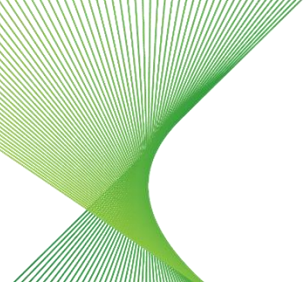


Meeting Minutes

HumeLink Construction Reference Group - Yass



Meeting title:	HumeLink East Construction Reference Group	Date:	24 March 2026
Location:	Online (Microsoft Teams)	Time:	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Chairperson:	Reem Nasr (RN), Community & Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, HumeLink
Attendees:	Gill Elphinston (GE), Regional Development Australia – Southern NSW & ACT John Meere (JM), Upper Lachlan Shire Council Kazi Mahmud (KM), Upper Lachlan Shire Council Ian McGrath (IM), Community member Katrina Nixon (KN), Community member Anne-Maree Clarke (AC), Community member Maria Simunovic-Winchester (MSW), Grand Pacific Health Belle Green (BG), NSW Ambulance Vladimir Mijok (VM), NSW Police, Hume (alternate for Insp. David Cowell) Chris O'Brien (COB), Transgrid Emma Hassett (EH), HumeLink East Jacques Coetzee (JC), HumeLink East Theresa Ashford (TA), Transgrid (HumeLink East Project Director) Alec Brown (AB), Transgrid Isobel Manchee (Isobel M), Transgrid Nea Pilgrim (NP), HumeLink East (Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager)
Apologies:	Insp. David Cowell (DC), Hume Police District, NSW Police Margot Shannon (MS), Yass Valley Business Chamber Insp. Krystaal Hinds (KH), RFS Southern Tablelands Marcayla Stopp (Marcayla S), Onerwal LALC Suzie Presswell (SP), HumeLink East Community Investment Lead Terry Cooper (TC), Yass Valley Council Samantha Willoughby (SW), Transgrid

Agenda items

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<p>1. Acknowledgement of Country & Welcome</p>	<p>RN opened the meeting by noting that the meeting would be recorded and transcribed to assist with minute-taking. No objections were raised.</p> <p>RN welcomed attendees to the second HumeLink East Construction Reference Group and acknowledged new attendees.</p> <p>RN introduced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Hassett (EH), who oversees the broader team within which Community Engagement for HumeLink East sits. • Nea Pilgrim, the new Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager for HumeLink East. • Alec Brown (AB), Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Transgrid across all of HumeLink. • Maria Simunovic-Winchester (MSW), Grand Pacific Health – to present on the mental health program. • Theresa Ashford (TA), HumeLink East Project Director. • Vladimir Mijok (VM), attending in place of Insp. David Cowell (NSW Police, Hume). • Belle Green (BG), NSW Ambulance. • John Meere (JM), Upper Lachlan Shire Council. <p>RN delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.</p>	
<p>2. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes and review of action items</p>	<p>RN reviewed action items from the previous meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circulate minutes to members for review and comment before finalisation. Status: Complete. Minutes were reviewed and published following member feedback. 2. Infill pothole near the cemetery on Childowla Road, Bookham. Status: Complete. Yass Valley Council repaired the pothole in early January. JC confirmed the repair had been completed. 3. Hold sessions with workers regarding vehicle and community behaviour. Status: Ongoing. HumeLink East Safety Manager is liaising with NSW Police (Hume Local Area Command) to conduct a series of toolbox talks and related activities throughout the year. 4. Provide quarterly updates on local employment numbers. Status: Pending. Numbers are being compiled. The delay relates to separating East and West figures. RN confirmed this could be provided sooner than quarterly. 	<p>Action: RN to provide local employment numbers ahead of next quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Action: HumeLink East to progress physical letterbox drop for SMS programme.</p>

