) to bring to the attention of Members my ^{Brown's} fervent concern over the general road area at the T junction of the **Channel H'way and ~~Procter's~~ Rd.**

For a number of years, I have observed this junction, which appears to hold a number of hazard aspects.

Following an initial KRSC discussion (and plausibly an on-site viewing), we may be able to assess the situation that could result in a possible improvement to this section of roadway.

The point of concern brought here to ^{Brown's} Committee, relates to the aspect when drivers (travelling south) wish to turn **right into ~~Procter's~~ Rd.** There is presently an 'off bitumen' dirt shoulder that provides passage for vehicles overtaking – but because of its ongoing instability (and re-occurring potholes), there would be great benefit in sealing such – so that stability and road safety could be enhanced at this junction.

I herewith provide supportive evidence (*photos and diagram, attached*) that show the salient points of concern, together with some additional suggestion of road sealing to enhance the full integrity of this general area.

I leave this within your jurisdiction, for discussion at an appropriate time.

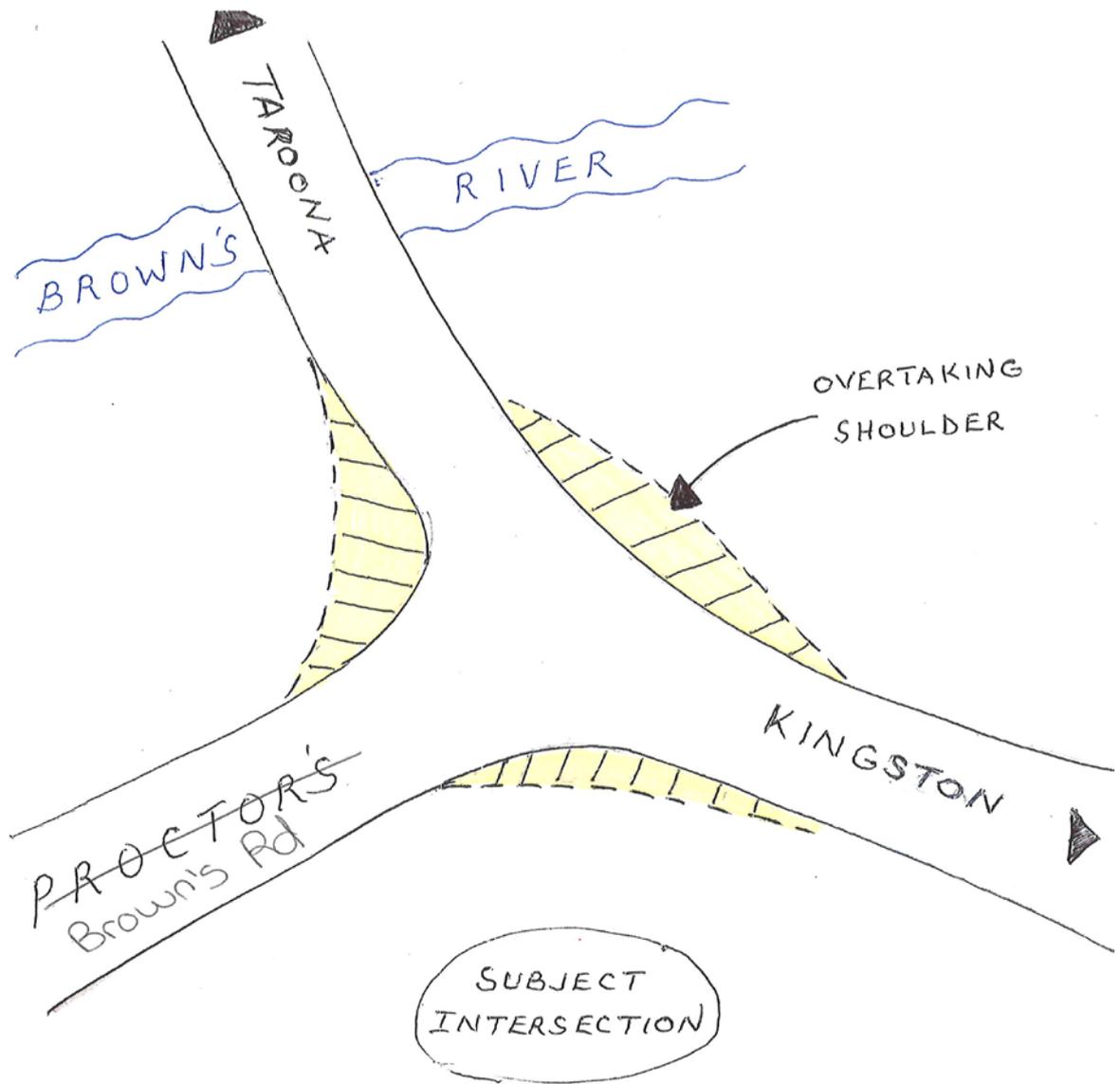
Most Sincerely,



Jack Buzelin

***Copy – Executive Assistant - Ms Julie Summerfield**

Mayor – Mr Steve Wass
