

MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE / TIME

5 August 2026
2:00pm

LOCATION

ARTC Boardroom
20 Station Place, 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 Austin Morris (Lockhart Shire Council)
- ▶ Cr Jane Hunter (Lockhart Shire Council)
- ▶ Cr Richard Foley (Wagga Wagga City Council)
- ▶ Scott Sanbrook (Committee 4 Wagga – Observer)
- ▶ Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P)
- ▶ Ms Kate Hardy (Community Engagement Lead A2I) (KH)
- ▶ Ms Susan Kay (Principal Environment Advisor) (SK)

APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ 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)
- ▶ Mr David Carter (Community Representative)

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome & Introductions	The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all to the meeting.
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 20 May 2026 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
4. Actions from previous meeting	Addressed throughout meeting
5. Proponent's Reports	Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I/S2P) Program and Project Update Mr Clark advised a new CEO, Dr Sean Sweeney has commenced at Inland Rail on 1 July 2026 and completed an alignment tour from Beveridge to Parkes mid-July. Mr Clark provided an update on activities for the adjacent projects of Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S) and Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P) and the ten Victorian precincts. MC also advised a major 96-hour possession is to occur 12-15 September with works occurring across multiple sites. Refer to presentation. A2I Program An outline of all the major construction activities across the A2I alignment was shown as well as a series of photos and videos of the works undertaken. Refer to presentation. Mr Clark reported the Mothers Footbridge is expected to be completed in part and open to pedestrians by November 26 and a public event is being planned once the structure is fully complete. Mr Clark advised track works are proposed at the Brabins Road level crossing (LX604) during the September possession. The

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	Bethungra crossing will be closed, and the Harris Gates crossing will remain open. Refer to presentation for details of the detour route. Mr Clark provided an overview of the works that will occur during the September possession. Refer to presentation. Lookahead A look ahead for the A2I project was provided by Mr Clark. Refer to presentation. Ms Susan Kay (Principal Environment Advisor) Ms Kay reported that Stage C construction was continuing with monitoring and reporting. Ms Kay also provided an overview on the Operational Air Quality program for A2I, and the unexpected heritage finds at Edmondson Street bridge which has been assessed as ‘not significant’ and will be demolished. Ms Kay provided an update on the Operational Noise and Vibration Review. Refer to presentation. Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2P) - Community and Stakeholder Engagement Update. Ms Hardy reported on the engagement activity carried out during since the previous meeting, the upcoming planned engagement activities, successful community grants as well as local business engagement social media. Refer to presentation. Ms Hardy provided an overview of Martinus activities with school students and the Inland Rail partnerships along with Martinus with First Nations communities. Refer to presentation. Ms Hardy provided an overview of the community benefits from the project as well as the Skills Academy investments for the Lockhart Shire, Junee and Wagga Wagga City LGAs. Refer to presentation.

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	Mr Scott Sanbrook asked for details of the grant guidelines. Ms Hardy provided the following: Inland Rail Community Grant Information https://inlandrail.com.au/opportunities/community-grants/ https://inlandrail.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/IR-Community-Grants-Guidelines-Aug-2024.pdf https://inlandrail.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/IRPL-Community-Grants-Application-Form-Aug-2024.pdf
6.General Business & Community Feedback	Cr Richard Foley referred to noise and vibration concerns at a complex in Docker Street, Wagga Wagga. Ms Hardy advised contact has been made with the strata representative as well as the individual resident and the issues will be addressed through the complaints process. Cr Foley asked if the temporary roundabout at Macleay Street, Wagga Wagga is to be permanent? Mr Clark advised that Council will be involved in any decision in that regard.

Meeting Closed at 2.50 pm

Actions

Nil

Next Meeting

4 November 2026

Community Benefits

Inland Rail is a national project with local benefits, generating jobs and economic opportunities for our regions and communities right across Australia.



