



# MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

held at

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

on

Tuesday 3 February 2026

at 5:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 05:06pm.

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

The Chair acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

## **2. Present**

Cr Steve Ring (Chair)  
Cr Cassandra Coleman (Mayor)  
Cr Tom Evangelidis  
Cr Ray Smith  
Cr D Goodwin  
Cr Eric Mahony (Entered @ 5:23pm)

Officers:

Ross Gurney - General Manager  
Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure & Project Delivery  
Vanessa Browning - Director Finance & Governance  
Leanne Kearney - Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager  
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minutes

Presentation - Wolgan Report

Chris Wassef  
Michael Dunn  
Nichola Wade  
Richard Hine  
Bill Barber - GHD

## **3. Apologies**

Nil

## **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

### **ACTION**

THAT the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Infrastructure Committee Meeting held 22nd January 2026 are presented to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled to be held on 23rd February 2026.

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

The Chair called for any matters arising from previous minutes.

No matters were raised.

## **6. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

## **7. Staff Reports**

### **7.1. Update on Road Reserve Alignment Modifications - Lithgow LGA**

The Committee were advised of the 4 alignments that are currently being reviewed:

- Clarence Sands
- Lowther Siding
- Inch Street Lane x 2

Cr S Ring asked how this would be funded, considering the financial stress, is this a priority. J Edgecombe advised the committee that he would seek legal advice on the urgency of such matters once requests are made by private landowners and would report back to a future meeting.

The Committee discussed how costs associated with the transfer might be dealt with.

It was advised that for roads that are improperly located and are outside their formal road reserve, Council does not initiate the transfer and is only investigated and rectified if a request is lodged from the property owner.

#### **ACTION**

THAT

1. An investigation of Council's responsibility for road reserve relocations is sought from Council's legal advisors, and
2. Council's administration proceed with the Clarence Sands matter.

**MOVED:** Cr D Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Cr R Smith

**CARRIED**

### **7.2. Information Item - Magpie Hollow Road & Sodwalls Road Repairs - Contract Variations**

Cr S Ring raised concerns about the contract, specifically in relation to the awarded contract value and an approved variation exceeding \$300,000, within the context of a total DRFA funding allocation of \$1.8 million. J Edgecombe provided advice to the committee to clarify confusion with regards to the funding components.

It was noted that the funding was an upper limit and not an approved total project value. This funding source also included a project timeframe to June 2027 and it was in Council's interest to include reasonable contingency.

**ACTION**

THAT the Infrastructure Committee note the three (3) contract variations totalling \$302,748.51 that have been approved for contract 13/25, Road Patching and Sealing, Magpie Hollow Road and Sodwalls Road.

**MOVED:** Cr C Coleman

**SECONDED:** Cr D Goodwin

**CARRIED**

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

The Committee agreed to move this item by way of exception.

Cr D Goodwin asked if there was a scope to install a disability ramp in Main Street at the top end. It was confirmed that a custom ramp will be constructed in this section of Main Street at the conclusion of the project. He also asked if there would be handrails installed near the steps. J Edgecombe advised that handrails being installed would not comply with Australian Standards for disability access, but other considerations would be investigated.

The Committee were also advised that the slip treatment has commenced at the bottom end of Main Street (near Supercheap Auto).

It was asked if the \$30,000 over and above the \$20,000 grant funded component for the war memorial would be covered by Council. J Edgecombe advised that this is the case.

It was noted the red highlighted section illustrating the deferral of DRFA funded slope stability projects will be looked at based on variation approval of DRFA funding.

V Browning advised that projects that are being considered for deferral resulting from Council's financial position will be discussed at the upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

**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 D Goodwin

**SECONDED:** Cr T Evangelidis

**CARRIED**

#### **7.4. Update - Interim Reopening of the Wolgan Road**

Presenters entered at 5:42pm

- Chris Wassef, Richard Hine, Michael Dunn, Nichola Wade from Wassabi Group and Bill Barber from GHD

The committee reviewed a power point presentation and information regarding interim access works on the Old Wolgan Road. It was advised that the Community will also be presented this information during a session scheduled for 11th February 2026.

#### **ACTION**

THAT the Committee note the update regarding interim access works on the Old Wolgan Road.

**MOVED:** Cr E Mahony

**SECONDED:** Cr R Smith

**CARRIED**

#### **8. General Business**

Cr C Coleman asked for an update on the Lithgow Cemetery Monument matter discussed as the previous committee meeting. It was advised that this matter is still in progress and awaiting in further advice from relevant authorities.

#### **9. Meeting Close**

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 5:00pm in the 176 Meeting Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 06:35pm.