



MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

held at

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

on

Wednesday 15 April 2026

at 5:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5:13pm.

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 Steven Ring (Chair)
Cr Cassandra Coleman (Mayor)
Cr Elizabeth Fredericks
Cr Ray Smith
Cr Darryl Goodwin

Officers:

Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure and Project Delivery
Matthew Trapp - Acting General Manager
Shaun Elwood - Director People and Places
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minutes

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the previous minutes occurred at the meeting held 7th April 2026.

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Chair called for any matters arising from previous minutes.

No matters were raised by the committee.

6. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

7. Staff Reports

7.1. Residual Geotechnical Risk - Wolgan Road

The committee discussed the report noting the risk of the interim access being reopened with minor slides and rock topples. The biggest risk is still the tension crack and broader asset instability however there are operational controls including a trigger action response plan that directly respond to this risk. It was noted whilst everything reasonably practicable is being done that an extreme risk under Council's Enterprise Risk Management Plan is recognised however the organisation is covered by professional advice and the rigor of its approach. The committee were advised that works should not go over budget as there is an upper limit approval for the project.

The current date for the reopen of the interim access is August 2026. The community is expected to be consulted on this project at a briefing scheduled for 22nd April 2026. Ultimately, the Administration is proposing to reopen the Wolgan Road post-completion of the risk reduction works. There was acceptance amongst the committee that the Administration is appropriately equipped and delegated to make this decision.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the report detailing the core logic supporting the Administration's decision to reinstate access on the currently closed section of Wolgan Road, in an interim capacity as soon as practicable.

MOVED: Cr D Goodwin

SECONDED: Cr R Smith

CARRIED

7.2. Kremer Park Update

The Committee was advised that the administration have engaged legal services and a letter of demand has been issued to the contractor in early April but no response has been received to date. Council is collating information to design and cost for a permanent fix. Whilst no timeline has been provided J Edgecombe will follow up this up and provide an update to the committee. The Administration confirmed that the Letter of Demand was sent by Registered Post, and that the correspondence was received by the recipient.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the update on the Kremer Park Retaining Wall project.

MOVED: Cr R Smith

SECONDED: Cr D Goodwin

CARRIED

7.3. Proposed New Footpath Design - Western side of Great Western Highway through Lithgow

The committee noted the progress of the project for designs, and ways that the project can physically process. It was advised that this project will be a joint effort of the LEEP and Community and Culture Team by way of including placemaking objectives through interpretive design elements, and the like. The project would go to a QS for then Council to choose which sections to tender/ work on. The Committee thanked the Administration for their work on this project.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the report detailing progress made on the design of a footpath on the Great Western Highway between Caroline Avenue and Mudgee Street.

MOVED: Cr D Goodwin

SECONDED: Cr R Smith

CARRIED

7.4. Asset Management

It was advised that the plan was implemented this year, whilst some teething issues occurred, lessons were learnt and changes were made to improve the process for both complex and simple projects. Cr S Ring also advised that the ARIC Committee complemented the report at their recent meeting.

ACTION

THAT the Committee receive and note the report on Asset Management.

MOVED: Cr D Goodwin

SECONDED: Cr C Coleman

CARRIED

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

The Committee agreed to move this item by exception. The follow items were raised and discussed:

- It was confirmed that the War Memorial Project referred to the Portland location.
- Item 3 notes a completion but the comments it states 75%. J Edgecombe advised that the deposit has been paid we are waiting for delivery. The supplier has been given a deadline of the end of June 2026 after that the order could be cancelled. Cr C Coleman suggested seeking a discount for the delay.
- The works on Coerwull Road are expected to be completed by 30th June 2026.
- There are still works occurring to drainage on the Fields Road project. It was noted a carryover may occur for the seal, pending favourable weather conditions.
- Works on Hartley Vale Road / Browns Gap Road have been delayed due to the detour routes currently impacting that region.
- Contractors selected for the Glen Davis Road resealing project has gone into administration. Currently working with the administrator to see if works can still be completed as per contract or if Council will need to go back out to tender.
- Blackmans Creek Road project will have a slight carry over for the bitumen seal due to pending weather conditions.

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

CARRIED

8. General Business

The committee were advised that the Footpath Sealing works are on hold due to a claim from a local business. A formal investigation is occurring to ensure that the project was carried out correctly.

It was asked if there was a grading plan for unsealed roads. The committee noted that the organisation has limited resources and will continue grading works however the administration are currently resolving issues with the sealed components of the road network.

An update on the Rydal amenities block was provided noting the issues being faced with the location and approvals from the rail authority. The committee discussed options of if this application for location is unsuccessful what will occur. It was suggested that if it is unsuccessful that a report be presented to Council with placement options within in other rural villages.

The condition of Pikes Lane, Rydal was also raised and asked to be investigated.

J Edgecombe noted that advice has been provided with relation of road transfers. It was advised that if it is a reserve without a physical road within it, it can be extinguished at Council's discretion – it is not a legal requirement. However if it is recorded as a legal road and that physical road lies outside the reserve (thereby burdening the privately owned lands surrounding it) and it is asked to be moved then it has to be done as it can be classed as trespass.

The committee also touched base on a matter raised during the presentations held on 7th April with relation to the maintenance of the median strip on the Great Western Highway noting both the risks and benefits of keeping trees. The committee did not want to compromise with an either or option. Cr C Coleman suggested that the matter be directed to the minister for transport for a resolution. It was agreed to offer a 'Service Level Agreement' option where Council would perform the maintenance at the cost of Transport for NSW, noting that the median is not a Council-owned asset.

Cr D Goodwin raised an issue with the traffic lights on the Bridge Street intersection noting the recent pedestrian / vehicle accident. It was advised that issue is there is a green arrow pointing from the northern side that is also on whilst the pedestrian green light is on for the crossing. J Edgecombe advised that he would report this to transport to resolve this matter asap.

9. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 5:00pm in the 176 Training Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:20 pm.