

PRESENT

Councillor Richard Foley	
Sergeant Gerard Horsley	NSW Police
Mr Greg Minehan	Transport for NSW

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Warren Faulkner	Director City Engineering (Chair)
Mr Zain Lakho	Senior Traffic Officer
Ms Louise Wheaton	Executive Assistant Infrastructure Services
Ms Kori West	Corporate Governance Officer
Ms Ruby Brodin	Business Support Officer

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received and accepted for Peter Braneley, Representative of Local State member of Parliament.

Busabout as the local public transport bus operator were invited and did not attend.

The meeting of the Traffic Committee commenced at 9.00am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri and First Nations communities.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 17 JULY 2025 - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Local Traffic Committee held on 8 May 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

The forum members accepted minutes as a true and accurate.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

FUNCTION OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM

The Director of City Engineering, Warren Faulkner provided a presentation to the Forum regarding the Transport for NSW 2025 Authorisation and Delegation Instrument for Councils. This commenced on 1 August 2025, which replaced the existing 2011 Delegation to Councils and 2023 Temporary Delegation to Councils.

The presentation outlined the changes to the previous Local Traffic Committee now named as the Local Transport Forum which provides more discretion for council to exercise their roles and responsibilities as the local road authority. An explanation was provided on how the mandatory and optional referral to the Local Transport Forum will be implemented.

The forum members received printouts of the 2025 Authorisation and Delegation Instrument, a Briefing Pack prepared by Transport for NSW and a slide titled "Understanding what must be referred to the LTF" for their information.

The forum was informed that it is the intention that all items where Council uses its delegated powers, will be tabled at its' Forum within three (3) months to ensure the Forum is informed.

REPORTS

RP-1 INLAND RAIL TRAFFIC MITIGATIONS - TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF RIGHT TURN MOVEMENTS ON BOURKE STREET BETWEEN URANA STREET AND THE RAILWAY LINE

The report to the Local Transport Forum for this item included the following Council Officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the temporary restriction of right turn movements on Bourke Street between Urana Street and the railway line as part of the traffic mitigation measures associated with the trial closure of the Edmondson Street bridge for the Inland Rail project, and
- b subject to the trial being successful, approve the temporary restriction of right turn movements on Bourke Street between Urana Street and the railway line for the period of construction of the upgrade of the Edmondson Street bridge as part the Inland Rail project

Summary of Discussion:

The Forum received a briefing on the proposed temporary changes to Bourke Street, including use of plans to outline the modifications. Key points noted were the introduction of a plastic kerb down the centre of Bourke Street between Urana Street and the railway line and the installation of 'All Traffic Left' signs to remove existing right-turn movements at Coleman, Athol & Wooden Streets.

Concerns and considerations raised included a known issue associated with the proposed plastic kerb coming loose and becoming a safety incident, the advantages the plan may provide to bus operators and the need for careful management of bus routes. Suggestions included signage exemptions for buses and consideration of alternative routes in peak times.

The Forum heard Councils concerns about the lack of capacity building into the road network (additional lanes on the Lake Albert/Tarcutta and Bourke/Docker corridors) to assist with the dispersion of 10,000 vehicles trips per day to other crossings of the rail line following the closure of the Edmondson Street bridge (noting approximately 58,000 vehicle trips per day traverse the rail line in Wagga at all locations south of the river), and the avoidance of re-programming traffic signals to optimise efficiency at intersections due to the long lead times to do so. The importance of defining metrics to evaluate the success of any trial measures was emphasised.

Overall, the Forum recognised the need to progress temporary measures while continuing to engage with relevant stakeholders and committees.

RP-2 INLAND RAIL TRAFFIC MITIGATIONS - TEMPORARY ROUNDABOUT AT THE MACLEAY/COLEMAN INTERSECTION

The report to the Local Transport Forum for this item included the following Council Officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the temporary installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Coleman Street and Macleay Street in Turvey Park as part of the traffic mitigation measures associated with the trial closure of the Edmondson Street bridge for the Inland Rail project, and
- b subject to the trial being successful, approve the temporary installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Coleman Street and Macleay Street in Turvey Park for the period of construction of the upgrade of the Edmondson Street bridge as part the Inland Rail project

Summary of Discussion

Forum members expressed support for making the changes a permanent fixture. It was noted that buses may have difficulty navigating the area and design adjustments may be required. The Forum agreed that the project should be delivered by Inland Rail as a legacy initiative, with costs to be borne by Inland Rail rather than Council. The Forum members offered no further advice or comments on the Officers recommendation.

RP-3 GEARS & BEERS FESTIVAL 2025 - SATURDAY & SUNDAY 4-5 OCTOBER 2025

The report to the Local Transport Forum for this item included the following Council Officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approve the traffic management arrangements for the conduct of the Gears and Beers Festival 2025 on the 4th and 5th October 2025 in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area.

Summary of Discussion

The Forum was informed that the event is being conducted under Development Application approval and advised of the routes to be used for the event, with Busabout notified and a Schedule 1 'Notice of intent to hold a public assembly' has been issued to NSW Police. Councils Traffic Officers have received all documentation required for the event and are satisfied with the documentation. The Forum members offered no further advice or comments on the Officers recommendation.

RP-4 2025 LAKE RUN & RIDE EVENT - SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

The report to the Local Transport Forum for this item included the following Council Officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council note that the Director City Engineering (under delegated authority) approved the traffic management arrangements for the conduct of the 2025 Lake Run and Ride Event at Apex Park, Kooringal and Lake Albert on Sunday 28 September 2025 organised by Wagga Lake Run and Ride Committee.

