

MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE / TIME	LOCATION
20 May 2026 2:00pm	ARTC Boardroom 20 Station Place, Wagga Wagga

FACILITATOR	MINUTE TAKER	DISTRIBUTION
Mr Garry West	Mr Garry West	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)
- ▶ Ms Sally Manning (Wagga Business Chamber)
- ▶ Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P)
- ▶ Ms Susan Kay (Principal Environment Advisor) (SK)
- ▶ Jessica Jackson (Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2P) (JJ)
- ▶ Brent Fewkes (Social Performance Principal) (BF)
- ▶ Trumaine Warcon (Senior First Nations Engagement Advisor A2P) (TW)

APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Cr Jane Hunter (Lockhart Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr Martin Honner (NSW Farmers)
- ▶ Ms Clarissa Farrington (Director, Inland Rail Program Assurance, Commonwealth Infrastructure Projects Division, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts)
- ▶ Mr John Zannes (Director, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW)

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome & Introductions	The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all to the meeting. The Chair sought agreement for him to record the meeting for the purpose of preparing minutes. No objections.
2. Apologies	As Above
3. Declarations of Interest	No new declarations
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting	It was noted and agreed that the minutes of 4 February 2026 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
4. Actions from previous meeting	<p>1. Clarify works and design planned at the Marina bridge site.</p> <p>Mr Clark - This involved the replacement of a pre-existing bridge with a concrete culvert. A water main was also deviated in the lead up to the works. The works were completed in the May possession. The old bridge structure will be disposed of as scrap.</p>
5. Proponent's Reports	<p>Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I/S2P) Program and Project Update</p> <p>Mr Clark provided an update on activities for the adjacent projects of Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S) and Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P). Refer to presentation.</p> <p>Albury to Illabo (A2I) Program Update:</p> <p>Mr Clark confirmed Inland Rail will deliver Albury to Parkes ready for double-stacked operations by the end of 2027 and all approved project works will continue as planned.</p> <p>Mr West noted a copy of the Minister's media release will be attached to these minutes.</p>

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	<p>Mr Clark provided an update on the works that were carried out during the 96-hour possession held in May 2026, an update on the Inland Rail CEO and Board. Refer to presentation.</p> <p>Mr David Carter asked if moving the track in the Albury yard is to lower the track base? Mr Clark - advised that it is an interim step to allow room for the track lowering to be conducted without having to wait for a possession.</p> <p>A2I Program</p> <p>An outline of all the major construction activities across the A2I alignment was shown as well as a series of photos of the works undertaken during the May possession.</p> <p>Mr David Carter said he had received many questions regarding the Kemp St bridge in Junee regarding the dirt being taken out from the up ramp. Couldn't some it be left there? Mr Clark - some of the material has been stockpiled and will be blended for re-use to meet specifications in the new embankments, some will go off-site.</p> <p>An overview of the Junee traffic updates for Stage 1,2 & 3 were provided. Refer to presentation.</p> <p>Mr Lloyd Hart raised concern with road pavement damage on George Street at the Ducker and Edgar Street intersection. MC agreed to take this as an action. [ACTION]</p> <p><u>Cassidy Parade Temporary Footbridge</u></p> <p>Mr Clark provided an update on the Cassidy Footbridge including the temporary structure, demolition and change in accessibility. Refer to presentation.</p> <p>Lookahead</p> <p>A look ahead for the A2I project was provided by Mr Clark. Refer to presentation.</p> <p>Mr David Carter asked why the Brabbins Road level crossing wasn't done during the last possession. Mr Clark explained it was due to the contractor being unable to have a Commissioning</p>

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	<p>Manager available. The work has now been moved to the September possession.</p> <p>Mr David Carter advised there was concern that Bethungra level crossing is going to be closed in September to do major works. Are these works to occur at the same time as the September possession? Mr Clark – Those works are not part of the Inland Rail works but will confirm schedule with ARTC and that this has been coordinated. [ACTION]</p> <p>Mr Carter asked if the works were completed between Junee and Illabo? Mr Clark advised the work is being conducted between Junee and Illabo and is still ongoing.</p> <p>Ms Susan Kay (Principal Environment Advisor)</p> <p>Ms Kay reported that Stage C construction has commenced along with monitoring and reporting.</p> <p>Ms Kay also provided an overview on the Operational Air Quality program for A2I, and the unexpected heritage finds at Edmondson Street and Uranquinty.</p> <p>Refer to presentation.</p> <p>Ms Jessica Jackson (Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2P) - Community and Stakeholder Engagement Update.</p> <p>Ms Jackson reported on the engagement activity carried out during February to May 2026, the upcoming planned engagement activities, successful community grants as well as local business engagement social media. Refer to presentation.</p> <p>Mr Brent Fewkes (Social Performance Principal) – Social Performance Program Overview</p> <p>Mr Fewkes explained what the social performance focus is on. It is to provide a socially beneficial program. The focus areas are career engagement, business capability and workforce development. The grants are also part of the reach to different communities. Mr Fewkes provided an overview of what is involved</p>

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	<p>in the social performance program including the community benefits flowing from the A2I and S2P projects July 2023 – March 2026. (Refer to presentation).</p> <p>Mr Fewkes spoke to the presentation for the Inland Rail Skills Academy for the Lockhart, Wagga Wagga City and Junee LGA’s and provided an overview of the categories and the achievements.</p> <p>Ms Sally Manning asked if there are any missing gaps in services that could be provided to Martinus? Mr Fewkes, not that Martinus has raised with us but we can get feedback from Martinus.</p> <p>Mr Trumaine Warcon (Senior First Nations Engagement Advisor) provided an overview of the Clontarf Leader Camp in Albury which supported the Koorungal High School, Mt Austin High School and James Fallon High School and the upcoming launch of the A2I First Nations Corridor Wide Artwork by Luke Penrith.</p>
<p>6.General Business & Community Feedback</p>	<p>Ms Sally Manning asked what is happening north of Parkes? Mr Clark - Whilst some works have been completed north of Parkes most remaining projects are “greenfield” and will focus on working to preserve the rail corridor.</p> <p>Mr David Carter asked how much would it cost to recommence the projects north of Parkes? Mr Clark the future is still unknown, but the corridor is being secured.</p> <p>Mr David Carter noted the launch event of the site First Nations art works was cancelled. Will it be rescheduled? Mr Warcon Yes, it is to be re-scheduled.</p> <p>Ms Clarissa Farrington advised if any CCC member has a question regarding the Government’s announcement they can raise them through the Chair and she will endeavour to get answers.</p> <p>Mr David Carter made note of Martinus incorporating themselves well into communities, provided the example of when a wind storm came through Illabo and tree branches were over road. Martinus stopped with flashing lights, set up traffic control and</p>

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	removed the branches from the road which saved RFS having to come out.

Meeting Closed at 3.20 pm

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Clarify rectification of road pavement damage on George Street at the Ducker and Edgar Street intersection, Junee	MC	ASAP
2	Clarify if Bethungra level crossing will conflict with the works proposed in the September possession.	MC	Next meeting

Next Meeting

5 August 2026