

Mylor Community Forum

30 June 2026, Mylor Cotton
Memorial Hall

Community Forum Summary
Report



Adelaide Hills
COUNCIL

Acknowledgement of Country

Council acknowledges that we undertake our business on the traditional Country of the Peramangk and Kurna people. We pay our respects to Ancestors and Elders past and present as the Custodians of this ancient and beautiful land for they hold the memories, traditions, spiritual relationships, culture and hopes of the First Nations of Australia. We are committed to working together to ensure that Peramangk and Kurna culture and traditions are sustained, valued and continuing.

Purpose

Community Forums are held throughout the year in community facilities around the Hills. They provide an opportunity for council and local residents to communicate directly with each other about emerging issues, services and council initiatives.

Forums are an opportunity for:

- Council and local residents to communicate with each other.
- Hearing about activities being undertaken by local community groups and organisations.
- Finding out about our latest council projects and updates.

Our most recent Community Forum was held in Mylor and had a focus on connecting sport, nature and community.

- Location: Mylor Hall: 242 Strathalbyn Road, Mylor
- Date: Tuesday 30 June 2026
- Time: 6pm to 8pm



Sport, Nature and Community

The forum included a range of presentations and discussions from council representatives, community and sector leaders. We began the evening with an opportunity to connect with each other and have a bite to eat.

Presentations kicked off at 6.30pm and we heard from the following presenters:

- Mayor Nathan Daniell:
 - Provided an overview of our Draft Annual Business Plan 2026-27 and the opportunity to contribute through community consultation until 5pm Monday 6 July.
 - Spoke about some of the capital works proposed to occur around Mylor and the key operating and capital projects included in the Draft ABP.
 - Explained the strategic asset planning and land management project council have prioritised to kick off in 2026-27.
 - Provided an update on dates for next Council Elections which have now been postponed until April 2027.
 - Gave an update on the endorsement of our new Community Engagement Framework and Policy.
- Chelsea Thomas, Club President of Mylor Netball Club:
 - Spoke about her role focusing on strengthening the club both on and off the court.
 - Fostering a supportive environment and encouraging the development of junior players.
 - Discussed the current condition of the Mylor Netball Club courts that are also used by pickleball, tennis and Mylor Primary School and the work the club are undertaking to access funding for the court renewal works.
 - Shared information about how interested community members could get involved in supporting the netball club.
- Linda Niemann, from Mylor Parklands Bushcare Group:
 - Shared some of the history of the Parklands.
 - Spoke about the problem that weeds present to the biodiversity of the Parklands.
 - Explained the bushfire threat from woody weeds.
 - Spoke about the role of the MPBG

- Shared information about how community members can help support weed management and protect this important biodiversity site.
- Four community members requested to present about an issue or topic at the forum:
 - John presented about the condition of the Aldgate Valley Nature Trail and requested maintenance works be undertaken.
 - Clare discussed road safety / speed limit concerns relating to Leslie Creek Road.
 - Susanne spoke about road safety and speed limit concerns through the centre of Mylor especially on River Road intersection in Mylor, along Silver Lake Road, the start of Boyle Swamp Road and Ridge Road.
 - Bec, President of the Mylor Village Green Sports and Social Club, provided an update on what the club have done in the last two years and what they are aiming for in the next few years.

You can find the notes provided by the presenters under “Summary of What We Heard”.

- Following presentations, there was a 45-minute breakout session where participants could speak to presenters, staff and Elected Members about the presentation topics, share their ideas and feedback around council engagement opportunities and discuss local ideas and issues.

You can view a summary of what we heard and what was discussed below.

A copy of the community forum presentations can be found on [Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub](#).

Summary of what we heard

Community members participated in a range of engagement activities with council staff and Elected Members at the forum. Feedback has been categorised into topics and themes and summarised below.

Discussions about Council's Draft Annual Business Plan 2026-27

Draft ABP 2026-27

Debt and deficit

- What is councils' current debt and how does this compare to other councils?
- Will the 7.6% clear the debt?

Council feedback

The Director of Corporate Services explained that Council's current debt is approx. \$30m and this is less than 50% of our annual income but as the debt is currently growing this is the larger concern rather than the current total amount of debt.

No, the 7.6% does not clear the debt, it reduces the additional debt incurred. Council's updated Draft Long Term Financial Plan will be released for community feedback in late 2026 or early 2027.

Rate increase

- How does the recent valuation of houses affect council rates?
- How does the rate rise affect pensioners? What % of AHC residents are on pension?
- 7.6% isn't that bad.
- Council needs to do what they need to do.

Council feedback

The Director of Corporate Services explained that council charges rates based on a set value in the dollar so while higher valued properties do pay higher rates, your rates don't automatically increase because the value of your house has increased.

