



AGENDA

LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM

13 OCTOBER 2025

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors J Cowley, P Toynton, R Drooger (Transport NSW), J Neill and S Wynn (Orana Mid Western Police District).

The meeting is scheduled to commence at 10:00 AM.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

"I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri People who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal peoples from other nations who are present".

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LTF25/1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID25/523)

LTF25/2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID25/524)

LTF25/3 PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSING UPGRADE - OAK STREET DUBBO (ID25/1652)

The Committee had before it the report dated 18 August 2025 from the Infrastructure Strategy Team Leader regarding Proposed School Crossing Upgrade - Oak Street Dubbo.

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LTF25/4 2026 NSW TOUCH FOOTBALL JUNIOR STATE CUP DUBBO (ID25/1653)

The Committee had before it the report dated 18 August 2025 from the Traffic Engineer regarding 2026 NSW Touch Football Junior State Cup Dubbo.

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LTF25/5 GENERAL BUSINESS (ID25/525)



REPORT: Proposed School Crossing Upgrade - Oak Street Dubbo

DIVISION: Infrastructure
REPORT DATE: 18 August 2025
TRIM REFERENCE: ID25/1652

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose	Seek endorsement	
Issue	Orana Heights Public School are unable to apply for a school crossing supervisor on Oak Street Dubbo, as the existing pedestrian refuge does not meet the eligibility requirements to submit an application.	
Reasoning	- The proposed school crossing upgrade will provide priority to pedestrians during peak school pickup and drop off times, improving pedestrian safety and efficiency. - The proposed school crossing will allow Orana Heights Public School to apply for a school crossing supervisor to support safe pedestrian passage across Oak Street, Dubbo.	
Financial Implications	Budget Area	Infrastructure Strategy and Design
	Funding Source	Traffic Management Function – Traffic Improvements Signs and Markings
	Proposed Cost	\$7,500
	Ongoing Costs	\$0
Policy Implications	Policy Title	There are no policy implications arising from this report
	Impact on Policy	N/A
Consultation		N/A

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan is a vision for the development of the region out to the year 2040. The Plan includes four principal themes and a number of objectives and strategies. This report is aligned to:

Theme: 1 Growth, Infrastructure and Connectivity
CSP Objective: 1.4 Our roads are safe, efficient, and easy to use for all.
Delivery Program Strategy: 1.4.2 Improve traffic management and road networks to meet community and economic needs.

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CSP Objective:	1.4 Our roads are safe, efficient, and easy to use for all.
Delivery Program Strategy:	1.4.3 Maintain and enhance urban and rural roads for safe and efficient travel.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approval be granted to upgrade the existing pedestrian refuge in Oak Street Dubbo, to satisfy children's crossing standards.

Luke Ryan
Director Infrastructure

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Infrastructure Strategy
Team Leader

REPORT

In late February 2025 Dubbo Regional Council (Council) received a request from The NSW Department of Education School Infrastructure to upgrade the existing pedestrian refuge on Oak Street Dubbo, to meet school crossing standards. The existing pedestrian refuge, adjacent to Orana Heights Public School, requires pedestrians to await an opportunity to cross safely during the peak school pick up and drop off times. The existing facility is ineligible for a school crossing supervisor, as it does not provide pedestrian priority. The proposed upgrade to meet school crossing standards, will make it eligible for the initial assessment for a school crossing supervisor, as it will provide priority to pedestrians during school pick up and drop off times.

To assist in Council's initial investigation of the request, Transport for NSW conducted a site inspection in Oak Street during the afternoon peak pickup time, in late March 2025. During the inspection, 45 school children were observed crossing Oak Street at the current refuge location. Although the number of children crossing Oak Street falls short of the 50 required to be eligible for a school crossing supervisor, the proposed upgrades will improve the safety and efficiency of the crossing, encouraging greater use of the facility.

