MINUTES

LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM ON
TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:32 AM

PRESENT

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

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 Tony Leadbitter.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 August 2026, having first been circulated amongst all members, were confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Traffic Management - 2026 Biggest Lap Car Event

Mr Balind noted the absence of a road occupancy licence for Griffin Avenue and Benerembah Street for the event. Information from the Road Occupancy Unit of Transport NSW confirmed their records did not show such approvals. Mr Hall to follow up.

Councillor O'Grady advised that the organisers would hold a post-event review to identify successes and areas for improvement and that he will encourage them to prepare their management plans and supporting documentation earlier if the event proceeds in 2027.

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 - 2026 CHRISTMAS CAROLS - COOLAH STREET

The Forum noted the proposed traffic management for the 2026 Christmas Carols event. No issues were identified.

CL02 TREATMENT OPTIONS - PROBERT AVENUE/MACARTHUR STREET INTERSECTION

The Committee discussed options to improve safety and reduce congestion at the intersection of Probert Avenue and Macarthur Street. Four design options were considered, including roundabout configurations and a channelised T-intersection.

Option 1, involving a single-lane approach on each leg of the roundabout, was identified as the safest option, although it would require some land resumption from Marian Catholic College and the removal of some trees. Option 2, which included a two-lane approach, was not recommended due to safety concerns associated with vehicles bypassing the roundabout without sufficient slowing or deflection. Option 3, a channelised T-intersection, could improve traffic flow but would provide limited safety benefits. A larger roundabout was also discussed as a potential option to address both safety and congestion, subject to land requirements and cost.

The Committee discussed the need to balance safety improvements, congestion, construction costs and the impact on Marian Catholic College.

Action: It was agreed that updated traffic counts and time-based traffic data would be obtained to better understand traffic volumes and patterns throughout the day and inform further consideration of the options.

CL03 OPTIONS FOR NEW CARPARK - ALTIN STREET RESERVE - LOT 3 DP 706417

The Committee considered four options for formalising parking arrangements within Altin Street Reserve to address parking shortages, traffic congestion and pedestrian safety concerns associated with Blackline Swim School and the Australia Post depot. Concerns were raised regarding vehicles parking along the bend, obstructing visibility and increasing the risk to children and pedestrians, particularly during peak swim school periods. The movement of heavy vehicles and farm machinery through the area was also noted. . Mr Balind commented on previous assessments of the dog leg corner and advised congestion reduces the speed of vehicles. Any parking restrictions on that corner would reduce

congestion and allow vehicles to sling shot at a greater speed.

The options included formalising a car park with approximately 50 spaces, separating entry and exit points, and providing perimeter parking with improved traffic circulation. A staged approach was discussed, commencing with improved line marking, a one-way traffic arrangement and the installation of a concrete traffic island (blister) to improve vehicle alignment and safety. Formalised parking bays could then be constructed progressively as funding becomes available. The larger blister option was supported for further consideration, noting that it could improve traffic movements while providing a more cost-effective initial measure.

The estimated costs, available funding and competing priorities within the Traffic Facilities Program would need to be assessed before determining the timing of the works.

Action: It was agreed that the matter would be referred to a Councillor workshop for further discussion, including consideration of the preferred option, a staged implementation approach and funding priorities.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

6.1 Business Arising - Boorga Road and Jones Road Intersection

The Committee noted that the rumble strips are not sufficiently effective in alerting drivers to the intersection.

Options discussed included extending the rumble strips across the full traffic lane and investigating electronic warning signage with flashing LED lights to improve driver awareness. The potential impact of extending the rumble strips on vehicle traction was noted, along with the need to consider the movement of heavy vehicles along the designated route and avoid unnecessary stopping.

It was agreed that further investigation would be undertaken into alternative safety treatments, including vehicle-activated flashing signage, to improve driver awareness and reduce the risk of crashes.

6.2 General Business - Lenehan Road / Banna Avenue

Mr Hall advised that funding was available for delivery, but the design had not yet been confirmed. A left-in, left-out arrangement was understood to be the preferred option, with further investigation of design options to continue. Mr Hall undertook to keep the Committee informed of progress.

6.3 Request for Safe Access - Kurrajong Banna Avenue

Mr King advised both line marking and minor works have been completed. To be removed from the Outstanding Action Report.

6.3 Intersection Hillside Drive / Slopes Road

Designs have been prepared and will be tabled at the next meeting for discussion.

Mr Hall advised that the proposed speed zone changes for Slopes Road were almost approved. Implementation remains subject to the release of the current financial year's budget.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Illegal use of E-scooters

The Committee discussed community concerns regarding the use of illegal e-bikes and e-scooters in public areas, particularly around Ted Scobie Oval. Concerns included unsafe riding on roads, footpaths and other public spaces, and the need for clearer information on enforcement and the seizure and disposal of illegal devices.

The Committee discussed the potential for additional signage around Ted Scobie Oval, community education programs and referral of the signage issue to the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee for consideration.

Action: Mr Balind to liaise with the Police's Media Unit regarding relevant educational materials for publication in the Council Catch-Up and on social media, to raise awareness of legal requirements and help inform parents and young riders.

7.2 Double Lines on Boorga Road

Councillor O'Grady asked to revisit the proposal to extend the double centre lines on Boorga Road northbound, from the Jones Road intersection towards Nericon, due to safety concerns regarding vehicles overtaking and the risk of head-on collisions.

Mr King noted that the matter had previously been referred to the Works Department for assessment. Council officers undertook to follow up on the request, which is currently in the works program.

7.3 Safety Concerns - Griffith Show

Councillor Napoli raised traffic and pedestrian safety concerns at the Griffith Showground during the annual show, particularly the interaction between vehicles and pedestrians and the ineffectiveness of temporary handwritten signage.

It was noted that the Showground Trust and event organisers are responsible for managing safety within the showground, with Council having limited authority over activities within the site. The importance of having personnel on the ground to direct traffic and manage parking was highlighted, as demonstrated at other events.

Action: The Chair requested that a letter be sent to the Showground Trust and event organisers outlining the concerns and seeking improved traffic management and pedestrian safety measures for future events.

8 NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:30 am.