

**Rockdale City Council Update**  
**Presented to Rockdale Chamber of Commerce - 4th June 2003**



**1. Rockdale Town Centre Newsletter**

- Next issue of the newsletter will be distributed next week.
  - This issue will include the following articles:
    - Profile of recent developments in Rockdale Town Centre and demographic insights
    - COC Update and membership drive
    - Crime Tips for businesses
- Council Service: Garbage Collection  
Please feel free to suggest a topic for an article or even write an article yourself

**2. Rockdale Town Centre Development Control Plan (DCP)**

- Rockdale Traders exhibition will be held in late June. All details will be published in the upcoming newsletter.
- Exhibition will be open for several hours in which you can see the plans and have the opportunity to discuss your opinions with a consultant.

**3. Railway St Foot Path Redevelopment**

- Commenced last week and will be completed in 5- 6 weeks.
- Recent rains had held the commencement of this project back.

**4. Banner Poles at Geeves Ave.**

- Plans are currently in place to add 6 additional banner poles to the northern end of Geeves Ave.

**5. Traffic Committee Update**

5.1 Council's Traffic committee received a letter signed by traders and residents regarding parking issues in Walz St.

- Traffic engineers, traders and myself held an on-site meeting on Thursday 22nd May 2003 to discuss possible suggestions for improving the area for both local residents and businesses.
- Proposed changes include the following:
  - Northern Side of Walz St: 1 hour parking changes to - 1/2hr Parking with shared taxi and 1/2hr parking zone. Taxi zone 6am - 9pm and 2pm - 7pm Monday - Saturday. This will add 7-8 car spaces to the street.
  - Southern Side of Walz St: 30min parking changed to 15min parking from Watkin St to Railway St.
- These requests have been supported by the Chamber.
- These requests will be tabled at the next traffic committee meeting held on Wednesday 11th June 2003.

5.2 "LOOK" Pedestrian Safety Program.

- Recently the RTA performed a pedestrian safety audit in and around Rockdale Town Centre. As a result of this audit the RTA have arranged the following;
- "LOOK" Stencils have been sprayed on the footpaths of all major pedestrian crossings in the area. These act as a visual reminder for pedestrians

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- Removal of Council Trees: 5 Council trees have been removed from the Princess Highway to increase pedestrian visibility. These trees are in front of the following business
  - The Grand Hotel
  - Alderson's Pharmacist Advice
  - Fantastic Furniture
  - Alexander's Bakery
  - Signways Furniture
- Educational program - Over the next four weeks Council's Road Safety Officer will be around the Centre handing out balloons, chocolates and information pamphlets to reinforce the message.

**6. Management Plan Exhibition.**

Council's Draft Management Plan for 2003 - 2006 is currently on exhibition. All comments can be forwarded to the Council Customer Service desk.

**7. Rockdale Town Centre War Memorial**

Council received a letter from the Rockdale RSL Sub Branch requesting that the Seven Ways War Memorial be relocated to the Byrant Street forecourt of the Council's Administration Centre. Refer to the attached business paper that proposes that no further action be taken until the Rockdale Town Centre DCP be adopted.

**8. Business Directory**

Details will be collected in the next newsletter, please ensure your and your neighbours details are collected.

**9. Awning Removals**

Selected businesses will have their front awnings removed and replaced over the next month.