MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE / TIME
4 November 2026
2:30pm

LOCATION
ARTC Boardroom
20 Station Place, Wagga Wagga

FACILITATOR
Mr Garry West

MINUTE TAKER
Mr Garry West

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Albury to Illabo CCC

ATTENDEES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- Mr Garry West (Independent Chair) (GW)
- Cr Jane Hunter (Lockhart Shire Council)
- Scott Sanbrook (Committee 4 Wagga)
- Mr David Carter (Community Representative)
- Cr Marie Knight (Junee Shire Council)
- Sam Wooden (Lockhart Shire Council)
- Cr Jane Hunter (Lockhart Shire Council)
- Sally Manning (Wagga Business Chamber)
- Paul Weedon (Wagga Wagga City Council)
- Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P)
- Ms Kate Hardy (Community Engagement Lead A2I) (KH)
- Ms Susan Kay (Principal Environment Advisor) (SK)
- Mr John Zannes (Director, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW)
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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 Lloyd Hart (Junee Shire Council)
- Cr Pam Halliburton (Junee Shire Council)
- Mr Austin Morris (Lockhart Shire Council)
- Martin Honner (NSW Farmers)

Prior to the meeting members undertook a site walk to Mothers Bridge/Wagga Precinct area.

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 5 August 2026 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
4. **Actions from previous meeting**	NIL
5.Proponent's Reports	**Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I/S2P) Program and Project Update** Mr Clark advised the Shareholding Department has agreed that Inland Rail should complete the minimum activities required to achieve corridor recognition for corridor preservation from Narromine to Gowrie. The September possession was successful in achieving keys construction works at the Kemp Street bridge, Junee Station, level crossing at Brabins Road and Yerong Creek, Cassidy footbridge and the Albury Station footbridge. Refer to presentation **I2S Program** Girders installed at Dirnaseer Road rail bridge. Upcoming works include the Burley Griffin Way bridge construction, Old Cootamundra Road bridge construction along with several earthworks and drainage works.

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	A2I Program An outline of all the major construction activities across the A2I alignment was shown through a series of photos of the works undertaken. Refer to presentation. Mr Clark provided an overview of the works that will occur during the November possession. See presentation. **Lookahead** A look ahead for the A2I project was provided by Mr Clark and noted sites shut down will be December 23 to January 4 and another possession from Saturday March 6 to Tuesday March 9, 2027. Refer to presentation **Ms Susan Kay (Principal Environment Advisor)** Ms Kay reported that Stage C construction is continuing along with monitoring and reporting. Ms Kay advised that following the Australian Government announcement in May 2026 the project would only focus on delivery between Beveridge in Victoria and Parkes in NSW. As a result of this announcement the train volumes are not expected to reach the levels previously forecast for the A2I section. Therefore, the Operational Noise and Vibration Review (ONVR) for A2I will be deferred until such time as the full Inland Rail program is realised and future operational scenarios can be accurately assessed. Property owners and stakeholders will be kept informed as the program evolves. Ms Hardy outlined the community engagement program that would commence the following week to inform all impacted receivers previously identified in the Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR) as well as communities along the alignment of this update to the ONVR program.

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	Mr Weedon asked how many impacted receivers were receiving letters the following week. Ms Kay advised there were approx. 1285 letters going out across the A2I alignment. Ms Hardy further advised that letters would also be sent to interested community groups. Ms Hunter requested a generic copy of the ONVR letter being sent to residents to be able to inform council staff in case any community queries came through to council. Ms Hardy advised these will be sent following distribution on Monday 9 November. Ms Hardy also advised that a supply of Inland Rail 1800 contact cards can be provided for council for front office staff to hand out if residents had any Inland Rail related queries. Ms Hardy also highlighted the 1800 number and dedicated ONVR information page on the Inland Rail website that can also be utilised by the communities as a source of additional information. Ms Hunter queried the proposed train numbers for the project and also the difference in increased vibration & noise between single and double stacked trains. Ms Kay advised modelling had been done on this in South Australia and there was no difference in noise levels. Refer to presentation Additionally, Ms Kay advised that air quality monitoring stations had been set up in Wagga, Junee and The Rock adjacent to idling locations. There have been no exceedances of NO_2 or $PM_{2.5}$ during the last two monitoring periods. 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 August, September and October 2026, successful community grants as well as reporting on First Nations partnerships. Refer to presentation.

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	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. See presentation.
6.General Business & Community Feedback	Mr Carter asked about salvage at the Kemp Street bridge, and if there was any proposed artwork for this area. Mr Clark advised he would look at the landscaping plans for this site and advise following the meeting. Mr Carter further commented on the condition on the road at the level crossing in Junee. Mr Clark advised that ARTC were aware that works to the road pavement were required at this location however whilst Kemp Street bridge is closed for construction it is not possible for these works to occur. It was also noted that this works would not form part of Inland Rail and instead would fall to ARTC to carry out. Ms Hunter commented on the positive feedback received from residents at Yerong Creek whilst works were conducted at the level crossing and road and pedestrian detours were in place. Ms Hunter had received a number of positive comments from the community around the manner in which they were escorted across the level crossing by the crews on the ground. Ms Hunter advised that some Yerong Creek community members were upset by the removal of the old Yerong Creek platform. When was this proposal communicated to the local residents? ACTION Mr Wooden raised concerns around the pavement condition to following works at Yerong Creek and has advised that council is in discussions with Martinus to work through a solution for this site. Mr Clark advised that all work areas have a Dilapidation report prepared prior to works commencing and the contractor will be able to use this to determine what work needs to be undertaken. Mr Carter noted grass growth and the potential fire risks leading into bush fire season, however said this was addressed and grass slashed the same week.

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	Mr Carter raised concerns around the height of a newly installed culvert on J2I, advising the culvert seemed to have been installed at a lower level than the existing one. Mr Clark advised he had not heard from the team of any issues at this location but would follow up following the meeting. Ms Manning referred to a CBD initiative which is being run by the business chamber over the possession weekend with the focus on Fitzmaurice Street for November and Baylis Street in March. Ms Manning commented she has been working with Martinus to promote this through the respite buy local vouchers.

Meeting Closed at 3.20 pm

Actions

NIL

Next Meeting

5 May 2027 TBC