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	<p>5. Conduct physical letterbox drop for SMS program rollout notification. Status: In progress. The SMS notification program has commenced, with monthly construction notices and posters distributed at events. Physical letterbox drop is being organised.</p> <p>6. Provide quarterly communications plan including face-to-face and online channels, with schedule of planned activities. Status: Complete. Provided at slide 29 of the presentation.</p> <p>7. Provide contact details for local groups that Transgrid/HumeLink East should engage with. Status: Complete. GE had submitted these details.</p> <p>8. Enhance publicity for 1800 contact number and report on types and volumes of enquiries received. Status: Complete. The 1800 number is published on all collateral, website pages and emails. Report provided at the end of the slide deck.</p> <p>9. Provide update on road maintenance agreements with Yass Valley Council and Upper Lachlan Shire Council. Status: Ongoing. AGJV is continuing to negotiate Road Maintenance Agreements with both councils. KM (Upper Lachlan Shire Council) noted the council is still awaiting a draft document from HumeLink/AGJV. EH confirmed that the revised Upper Lachlan Shire Roads Maintenance Agreement would be sent to council this week. Discussions with Yass Valley Council are continuing but at an earlier stage, with no timing to share.</p> <p>Discussion: GE raised concern that road maintenance agreements are not yet in place with Yass and Upper Lachlan despite being discussed three months ago and asked who is bearing the cost of road repairs in the interim. AB confirmed there is no gap – under the project conditions of approval, the project is required to undertake periodic inspections and maintenance, and where the project is found responsible for road damage, the cost rests with the project. AB confirmed backdated payments are part of the current negotiations with councils.</p> <p>10. Include bushfire management as a standing agenda item. Status: Complete.</p> <p>11. Consult network of landowners regarding concerns and provide feedback for agenda incorporation. Status: Ian McGrath confirmed</p>	

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	<p>several items to raise (discussed under additional items at end of meeting).</p> <p>12. Provide contact details for safety officers, managers, supervisors and main work locations to NSW Police. Status: Complete. HumeLink East Safety Manager was connected directly with NSW Police following the last meeting.</p> <p>13. Police to be invited to monthly Local Emergency Operations Controller meetings. Status: Pending. Ownership of this meeting is yet to be determined.</p> <p>14. Provide standing report/update on community projects. Status: Complete. Added to agenda.</p>	
3. Project update	<p>Presenter: Jacques Coetzee (JC), Construction Manager, HumeLink East.</p> <p>JC provided an overview of the three construction zones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North: Bannaby Substation to Pejar Dam • Central: Pejar Dam to Murrumbidgee River • South: Murrumbidgee River to Adjungbilly <p>Construction activities achieved to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 230 tower pads completed (across the project) • 153 km of access tracks completed • 80 foundations completed • 29 towers assembled and ready for erection • 30 towers erected • Worker camps at Yass and Adjungbilly are open <p>JC noted the project has reduced the total number of towers from 467 to 459 through ongoing design development.</p>	
4. Construction three-month look ahead	<p>Presenter: Jacques Coetzee (JC), Construction Manager, HumeLink East.</p> <p>Upcoming activities across Yass Valley and Upper Lachlan Shire LGAs over the next three months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access tracks: Crews will continue constructing access tracks to tower sites. A further 82 km of track and 40 access points are required within Yass Valley LGA. • Steel deliveries: Tower steel components are being delivered to sites including Bannister and Gurrundah in the Upper Lachlan Shire. 	<p>Action: HumeLink East to issue blasting notification (scheduled 1 April 2026).</p> <p>Action: HumeLink East to notify impacted landowners and community prior to commencement</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tower assembly: Tower sections are being assembled on the ground along the alignment in preparation for erection. • Tower erection: Moving into the Central zone near Gunning. • Hurdle deliveries: Hurdles are being delivered and erected over existing infrastructure to protect assets during conductor stringing operations. • Conductor stringing: Expected to commence from May 2026, using helicopters. AB noted that communication with impacted landowners and the community in affected areas would start ahead of stringing activities. • Blasting: notice regarding upcoming blasting activities is scheduled for distribution on 1 April 2026. <p>- No questions were raised by members on this item.</p>	<p>of conductor stringing activities.</p>
<p>5. Road safety and maintenance</p>	<p>Presenter: Jacques Coetzee (JC), Construction Manager, HumeLink East.</p> <p>Road maintenance</p> <p>HumeLink East is working closely with councils to proactively address impacts on local roads, as required under planning and environmental approvals. A Road Maintenance Agreement is in place with Snowy Valleys Council. Negotiations with Yass Valley Council and Upper Lachlan Shire Council are ongoing (see action items under Item 2 above).</p> <p>Independent road condition surveys were completed before construction commenced and shared with councils. The same process will occur at end of construction to identify any rectification works not already completed.</p> <p>JC noted road maintenance activities under councils are undertaken via Section 138 applications.</p> <p>KM confirmed Upper Lachlan Shire Council S138 applications from HumeLink have been approved and council is investigating areas requiring rectification. KM confirmed council is awaiting a draft Roads Maintenance Agreement from HumeLink/AGJV.</p> <p>JM (Upper Lachlan Shire Council) also raised an outstanding agreement regarding access to water, which has not yet been signed off.</p>	<p>Action: HumeLink East to share the water fact sheet with CRG members.</p> <p>Action: JC to arrange fortnightly water look-ahead schedule for Taralga, via Northern team.</p> <p>Action: JM to follow up offline with JC regarding reports of unauthorised water extraction by contractors in Gunning and Dalton.</p> <p>Action: AB / RN to share project</p>

