

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM, GRIFFITH ON
TUESDAY, 8 JULY 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:30 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor Anne Napoli (Chair), Jason Hinson (Police Representative), Greg Minehan (Transport for NSW Representative), Kerry Lippold (Member for Murray Representative, via Zoom)

STAFF

Engineering Design & Approvals Manager, Jason Carrozza, Development & Traffic Coordinator, Greg Balind, Development & Traffic Engineer, Ronelle Green and Minute Secretary, Melanie Hebrok

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jason Hinson and Greg Minehan that apologies be received from Tony O'Grady (Councillor - Alternate), John Wadsworth (Police Representative) and Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jason Hinson and Greg Minehan that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 June 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING**3.1 Outstanding Action Report – Speed Zone Reviews**

Mr Minehan advised that the Centre for Road Safety has asked that no new speed zones or reduction proposals are initiated going forward and he was awaiting clarification on the full implications of this directive. Statewide funding has been significantly reduced, with remaining funds now focused on high-risk roads identified through a star-rating system. All new speed zone projects are currently on hold, except for the ongoing work on Murrumbidgee Avenue and Beaumont Road, which still requires installation of two missed signs on Beaumont Road.

3.2 Request for 40km/h School Zone – Western Riverina Community School

Mr Balind advised that the school does not operate in a significant part of regular school zone hours, with only approximately 10 percent of scheduled class time falling in school zone hours. Mr Minehan to report back to the next meeting regarding the request.

3.3 Request for Traffic Committee Support – Truck Rest Area - Yenda

Mr Minehan advised that the request has been forwarded to the freight branch for further investigation. He noted that the issue has been raised previously where it was identified that neither Council nor TfNSW own land appropriate for a dedicated truck stop in this LGA and that it may be worth investigating a partnership with a private entity who can acquire the land and develop it, similar to the Gillenbah rest area.

3.4 Outstanding Action Report – Mackay Avenue / Macedone Road Intersection

Councillor Napoli noted the linemarkings have not been refreshed yet and they are not visible at all. Mr Balind said he has sent through the request and will follow up.

3.5 General Business – Probert Avenue Car Park

Councillor Napoli noted the bushes have been trimmed but there are still concerns about safety at the intersection Probert Avenue and Macarthur Street. Could something be done to improve safety? Mr Carrozza advised that a roundabout concept has been designed previously and he will bring the design to the next meeting for the Committee's information and further investigation.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no less than significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL STREET PARADE

Mr Balind advised that the Multicultural Council plans to hold a street parade similar to last year's, moving from Memorial Park around Banna Avenue to showcase the city's cultural diversity. The event is scheduled for 12 October, with road closures on Banna Avenue from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. A traffic control plan has been submitted, mirroring the 2024 setup, with only the date changed. Approval has been conditionally recommended, pending the submission of the Certificate of Currency, which needs to be submitted one month prior to the event. Sergeant Hinson asked that the Multicultural Council also submit a signed copy of the Schedule 1 notification.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Greg Minehan and Jason Hinson that the Traffic Committee:

- (a) Support the installation of the Traffic Guidance Scheme documenting road closures relevant to the event.
- (b) Note the Special Event Transport Management Plan.

- (c) Note the Traffic Management Plan documenting traffic related contingencies for the event.
- (d) Condition approval on the submission of a valid Certificate of Currency to Council prior to 12 September 2025.

CL02 REQUEST FOR 15 MINUTE PARKING - YAMBIL STREET

Mr Balind presented the request received from Yambil Hub, which houses support services including Meals on Wheels, to install 15 minute restricted parking in front of the building to facilitate pick up and drop off of donations and goods. While this is expected to help operations, it is noted that the space will be available to anyone and not exclusively to Yambil Hub.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jason Hinson and Greg Minehan that the Traffic Committee recommend the installation of 15 minute restricted parking including relevant R5-15 signs on Yambil Street fronting Lot 1 DP 1228932 (16-22 Yambil Street).

CL03 EVENT RELATED TRAFFIC CONTROL - JONDARYAN AVENUE - OCTOBER 2025

A Craft Beer Festival has been scheduled at the old Miranda Wines site on 11 October and will follow a similar traffic control plan used during the former Vintage Festival at this location. Key traffic measures include:

- Temporary speed zone reduction
- No parking zones to facilitate pickup/drop-off areas
- VMS boards and increased pedestrian activity signage to enhance safety

A Special Event Transport Management Plan was resubmitted with corrected dates and is now consistent with the traffic control plan. Approval will be conditional on the submission of a valid certificate of currency 30 days prior to the event.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jason Hinson and Greg Minehan that the Traffic Committee:

- (a) Support the implementation of the attached Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS-7624).
- (b) Note the Special Event Transport Management Plan.
- (c) Condition the support on the receipt of a valid certificate of currency no later than Friday, 12 September 2025.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

6.1 Request to Install Pickup/Drop Off Zone and Children's School Crossing – St Patrick's School

Mr Balind advised that the school has submitted a proposal through their traffic consultants for a designated drop off/pick up area in the Noorebar Avenue car park. As the design was only received late last week, a report will be brought back to the Committee at the next meeting to raise the request from the table for discussion.

6.2 Yenda Railway Crossing Update

Mr Minehan provided the following update:

- Upcoming works include line marking, sealing, and vegetation removal in the rail corridor.
- UGL is contributing to the works and the cost of the Rail Protection Officer, which is typically a significant expense.
- This results in minimal financial impact on Council.
- An agreed scope of works is already in place.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jason Hinson and Greg Minehan that the report be noted.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Funding for Safety Improvements on Local Roads

Mr. Minehan advised that the Centre for Road Safety has updated its policy on investigating and reviewing fatal crashes. Previously, TfNSW staff conducted reviews on State Roads, focusing on crash circumstances such as road conditions and councils could access up to \$100,000 in funding for minor safety improvements. This process has now been extended to local roads. TfNSW will assist councils with the review process and funding applications, ensuring compliance with required standards. This policy is now in effect.

7.2 Thorne Road Roundabout Signage

Mr Minehan asked for a copy of the Gazette from the Geographical Names Board to approve the Punjabi signage at the Thorne Road roundabout. Mr Balind advised that the naming was based on a Council resolution and would have gone through the Geographical Names Board prior to any approval being given.

Mr Minehan said a complaint has been received by TfNSW about the signage, but no formal concurrence or notification was provided to the Roads Authority, which would typically be required on a State Road. Mr Balind will follow up on the relevant Council report and confirm approval status with the Geographical Names Board.

7.3 Unauthorised Driveway on Kidman Way

Mr Minehan advised that on this side of Willbriggie on the eastern side of Kidman Way, a new driveway has been installed without drainage, raising concerns about water runoff and road safety. It is located near a previously existing driveway, approximately 100 metres further south. The new access does not appear to be authorised and may cause issues due to lack of proper construction and approvals. The issue will be followed up by Council staff.

7.4 Parking Notices on Windscreen

Councillor Napoli said that a community member inquired about Council placing notices of parking fines on vehicle windscreens. Mr Balind confirmed that while formal legislation commenced on 1 July, Griffith City Council has been proactively been using the notices since May to give drivers an advanced advising of the pending changes.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 12 August 2025 at 10:30 am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:09 am.