

# MEETING MINUTES

## Inland Rail - Albury to Illabo (A2I) Community Consultative Committee Wagga Wagga Sub-Committee

### DATE / TIME

4 February 2026  
2:00pm

### LOCATION

PCYC Wagga Wagga  
11 Fitzhardinge St, Wagga Wagga

### FACILITATOR

Mr Garry West

### MINUTE TAKER

Mr Garry West

### DISTRIBUTION

Albury to Illabo CCC

### ATTENDEES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Mr Garry West (Independent Chair) (GW)
- ▶ Cr Pam Halliburton (Junee Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr Lloyd Hart (Junee Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr David Carter (Community Representative)
- ▶ Mr Austin Morris (Lockhart Shire Council)
- ▶ Scott Sanbrook (Committee 4 Wagga – Observer)
- ▶ Jessica Jackson (Stakeholder Engagement Advisor A2P) (JJ)
- ▶ Dinith Amarasinghe (Senior Project Manager – A2I) (DA)
- ▶ Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager) (RL)
- ▶ Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead – A2I) (KH)
- ▶ Ms Clarissa Farrington (Director, Inland Rail Program Assurance, Commonwealth Infrastructure Projects Division, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts)(CF)
- ▶ Mr John Zannes (Director, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW)

### APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Mr Gavin Rhodes (Lockhart Shire Council)
- ▶ Cr Jane Hunter (Lockhart Shire Council)
- ▶ Ms Sally Manning (Wagga Business Chamber)
- ▶ Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P)
- ▶ Malcolm Honner (NSW Farmers)

## Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all to the meeting.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	As Above
<b>3. Declarations of Interest</b>	No new declarations
<b>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	It was noted and agreed that the minutes of 5 November 2025 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
<b>4. Actions from previous meeting</b>	Ms Hardy advised that the overall B2P Community Grants Budget is \$50,000 per round and there are four rounds per year. As previously advised applicants can apply for between \$1,000 - \$4,000 per application.
<b>5. Proponent's Reports</b>	<p><b>Mr Dinith Amarasinghe (Senior Project Manager – A2I) Program and Project Update</b></p> <p>Mr Amarasinghe provided an update on the adjacent projects:</p> <p><b>Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)</b></p> <p>Clearing and grubbing of the alignment is continuing and utilities adjustment is in progress. Major construction is due to commence in March 2026. Combined Services Route (CSR) work is also in progress with pipework for a water line along the alignment commencing.</p> <p><b>Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)</b></p> <p>The S2P project has completed all works including track lowering under the Wyndham Avenue bridge, crossing loop at Daroobalgie, track slews at various locations and modification of the Lachlan River bridge.</p> <p><b>A2I Program Update (A2I)</b></p>

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	<p>Design Progress shows clearance site are at 99.5%, Junee to Illabo is 100%, Albury is 98%, Wagga sites are 99% and Junee sites are 97%. Overall design progress is 98.3% complete.</p> <p>Construction progress shows clearance sites are at 15%, Junee to Illabo is 24%, Albury sites 7.3%, Wagga sites are 5.9%, and Junee sites are 17%. Overall construction progress is 30% complete.</p> <p><b>Precinct Update – Lockhart Shire Council</b></p> <p>The December 2025 possession saw the gantry modification works completed at The Rock which is the first A2I site with works completed.</p> <p>Q1 &amp; Q2 activity includes noise &amp; vibration consultations commencing, overhead wires validation and Yerong Creek site investigations.</p> <p>Community engagement activities will involve monthly Council monitoring meetings, quarterly Councillor briefing and STEM Challenges in Wagga and Albury.</p> <p>The Pleasant Hills Community Association was successful with their grant application for disabled toilet amenities.</p> <p>Ms Hardy tabled the updated Inland Rail Skills Academy for the Lockhart Shire (see attachment to the minutes).</p> <p><b>Precinct Update – Junee Shire</b></p> <p>During the December 2025 possession the Kemp St Bridge temporary Continuous Flight Auger (CFA) piling was completed, fencing installed and track tampering. Soil nailing testing has now been completed, and permanent piling works have commenced.</p> <p>In the Junee to Illabo section geotechnical investigations are ongoing along with shoulder reconstruction, top ballasting and tamping.</p> <p><b>Junee Lookahead</b></p> <p>Q1 activities will see noise &amp; vibration consultations commence along with overhead wires validations. Ms Labruyere provided a</p>

