
**LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM ON
TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:32 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor Anne Napoli (Chair), Tony O'Grady (Councillor - Alternate), Greg Minehan (Transport for NSW Representative)

STAFF

Engineering Design Coordinator, Jason Carrozza, Development & Traffic Coordinator, Greg Balind and Minute Secretary, Melanie Hebrok

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Approvals Officer, Kaitlyn McLean and Kerry Lippold (Member for Murray Representative).

Absent: Tony Leadbitter (Police Representative)

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 CL02 Traffic Management – 2026 Biggest Lap Car Event

Mr Balind advised the event DA is still being finalised after the original submission contained errors and was returned for amendment. Organisers advised they are updating the plans and expect to resubmit the application shortly, with the main issue being that the event location was not accurately shown on the submitted plans. With the event proposed for October and involving a state road, timely submission is important to allow approvals to proceed.

3.2 General Business – Boorga Road and Jones Road intersection

Councillor O'Grady raised concerns that the existing rumble strips have deteriorated and may no longer be effective. Suggestions included upgrading the rumble strips, installing flashing warning lights or considering larger give-way signage. Staff advised that the intersection already has substantial safety measures in place and noted that many crashes appear to result from drivers failing to give way.

It was agreed that staff would investigate updating or upgrading the rumble strips and provide accident data for the intersection to inform any future safety improvements.

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 - 'ONE NIGHT STAND' MUSIC EVENT - GRIFFITH SHOWGROUNDS - 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026

The Traffic Management Plan for the Triple J One Night Stand event was discussed. The event is expected to attract more than 10,000 attendees, with traffic management measures including the temporary closure of Murrumbidgee Avenue and arrangements for buses, taxis and pedestrians accessing the Showgrounds.

Members noted that on-site parking would be limited, making shuttle bus services and walking from the CBD important parts of the transport strategy. Staff advised that the traffic management arrangements appeared appropriate and that regular meetings had been held with the event organisers.

A key concern raised by the Transport NSW representative was that evidence of the event organiser's public liability insurance had not yet been provided. Members noted the potential risk to Council if traffic control measures were implemented on Council-managed roads without valid insurance coverage. It was agreed that these concerns would be referred back to Council's event staff for follow-up with the organisers.

The matter was LAID ON THE TABLE pending confirmation of insurance arrangements. Mr Balind to advise members electronically once received.

CL02 REQUEST FOR UPDATES ON OUTSTANDING SPEED ZONE REVIEWS AND SPEED ZONE REVIEW PROCESSES

The Forum discussed delays in the speed zone review process and sought updates on several outstanding requests. Mr Minehan explained that responsibility for speed zoning has recently moved to Transport for NSW's new Safety and Network Solutions division, with dedicated staff now in place after recruitment delays.

Mr Minehan suggested that the matter be LAID ON THE TABLE until the next meeting and that Council staff arrange a meeting with the relevant Transport for NSW representatives in

the meantime to discuss outstanding speed zone reviews and priorities. Mallinson Road and Abattoir Road were identified as key locations requiring attention, with increased development and traffic activity supporting the need for review.

Mr Minehan advised that the Slopes Road review is complete and awaiting final approval, while any future speed zone changes must continue to be assessed against Transport for NSW standards and road environment criteria. Mr Balind to follow up directly with the new responsible officers before the next meeting.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The Outstanding Action Report was updated.

6.1 General Business – Lenehan Road / Banna Avenue

The Committee discussed ongoing safety concerns at the Lenehan Road/Banna Avenue intersection following several years of investigation. Transport for NSW has advised that the most practical short-term solution is to restrict the intersection to left-in, left-out movements only by extending the median and preventing right turns.

Members noted that this could impact 30-metre road trains that currently use the intersection under permit arrangements to access routes north of Griffith. Concerns were raised that closing right-turn movements may simply shift traffic and safety issues to other intersections or routes.

A trial closure for six months was suggested to assess how traffic patterns and driver behaviour would adapt before any permanent changes are made. Alternative long-term intersection treatments, including dedicated turning lanes, channelisation and median modifications, were also discussed.

It was agreed that staff would undertake further investigation, review previous concept plans and prepare a report for a future meeting outlining potential options and their impacts before any decision is made.

6.2 Business Arising – Intersection Merrigal Street / Griffin Avenue

Mr Minehan noted that recent crashes involved vehicles crossing or entering the intersection from side roads rather than rear-end collisions on Kidman Way itself. Several potential treatments were discussed and it was suggested that consolidating access points along the service road into a single controlled intersection or roundabout may provide a longer-term solution. It was also noted that previous concept designs had been prepared, but no funding had been secured to progress them. The Committee agreed that the issue remains a concern and that available options should continue to be considered as funding opportunities arise.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Staffing Update

Mr Carrozza advised that Council is restructuring its engineering team to create a dedicated Traffic and Design Engineer position. The change is intended to strengthen traffic planning and road design capability, support the management of traffic matters and applications and address the long-standing difficulty in recruiting a Road Safety Officer and Traffic Engineer.

7.2 Roadwork Signage – Kurrajong Avenue

Councillor Napoli has been informed about confusion about temporary roadwork speed limits on Kurrajong Avenue, particularly where reduced speed signs remain in place despite no visible work occurring.

Mr Minehan noted that changes to work zone requirements mean signage should generally be removed when work is not active, unless there are safety concerns such as road defects or damaged infrastructure.

Members advised that motorists must still comply with posted speed limits while signs remain in place. Staff suggested that the remaining works may relate to the relocation of poles, although further clarification would need to be provided by the Director of Infrastructure & Operations.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Forum is to be held on Tuesday, 8 September 2026 at 10:30 am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:27 am.