
**LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:32 AM**

PRESENT

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

STAFF

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

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Tony Leadbitter and Kaitlyn McLean.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2026, having first been circulated amongst all members, were confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Traffic Management – City to Lake Fun Run 2026

Mr Balind advised the event has been postponed until 2027 due to the works on Boorga Road / Lakes Road etc.

3.2 Traffic Control – Banna Lane / Kooyoo Street – Punjabi Mela

Mr Balind highlighted the lack of communication from the event organisers with respect to traffic management and noted that no ROL (Road Occupancy Licence) via Transport NSW had been applied for. As such, traffic control relating to the event implemented on the State Road network (Burley Griffin Way/Jondaryan Avenue) was done so without the consent of Transport NSW.

Phil King entered the meeting at 10:34 am.

3.3 Outstanding Action Report – Altin Street Traffic

Councillor O'Grady provided an update, noting that he has submitted the design concept as a budget bid item which may be staged over multiple years, with the first phase focusing on planning, assessment and traffic data collection.

3.4 General Business – Citrus Road Speed Zone

Mr Minehan has confirmed via the speed zoning portal that the entire length is set at 50 km/h, therefore permanent signage can be installed from Rifle Range Road throughout.

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 - MULTICULTURAL PARADE - MAY 2026

The report was raised from the table.

Mr Balind reported that extensive discussions between the event organiser and the General Manager have been held. A review of the traffic control and guidance plans for the parade identified no foreseeable issues, and it will be reported to Council that there are no traffic related objections. However, some members of the Forum were critical on the issue of non-compliance by the event organiser with Council policy and procedures. It was noted that insurance documentation has not been provided despite numerous requests dating back to November/December last year and prior years, identifying NSW Police, Transport for NSW, and Council as interested parties. The certificate of currency was expected months ago but has not yet been provided.

Police and Transport stated that without valid public liability insurance, the event would not be supported. It was also noted that no ROL (Road Occupancy Licence) will be issued by Transport for NSW giving approval to use the State Road unless insurance details are provided.

The Local Traffic Forum agreed that submission of a valid certificate of currency is required 28 days prior to the event, with the deadline confirmed as Monday, 20 April 2026. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the Forum not providing support.

CL02 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL - MAY 2026

Mr Balind noted that this festival had previously experienced issues with document submissions from the same event organiser as the parade. Following several meetings between the General Manager and the event organiser, a satisfactory outcome has been reached.

The event will now be confined to Memorial Park and will not impact state roads or the broader transport network. Traffic management arrangements are consistent with previous years, including closure of the Memorial Park car park and minor traffic control on Railway Street. No concerns were raised regarding the proposed traffic management plan.

However, it was again noted that a current certificate of currency has not yet been provided. The Committee agreed that the submission deadline of Monday, 20 April also applies for this event to proceed. It was confirmed that a single insurance policy may cover both events.

Mr Balind informed the Committee he has just received advice from the General Manager that the certificate of currency has reportedly been arranged and is pending receipt. The Committee will be updated once this is confirmed.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

10 February 2026 - General Business – Lakes Road Speed Signs

Mr Minehan confirmed that the speed zoning portal indicates a 100 km/h limit on Lakes Road between Mallinson Road and Kidman Way. Any proposal to reduce the speed limit to 80 km/h would require a formal speed zone assessment.

The Committee agreed that, with road upgrades scheduled within the next three years, it would be appropriate to consider a speed zone review following completion of those works.

9 December 2025 – Request for Safe Access – Kurrajong Banna Avenue

Mr King advised that line marking will be completed and has been scheduled, with the remaining small section of concrete works intended to be completed before the end of the financial year.

10 June 2025 – Request To Install Pickup/Drop Off Zone And Children's School Crossing - St Patrick's School

Councillor O'Grady has been advised that the Wagga Diocese is considering implementing the initiative at an alternative location within the school grounds. As a result, the item can be removed from the Outstanding Action Report.

13 August 2024 – Intersection Beaumont Road / Murrumbidgee Avenue

Mr King reported that the works were completed on 11 March. To be removed from the Outstanding Action Report.

12 December 2023 – Intersection Treatment – Noorilla Street and Boonah Street

Mr King advised that the grant application has been successful and the roundabout is scheduled for installation in the 2027 financial year, with works expected to commence next year. To be removed from the Outstanding Action Report.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Temporary Speed Zone Reduction – Willbriggie

Mr Minehan queried the temporary speed reduction zone at Willbriggie, which has been referred back for review. Council staff are working to ensure compliance with the relevant traffic control requirements.

It was noted that there are inconsistencies in existing signage, including conflicting messages on VMS boards and static 60 km/h signs located near the former rail corridor. The traffic control plan is still to be confirmed to ensure correct placement and consistency of signage.

Mr King advised that works are scheduled to commence at the end of the month, with Council holding relevant plans on file and ongoing coordination occurring with the project manager. Mobilisation is expected in early May.

7.2 Kidman Way Review – Transport for NSW

Mr Balind asked whether any assessments were being conducted on Kidman Way following recent fatalities? Mr Minehan stated that Transport staff have undertaken a review of the full length of Kidman Way, including the section from Willbriggie to Hanwood, following a number of serious incidents in the area. The review will consider multiple fatalities over time, and outcomes will be reported to Council once available.

7.3 Parking Complaints – Wattle Street Hanwood

Mr Balind advised that a complaint has been received regarding parking on Wattle Street, Hanwood, near the new Thai restaurant. Concerns were raised about vehicles parking across driveways and restricting resident access.

It was advised that this is a compliance matter, and there is no intention to install additional signage, as existing road rules already prohibit obstruction of driveways. Enforcement is the appropriate response rather than introducing further traffic control measures.

7.4 Biggest Lap Route Proposal

Councillor O'Grady advised he has talked to the Biggest Lap organisers who have advised that current traffic management plan is being reviewed and amended, including consideration of not closing Coolah Street and instead utilising Benerembah Circle, subject to approval from TAFE, for scrutineering/marshalling activities.

The traffic control plan, traffic guidance scheme, and traffic management plan are expected to be submitted for review ahead of the June Traffic Committee meeting.

7.5 Bus Services to Villages

Councillor O'Grady raised a query regarding the potential for extending bus services to surrounding villages on a limited basis in response to fuel cost pressures.

It was advised that this is a transport matter for bus operators, with current services operating to Hanwood, Yenda, and Darlington Point, while Tharbogang and Lake Wyangan are not currently serviced.

Mr King noted that public transport usage has significantly increased following recent route and timetable improvements, with patronage rising substantially over the past 12–18 months and contactless payment options now available on services.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Forum is to be held on Tuesday, 12 May 2026 at 10:30 am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:12 am.