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	<p>brief overview of the modelling process being undertaken prior to further consultations with the community.</p> <p>The following works are currently scheduled to be carried out during the February/March possession:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kemp St Bridge piling construction, demolition of existing abutment, pier and trussell footings.</li> <li>• Olympic Highway Underbridge will include track works (resurfacing and adjustment), geotechnical investigations, vegetation clearing, excavation and earth moving activities, material stockpiling, resurfacing, track ballasting, rail adjusting.</li> <li>• Junee to Illabo includes track works, excavation and earth moving activities, geotechnical investigations, material transportation between sites and culvert works.</li> <li>• Junee driver interchange platforms (north and south), vegetation trimming, pouring of concrete footings and piling, drainage work, installation of steel platforms, lighting, carpark and associated elements (i.e. bollards)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cr Pam Halliburton</b> asked where the soil will be stockpiled for the underpass associated with the driver interchange and the Olympic Highway underbridge? Mr Amarasinghe advised that the soil will be stockpiled wholly within the rail corridor</p> <p><b>Mr David Carter</b> asked how the traffic movements will be managed to minimise impacts at Wright’s Oval in Junee. Mr Amarasinghe advised the stockpiles are being moved in accordance with the CTMP so as to manage the workflow.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd Hart</b> raised concern about the degradation of the roads in the Junee LGA and sought advice on how often are inspections are undertaken? Mr Amarasinghe took this question on notice to seek clarification on the frequency of inspections he also confirmed there is an obligation to maintain the condition of the road. Mr Hart indicated there are some areas that are quite dangerous. Mr Amarasinghe committed to following this matter up with the construction partners.</p> <p><b>Mr David Carter</b> noted that it was pleasing see that Martinus had slashed the corridor tracks but expressed concern that Martinus</p>

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	<p>didn't have extra water trucks on site during the week of intense heat.</p> <p><b>Mr David Cater</b> asked for clarification that the Marina bridge was being removed and replaced with culverts? <b>ACTION: Clarify works and design planned at the Marina bridge site.</b></p> <p>Upcoming Community Engagement includes monthly Council monitoring meetings, quarterly Councillor briefings, possession door knocks, providing respite vouchers and/or alternate accommodation, STEM challenges (Wagga), and door knocks and information sessions focusing on pedestrian connectivity.</p> <p>The Junee Community Centre was successful with its community grant application for the bus wrap project.</p> <p>Ms Jackson tabled the updated Inland Rail Skills Academy for the Junee Shire (see attachment to the minutes).</p> <p><b>Precinct Update – Wagga Wagga</b></p> <p>The trial closure of the Edmondson St bridge was successful leading to full approval to proceed with closure for approximately 18 months. Twelve community information sessions were held across 2 weeks. Throughout the traffic trial, traffic movements have flowed as expected and remained within the forecast range. Feedback was received from emergency services, bus operators, schools and the broader community which indicated that the trial was effective. The traffic monitoring centre resumed on Monday February 2 and will monitor traffic movements as school returns and community return to work.</p> <p><b>Ms Jess Jackson</b> provided an overview of sample feedback from the sessions held in Wagga Wagga in the Sturt Mall, Lake Village Foodworks and the Toll and IGA session.</p> <p>Works across Wagga include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmondson St Bridge – hording installed, excavation of abutments, heavy vehicle truck movements and 66kv power to the site was commissioned.</li> <li>• Mothers Bridge – piling works and delivery of oversize machinery.</li> </ul>