The proposed mid-block school crossing upgrade (**Appendix 1**) includes signage and line marking in accordance with Australian Standard AS 1742.10:2024. The existing pedestrian refuge will be supplemented with the installation of red and white striped posts and children's crossing flags. Stop lines will be painted immediately prior to the crossing facility. The existing pedestrian refuge island signs on approach to the crossing will be replaced with the appropriate 'Children Crossing' signs. The existing 'No Stopping' sign in the parking lane of the westbound approach will be adjusted to meet the requirements outlined in the Australian Standards.

Consultation

- The NSW Department of Education School Infrastructure issued the request to Council for the school crossing upgrade. Regular correspondence occurred regarding the function of the existing crossing and related safety concerns.
- In mid-August 2025 a meeting occurred between Council's Traffic Team and the Principal of Orana Heights Public School. A concept version of the proposed upgrade was presented and was well received. The School accepted responsibility for implementing the flags during pickup and drop off times.
- The Local Traffic Forum including representatives from NSW Police, the Local State Member of Parliament, Transport for NSW and Council will review and discuss the proposed school crossing upgrade.

Resourcing Implications

- Council's Infrastructure Delivery staff will provide the resources necessary to undertake the proposed changes in Oak Street Dubbo.
- There is no ongoing maintenance required associated with the proposed works.

Total Financial Implications	Current year (\$)	Current year + 1 (\$)	Current year + 2 (\$)	Current year + 3 (\$)	Current year + 4 (\$)	Ongoing (\$)
a. Operating revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Operating expenses	\$7,500	0	0	0	0	0
c. Operating budget impact (a – b)	-\$7,500	0	0	0	0	0
d. Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Total net impact (c – d)	-\$7,500	0	0	0	0	0
Does the proposal require ongoing funding?			No			
What is the source of this funding?			Traffic Management Function – Traffic Improvements Signs and Markings			

Table 1. Ongoing Financial Implications

APPENDICES:

[1](#) TM 7653 - Concept - Proposed School Crossing Upgrade Oak Street Dubbo



CONCEPT





REPORT: 2026 NSW Touch Football Junior State Cup Dubbo

DIVISION: Infrastructure
REPORT DATE: 18 August 2025
TRIM REFERENCE: ID25/1653

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose	Seek endorsement.	
Issue	This report details the traffic management requirements for the temporary road closure of the southern section of Bligh, South and lower Tamworth streets to facilitate the 2026 NSW Touch Football Junior State Cup to be held along the Macquarie River Sporting Precinct from 7 pm Thursday, 19 February to 7 pm Sunday, 22 February 2026.	
Reasoning	- The Dubbo region has a proven record of hosting large scale events of State and National significance and has a passionate touch football community supported by the Dubbo Touch Association, boasting more than 1,700 members. The Association has a proven history of arranging and delivering events and have pledged resources and financial support for the 2026 NSW Touch Junior State Cup. The sporting precinct has an abundance of quality playing fields and associated facilities to be able to facilitate the expected number of teams and supporters, expected to be in the order of 10,000 participants. - Roads Act 1993 and Roads (General) Regulation 2018.	
Financial Implications	Budget Area	Community, Culture and Places.
	Funding Source	Recreation and Open Spaces.
	Proposed Cost	In-kind contribution of \$45,000 for traffic management.
	Ongoing Costs	N/A
Policy Implications	Policy Title	There are no policy implications arising from this report.
	Impact on Policy	N/A

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan is a vision for the development of the region out to the year 2040. The Plan includes six principle themes and a number of objectives and strategies. This report is aligned to:

Theme: 2 Thriving and Inclusive Communities'

