



**SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON  
MINUTES**

**Road Infrastructure and Plant Advisory Committee held in the Council Chamber,  
Northampton at 2pm, 03 February 2026**

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING BY CHAIRPERSON**

Cr Karl Suckling declared the meeting open at 2:07pm

**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 – Councillor  
Cr Richard Burges – Councillor  
Cr Chad Smith – Councillor  
Brian Robinson – Acting CEO  
Jamie Muir - Executive Manager Works and Technical Services  
Barry Marshall – Acting Leading Hand

Ex Officio

Joseph Wood – Community member  
Nolan Harris – Community member  
Tina Souroup (Minute Secretary)

**APOLOGIES**

Andrew Campbell - CEO

**4. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**

Nil.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 26 September 2025**

**MOVED: Cr Karl Suckling**

**SECOND: Cr Liz Sudlow**

**Road Infrastructure and Plant Advisory Committee minutes for 26 September 2025 have been changed to reflect change of Trade vehicle to P262 Isuzu CXZ 455 (2way Tip) Truck.**

**That the Minutes of the Road Infrastructure and Plant Advisory Committee Meeting 26 September 2025 confirmed.**

**FOR**

Cr K Suckling  
Cr R Burges  
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Cr L Sudlow  
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Cr C Smith  
Jamie Muir  
Barry Marshall

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Contractor Jamie Glass was engaged to carry out grading of Priority 1 and 2 roads prior to Harvest. Jamie completed 90 km's of roads which included:

- Yallabathara Road (9km)
- Rob Road (15km)
- Swamps Road (17 km)
- Gill Road (5km)
- Sandy Gully Road (6km)
- Bishop Gully Road (6km)
- Yerina Springs Road (28km) and
- North Road (4.80km)

Shire Works Crew graded the remaining 30.50 km's of roads which included:

- Mitchell Road (6.50km)
- Rosehill Road (4km)
- Suckling Road (6km)
- Larrard Road (5km)
- Bowes River Road (3km)
- Willow Gully Road (3km) and
- Little Bay Road (3km)

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Plant Replacement**

Jamie discussed the Plant replacement program that has been drafted with more information to be added as time progresses.

Discussion around the 2015 Caterpillar Grader - P263. The situation is being monitored. The Asset is not showing signs of an expected engine noise and a reduction in power that would show it needing a new engine and transmission. The oil filter is also being monitored for aluminium filings resulting from the previous failure of the fuel pump.

Jamie is to work on the Request for Quote documents on the replacement of 90 Tonne GCM Prime Mover and Side Tipper Trailer.

Jamie provided an update on the Kalbarri Rubbish Truck with concerns of the Trade in price for existing truck and has declined trading in the Truck after it was repaired in October with a new transmission being fitted at a cost of \$15,000. An Expression of Interest has been advertised on Shire website and Shire's Facebook page and has been emailed out to surrounding Shires. Kim Pelkonen from Smith Broughton Auctioneers has inspected the Truck and has stated that going to Auction the Shire could potentially receive between \$20,000-\$30,000 for the asset.

A question was asked by Cr Chad Smith if a Larger Kalbarri Bus could be considered in the future as there has been an increase in Student numbers in the Kalbarri area.

### **Roads Infrastructure**

Jamie discussed the program review for upcoming projects and laid out the future works for the 2025/2026 years. The summary of works discussed is attached. Being:

Fifth Ave Drainage Upgrade Works Timeline. The Tender is being advertised as of 4 February 2026, closing 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 this was prepared by Greenfield Tech Services being advertised in the Geraldton Guardian and West Australian Newspapers. Review of submissions will take place and Award the Tender in March 2026. Engage Contractor to commence work in April and still maintain a 30 June 2026 completion date.

Work for the Ogilvie East Road set to commence mid-February to complete 3kms of Road seal. It was tabled that if the Shire could change the Scope of Works, to leave it as an upgraded gravel road and only seal the S Bend portion if funds allow and endorsed by Regional Road Group. And to clarify with RRG to ask what is in place for works scheduled with RRG for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.

Construction of the two (2) floodways' on Binnu East Road are progressing with the detours already in place. Jamie is to review scope of works and is source concreting contractors to commence work for mid-March.

Horrocks Road Stage 1 and Stage 2, Jamie will review the scope of works and release Tender for Stage 1 works mid-March with a hopeful scheduled commencement date in April. Stage 1 work should be easy to complete with a small widening on both sides of road to achieve 7.4 metre lane width and placement of Audible Centre Lines (ACL) and Audible Edge Lines (AEL) to SLK 0 – SLK 4.74. Stage 2 is a lot more complex with major widening to achieve 7.4 lane width as some road widths are only 5.8 metres wide for the rest of the road being SLK 4.74 to SLK 16.83 with the placement of ACL's and AEL's.

Port Street, Port Gregory is scheduled to be surveyed later this month (February) to look at Scope of Work and see if an overlay and lift with tie in for General Store and Street access can be ascertained. Work for Port Street is fully funded by the Shire in this current budget so can be carried over if can't be achieved this year.

Karina Mews Jamie will review design requirements and Scope of Works at a later date.

A question was raised if the Shire could approach Main Roads WA to see if there is a potential of funding to upgrade Binu West Road in conjunction with Australian Garnet and GMA Garnet Group to upgrade road from a RAV 4 to a RAV 7 network to have trucks travel down this route rather than the current route this will help the Stephen Street/ Horrocks Road heavy vehicle failures in the intersection.

**8. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Road Infrastructure and Plant Advisory Committee will be scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 2pm with the purpose of discussing matters arising after last meeting.

**9. CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4:08pm.