



# MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

to be held at

Council Administration Centre  
Committee Room  
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 8 December 2025

at 6:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 6:13pm.

## **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**

Cr Steve Ring (Chair)  
Cr E Fredericks – Online Teams  
Cr Darryl Goodwin  
Cr Eric Mahony  
Cr Ray Smith

Officers:

Ross Gurney - General Manager  
Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure & Project Delivery  
Shaun Elwood - Director People & Places  
Vanessa Browning - Director Finance & Governance  
Kaitlin Cibulka – Minutes  
Leah Stubbs – Minutes

## **3. Apologies**

Cr C Coleman  
Cr T Evangelidis

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held 7th October 2025 were presented and adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27th October 2025.

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

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

## **6. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## **7. Staff Reports**

### **7.1. Tender Evaluation - Road Repairs on Sodwalls and Magpie Hollow Roads - TEN13/25**

The Committee requested an update on the progress of the Sodwalls and Magpie Hollow Road project, and the Director of Infrastructure and Project Delivery informed members that the work has already commenced.

Cr Ring noted that there were only five responses to this Tender, however it was clarified that one of them was non-compliant.

Cr Fredericks excused herself from the meeting at 6:16 pm.

#### **ACTION:**

THAT the Committee:

1. Note the outcome of the tender evaluation process for tender TEN13/25, road repairs Sodwalls and Magpie Hollow Road.

**MOVED:** Cr R Smith

**SECONDED:** Cr D Goodwin

## **7.2. Land Dedicated as Public Roads**

It was noted that the Roads Act contains relevant provisions, and that the records simply need to be updated.

Director of Infrastructure and Project Delivery informed the Committee that Doctors Gap is a Crown-owned road, and Council will address the matter when it becomes a Council asset.

### **ACTION:**

THAT the dedicating of Council owned land as public road for Atkinson Street, Lithgow, Ernest Street, Lithgow and Boulder Road, Blackmans Flat be noted.

**MOVED:** Cr D Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Cr E Mahony

### **7.3. Monument Matter - Lithgow Cemetery**

Council's Director of Infrastructure and Project Delivery explained issues raised by staff, including restricted access, maintenance concerns, and water utility services. He also mentioned to the Committee that there are only two staff members who are responsible for maintaining 14 cemeteries in the Lithgow LGA. The Director emphasized that the purpose here is for the Committee to reconsider the current approach. Jonathon informed the Committee that a quote could be obtained to determine the cost of removing or repairing the monument, with the results to be reported back once available.

Cr Darryl and Cr Ring suggested considering another plant and requested that alternative options be investigated and reported back to the Committee when available.

#### **ACTION:**

THAT the Infrastructure Committee and Council administration work within the new guidelines of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act to develop a more suitable long-term solution to resolve

**MOVED:** Cr D Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Cr E Mahony

this matter.

## **7.4. Sporting Fields and Facilities Fees and Charges Review**

### **Administration's Recommendation**

THAT Councillors note the report and draft 'Lithgow Asset Review and Pricing Policy 2025'.

The Committee decided to defer this matter to another meeting scheduled for mid-January 2026.

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

Council's Director of Infrastructure and Project Delivery informed the Committee that for the Bells Road Creek Stabilisation project, the work will be offered to the next preferred contractor.

**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 R Smith

**SECONDED:** Cr D Goodwin

## **7.6. Wolgan Road Reconstruction - Update**

The community has requested a thorough reassessment of the old road, but Transport for NSW has not been providing clear guidance. Council's Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery mentioned that we are seeking a variation to the application, emphasizing that the community is urgently calling for this work to be carried out. Council's Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery also highlighted that if we do need to examine the old road, a new ITR (Inspection and Test Report) would be required.

Cr Ring mentioned that we might need to consult the minister regarding this matter. Council's Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery mentioned that the Reconstruction Authority has been fantastic to work with. He also advised the Committee that the NSW Reconstruction Authority holds the final decision.

Council's Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery mentioned that Council has been receiving a lot of GIPA (Government Information Public Access) applications lately concerning Wolgan Road. Cr Ring emphasized that we should collaborate with Emirates One & Only, rather than positioning them in opposition to the council. The Committee also noted the need to introduce community steering groups and to develop a communication strategy for Wolgan Valley residents.