CSP Objective: 2.3 Our community enjoys diverse sports, recreation, and

	social activities.
Delivery Program Strategy:	2.3.5 Maintain and enhance passive and active open spaces for community use.
Theme:	2 Thriving and Inclusive Communities'
CSP Objective:	2.3 Our community enjoys diverse sports, recreation, and social activities.
Delivery Program Strategy:	2.3.3 Increase opportunities for entertainment, recreation, and cultural activities for all ages.
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CSP Objective:	2.3 Our community enjoys diverse sports, recreation, and social activities.
Delivery Program Strategy:	2.3.2 Facilitate access to, encourage and support a variety of youth activities and entertainment options.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approval be granted for the implementation of the following temporary road closures to facilitate the 2026 NSW Touch Football Junior State Cup, to be held along the Macquarie River Sporting Precinct from 7 pm Thursday, 19 February to 7 pm Sunday, 22 February 2026, in accordance with Council's Traffic Guidance Scheme TM7603 as attached as Appendix 1 to the report:

- 1. Bligh Street from Bultje Street to Macquarie Street.**
- 2. South Street from Bligh Street to Tamworth Street.**
- 3. Tamworth Street from Macquarie Street west to its conclusion.**
- 4. Tamworth Street between Macquarie Street and Brisbane Street; and**
- 5. Sandy Beach Road and Ian Drake Drive (authorised access only).**

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Director Infrastructure

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Traffic Engineer

BACKGROUND

The NSW Touch Football Junior State Cup has been traditionally run in regional centres across the State. In 2022, Dubbo Regional Council submitted an application to host the 2023 Junior State Cup in Dubbo and was subsequently awarded the event. The event was an overwhelming success. As a consequence, and with further support from the Dubbo Touch Association, Council undertook to extend the City's hosting rights from one year to four years and was subsequently awarded to host the next three events.

Council has the capacity and proven ability to successfully host large-scale events such as the Junior State Cup. The Dubbo region's strength as a venue for sporting events is its central location and being accessible from all corners of the State.

The region has a passionate football community strongly supported by the Dubbo Touch Association with some 1,700 members and a proven history of arranging and delivering events. The association has also pledged resources and financial support for the event.

REPORT

The NSW Touch Football Junior State Cup event will be held along the Macquarie River Sporting Precinct, encompassing the Lady Cutler Ovals bounded by Bligh, South, Tamworth and Macquarie streets. There are an anticipated 10,000 participants who will access the sporting precinct over the three days. It is proposed to secure the precinct from the public for the duration of the event in order to remove unwarranted through-traffic along the venue's road network and enhance the expected high volume of pedestrian activity.

A Traffic Guidance Scheme TM7603 (**Appendix 1**) has been prepared to facilitate the expected influx of traffic to the venue and maximise the pedestrian safety within the playing fields and overall precinct.

There are numerous impacts identified to the locality as a consequence of the event including:

- Event and local traffic mix
- Pedestrian safety within the precinct
- CBD traffic and access congestion
- Event parking
- Resident access
- Commercial bus route.

In order to address the identified impacts, consideration was given to removing all vehicular access, with the exception of authorised event vehicles from the playing fields precinct. Bligh Street, South Street and Sandy Beach Road effectively severs the playing fields where there will be consistent pedestrian road crossing activity between fields, amenities and supporting services. Lower Tamworth Street, west of Macquarie Street, borders the southern boundary of the playing fields and will be used for access to an event car parking area on the southern side of Tamworth Street.

Consideration was given to removing all traffic from within the playing fields and pedestrian active areas of the event precinct with the closing of Bligh Street south of Bultje Street to Macquarie Street, South Street, Sandy Beach Road and lower Tamworth Street (event parking access only). Authorised vehicles will access from the Bultje Street Road closure, where windscreen identification cards will be checked in the closed section of Bligh Street south of Bultje Street prior to precinct access via Ian Drake Drive. There will be no public vehicle access to the event precinct, pedestrians will be permitted into the river corridor. Subject to the expected need for additional event parking, Ollie Robbins Oval will be the secondary car parking area.