The Local Government Association of SA have a Fact Sheet of [Council Rates and Property Values](#).

Hills way of living

- Residents value the hills way of living and don't want to see a dramatic increase in development.
- Concern about development and reduction of plot sizes in the Hills.
- This means we can't expect to see an increase in rates revenue from new residents.
- Value the ability to drive around without going through townships – even though rates are higher to pay for the higher ratio of roads to population.

Very high rates (\$3,000+pa) for:

- No common effluent: why not?
- No mains water: why not? (My bore ran DRY for the first time in 50 years)
- No maintenance of road verges (evidence, try to drive along First Street behind Coopers grain store)
- No storm water planning in the townships
- No postal/delivery services
- No EV charging station (NB: The Mylor Hall is centrally located)

Council feedback

Mains water is supplied by SA Water.

Council undertakes an annual maintenance program to provide for road safety and fire mitigation requirements, however Council is unable to maintain all road verges in the district.

Council is developing a *Verge Policy* (Draft) to clarify Councils and resident's responsibilities in the management and maintenance of verges in the district. This will accompany *Verge Maintenance Guidelines* (Draft) to provide further detail around how the Policy will be delivered.

Postal delivery is managed Australia Post

We are considering additional locations for EV charging infrastructure.

AHC Asset and Land Management

Assets and infrastructure

- The challenge of funding infrastructure between townships and population bases. When the councils amalgamated AHC had to take on the combined asset base with a relatively similar total population number.
- Assets – current priority is to evaluate what we currently have and compare this against what we realistically need.
- How will decisions be made about any divestment of land or assets?
- What land and facilities are being considered for divestment?
- How much asset sale opportunity is there?

- Concern with selling land / facilities because once they are gone they are gone.
- What happens to the small courts and halls around council when they are not being used? – sell / update?
- Roads to facilities being “sponsored” by local individuals /groups (“this stretch of road is sponsored by”) how do other councils do this?

Council feedback

The Director of Corporate Services explained that we are very early into the strategic asset planning and land management project but that there are some buildings and land parcels that are currently not in use that would be considered first. It would then be around performance measures of assets and land parcels and we would consider opportunities to combine / collocate facilities to achieve better outcomes for the associated groups / clubs and the surrounding community.

Courts are important to the community – netball, pickleball and tennis

- Community focused
- AHC court supply is not comparable to metro e.g. Unley 2 courts.
- How many courts are locked by clubs? E.g. where can community get use especially as rate payers. Are community travelling out of region to use courts that are unlocked?

Use of AHC by no locals

- Conversation around the different sporting activities that attract participants from a wider district and about the pros and cons of non AHC residents using AHC facilities and roads.
- People from other areas coming to the Hills for sports puts more pressure on our infrastructure – how do we compensate for this.
- Mylor Pickleball is mostly locals so it’s interesting that Mylor Netball only has 2 local members.
- Other funding opportunities to support infrastructure upgrades.
- Opportunities for council staff to support community and sporting clubs to access external grant funding, what support could council expand here.
- Should we be seeking more grant funding to compensate for lower number of new rate payers / development?

Council feedback

Staff and Elected Members spoke about the potential benefits of visitors travelling into the region and supporting local businesses and bringing family and friends back to visit the region again. Discussions were had about AHC

residents using services and facilities in other council regions and that this balances out across the wider Adelaide region.

Staff spoke about there being a limited number of grant funding opportunities that councils can apply for and that these funding streams often require council to undertake more work than they may have otherwise. While receiving the funding is very positive, and staff are continually looking for external funding opportunities, receiving these funds can often come at the expense of staff resources / time that would have been allocated to other services or initiatives. Council has staff positioned across different teams that support community groups and clubs to apply for AHC and external grant funding. It would be interesting to look at how this support is accessed and if there is the capacity and need to grow the support offered.

All things Mylor and surrounds

Topic / question

Walking Trails / Pedestrian Access

Do not agree with the proposal to give away or sell the pedestrian access between River Road, Hahndorf and Whitehead Rd, Mylor. AHC are considering disposal of the unmade road on their side of the Onkaparinga River.

- More active transport
- Proper signage for walkers
- Keep in public hands/AHC ownership
- Not many pedestrian access ways from the river to Mylor
- Fire trail access for emergencies

Bandicoot Lane Trail – is this trail well marked enough?

Potential loss of unformed road reserves – east of Mylor Conservation Park

- Shut down to foot traffic
- Only safe place to cross river on foot.
- Concerned if sold to adjoining residents.

Flooding and Creek Maintenance

Creek behind Mylor Oval (Leslie Creek)

- Whose job is it to clear fallen willow trees in the creek?
- Willows will grow anywhere and block the creek, causing flooding of the oval.
- Onkaparinga River needs some help as well.

