
**LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM ON
TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:32 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, via Zoom), John Wadsworth (Police Representative, via Zoom)

STAFF

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

BY INVITATION

Sally Blair (Manager Griffith Buslines)

1 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 April 2026, having first been circulated amongst all members, were confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Traffic Management – Multicultural Parade – May 2026

Mr Balind advised that the outstanding Certificate of Currency was received on 18 April 2026.

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 - SHAHEEDI TOURNAMENT SIKH GAMES JUNE - 2026

The Forum discussed traffic management arrangements for the Sikh Games Shaheedi Tournament on 6 & 7 June 2026.

Mr Balind advised that the General Manager has been working closely with event organisers to coordinate arrangements. Concerns were raised that Council had received information late regarding traffic management requests and event planning. Event organisers now appear to have finalised the necessary arrangements following recent discussions.

It was noted that organisers have requested closure of Doolan Crescent between Blumer Avenue and Clifton Boulevard from 4 pm to 8 pm Friday for event setup. Concerns were raised regarding:

- Peak-hour traffic impacts.
- Ongoing school bus services after school dismissal around 3:30 pm.
- Doolan Crescent and Blumer Avenue being major access routes for Collina residents.

Ms Blair added that closing Doolan Crescent would disrupt school bus routes and displace children from their usual drop-off locations, potentially requiring them to cross unfamiliar roads in heavier traffic. It was suggested the road remain open until students had returned home before traffic changes and diversions were implemented. A revised closure time of 4:30 pm was suggested to minimise disruption. Advance notice to transport authorities will be required for any bus route diversions. Mr King to communicate this in a meeting with event organisers later this afternoon.

Committee members acknowledged the Sikh Tournament as a significant community event with strong economic and social benefits. Concerns were raised regarding increasing disruption to residents, traffic congestion and parking pressures. Members noted the current site may no longer be suitable due to the growing size of the event, with alternative locations such as the Showgrounds, Dalton Park or Wade Park, Yenda suggested for future consideration. The importance of proper traffic and safety management, particularly around school transport and pedestrian safety, was emphasised, while maintaining support for retaining the event within the community.

Tony Leadbitter and John Wadsworth entered the meeting remotely via Zoom, the time being 10:48 am.

Police representatives advised the event has operated well in previous years and supported continuing the current arrangements with appropriate traffic management in place.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Members discussed and updated the Outstanding Action Report.

6.1 Biggest Lap Traffic Control

Mr Balind advised that preliminary information was provided regarding changes to traffic control for the upcoming event, including use of Benerembah Street for marshalling due to increased vehicle numbers (up to approximately 750 vehicles). The main street closure is proposed from around 4:30–5:00 pm for event laps, with details still to be finalised. Further documentation is expected ahead of the June meeting, with a deadline of 3 June set for organisers to provide final plans.

6.2 Request for Safe Access – Kurrajong Banna Avenue

Mr King confirmed that line marking has been completed, and minor concrete slab works are scheduled to be undertaken prior to the end of the year.

6.3 General Business – Altin Street Traffic

Councillor O’Grady asked if staff could undertake preliminary investigations for traffic counts, design options and consultation with nearby businesses regarding potential improvements to the Altin Street area. He noted the aim of these investigations was to improve safety by reducing roadside parking, managing traffic flow and addressing speeding concerns, particularly near bends and high-activity locations such as the swim school and Australia Post facility.

6.3 Speed Zone Reviews

Mr Minehan noted that approvals are currently affected by Transport’s restructuring process. Delays are occurring due to interim delegation arrangements, with some required approvers not yet formally in position. Resolution is expected before June.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Police presence at Sikh Games

The Police representatives advised that mounted police will not be attending the Sikh Games this year.

7.2 Golf carts

Ms Lippold stated a constituent inquiry was raised regarding whether a golf cart can be used on public roads for general transport. It was advised that golf carts are generally not permitted on public roads unless specifically exempted or conditionally registered, typically in limited circumstances such as near golf course areas. The advice provided was that the use described would not be permitted.

7.3 No Stopping signs Willandra Avenue

Mr King advised that additional no-stopping signs have been installed along Willandra Avenue in response to congestion and recent kerb and road works. This is reported to the Traffic Forum as part of the updated notification process.

7.4 Intersection Merrigal Street / Griffin Avenue

It was noted that the previously endorsed but unfunded treatment for Merrigal Street and Griffin Avenue will be transitioned into Transport's new Regional Network Safety Services for further consideration, noting a history of crashes at the location. A contact will be provided for Council, with the matter expected to progress once the new structure is fully established, potentially by June.

7.5 New paint on pedestrian crossing

It was noted that the red 'St George' pedestrian crossing near the courthouse has been installed as a trial using a new paint pigment, following delays due to testing and approval requirements. The trial aims to assess durability over summer, particularly whether the surface will resist tyre marking and premature wear. Early observations indicate the crossing is highly visible but may already be showing some wear due to traffic before full curing.

7.6 Compliance at Sikh Games

The Forum discussed the proposed deployment of four compliance officers for the Sikh Games at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Members supported developing a public education campaign ahead of the event, including social media messaging and possible mapping to clarify parking rules and common infringements (e.g. nature strip parking). The aim is to reduce inadvertent breaches through improved community awareness.

Concerns were also raised about the cost of compliance arrangements, with suggestions that alternative enforcement models (including potential police involvement or user-pays arrangements) be considered for future events.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Forum is to be held on Tuesday, 9 June 2026 at 10:30 AM.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:14am.