To reduce the congestion and interaction of the event and local traffic, Macquarie Street between Tamworth and Cobra streets (Mitchell Highway), will be designated as 'Local Resident Access Only' to reduce unwarranted traffic in Macquarie Street. Access will be retained to all residents in Macquarie Street and surrounding streets. Cross traffic movements into Macquarie Street will be restricted at Tamworth Street. The western side of Macquarie Street, between Bligh and Cobra streets, will be barricaded to restrict parking in this location. The Mitchell Street intersection will remain open. Two temporary 'No Parking' zones will be established on the western side of Macquarie Street north and south of the closed Bligh Street intersection to enable set down and pickup activities to the event precinct. Macquarie Street, between Brisbane Street and Cobra Street, will be reduced to 40km/h. The Dubbo Buses' new bus service now traverses along Macquarie and Brisbane streets to the CBD and no longer uses Macquarie Street between Brisbane and Cobra streets.

It is recognised that there will be expected traffic congestion in the CBD with the Bligh Street closure and in the local streets south of Cobra Street, with event traffic seeking on-street parking close to the venue. The dispersion of local traffic will be encouraged with the placement of variable message signs strategically located prior to and on event days in the CBD and South Dubbo advising the event, expected congestion and alternate routes to and from the CBD via Darling and Brisbane streets. Event parking traffic will be advised by the NSW Touch Football in the event package of the preferred route from south Macquarie Street to the lower Tamworth Street off street car park.

The NSW Touch Football Junior State Cup is a major event for Dubbo that will have some impact on the local road network in the vicinity of the Macquarie River Sporting Precinct, CBD and Macquarie, Brisbane and Darling streets local residential area. There will be expected traffic congestion being so close to the CBD during the teams am and pm block arrival and departure periods. However, am and pm block playing periods are designed to have teams play a series of games over a period, rather than a single game then leave the fields and return several times throughout the day. Being close to the CBD may also reduce the number of vehicle trips.

Traffic management has been considered to lessen the traffic impact with the development of a Traffic Guidance Scheme (Traffic Guidance Scheme TM7603, **Appendix 1**) to provide specific direction to visitors and local traffic on using designated roads for movement through and around the precinct, CBD and south Dubbo. The temporary road closures will be in place from 7 pm Thursday, 19 February to 7 pm Sunday, 22 February 2026.

Consultation

- The Local Traffic Forum including representatives from NSW Police, the Local State Member of Parliament, TfNSW and Council will review and discuss the traffic management proposal for the event.
- Council's Events and Communication Team will be preparing information for ongoing dissemination to all residents that may be affected by the event in advance of and prior to the event.

Resourcing Implications

- As Council is hosting the event, resources will be engaged across several divisions and functions of Council to facilitate the playing fields, associated assistance and services, communication, and traffic management.