Albury to Illabo/
Stockinbingal to
Parkes

July 2023 to June 2026



Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – June 2026

Lockhart Shire LGA



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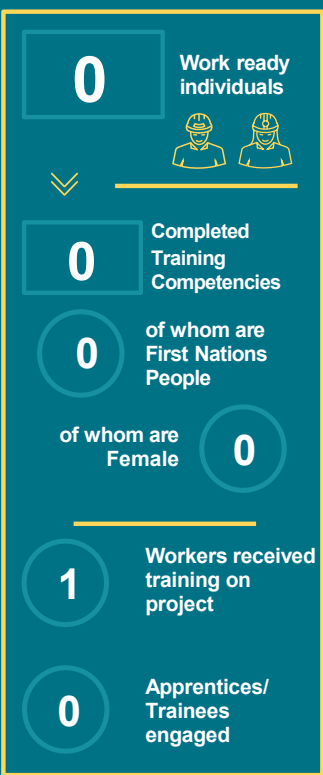
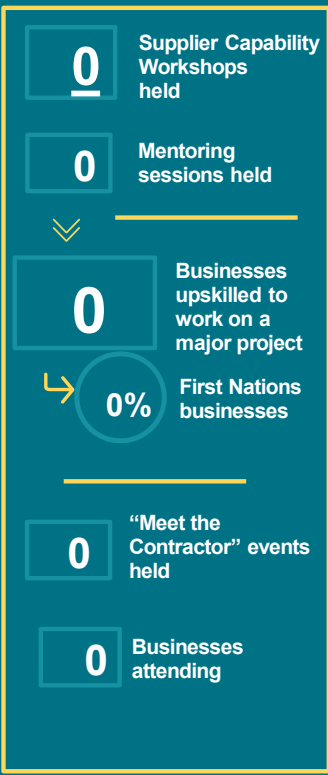
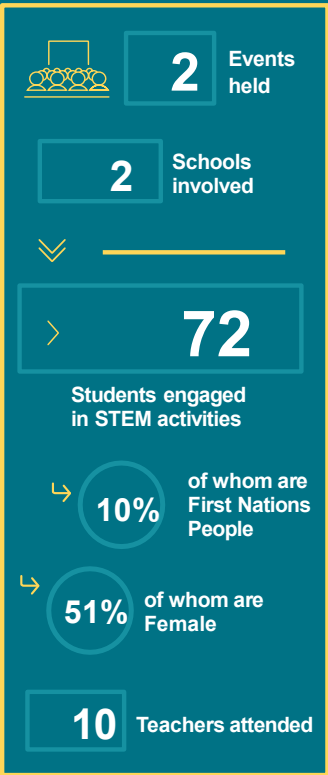
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BUSINESSES

SKILLS TRAINING

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PROJECT
WORKFORCE

PROJECT
PROCUREMENT



Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – June 2026 Junee LGA



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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

6 Events held

5 Schools involved



315

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

7 Workers received training on project

0 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

21 Local community grants approved



\$74K
Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

24 Total workforce from LGA



0 Sustainable Jobs

1 Workers in trades

0 First Nations workers

2 Female workers

2 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

6 Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

\$ 813K

Total spend on local businesses

Inland Rail Skills Academy

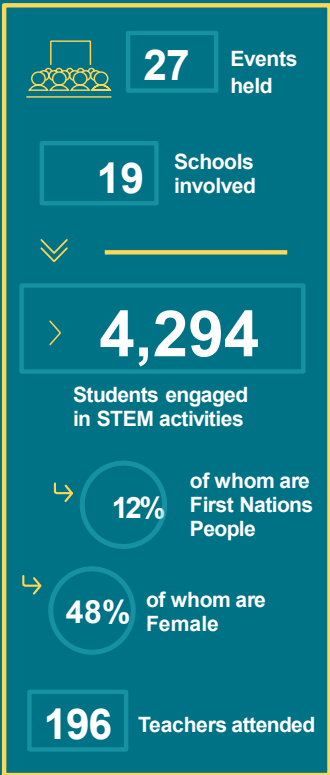
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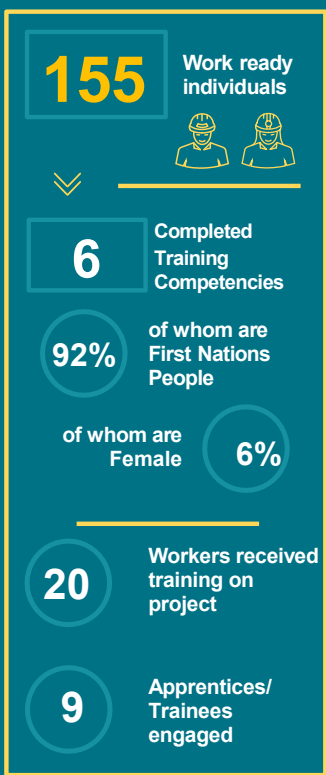

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