



**SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
MINUTES**

**Road Infrastructure and Plant Advisory Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Northampton at 2pm, 1 July 2025**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING BY CHAIRPERSON

Cr Karl Suckling declared the meeting open at 2:00pm

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji People who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet. We would like to pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of the Yamatji People.

3. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Members

Cr Karl Suckling – Chairperson

Cr Liz Sudlow – Shire President

Cr Roslyn Suckling - Councilor

Andrew Campbell - CEO

Neil Broadhurst- Executive Manager Works and Technical Services

Sean Boyce – Construction Leading Hand

Ex Officio

Joseph Wood – Community member

Nolan Harris – Community member

Tina Souroup (Minute Secretary)

Apologies

Cr Richard Burges - Councilor

4. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Suckling, R

SECOND: Sudlow, L

**That the Minutes of the Road Infrastructure and Plant Advisory
Committee Meeting held on 6 June 2025 be confirmed.**

MOTION CARRIED 6/0

FOR

Cr K Suckling

Cr R Suckling

Cr L Sudlow

Andrew Campbell

Neil Broadhurst
Sean Boyce

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The primary purpose of this meeting was to provide recommendations to Council for the 2025/26 budget along with providing additional background information for Committee members.

Road Infrastructure

It was noted that an incorrect Road was listed for Budget consideration for the 2025/2026 Budget. Need to make note of replacement Road being Karina Mews, Kalbarri.

That Council consider the following Road Construction projects as part of the 2025/26 budget:

1. **Ogilvie East Road;**
2. **Binnu East Road;**
3. **Fifth Avenue;**
4. **Port Street;**
5. **Karina Mews; and**
6. **Culvert replacements**

Committee discussion for general road inspection is scheduled for 7 August 2025, attending at Shire Office at 8:00 am Tina Souroup (Minute Secretary) driving the Bus.

Plant Replacement

A general conversation about the Plant Idle hours with a discussion on Change over Statistics rather than Officer efficiency. A spreadsheet for April, May and June was produced and are in comparison to other construction industry vehicles.

Committee requested Neil Broadhurst to seek pricing for trailer options for plant replacements: Prime Movers-

Freightliner – Diabler Trucks - \$405,000
Anthem – Mack - \$386,000

K-Hitch Drum Conmet 4mm body Paralle arm HYD lid \$ 146,888.00
As above electric mesh front to back \$ 152,238.00
As above manual mesh front to back \$ 149,838.00

Spring options

K-hitch 9 leaf spring and drum electric mesh front to back \$ 146,215.00
As above manual mesh front to back \$ 142,815.00
As above parallel arm HYD lid \$ 139,750.00

Tandem dolly to suit side tipper K-Hitch 9 leaf spring and drum fixed turntable \$ 36,750.00

Discussion to get pricing on a 966 Loader to upgrade current 434 Backhoe price received is \$480,000.00. Current Loaders were replaced in 2022 (Northampton) and 2024 (Kalbarri).

Andrew was asked to find a consultant to assist The Shire with Plant Replacement advice. The cost of this is \$225 per hour.

Neil, Karl, and any other Committee members that want to join them will meet as a subcommittee to discuss a Strategy's in a Cost-effective way to replace Plants before next meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

RAV Network review carried out by Greenfield Technical Services has carried a preliminary assessment which has identified a lack of sight distance on the approaches to both the Northwest Coastal Hwy (NWCH) / Chilimony Road intersection and the Chilimony /Ogilvie West Road intersection.

The lack of sight distance applies to the RAV4 road trains currently permitted to use the road. The RAV guidelines state where there is lack of sight distance, these RAV4 road trains would need to turn lane correct. The swept path analysis has identified that there is insufficient pavement width at both intersections to allow RAV4 vehicles to turn lane correct.

Based on the above, it is likely that any formal RAV assessment for RAV7 access by either Main Roads or a consultant will identify issues with sight distance and turning movements at these intersections. This has the potential to affect the existing approval for RAV4 access through these intersections.

The Committee will discuss next steps with this recommendation from Greenfield Technical Services.

8. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

12 August 2025 at 2pm.

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4.00pm