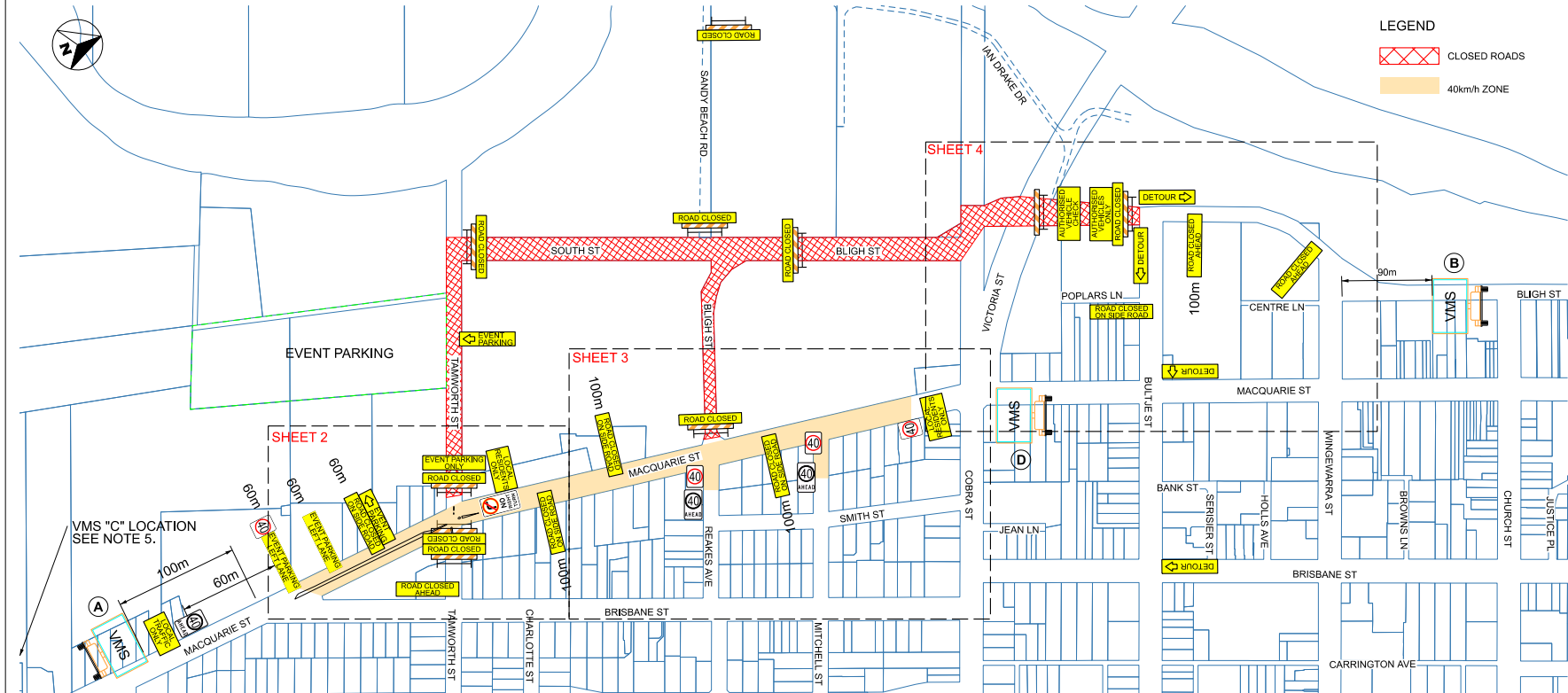
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a. Operating revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Operating expenses	45,000	0	0	0	0	0
c. Operating budget impact (a – b)	-45,000	0	0	0	0	0
d. Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Total net impact (c – d)	-45,000	0	0	0	0	0

Table 1. Ongoing Financial Implications.

APPENDICES:

- [1](#) TM7603 Plan - 2026 NSW Touch Junior State Cup Traffic Guidance Scheme

2026 NSW TOUCH JUNIOR CUP TRAFFIC GUIDANCE SCHEME

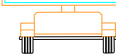


GENERAL NOTES :

1. ROAD CLOSURE FROM 7pm ON THE 19th FEBRUARY TO 7pm ON THE 22nd FEBRUARY 2026.
2. BLIGH STREET AND SOUTH STREET ACCESS IS TO BE CLOSED ONLY DURING THE EVENT.
3. VMS TO BE INSTALLED ON FRIDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2026 PRIOR TO THE EVENT.
4. VMS MESSAGE TO BE DISPLAYED AS SHOWN PRE EVENT DAYS AND EVENT DAYS.
5. VMS C TO BE PLACED IN MACQUARIE STREET FACING NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC, 112m SOUTH OF DARLING STREET.

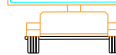
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- ② 20 - 22 FEB
- ③ BLIGH ST CLOSED



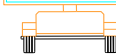
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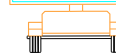
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- ① SPECIAL EVENT
- ② 20 - 22 FEB
- ③ BLIGH ST CLOSED



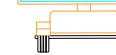
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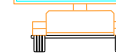
C - PRE EVENT