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	<p>Water usage</p> <p>KN raised community concern (heard at the Taralga Show) about the use of local water on roads and heavy vehicle speeds. AB confirmed the project aims to use recycled and wastewater wherever possible for dust suppression on roads, and that community need is always priorities in emergency scenarios. AB offered to share the water fact sheet available on the website.</p> <p>JM commended the team at Dalton for providing fortnightly water look-ahead schedules but noted this has not yet occurred for Taralga. JC agreed to arrange this.</p> <p>JM raised a concern about reports of contractors potentially extracting water from the council network (Gunning and Dalton) without authorisation, which poses a contamination risk to drinking water. JM asked the project to remind contractors to use only issued standpipes or to obtain council approval. RN suggested JM follow this up directly with JC offline.</p> <p>Road safety</p> <p>JC outlined HumeLink East's internal driver safety campaign targeting driver behaviour (including speeding) and fatigue and journey planning. All project vehicles in the Transgrid and HumeLink fleets are fitted with GPS monitoring systems. Tracking devices are being rolled out to subcontractor water carts and concrete trucks.</p> <p>A disciplinary framework is in place for speeding that may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written warnings and formal disciplinary proceedings; • loss of driving privileges on the project; and • termination of employment. <p>Several driving privileges have already been removed. Safety messaging is communicated through weekly toolbox presentations, weekly town halls and leader communications.</p> <p>JM raised that Upper Lachlan Shire Council receives overflow complaints about truck volumes and speeds (noting six calls in one day from Dalton Road residents), and that a truck had been reported to have clipped the Dalton overbridge. JM asked for a resource or process for council to refer complainants to. AB directed JM and the group to the project 1800 number and email as the monitored points of contact, and</p>	<p>email contact details with JM and Upper Lachlan Shire Council for community referral.</p> <p>Action: JM to send details of the Dalton overbridge incident to AB and RN.</p> <p>Action: JC to confirm and review the 8:30–9:30am truck restriction timeframe on Black Range Road to align with actual school bus schedule.</p> <p>Action: AB to follow up with AC and IM after the meeting regarding specific safe harbour points and road safety feedback on the Goulburn - Taralga road.</p>

