



**SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON
MINUTES**

**Road Infrastructure and Plant Advisory Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Northampton
1:30pm 23 April 2025**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING BY SHIRE PRESIDENT

Shire President Sudlow declared the meeting open at 1.35pm

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. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Cr Roslyn Suckling nominated Cr Karl Suckling to be Chairperson of the Road Infrastructure and Plant Advisory Committee. Cr K Suckling accepted.

There being no further nominations for Chairperson, Cr K Suckling was declared Chairperson and presided over the meeting.

4. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Members

Cr Karl Suckling - Chairperson
Cr Liz Sudlow – Shire President
Cr Roslyn Suckling
Neil Broadhurst
Andrew Campbell

Apologies

Cr Richard Burges
Tina Souroup (Minute Secretary)

Observers

Nil

5. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Nil.

6. DISCUSSION AS TO COMMITTEE APPROACH, EXISTING INFORMATION / PLANS, AND PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE (FIRST MEETING)

1. ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

General discussion occurred about the function and operation of the Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference. A number of questions were asked on topics such as the existing outside workforce Enterprise Agreement, staffing levels and use of staff, road closures, 2024 rainfall event, strategic planning, and grant funding to enhance the Committee's understanding.

The Committee requested the following information is provided for further discussion at the next meeting:

- List of sealed roads;
- List of unsealed roads;
- List of culverts and crossing points;
- Corporate Business Plan scheduled roads for 25/26 and 27/28;
- Regional Road Group, Roads to Recovery and other external funding scheduled for 25/26 and 27/28; and
- Accredited Mass Management Scheme impacts on local roads.

2. PLANT REPLACEMENT

Plant replacement discussion occurred on how the schedule is compiled and replacements considered.

The Committee requested the following information be provided at the next meeting:

- Current plant replacement schedule;
- Options for 25/26 scheduled plant replacement; and
- Light Vehicle policy options.

7. VACANT COMMUNITY POSITIONS

The Committee agreed that the two vacant Community Representative positions should be advertised for a short period (two weeks) and then circulated to the Committee for an "out of session" consideration before being presented to Council as a late item for the 15 May 2025 Council meeting for consideration.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

9. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

6 June 2025 at 2pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 3.06pm.