- ① SPECIAL EVENT
- ② 20 - 22 FEB
- ③ EXPECT DELAYS



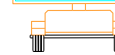
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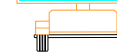
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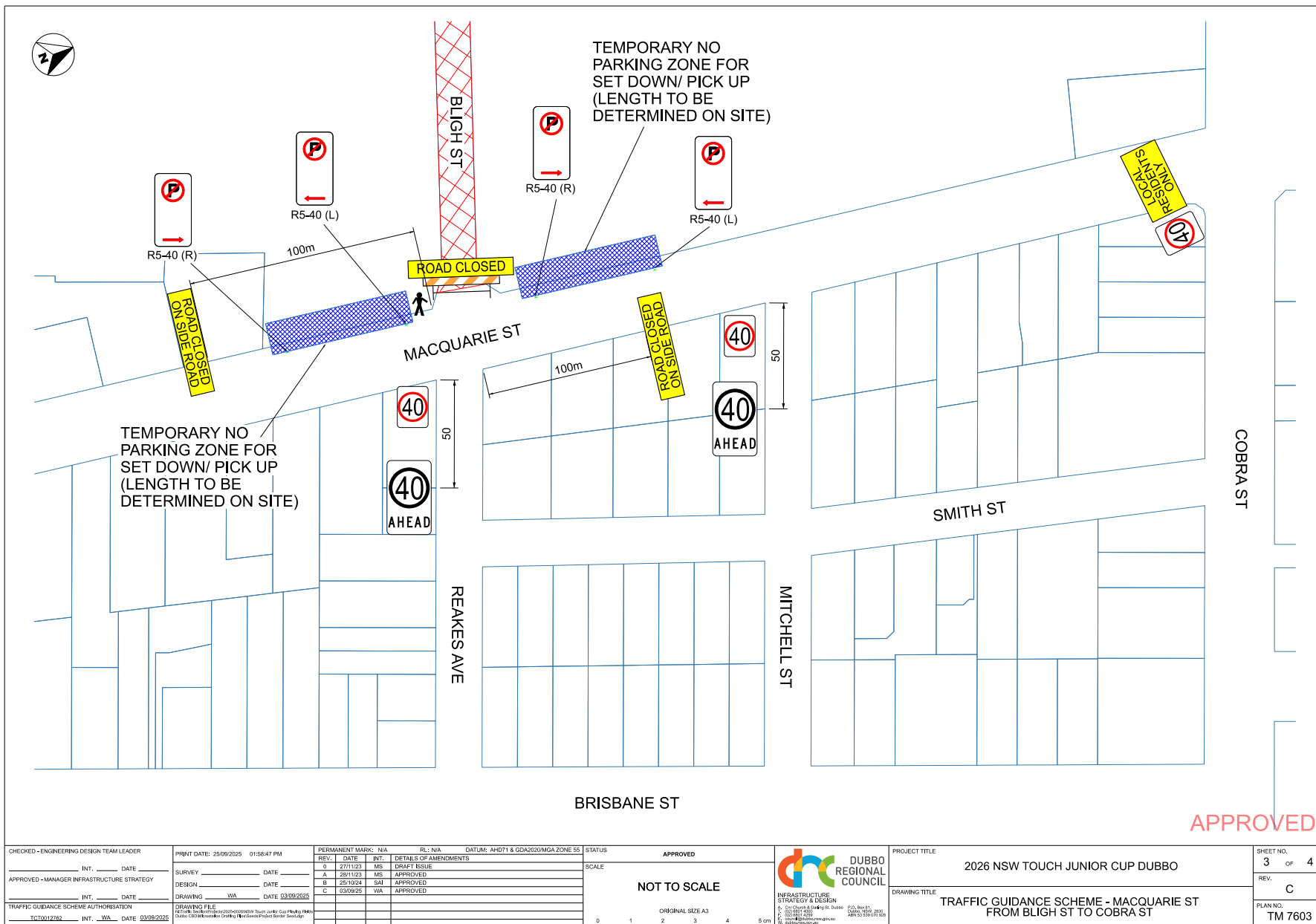


VMS C LOCATION : SEE NOTE 5

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