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	<p>invited JM to send details of the bridge incident to AB and RN for follow-up.</p> <p>IM noted that the restriction on truck-and-dog vehicles between 8:30–9:30 am on Black Range Road was put in place in response to the school bus. IM suggested the timing may need adjusting as the bus runs earlier. JC agreed to confirm and adjust the timeframe if needed.</p> <p>AC raised the suggestion that drivers on the Goulburn–Taralga Road utilise available safe harbour / pull-over points to ease traffic build-up behind heavy vehicles. JC acknowledged this was a good suggestion. AB offered to follow up with AC and IM after the meeting to obtain more details on specific locations and road safety observations.</p> <p>IM provided mixed community feedback: some concerns about smaller vehicles travelling too fast, but positive observations that truck-and-dog drivers are slowing down and that drivers are slowing near pedestrians on Black Range Road.</p>	
6. Bushfire management	<p>Presenter: Jacques Coetzee (JC), Construction Manager, HumeLink East.</p> <p>JC outlined how HumeLink East manages bushfire risk, consistent with NSW Rural Fire Service guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather conditions and fire danger ratings are monitored daily. A physical board is updated at every pre-start location with a marker indicating the current fire danger rating, ensuring someone has actively checked the forecast. • The project maintains ongoing liaison with relevant emergency services throughout the bushfire season. • Fire prevention measures include: training personnel; on-site firefighting equipment; vehicle-mounted fire kits; dedicated water supplies at compounds and facilities along the alignment. • Site rules include: mandatory no smoking/vaping except in designated areas; high housekeeping standards; UHF radio communication if smoke is sighted (noting a recent example involving a nearby compost yard). • All personnel must abide by the Permit to Work (PTW) system (HumeLink East HSMP), 	

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	<p>including Hot Works Controls, trail maintenance, and ensuring water carts and pressure washer trailer tanks are kept at sufficient levels.</p> <p>RN noted that as part of the HumeLink Community Investment Benefits Program, the project is providing funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFS South West Slopes: Electronic fire danger rating signs and fire intelligence cameras. The cameras provide early intelligence for local volunteer brigades; the electronic signs update automatically every 24 hours. • Bookham RFS: Station upgrade to improve access to water for firefighting. 	
<p>7. Community investment projects update</p>	<p>Presenter: Reem Nasr (RN), Community Investment and Benefits Lead, HumeLink. Note: HumeLink East Community Investment Lead Suzie Presswell was unable to attend.</p> <p>Community Investment and Benefits Program</p> <p>RN advised that 18 projects were funded in December 2025 under the first stage of the HumeLink Community Investment Benefits Program for East. Projects are now in the process of concluding deeds of funding, including milestone payments, project plans and KPIs. The full list is available on the HumeLink website.</p> <p>Landscape Rehydration Program</p> <p>Transgrid is partnering with the Mulloon Institute to deliver a landscape rehydration program. The Mulloon Institute is a not-for-profit, research, education and advocacy organisation. The program will establish three communities of practice across the HumeLink alignment (one currently identified at Tooles Creek in the West; two further locations to be identified). Activities include capacity building, training, and on-ground demonstration and landholder-led projects to improve water retention, soil quality and catchment water quality. Catchment mapping and analysis is currently underway for site selection. The program will involve local Landcare groups and run for two years.</p> <p>Mental Health Program (Grand Pacific Health)</p> <p>Transgrid is funding a mental health support and advocacy service for communities within the HumeLink project area, delivered by Grand Pacific Health (GPH).</p>	<p>Action: AB to confirm and share booster installation locations with CRG members.</p> <p>Action: MSW / RN to communicate Mental Health First Aid training dates to CRG members once confirmed.</p> <p>Action: AB to provide a technical response to IM's query regarding whether boosters improve signal for Optus and other non-Telstra customers.</p>

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	<p>Maria Simunovic-Winchester (MSW) introduced GPH and her role as Community Engagement and Resilience Coordinator (newly commenced). MSW presented:</p> <p>GPH services: 12 headspace centres 4 Medicare Mental Health centres, the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP), and 450+ staff across NSW and ACT.</p> <p>Project aim: To strengthen mental health, wellbeing and resilience of communities in the HumeLink project area through outreach services, early intervention and referral pathways, and community capacity-building initiatives.</p> <p>Upcoming activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accidental Counsellor Training – Tumbarumba (31 March 2026) and Batlow (1 April 2026). These sessions equip community members with foundational skills to support others experiencing mental health difficulties. • Mental Health First Aid – dates to be confirmed; MSW and RN to communicate once locked in. • Suggested Community Resilience Expo – proposed for September 2026 at Batlow Showground, in response to strong interest expressed by the Snowy Valleys community. • Wellbeing sessions (meditation, martial arts, sleep hygiene, healthy eating) – multiple sessions across impacted communities, locations TBC, April 2026. <p>MSW noted these are not one-off events but ongoing offerings. RN invited CRG members to contact MSW if their communities are interested in participating.</p> <p>Telecommunications Program</p> <p>Presenter: Alec Brown (AB), Transgrid.</p> <p>AB provided an update on the AER-approved connectivity program to address telecommunications black spots across the HumeLink alignment. The program is rolling out a booster solution (mobile signal amplifiers) installed on existing and new transmission towers.</p> <p>The booster solution receives a signal from a nearby mobile base station (up to 20 km away), amplifies it,</p>	