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cassidy Bridge – site establishment and vegetation clearing.</li> </ul> <p>Looking ahead noise &amp; vibration consultations will commence along with overhead wires validations. The February/March possession will include demolition of the Edmondson St bridge deck and piling works at the Mothers Bridge and Cassidy bridge. Another possession is planned in May 2-5 which will see the detour pedestrian path to Cassidy bridge established.</p> <p>Upcoming engagement will occur with schools as requested focussing on pedestrian and road safety, Councillor briefing, possession door knocks providing respite vouchers and alternate accommodation, STEM School Challenges.</p> <p>Successful Community Grants included Mt Erin Heritage Centre, Wagga Wagga Society of Model Engineers Inc and the Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga.</p> <p>Ms Jackson tabled the updated Inland Rail Skills Academy for the Wagga Wagga City (see attachment to the minutes).</p> <p><b>Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager A2P)</b></p> <p><b>Planning and Environment Update</b></p> <p>Ms Labruyere reported on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Driver Change Platforms in Junee which approved the works. The platforms are to be constructed at two locations, identified as JE11 &amp; JE70. Consultation was carried out with directly impacted residents, Council and through drop-in sessions in Junee. Mitigation measures developed for the CSSI (A2I) Project have been included in the REF Conditions. Site investigations for the Driver Change Platforms (Geotechnical) are due to commence in February with construction planned for the February possession.</p> <p>Detailed site investigations are underway and due to be completed at all sites by the end of February. Sites investigations include test pits and bore holes and are carried out prior to commencement of Construction. Asbestos investigations are</p>

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	<p>ongoing. Prior to works in areas where asbestos has been located a surface Emu Pick is carried out under the Project Asbestos Management Plan with a hygienist on site. Following any asbestos removal an asbestos clearance inspection is carried out by the Contamination Consultant.</p> <p><u>Uranquinty Heritage Unexpected Find</u></p> <p>During a pre-works heritage inspection, an unexpected find was identified and considered to be associated with the Sandy Creek Station which dates back to the 1880's. Heritage NSW have been consulted regarding the find and a Design and Excavation methodology is to be produced to inform archaeological excavation of the find.</p> <p><b>Ms Jessica Jackson (Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2P) - Community Update.</b></p> <p>Ms Jackson reported on the Inland Rail recognition that construction activities can create temporary disruptions for nearby businesses indicating early (and often) engagement with affected businesses is essential to understand their specific circumstances, constraints and operational needs.</p> <p>Practical measures being implemented to support the business community including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early notification of upcoming works, including timing, duration and potential impacts</li> <li>• Information sessions and briefings, allowing businesses to ask questions and plan ahead</li> <li>• Installation of additional wayfinding or access signage to help customers navigate changing conditions</li> <li>• Boosted social media and promotional support, highlighting that businesses remain open and accessible</li> <li>• Digital marketing program, and</li> <li>• Beyond Blue – New access support</li> </ul> <p>IRPL First Nation Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Nation artist Luke Penrith finished the A2I corridor wide Artwork</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clontarf Partnership will head to Sydney supporting the academies in the Riverina catchment at the Year 12 Leadership Camp – with a focus on resilience</li> <li>2026 will see more opportunities for First Nation people to release more design EOI's.</li> </ul> <p>Ms Jackson provided an overview of the community benefits flowing from the A2I and S2P projects July 2023 – November 2025. (see appendix to the minutes).</p>
<b>6.General Business &amp; Community Feedback</b>	<p><b>Mr Lloyd Hart</b> reported that there was positive feedback from Junee residents for the daytime provision of the bus service.</p> <p><b>Mr Scott Sanbrook</b> reported that feedback from businesses at the recent roundtable toward Inland Rail was positive. The community consultation activities are worthwhile.</p> <p><b>Mr David Carter</b> indicated the interaction with Martinus has been positive.</p> <p><b>Ms Clarissa Farrington</b> asked if the contact with emergency services will be ongoing? Ms Hardy confirmed that regular contact will be maintained with emergency services through the LEMC and the bus operators for the entire construction period.</p>