KC & P LG – Mr Bill Brundle

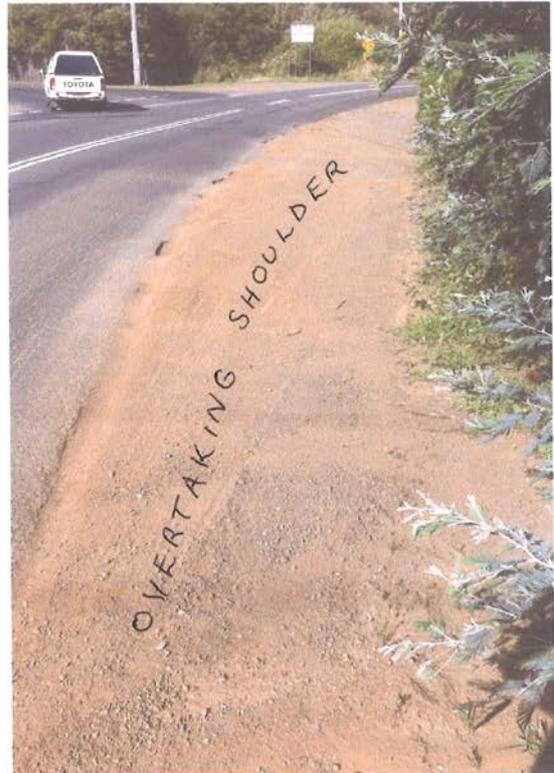
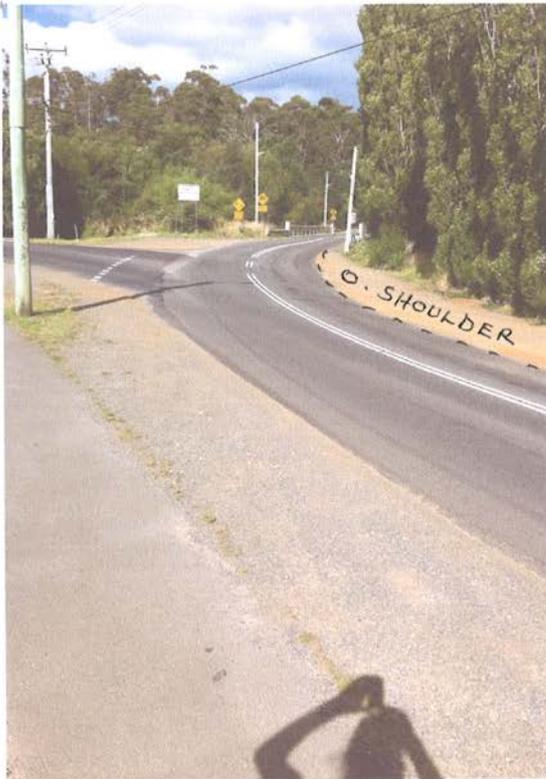


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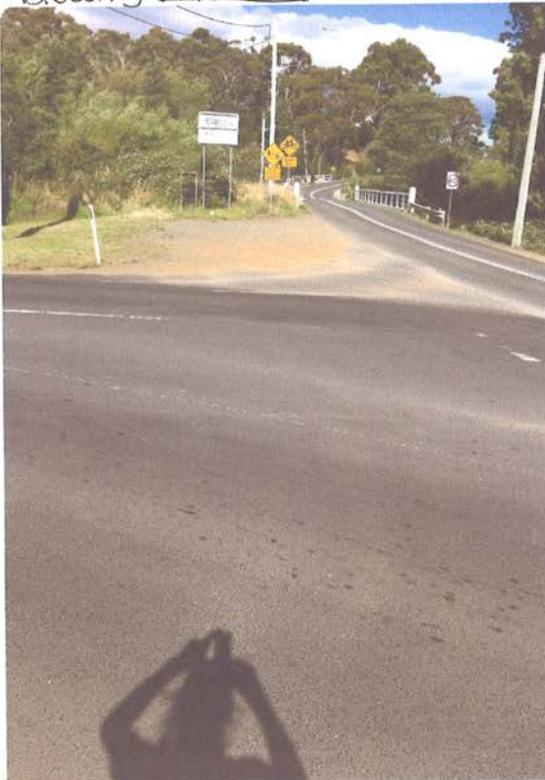
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(* NOT TO SCALE)

JAN 2017
 drawn - J. BUZELIN



Brown's ~~PROCTOR'S~~ RD — CHANNEL H'WAY (KINGSTON)



JANUARY 2017

Kettering Community Association Inc.

PO Box 303
Kettering 7155

11th January 2017

Secretary
Road Safety Committee
Kingborough Council

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference "Burnouts"

We wish to draw your attention to the number of tyre marks from "burnouts" on the Channel Highway, leaving Kettering, direction Kingston. The tyre marks begin at the 80 km sign adjacent to the cemetery and extend for approximately 1 kilometer past the intersection of Manuka Road and Nicholls Rivulet Road into the hills.

These "burnouts" are happening with increasing regularity and this week have happened on two consecutive evenings.

The area is hilly with blind corners which make it an extremely dangerous practice.

It is with some urgency that we raise the issue, as this time of the year there is a lot of holiday traffic on the road.

We look forward to your prompt response as to the action you plan to take.

Yours Faithfully



Chris Ireland (0438 809 812)

Chair