



MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

held at

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

on

Tuesday 2 June 2026

at 5:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5:06pm.

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 Steven Ring (Chair)
Cr Cassandra Coleman (Mayor)
Cr Tommy Evangelidis
Cr Eric Mahony

Officers:

Ross Gurney - General Manager
Richard Jane – Interim Director Infrastructure & Project Delivery
Vanessa Browning - Director Finance & Governance
Paul Creelman - Transport Manager
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minutes
Sharron Wood - Observer

3. Apologies

Cr Darryl Goodwin
Cr Ray Smith

4. Confirmation of Minutes

ACTION

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held 7th April 2026 and the Extra Ordinary Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 15th April 2026 were presented and adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 29th 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. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - Kremer Park Wall - Update

R Jane tabled photos at the meeting that were taken last Friday (29th May 2026) after a site inspection was carried out by a project officer. Whilst the photos show some cracking there is no issue with the integrity of the structure this is more just a visual issue.

The Committee weighed up the options of undertaken legal proceedings or claims against insurance, and it was determined that it could result in substantial cost with limited changes of success.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorses the Calare Civil Report on the Kremer Park Wall, dated 21st May 2026 and the recommendations to continue to monitor the wall and drainage matters.

MOVED: Cr C Coleman

SECONDED: Cr T Evangelidis

CARRIED

7.2. Information Item Magpie Hollow Road and Sodwalls Road Patching and Resealing Contract

The Committee noted that this report shows a breakdown of the variations required and the reasons for the variations for the projects.

Cr E Mahony noted that in recent road works there has been more of an emphasis on the drainage systems. The Committee were advised that there is a bigger focus to ensure that the drainage systems are working to the divert the water away from the road to prolong the life of the road surface.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the ten (10) contract variations totalling \$617,384.10 (ex GST) that have been approved for contract 13/25, Road Patching and Sealing, Magpie Hollow Road and Sodwalls Road.

MOVED: Cr E Mahony

SECONDED: Cr C Coleman

CARRIED

7.3. Information Item Portland Sunny Corner Road Patching and Resealing Contract

A matter was raised at the recent Coffee and Chat held at Cullen Bullen, that the edges along Portland Sunny Corner Road were falling apart. The Transport Manager advised that this area was beyond the scope of works and was not part of the initial project.

It was asked when line marking will be done along the Sunny Corner Road. The Transport Manager advised that whilst the first package of line marking was spent in full, the line marking for this stretch of road will be included in the package earmarked for next financial year. This will also give time for the road seal to settle as oils that seep out from this material can cause the paint to either not set or turn the white paint yellow.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the ten (10) contract variations totalling \$384,770.46 (ex-GST) that have been approved for contract 18/25, Road Patching and Sealing, Portland Sunny Corner Road.

MOVED: Cr T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Cr C Coleman

CARRIED

7.4. Roads Renewal Survey Update

The Committee advised of the confusion in the report as it does not refer to what roads are being discussed.

The Transport Manager advised of the following:

- Sodwalls Road: there was a change in road level from the redesign and survey of the road therefore changing the budget for these road works. Works will be carried into next financial year.
- Hartley Vale Road: works have been delayed due to the detour route for the Great Western Highway.
- Blackheath Creek Road: works have been delayed due to overspends in other projects.
- Coerwull Road: works are expected to be completed this financial year.

ACTION

THAT the Committee receive and note the report on Roads Renewal Survey Design and the variation to the budget.

MOVED: Cr E Mahony

SECONDED: Cr T Evangelidis

CARRIED

7.5. Infrastructure Projects Grant Applications / Outcomes

Whilst no questions were asked by the committee about this report, it was emphasised that a review of the Grant Policy is timely.

ACTION

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

MOVED: Cr C Coleman

SECONDED: Cr E Mahony

CARRIED

7.6. Hartley Vale Road Improvements

The Committee noted that Council continues to work with Blue Mountains City Council and Transport for NSW with regards to the Hartley Vale Road. Concerns were raised with drivers not complying with traffic laws. It was advised that a camera has been installed and any captured violations are referred to police for action.

ACTION

THAT the Committee notes the information provided on the Hartley Vale Road Improvements.

MOVED: Cr T Evangelidis

SECONDED: Cr E Mahony

CARRIED

8. General Business

Wolgan Road

An update was requested by Cr C Coleman on the Wolgan Road Gate project. It was confirmed that Council are awaiting signage to be delivered and will be installed once received. The Wolgan Community will also be communicated with in regard to handing out RFID tags for access through the new gate. A date will be set for the gate to be commissioned and then only RFID tags will have access. Previous keys can also be used on the manual side of the gate.

Concerns were also raised about the length of the fence. It was advised that the fence has gone as far as it can go as any further would encroach on National Parks.

Browns Gap Road

Currently working on a plan to return Brown Gap Road back to two-way access with the exception of 180m length that will be controlled by traffic signals at each end and will have vehicle recognition for compliance. This will be set up as a 40km work zone. Communications are currently being drafted and will be released to the public in coming days.

GWH Median Strip

Discussions are still occurring regarding the median strip maintenance matter. R Gurney advised that Transport for NSW are looking to respond with a counter plan. Councillors will be advised as soon as that correspondence is received.

Turon Gate

Cr S Ring advised that he has been contacted regarding road conditions from a resident of Turon Gate. Councils Transport Manager advised that he has investigated this matter noting that approximately 200m of the road is slightly corrugated the overall road condition is good, however Councils grader has been scheduled to be in the area in 3 weeks to carry out a maintenance grade. The resident has been advised of this.

Honeysuckle Falls Road

Cr T Evangelidis requested if correspondence could be sent to Andrew Gee on the Honeysuckle Falls Road matter. It was also advised that a report will be brought to the June Council meeting regarding this matter. Cr C Coleman also noted that she will be raising a Question With Notice at the next meeting.

Wolgan Road Interim Works

R Gurney advised that tenders for the interim works on Wolgan Road closed on Friday last week. The Committee were advised that no tenders were submitted with risk being the main reason for not submitting a tender. Council is currently seeking advice from insurers in this matter. With this, the project will be set back 4 weeks. The Committee were advised that there will be a call for an Extra ordinary meeting next week to resolve removing the R2F2 component and to negotiate with and persons/ contractors to carry out works.

Rydal Toilet Block

Cr C Coleman requested an update on the Rydal Toilet block. It was advised that a report will be brought to the Committee.

9. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th August 2026 at 5:00pm in the 176 Meeting Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:40 pm.