



# MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

held at

Council Administration Centre  
176 - Training Room  
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Tuesday 5 August 2025

at 5:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5:01pm.

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

Lithgow City Council acknowledges Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside. The Council also extends our respects to our neighbouring nations.

## **2. Present**

Present:

Cr Steve Ring (Chair)  
Cr Cassandra Coleman (Mayor)  
Cr Darryl Goodwin  
Cr Tom Evangelidis

Officers:

Ross Gurney - General Manager  
Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure & Project Delivery  
Vanessa Browning - Director Finance & Governance  
Shaun Elwood - Director People & Places  
Leanne Kearney - Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager  
Paul Creelman - Transport Manager  
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minutes

## **3. Apologies**

Cr Ray Smith  
Cr Eric Mahony

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 17th June 2025 were presented to Council on 30th June 2025.

### **ACTION**

**THAT** the Minutes of the meeting of be taken as read and confirmed.

## **5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

The Chair called for any matters arising from previous minutes.

No matters were raised.

## **6. Declaration of Interest**

Nil

## **7. Staff Reports**

### **7.1. Wolgan Road Reconstruction – Planning approval pathway**

#### **ACTION**

THAT this item 7.1 - Wolgan Road Reconstruction - Planning Approval Pathway, be deferred to a Councillor Information Session for discussion given the complexity of the project.

**MOVED:** Cr S Ring

**SECONDED:** Cr C Coleman

**CARRIED**

### **7.2. Claret Ash Subdivision - Stormwater impacts**

The committee reviewed the attachment on the screen with J Edgecombe presenting an overview of the information provided.

The advice provided is based on the best practise guidelines. The document is on two separate stormwater reports that have been consolidated into this document showing flows from eastern and western catchments of the Claret Ash Subdivision, also including contemporary flood information from the 2019 guidelines.

A total of 3 stormwater flow scenarios have been developed with the results discussed.

Cr S Ring asked if the information included onsite property detention i.e. water tanks / bushfire risk. It was advised that doesn't assume any onsite detention and that would be a further improvement. Stormwater will continue to flow through private property but at a controlled rate.

The Developer is happy to install new stormwater infrastructure through the private property to improve the current issues and increase capacity for future development , however the property owner would like Council to oversee the project.

Council would need to advocate to Transport for NSW to introduce new stormwater infrastructure across the Great Western Highway toward the hospital side to link into existing stormwater infrastructure on that side.

It was advised that easements from these works will be implemented on private property and may affect future development. Current owners have been made aware. Quotes will be obtained for works and a report will be brought back to a future committee meeting.

It was asked if there are any legal implications for directing stormwater onto private property. it was advised that it can be done if the volume is not increasing.

Cr C Coleman asked if have written to the RFS. S Elwood advised that they have responded and have said no. It was asked if that this response could be ignored, it was advised that ignoring the advice could result in risk to Council.

Cr S Ring asked how do we manage the traffic and speed through the area.

J Edgecombe advised there are some control measures that can be put in place, however it will affect the existing residents.

Suggested working with the community via a community consultation. It was suggested to hold a meeting at the local hall.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT

1. Council note the detailed report on the future treatment of the retention basin and ongoing flooding of adjacent private properties.
2. The administration organise a community consultation session to discuss options with the residents to proceed.

**MOVED:** Cr C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Cr D Goodwin

**CARRIED**

### **7.3. Great Western Highway Median - Concreting**

The committee were advised that Council has received a response from Transport for NSW in relation to the maintenance of the median strip between Lithgow McDonald's through to Magpie Hollow Road.

It was advised that Transport only maintain grassed/ concrete or gravel sealed median strips.

Cr D Goodwin asked if the median was concreted would there be an option to install planter boxes. It was discussed that this might not be an option due to frangibility and issues caused if traffic were to hit them. The committee discussed placing the rounded steel grates around the existing trees and concreting the rest of the median

Cr S Ring asked if physical barriers should be installed to discourage people from crossing the highway. It was noted that barriers are not an effective means of stopping people from crossing the road. J Edgecombe advised that a report will be brought to the next Infrastructure Committee meeting with relation to this matter and a design / costing of a footpath installation on the western side of the highway. It was also asked if lighting could be considered as well.

