
**LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM ON
TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:30 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor Anne Napoli (Chair), Tony O'Grady (Councillor - Alternate), Greg Minehan (Transport for NSW Representative), Kerry Lippold (Member for Murray Representative, via Zoom), Tony Leadbitter (Police Representative)

STAFF

Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Engineering Design Coordinator, Jason Carrozza, Development & Traffic Coordinator, Greg Balind and Minute Secretary, Melanie Hebrok

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Kaitlyn McLean and John Wadsworth.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 December 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members, were confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

Members making a pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members making a significant non-pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

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

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - CITY TO LAKE FUN RUN 2026

The Local Traffic Forum noted the traffic control plans and supporting documentation with respect to the 2026 City to Lake run.

Mr Balind said members will be advised once a date has been set by the organiser. A new public liability insurance certificate will be required if the new date is after the expiry date of the current policy.

CL02 TRAFFIC CONTROL - BANNA LANE/KOORYOO STREET - PUNJABI MELA EVENT

This information report was noted by the Traffic Forum. Any further progress on the outcomes subject to the development application assessment process will be notified to future Traffic Forums. An ROL will be required for signage on Banna Avenue.

CL03 TRAFFIC CONTROL - MULTICULTURAL PARADE 2026

The Traffic Forum discussed the submitted traffic related documentation. The plans have been reviewed by staff with no issues identified. The 2025 event ran without any known complaints. However there may be an issue with the event date due to incomplete mandatory documentation for the associated Multicultural Festival to be held the day before.

The TfNSW representative raised concerns regarding the late submission of mandatory documents to Council with respect to traffic management by a number of event organisers. That particular issue appears to have been ongoing for a number of years and it puts external agencies involved in the Forum in a difficult position when event related matters are put before them. Mr Balind advised the Forum that he has corresponded with Council's new General Manager seeking a way to resolve such issues moving forward.

The matter was laid on the table pending receipt of required documentation for the associated Festival. Bus operators to be invited to the next meeting if required, Transport for NSW to confirm.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The report was noted.

General Business – Altin Street Traffic

Design options for a possible Altin Street carpark were tabled for discussion. Implementing a one-way traffic arrangement around the triangular grassed island was noted as potentially difficult. Speed humps were deemed unwarranted given the industrial nature of the area and the low level of pedestrian activity. While raised concrete treatments could be used in place of painted line marking to reduce vehicle speeds around the bend, no funding is currently

available and this would require a future budget bid.

An alternative option of improving the existing island was identified, including reconfiguring it for parking, adding shade and gravelling the grassed and dirt areas to help ease congestion.

To remain on the Outstanding Action Report.

Intersection Hillside Drive / Slopes Road

A speed zone review has been initiated for the relevant section of road, with a recommendation to reduce the entire length to 80 km/h. Transport will cover the administrative and approval costs, with Council tasked to install the signage to expedite implementation.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 New Railway Crossing – Blumer Avenue

Mr King advised that the design for a new active railway crossing on Blumer Avenue, near Livefit and La Scala, has been finalised. The upgrade will include flashing lights and a pedestrian maze treatment. The project is fully funded by Transport for New South Wales, with the commencement date for construction yet to be confirmed.

7.2 Multicultural Festival Proposal

Mr Balind tabled information received the previous evening from the Multicultural Festival organiser who has proposed expanding the event footprint beyond Memorial Park and Railway Street Car Park to include a partial closure of Banna Avenue. The proposal involves closing one side of Banna Avenue for approximately 8–9 hours on a Saturday, the day prior to the parade, to accommodate additional event space. Concerns were raised regarding the significant impact this would have on the CBD during peak Saturday trading, including disruption to bus services, taxi ranks, parking and general traffic movements. Members expressed the view that insufficient detail has been provided to support the proposal. It was further noted that alternative locations, including the Showgrounds and Community Gardens, have previously been discussed, and that if the existing site cannot safely accommodate the event, its suitability should be reconsidered. The Traffic Forum agreed that the matter will be referred back to the organiser advising this proposal is not supported due to unacceptable risk concerns between the proposed site and passing traffic.

7.3 Citrus Road Speed Zone

Mr Balind raised concerns regarding the current speed zoning on Citrus Road, particularly the section between the new intersection at Rifle Range Road and Gillmartin Drive, which remains zoned at 100 km/h despite significant residential development in the area. Residents have complained about the absence of speed zone signage, noting that while 50 km/h signage exists on Rifle Range Road approaching the intersection, there are no corresponding signs on Citrus Road.

It was proposed that Council install 50 km/h signage as an interim safety measure, recognising the urban character of the area, while formal speed zoning updates are progressed through Transport. It was noted that provisions under Section 115 of the Roads Act may allow Council, as the roads authority, to install signage to address immediate safety concerns. Transport will review the current zoning allocation in the Portal, and mapping from the subdivision will be provided to support formal authorisation of the 50 km/h speed zone.

7.4 School Zone Request – Western Riverina Community College

Mr Minehan discussed the request for school zone implementation at Western Riverina Community College which is operating outside standard start and finish times. It was noted that only a small number of students are present within a limited 10-minute window in the afternoon, and the site does not meet the established merit criteria for a formal school zone. The matter will be discussed further with the principal. One potential option identified is relocating the school entry and exit point further along the boundary fence, away from the roundabout intersection, which may allow for installation of a school zone on the straight section of road without affecting all legs of the roundabout.

7.5 Lakes Road Speed Signs

Councillor O’Grady raised a request to review speed signage on Lakes Road following the recent reduction of Slopes Road to 80 km/h. He noted that when travelling north on Lakes Road from Kidman Way, there is no speed limit sign immediately after the railway crossing, resulting in drivers accelerating and some vehicle GPS systems indicating a 100 km/h zone. Clarification is required as to whether the section is currently zoned 80 km/h or 100 km/h, particularly as 80 km/h signage appears only after Mallinson Road. Transport will review the current zoning status and report back. It was also noted that design works are planned for the remaining section of Lakes Road from Kidman Way, with survey works already undertaken and future upgrades subject to funding.

7.6 McCarthy Road Speed Zone

Councillor O’Grady also raised concerns regarding McCarthy Road, which is experiencing increased traffic due to the closure of Smeeth and Boorga Roads. The road is narrow and constrained, with 100 km/h signage at the southern end and no corresponding signage at the northern end, creating inconsistency. Given the presence of school buses and increased vehicle volumes, a temporary reduction to 60 km/h during the road closure period was suggested. While this may be possible, considerations were noted regarding enforcement outside peak periods and potential non-compliance. Further assessment, including traffic volumes and site conditions, will be considered to determine whether interim speed management measures are warranted.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Forum is to be held on Tuesday, 10 March 2026 at 10:30 am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:55 am.