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	<p>and rebroadcasts it for up to 2.5–3 km, depending on topography.</p> <p>Units are powered by a 12V lithium iron phosphate battery charged by solar panel.</p> <p>The first two HumeLink East sites are imminent.</p> <p>Sites are being selected based on black spot data, emergency services feedback, and other stakeholder input.</p> <p>GE asked when booster locations would be shared. AB advised likely within the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>AC asked whether the boosters work similarly to Wi-Fi mesh/nest systems. AB confirmed the concept is comparable, operating on a larger scale.</p> <p>IM asked whether the signal is limited to Telstra customers.</p> <p>AB committed to investigating further and providing a technical response to IM's query about Optus coverage.</p>	
<p>8. Communications plan overview</p>	<p>Presenter: Reem Nasr (RN), Transgrid.</p> <p>RN outlined the scheduled communications programme for 2026.</p> <p>Monthly construction updates: soft copy distribution.</p> <p>Quarterly newsletters: Hard copy (letterbox distribution via Australia Post) and soft copy.</p> <p>Letterbox notifications issued as needed for specific construction activities.</p> <p>Regional events attended in 2026: Taralga Rodeo, Crookwell Show, Gundagai Show, Gunning Show, Goulburn Ag Show, Tumut Show, Taralga Show, Try a Trade Day, Yass Show. Upcoming: Coota Connections Expo, Falling Leaf Festival (TBC).</p> <p>1800 Number report (1 January – 20 March 2026)</p> <p>Isobel M presented a summary of community contacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 total contacts (22 enquiries, 15 complaints) • Primary topics: dust on unsealed roads, heavy vehicle speeds and road deterioration; access and property; business and employment opportunities • Positive feedback received: Safety improvements on Black Range Road acknowledged by residents 	<p>Action: RN to share project email address with JM and Upper Lachlan Shire Council.</p> <p>Action: AB to ensure all CRG members are included on the quarterly newsletter distribution list.</p> <p>Action: GE to provide her address to EH to check newsletter distribution coverage.</p> <p>Action: HumeLink East / Transgrid to engage with existing community</p>

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	<p>JM requested that the project email address be shared alongside the 1800 number, as some people prefer to submit in writing. AB confirmed a project email and web form are available. RN to share contact details.</p> <p>Distribution discussion: GE noted she had never received a hard copy newsletter despite living locally. EH clarified that hard copy newsletters are distributed to landowners and near neighbours within approximately 500 metres of the alignment. GE's address is outside this radius. AB committed to ensuring all CRG members receive the quarterly newsletter. AB confirmed newsletters have been distributed for two to three years prior to delivery partner commencement, and delivery partners have distributed them since early 2025.</p> <p>Community engagement in Winter discussion: GE raised that events-based engagement will cease over winter and asked about plans for face-to-face engagement. EH confirmed community information sessions will be scheduled indoors in response to project milestones, with advance notice. GE and AC suggested tapping into existing community groups (e.g. progress associations, business chambers) that hold regular meetings, to avoid asking busy community members to attend additional sessions. EH agreed this was a good approach and confirmed it would be pursued. AB noted Transgrid has attended Yass Business Chamber events and is open to expanding engagement through existing networks. COB noted that individual information sessions remain valuable for community members who prefer a one-on-one setting.</p>	<p>groups (progress associations, business chambers) for winter engagement, using contacts previously provided by GE.</p>
<p>1. Additional items (raised by members)</p>	<p>Following the formal agenda, RN invited members to raise additional items.</p> <p>Social Impact Management Plan (raised by GE) GE asked whether the Social Impact Management Plan (approved December 2025) is being reported through this group. EH confirmed the first quarterly report (covering September–December 2025) has been completed and will be published in the next couple of weeks as a public document. Subsequent quarterly reports will track progress against all commitments. EH confirmed the report will be shared with all those involved in the development of the plan.</p>	<p>Action: EH to publish Social Impact Management Plan Q1 report (Sep–Dec 2025) within the next couple of weeks and distribute to those involved in the plan's development.</p>