Cr C Coleman asked how much it would save Council. J Edgecombe advised that Council currently spends \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year on maintenance. The savings would go back into the streetscapes / parks and gardens.

Cr D Goodwin stated he would like the entrance into to look nice and maybe look at a tinted/ stencilled concrete option. Also it was mentioned how the weeds that come out of the concrete median would be managed.

**ACTION**

THAT the administration seek further clarification from Transport for NSW in relation to the how the median strip is managed in the future with respect to trees , weed management and control and stencilled concrete option.

**MOVED:** Cr D Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Cr T Evangelidis

**CARRIED**

**7.4. Road infrastructure asset management - Continuous improvement update**

This report provided information on the \$16 million of road renewal program, quite large compared to previous years. It was noting that resources are lacking, however, to continue to work toward best practise asset management, Council must provide additional delivery support.

Discussed increasing staff under contracts to implement changes regarding asset management and upskill existing staff. Suggesting to engage three positions for this to assist with the current issues being faced i.e. blending funding sources.

Deflection testing being carried out on road however results are not positive. Invasive coring is being carried to validate results.

J Edgecombe advised that a report will be brought back to the committee, including modelling scenarios and a zero additional funding model.

It was advised that on page 14, there are five key principles that Council can build around noting that point 4 is similar to the Blue Mountains ELT.

**ACTION**

THAT the Committee note the update on progress relating to Council's Road asset management continuous improvement initiative.

**MOVED:** Cr D Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Cr C Coleman

**CARRIED**

## **7.5. Council leaseback transition program**

The committee were advised that it has been historically difficult to purchase hybrids and Council has moved away from those vehicles.

There is a range of financial incentive to move to EV - FTB exempt, reductions in emissions and reduced running costs.

The initiative will be voluntary as there will be a substantial increase to leaseback fees and a 12 month notice period is required.

There will be a small trial with 3 directors using EV models.

Cr Coleman raised safety concerns for travel for directors using EV if they are travelling via Bells Line of Road, there is nowhere to pull over to charge. It was advised that preplanning will need to be in place. Council also looking to install chargers as well. It was noted that EV range is 450km.

### **ACTION**

THAT

1. the Infrastructure Committee note the update provided regarding a replacement program for Council's traditional internal combustion fleet; and
2. a report be presented to a finance committee.

**MOVED:** Cr C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Cr D Goodwin

**CARRIED**

## **7.6. Projects Update - >\$500,000 or grant funded**

The committee reviewed the report with no further questions being asked with regard to the report.

### **ACTION**

THAT the Committee notes the update provided relating to capital infrastructure projects in the Infrastructure and Project Delivery directorate that are valued at \$500,000 or more or are otherwise grant funded.

**MOVED:** Cr C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Cr D Goodwin

**CARRIED**

## **7.7. Infrastructure Projects Grant Applications / Outcomes**

Cr Ring asked why the was pool prioritised over other areas. It was advised that under the grant a new asset required co-contribution and it was believed that improving the pool amenities would generate additional revenue by improving the pool offering.

### **ACTION**

THAT the information on Infrastructure Project Grant Applications / Outcomes be noted.

**MOVED:** Cr C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Cr D Goodwin

**CARRIED**

## **8. General Business**

### **Potholes - Railway Approach - Main Street Wallerawang**

Cr S Ring asked about the effectiveness of the jet patcher.

It was advised that an investigation was undertaken it was not the same failure that occurred previously.

The matter of the potholes near the railway approach was raised, noting that works are required to have approval from UGL to work within the rail corridor. Whilst there were potholes 3 meters from the outside track, works were completed today. Should we need to work within the rail corridor then an application need to be made to UGL with an approximate fee of \$800.

UGL have offered training for a PW31 but the fees for that are approximately \$12,000, however the cost would out way the use.

Cr Coleman asked if more information could be provided and could it be funnelled through the CNSWJO.

The committee also called for an invoice for the works to be sent to UGL.

It was asked if the Tarana Bridge will be fixed by UGL. J Edgecombe advised that he does need to chase this matter up and will report back to the committee.

### **Lithgow Golf Club**

V Browning advised that the Golf Club were successful in a grant application for installing practise nets at the facility.

## **9. Meeting Close**

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 5pm in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:27pm.