### **ACTION:**

THAT the Committee notes the report, with further information to be provided once TfNSW and NSWRA advise on their preferred approach to approving this scope.

### Recommendation:

Awaiting a response from the government.

**MOVED:** Cr E Mahony

**SECONDED:** Cr D Goodwin

**7.7. Maintenance of Genowlan Road, Glen Alice/Bogee**

Jonathon Edgecombe noted that some residents have created a petition requesting that the road be sealed. He also mentioned that other councils, such as Penrith City Council, have undertaken similar projects relating to silica dust within and around the workplace.

Cr Ring raised the need to test for silica dust and silica content. It was highlighted that the road in question is only 8 km long. Jonathon stated that the council regularly monitors the road condition, referencing RACAS footage obtained last week. This road has been a key route for firefighting recently. The council plans to carry out maintenance using a grader in the third quarter of 2026–2027. Jonathon further emphasized that sealing the road is not something he supports and advised that residents should drive according to the road’s current condition.

**ACTION:**

THAT the Committee:

1. Notes the report, and
2. Requests the Administration prepare a scope and cost for works to resheet and upgrade the drainage infrastructure on Genowlan Road for inclusion in the draft 2026/27 Operational Plan.
3. Endorses a maintenance grade to be performed on Genowlan Road in advance of the 26/27 Operational Plan, within the next three months.

**MOVED:** Cr D Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Cr R Smith

### **7.8. Potential Demolition of Remaining Inch Street Rail Overbridge**

Cr Ring noted that the bridge will require a thorough assessment but clarified that there is no need to remove it. Jonathon Edgecombe suggested installing warning signage and reflective markings and emphasized the importance of engaging a structural engineer to ensure there is no further damage.

Council's Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery informed the Committee about the opportunity to create a walk linking the heritage trail between Eskbank House and Blast Furnace.

#### **ACTION:**

THAT the Committee supports retaining the rail overbridge adjacent to the entrance of Blast Furnace Park and develop a maintenance and risk management plan to support the bridge remaining in place.

**MOVED:** Cr S Ring

**SECONDED:** Cr E Mahony

### **7.9. Traffic Matters - Marrangaroo Estate**

Cr Ring noted that he has received numerous emails and other communications concerning the giveaway signs and line-marking in Marrangaroo. Cr Ring inquired whether we have the capability to monitor speed. Council's Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery responded that the speed is recorded using Council's traffic monitoring devices.

Cr Ring noted that many of the signs in Capertee are obstructed by trees, making them difficult to see, and emphasized that addressing this should be a high priority for the council. Other Councillors agreed that there are higher priorities in the Lithgow LGA.

Council's Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery mentioned that because Council is now aware of the safety issue, if there were to be an accident this could potentially cause liability issues.

#### **ACTION:**

THAT the matter is deferred pending further information to be provided at an upcoming committee meeting.

**MOVED:** Cr S Ring

**SECONDED:** Cr D Goodwin

## **8. General Business**

Cr D Goodwin asked about the line marking along Rydal Hampton Road, and Council's Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery advised that it will be completed once the works are finished.

Cr D Goodwin asked for an update on the standpipe repairs in Wallerawang. Council's Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery responded that he would investigate the matter and inform him accordingly.

Council's General Manager advised the Committee about an active grant opportunity under the current grant policy. He explained that a \$260,000 grant is being applied for to support the CBD design work in the Main Street Revisitation Plan, with a small contribution of \$10,000 from Council.

Council's Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery advised that there is a Crown Lands Grant opportunity in which will be applied for to finalise the Lithgow Women's Shed development. The Committee were advised that Council is applying for every grant that we are eligible for.

Council's Director People and Places advised that the Wild Foods Festival is scheduled for 21 February 2026.

Council's Director People and Places explained that the alcohol-free zone within the Cook Street Plaza area will need to be suspended to allow stallholders to trade alcoholic beverages in this space during the event.

D. Goodwin asked about the absence of Christmas lights in Main Street. S Elwood advised the Committee that he is currently sourcing a supplier.

### **Recommendation:**

THAT the matters raised in General Business be noted and actioned as discussed

**MOVED:** Cr S Ring

**SECONDED:** Cr D Goodwin

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7:27pm.