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	<p>Red lines / project footprint (raised by IM) IM raised frustration regarding restrictions on works outside the approved project footprint ('red lines'). Two examples were given: (1) a neighbour's entry infrastructure (cattle grid and gates) extending slightly outside the approved area, requiring a Consistency Assessment (CA) before work can proceed; (2) the environmental team was unable to install nesting boxes in trees identified by IM outside the red lines, despite IM's preference for those locations.</p> <p>TA and AB explained that any works outside the approved project footprint require a Consistency Assessment (CA), as the project must not exceed its approved clearing limits without approval from the Department of Planning. Any exceedance must be reported to DPHI. While acknowledged as frustrating, this is a requirement of the state and federal planning approval process. TA noted the project team is actively seeking to minimise the footprint of disturbance (e.g. reducing pad sizes on hillsides). TA committed to providing IM with further information on the implications of the red line requirements.</p> <p>Brake and winch pads / stringing infrastructure (raised by IM) IM noted that a neighbour (whose property agreement with Transgrid is not yet finalised) is likely to have a brake and winch pad on their property but has not been informed of this. JC explained that brake and winch site locations have been moving as part of design development; now that the design is being locked in, the property and construction teams will visit relevant landowners to discuss the location as part of the Property Adjustment Statement (PAS) process, which sits alongside the option deed agreement.</p> <p>IM noted brake and winch pads are large (70+ metres square). JC acknowledged the footprint and reiterated that the team is working to minimise disturbance.</p> <p>Transgrid engagement with landowners during construction (raised by IM) IM noted that there is a perceived lack of continuing engagement from Transgrid representatives, following the handover to the Delivery Partner. Transgrid representatives are observed on site but do not engage directly with landowners. GE furthered that significant pre-construction relationships were built between Transgrid and impacted landowners, and there is a</p>	<p>Action: TA to provide IM with further information on the planning approval requirements and red line implications.</p> <p>Action: EH to investigate with ICN whether awarded work packages can be updated to show awarded contractor, and provide an update to CRG before next meeting.</p> <p>Action: HumeLink East and Yass Valley Council to investigate give-way / warning signage for narrow bridges on Black Range Road.</p> <p>Action: HumeLink East to notify KN in advance of helicopter stringing activities near her property and take livestock management into consideration.</p>

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	<p>perception that contact has ceased now that construction is underway.</p> <p>AB explained that the handover of day-to-day site relationships to the delivery partner (AGJV) was deliberate and should have been communicated clearly; he apologised if this was not clear. AB confirmed that Transgrid staff (including Samantha Willoughby as community counterpart to AGJV's community team) are available for contact at any time, and that Transgrid does have surveillance officers and site teams on the ground regularly monitoring progress and quality. TA offered to drop by to follow up directly with IM next time she was in the area.</p> <p>ICN work package visibility (raised by AC)</p> <p>AC, representing the Capital Region Local Jobs Program, noted difficulty in identifying which work packages have been awarded on the HumeLink East ICN listing. Of 81 listed packages, only 1 is open and 3 are marked as awarded; 77 appear as 'closed' with no award details. This limits the ability of local businesses and employment programs to connect with awarded subcontractors for potential sub-subcontracting opportunities. AC noted this would also support reporting on local employment outcomes.</p> <p>EH acknowledged this as a useful action item and agreed to investigate with ICN whether awarded packages can be updated to show the awarded contractor. EH to provide an update to the group ahead of the next meeting.</p> <p>Narrow bridges on Black Range Road (raised by IM)</p> <p>IM noted that narrow bridges on Black Range Road are not signed with give-way or warning signs. IM suggested this be investigated. IM also commended the project for dust suppression efforts near houses fronting the road.</p> <p>Helicopter flight paths for stringing (raised by KN)</p> <p>KN asked whether helicopter flight paths during conductor stringing would be communicated in advance, as weaning cattle in small enclosures can be significantly disturbed by helicopters. AB confirmed the project is aware of livestock implications and will take this into account when managing stringing activities. AB was unable to provide specific flight path information at this meeting and committed to following up from KN's</p>	