Meeting Closed at 3.00 pm

#### Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Clarify works and design planned at the Marinna bridge site.	RL	Next meeting

## Next Meeting

20 May 2026

# Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – December 2025

Lockhart Shire LGA



# INLAND RAIL

We invest in Inland Rail alignment communities by partnering with experts to grow a local supply of businesses and future workers equipped for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



## STEM PARTNERSHIPS

**2** Events held

**2** Schools involved

**72**

Students engaged in STEM activities

**10%** of whom are First Nations People

**51%** of whom are Female

**10** Teachers attended



## UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

**0** Supplier Capability Workshops held

**0** Mentoring sessions held

**0** Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

**0%** First Nations businesses

**0** "Meet the Contractor" events held

**0** Businesses attending



## SKILLS TRAINING

**0** Work ready individuals

**0** Completed Training Competencies

**0** of whom are First Nations People

**0** of whom are Female

**0** Workers received training on project

**0** Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



## COMMUNITY GRANTS

**2** Local community grants approved

**\$7 K**

Cash contributions



## PROJECT WORKFORCE

**3** Total workforce from LGA

**0** Sustainable Jobs

**0** Workers in trades

**0** First Nations workers

**0** Female workers

**0** Young Workers (Under 25)



## PROJECT PROCUREMENT

**0**

Businesses who have worked on the project

**0** First Nations Businesses

**\$0**

Total spend on local businesses

# Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – December 2025 Junee LGA



We invest in Inland Rail alignment communities by partnering with experts to grow a local supply of businesses and future workers equipped for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



## STEM PARTNERSHIPS

**5** Events held

**7** Schools involved

**306** Students engaged in STEM activities

Students engaged in STEM activities

**13%** of whom are First Nations People

**53%** of whom are Female

**42** Teachers attended



## UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

**2** Supplier Capability Workshops held

**0** Mentoring sessions held

**16** Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

**2%** First Nations businesses

**1** "Meet the Contractor" events held

**44** Businesses attending



## SKILLS TRAINING

**0** Work ready individuals



**0** Completed Training Competencies

**0** of whom are First Nations People

**0** of whom are Female

**4** Workers received training on project

**0** Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



## COMMUNITY GRANTS

**17** Local community grants approved

**\$59K** Cash contributions



## PROJECT WORKFORCE

**16** Total workforce from LGA

**2** Sustainable Jobs

**1** Workers in trades

**0** First Nations workers

**0** Female workers

**1** Young Workers (Under 25)



## PROJECT PROCUREMENT

**6** Businesses who have worked on the project

**0** First Nations Businesses

**230 K** Total spend on local businesses

# Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – December 2025 Wagga Wagga City LGA



# INLAND RAIL

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## STEM PARTNERSHIPS

**24** Events held

**16** Schools involved

**3,710** Students engaged in STEM activities

Students engaged in STEM activities

**13%** of whom are First Nations People

**46%** of whom are Female

**180** Teachers attended



## UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

**6** Supplier Capability Workshops held

**2** Mentoring sessions held

**149** Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

**5%** First Nations businesses

**2** "Meet the Contractor" events held

**154** Businesses attending



## SKILLS TRAINING

**155** Work ready individuals



**6** Completed Training Competencies

**92%** of whom are First Nations People

of whom are Female **6%**

**5** Workers received training on project

**2** Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



## COMMUNITY GRANTS

**47** Local community grants approved

**\$171 K** Cash contributions



## PROJECT WORKFORCE

**113** Total workforce from LGA

**7** Sustainable Jobs

**4** Workers in trades

**17** First Nations workers

**12** Female workers

**7** Young Workers (Under 25)



## PROJECT PROCUREMENT

**70** Businesses who have worked on the project

**5** First Nations Businesses

**\$8.1 m** Total spend on local businesses