Summary of Discussion

The Forum was informed that Councils Traffic Officers have received all documentation required for the event and are satisfied with the documentation. Busabout as the local public transport provider has been notified and a Schedule 1 'Notice of intent to hold a public assembly' has been issued to NSW Police. The Forum members offered no further advice or comments on the Officers recommendation.

RP-5 EXERCISE OF FREEDOM OF THE CITY BY RAAF FOREST HILL - ON-STREET EVENT - 18 OCTOBER 2025

The report to the Local Transport Forum for this item included the following Council Officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approved the traffic management arrangements for the conduct of the '2025 Freedom of Entry' by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in Morgan Street, Baylis Street, Morrow Street, Fitzmaurice Street and Johnston Street on 18 October 2025.

Summary of Discussion

The Forum was informed of the event and advised that all required documentation has been received from the event organiser. The local Public Transport Service (Busabout) has also been informed of the event and is making arrangements to modify its bus services affected by the temporary closure. A Schedule 1 'Notice of intent to hold a public assembly' has been issued to NSW Police. The Forum members offered no further advice or comments on the Officers recommendation.

RP-6 EVENT - SPRING JAM - BOTANICAL GARDENS - 27 SEPTEMBER 2025

The report to the Local Transport Forum for this item included the following Council Officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approve the traffic management arrangements for the conduct of the 2025 Spring Jam Festival at the Botanic Gardens on the 27th September 2025.

Summary of Discussion

The Forum was informed that Councils Traffic Officers have received all documentation required for the event and are satisfied with the documentation. A Schedule 1 'Notice of intent to hold a public assembly' has been issued to NSW Police. The Forum members offered no further advice or comments on the Officers recommendation.

RP-7 EVENT - FUSION BOTANICAL - BOTANICAL GARDENS - 18 OCTOBER 2025

The report to the Local Transport Forum for this item included the following Council Officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approve the traffic management arrangements for the conduct of the 2025 Fusion Botanical (multicultural festival) at the Botanic Gardens, Tom Wood Drive, Turvey Park on 18 October 2025.

Summary of Discussion

The Forum was informed that Councils Traffic Officers have received all documentation required for the event and are satisfied with the documentation. A Schedule 1 'Notice of intent to hold a public assembly' has been issued to NSW Police. The Forum members offered no further advice or comments on the Officers recommendation.

RP-8 DUNNS ROAD INTERSECTION FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 & 2 DP 1252008 - SPRINGVALE

The report to the Local Transport Forum for this item included the following Council Officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That the Council endorse the installation of a Give Way sign and line marking as shown on MJM Sheet Number B1301 of Project Number 200705 Revision A dated 11 August 2025.

Summary of Discussion

The Transport for NSW representative suggested that the Give Way sign was not necessarily required as the NSW Road Rules for an intersecting street applied. The Forum members offered no further advice or comments on the Officers recommendation.

RP-9 EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING ZONE ADJACENT TO 116-118 PETER STREET, WAGGA WAGGA

The report to the Local Transport Forum for this item included the following Council Officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That the Local Transport Forum and Council note that the existing No Stopping/2P parking sign adjacent to 116-118 Peter Street has been relocated one bay north to mitigate the risk of vehicle collisions with an existing street tree.

Summary of Discussion

The Forum was advised that the sign had been relocated to remove the risk of vehicles colliding with the tree when parking. The Forum members offered no further advice or comments on the Officers recommendation.

RP-10 PRESCRIBED TRAFFIC DEVICES IN PHAR LAP PLACE AND ITS INTERSECTION WITH MESSENGER AVENUE, BOOROOMA

The report to the Local Transport Forum for this item included the following Council Officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the installation of a concrete annulus in the cul-de-sac head of Phar Lap Place, Boorooma and approve the signs and linemarking associated with it as shown on Eclipse Drawing Number C105-F Revision F dated 22 July 2025
- b approve the installation of signs and line marking at the intersection of Phar Lap Place and Messenger Avenue, Boorooma as shown on Rigore Drawing Registration Number RES2411.75.200 Sheet RD-003

Summary of Discussion

The forum was advised that the conversion of the cul-de-sac head on Phar Lap Place to a roundabout has been approved as part of the development consent for DA24/0192. The report was seeking the advice of the Forum members with respect to the signs and linemarking proposed to be installed for the roundabout and at the intersection of Phar Lap place and Messenger Avenue. The Forum members offered no further advice or comments on the Officers recommendation.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Councillor Richard Foley raised a request from a resident regarding a crossing on Main Street, Lake Albert adjacent to Ron Wheeler Park, asking whether a zebra crossing could be installed.

The Director City Engineering advised that the current pedestrian crossing included a refuge island in the middle of the road that provided protection for pedestrians and meant that the crossing of the road could be done in two movements with each movement only having to cross one lane of traffic at a time. If a pedestrian Zebra crossing was installed at the crossing, the refuge island would have to be removed to be compliant with the Australian Standard which meant the crossing of the road would now have to be done in one movement and across two lanes of traffic. It was suggested that maybe mid-block traffic signals was the safest option.

The Transport for NSW representative informed the Forum that the cost would be approximately \$1.8 million and would require lighting.

The Director City Engineering suggested a wombat crossing may be a more suitable alternative as an alternative to slow vehicles. The Director City Engineering advised that the proposal would be investigated, including potential use of blisters and removal of centre medians, noting there is no budget allocated.

The Local Transport Forum rose at 10.25am.