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	property's perspective once stringing locations are confirmed.	
2. Next meeting	RN advised the next CRG meeting is scheduled for the third week of June 2026 and will be held in person. The location (Yass, Goulburn, Bookham, Crookwell or Taralga) is to be confirmed. RN invited members to submit their location preferences.	Action: RN to confirm location of next meeting based on member preferences.

Actions

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Action items review	Provide local employment numbers to CRG (ahead of next quarterly meeting).	HumeLink East / RN
Action items review	Progress physical letterbox drop for SMS programme rollout.	HumeLink East
Construction look ahead	Issue blasting notification letter to affected landowners (scheduled 1 April 2026).	HumeLink East / JC
Construction look ahead	Notify impacted landowners and community prior to commencement of conductor stringing activities.	HumeLink East
Road safety and maintenance	Share water fact sheet with CRG members.	HumeLink East / AB
Road safety and maintenance	Arrange fortnightly water look-ahead schedule for Taralga, via the Northern team.	JC
Road safety and maintenance	JM to follow up offline with JC regarding reports of unauthorised water extraction by contractors in Gunning and Dalton.	JM / JC
Road safety and maintenance	Share 1800 number and project email contact details with JM and Upper Lachlan Shire Council.	AB / RN
Road safety and maintenance	Confirm and review the 8:30–9:30am truck restriction timeframe on Black Range Road to align with school bus schedule.	JC
Road safety and maintenance	Follow up with AC and IM after the meeting regarding safe harbour points and road safety feedback on the Goulburn–Taralga road.	AB
Road safety and maintenance	JM to send details of the Dalton overbridge incident to AB and RN for follow-up.	JM
Community investment update	Confirm and share booster installation locations with CRG members within approximately two weeks.	AB / Transgrid
Community investment update	Communicate Mental Health First Aid training dates to CRG members once confirmed.	MSW / RN
Community investment update	Provide technical response to IM's query about whether boosters improve signal for Optus/non-Telstra customers.	AB / Transgrid

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Communications plan overview	Share project email address and web form contact details with JM and Upper Lachlan Shire Council.	RN
Communications plan overview	Ensure all CRG members are included on the quarterly newsletter distribution list.	AB / HumeLink East
Communications plan overview	GE to provide her address to EH/ EH to check newsletter distribution coverage.	GE / EH
Communications plan overview	Engage with existing community groups (progress associations, business chambers) for winter face-to-face engagement, using contacts previously provided by GE.	HumeLink East / Transgrid
Additional items	Publish Social Impact Management Plan Q1 report (Sep–Dec 2025) within the next couple of weeks and distribute to those involved in the plan's development.	EH / HumeLink East
Additional items	Provide IM with further information on planning approval requirements and red line implications.	TA / RN
Additional items	Investigate with ICN whether awarded work packages can be updated to show awarded contractor; provide update to CRG before next meeting.	EH / HumeLink East
Additional items	Investigate give-way/warning signage for narrow bridges on Black Range Road.	Yass Valley Council / HumeLink East
Additional items	Notify KN in advance of helicopter stringing activities near her property and take livestock management into consideration.	HumeLink East / JC
Next meeting	Confirm next meeting location (third week of June 2026, in person) based on member preferences.	RN

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