



MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

held at

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

on

Tuesday 4 August 2026

at 5:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5:00PM.

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. Steven Ring – (Chair)
Cr. Ray Smith
Cr. Tommy Evangelidis
Cr. Elizabeth Fredericks
Cr. Darryl Goodwin
Cr. Eric Mahony

Officers:

Ross Gurney – General Manager
Shaun Elwood – Director People & Places
Paul Smith – Interim Director Infrastructure & Project Delivery
Vanessa Browning – Director Finance & Governance
Paul Creelman – Transport Manager
Kaitlin Cibulka – Minute Taker
Leah Stubbs – Minute Taker

3. Apologies

Apologies:

Cr. Cassandra Coleman (Mayor)

4. Confirmation of Minutes

ACTION

THAT it be noted the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held 2nd June 2026 were presented and adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29th June 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. Presentations

7.1. Transport for NSW - 30 Minute Presentation **Commentary**

Transport for NSW representatives will provide a presentation to the Committee on matters related to the Great Western Highway closure.

Summary

A verbal presentation by Transport for NSW was delivered by Damien Pfeiffer and Kristy Hartwig.

Damien outlined traffic management plans for the Bathurst 1000, with a particular focus on Monday, 12 October 2026, which is expected to experience significant congestion. The Committee discussed implementing hard road closures at key locations while maintaining local access where possible, with traffic control arrangements to be finalised.

Communication with schools, residents, emergency services, Buslines and the wider community was identified as a priority. While online learning for schools was suggested, this will remain an individual school decision.

Transport for NSW is working with Council, Supercars and other stakeholders to coordinate traffic, update signal phasing, and provide operational staff, additional tow vehicles and police support during the event.

A community communications package is being developed, with ongoing updates to be delivered through radio and other channels. The Committee also discussed funding for road closures, encouraging visitors to stagger their departures, and addressing the impacts of traffic management on local businesses.

ACTION

THAT the Infrastructure Committee note the Transport for NSW presentation on the Great Western Highway closure.

8. Staff Reports

8.1. Wolgan Road - Verbal Update

Paul Smith, Interim Director Infrastructure & Project Delivery, advised that a significant amount of his time is currently focused on the Great Western Highway and Wolgan Road Projects. The Committee were provided an update on the current situation at Wolgan Road, noting that access is currently limited to the Donkey Steps. The Committee was advised that the Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) have revisited the proposed options and have selected Option 2 (repairing and reopening the existing access), with cost being a key factor in the decision.

It was also advised that insurance is not available due to landslip, as it is considered a known risk. It was noted that contractors engaged to undertake these works must be appropriately qualified, as Council may be exposed to liability if unqualified contractors are used. Cr Ring raised questions regarding if there is a hard closure of Wolgan Road noting his concern of the absence of physical barriers. It was advised that whilst there is signage to deter residents from using the access, physical barriers would cause problems for quick evacuations particularly in the event of emergencies such as bushfires or medical incidents. Cr Ring also queried whether the emergency access arrangements had been documented in writing and whether all reasonably practicable

measures had been implemented. Concerns were raised that the absence of physical barriers may increase Council's exposure to risk.

The Committee discussed the need to take a conservative approach to risk management and clearly identify who is responsible for managing the associated risks. The Committee noted that the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) process is lengthy. Council continues to work with affected residents and businesses regarding access and the ongoing management of Wolgan Road. It was noted that the Executive Oversight Committee agreed to proceed with a specialist rockfall mitigation tender, recognising that the works require contractors with expertise in this field. The Committee noted that much of the land surrounding the valley is State-owned and discussed vegetation management and associated risks. The potential use of Old Coach Road as an alternative access route was raised; however, it was noted that this option presents a higher level of risk and is considered more dangerous.

The Committee also discussed the risk of bushfire affecting the valley. It was noted that the Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO) and the Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) can assist in identifying and assessing increased risks. The Committee discussed the process for proceeding to tender without confirmed funding.

It was noted that Council will prepare and release a selective tender, subject to securing State funding. It was noted that funding may be available through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA); however, alternative grant funding opportunities will also be explored.

The Committee discussed holding a face-to-face community meeting at Emirates to provide an update on the project and engage with affected residents. It was noted that Council is taking a more proactive approach to progressing the project. The Committee asked whether an extraordinary meeting is required to be convened if the tender is approved. It was advised that an extraordinary meeting could be called if required.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the information provided.

MOVED: Cr. Mahony

SECONDED: Cr. Evangelidis

CARRIED

8.2. Street Addresses for Council Facilities

The Committee had no matters raised during this item and agreed to move the recommendation as provided.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the process of numbering properties on an ad hoc basis continue, with all emergency service agencies requested to provide any priority properties for immediate action to allocate a street address.

MOVED: Cr. Evangelidis

SECONDED: Cr. Smith

CARRIED

8.3. Infrastructure - Project Grant Applications / Outcomes

Cr Ring raised concerns regarding the impact of current issues on the long-term financial plan and the broader roads program. It was noted that a prioritised list of roads has not been established due to rapidly changing circumstances. It was noted that Sheppard has prepared a report outlining priorities and system access requirements to enable works to be reported, tracked, and demonstrate alignment with Council oversight processes for Councillors. Cr Mahony raised the ongoing issues with lighting at the sporting fields and acknowledged the grant application that has been lodged, along with the proposed funding contribution.

Cr Fredericks left the meeting.

ACTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Mahony

SECONDED: Cr. Evangelidis

CARRIED

8.4. TEN17/24 - Main Street CBD Footpath Revitalisation Project Completion

Cr Mahony requested that the service provider undertake repairs in accordance with the existing specifications.

Vanessa Browning advised of the concerns that have been raised regarding the treatment applied to the pavers, including complaints about fumes and potential health impacts. An investigation is currently occurring.

Cr Ring queried the installation of the barriers on the disability ramp, noting that the cost of the project was approximately double that of this section. It was noted that projects of this nature can incur additional costs due to unforeseen underground services. To reduce the likelihood of unexpected costs in future stages, it was requested that the area be service mapped prior to the commencement of works to identify existing underground infrastructure.

ACTION

THAT the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Note the completion of the contracted works for Main Street CBD Footpath Replacement project (TEN17/24), undertaken between December 2024 and June 2026.
2. Note the project variations detailed in the report.

MOVED: Cr. Smith

SECONDED: Cr. Fredericks

CARRIED

9. General Business

UPDATE ON WOLGAN ROAD

This matter was moved to the start of the meeting to Item 8.1.

CONDITION OF CROWN STATION ROAD

Paul Smith advised that works have been scheduled for next week to improve the condition of Crown Station Road.

Cr Ring requested that the road base capping material used on Genowlan Road have a reduced silica content to minimise silica-related risks. It was also noted that a legal letter had been received but was not authorised. Paul Smith advised that the works have now been completed and that Sheppard has collected valuable data, which will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

CLARENCE 4 WAY INTERSECTION TURNING LANE

The Committee noted that a letter from Mr Anderson has been forwarded to Council and Transport for NSW regarding this matter. It was further noted that the intersection is under the responsibility of Transport for NSW.

VALLEY VIEW ROAD

Cr Ring requested an update on the installation of the "No Through Road" signs on Valley View Road. Paul Smith advised that he would investigate the matter further and provide an update to Cr Ring.

10. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 5:00pm in the 176 Meeting Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:33pm.