

Council happenings . . .

with Mayor
Glenn Wall

RTA Maps.

As part of its efforts to improve the access management of heavy vehicles, the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has released all-new restricted access vehicle (RAV) maps onto its website.

The maps provide details for the routes and zones approved for:

- B-doubles
- 4.6 metre high vehicles
- Road trains

The maps can be viewed at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles/oversizeandovermass/rav_maps.html

The maps can be printed using standard office-printers and A4 paper. The latest features have been incorporated into the new maps, including selectable viewing layers, word-searchable road and town names and zoomable viewing capabilities.

The maps will be updated on a quarterly basis, and subject to an ongoing program of continuous improvement. To this end, the RTA has incorporated an online facility where feedback and comments can be lodged, and consideration given to any ideas for improvement.

As part of a strategic move towards improving the management of network access arrangements and in order to further promote the availability of up-to-date maps to the road transport industry - the RTA has made its spatial data for restricted routes available as an 'open source' product to mapping publishers and in-vehicle telematics providers.

The provision of 'open source' information provides an opportunity - through the Intelligent Access Program (IAP) - to provide in-vehicle navigation systems to guide drivers to operate on designated routes according to the type of vehicle being operated. This has the potential to significantly improve the route compliance of road freight transport, and make it easier for drivers to navigate a complex network of roads and designated routes - particularly in the greater Sydney region.

The RTA welcomes feedback on the RAV maps. Any observations, queries or comments should be directed to: rav_maps@rta.nsw.gov.au

Tillegra Dam Information.

At the last Community Reference Group Meeting, members raised concerns that the greater community may not be receiving information regarding the dam proposal and subsequent 3A Development Application process.

Given that the Meeting notes are quite comprehensive and difficult to forward by email to those on "Dial - Up", if anyone wants any information regarding the meeting notes please contact me at home on 4938 9462 or the information is available on the Hunter Water website at www.hunterwater.com.au

Of greater concern has been the perception that people within the Dam Inundation Area that may have entered into or finalised negotiations with Hunter Water may feel they are no longer part of the consultation process is quite disturbing. If anyone within the Shire, but more so those directly affected by the Dam proposal have any issues or concerns they wish to discuss or require information, please contact me at the above number or if you wish, I am more than happy to travel to meet with anyone. Alternatively, if you are travelling through Gresford please feel free to drop into my place and we can discuss any issue over a "Cuppa". For those without a copy of the "Chronicle Local Telephone Directory" my address is 104 Allyn River Road, East Gresford.

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