- Is their federal funding available like Cox Creek?

Main street footpath flooding frequently

- Needs better drainage and mitigation of wet areas.
- Drainpipes to go under Strath Rd to the creek
- Most importantly for visitors, the footpath along Strathalbyn Rd between 2 cafes turns into a canal when it rains (very dangerous) because the winter creek cannot flow into an under-road culvert.

Traffic issues

Corner of Ridge/Boyle Swap

- Noticed increased traffic
- Increased non-local traffic/not understanding corner i.e. cutting corner going up from BS – Ridge cutting going from Silver Lake to Boyle Swap.
- Is signage required i.e. 'Blackwood' at junction of Boyle Swap and Ridge as people miss turn off.
- Agree 60 from River Rd – Mylor.

Silver Lake Road

- Baptist camp extension 2019 doubled in size = increased traffic, drivers safety and ability
- 70 reduction – pedestrian access and safety, popular with walkers.
- River, Swamp Rd, crossing Rd (steep, deteriorated, fire track, gates = community concern).

Leslie Creek Road

- Wildlife, not just native and deer (seasonal when Mount Bold dries).

Mylor was built for small population, now has become commuter roads (Mount Barker growth has impacted use of roads).

Lifestyle impacted e.g. can't run safely at peak times.

Council feedback:

The best website to determine if a road is owned and managed by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) or AHC:

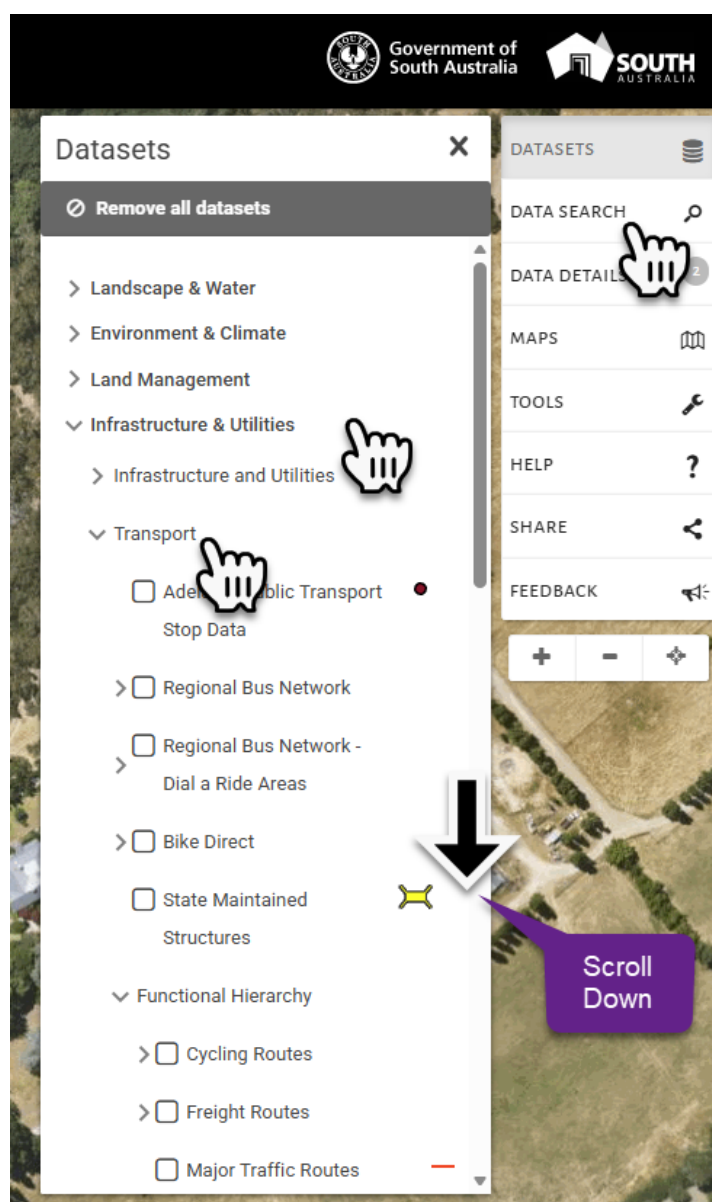
- [Location SA Viewer](#) - you will also be able to see crash and traffic volume data on DIT roads.
- or [view this document on our AHC website.](#)

How to submit a road safety/speed limit request to DIT: visit https://dit.sa.gov.au/contact_us and submit a service request or a complaint.

AHC data collection: Traffic data is continuously collected across the district as part of an ongoing monitoring program.

Using Location SA Viewer:

- Navigate to Location SA Viewer
- Datasets
- Infrastructure and Utilities
 - Transport (Scroll Down)
 - Road Crashes
 - Traffic Volumes



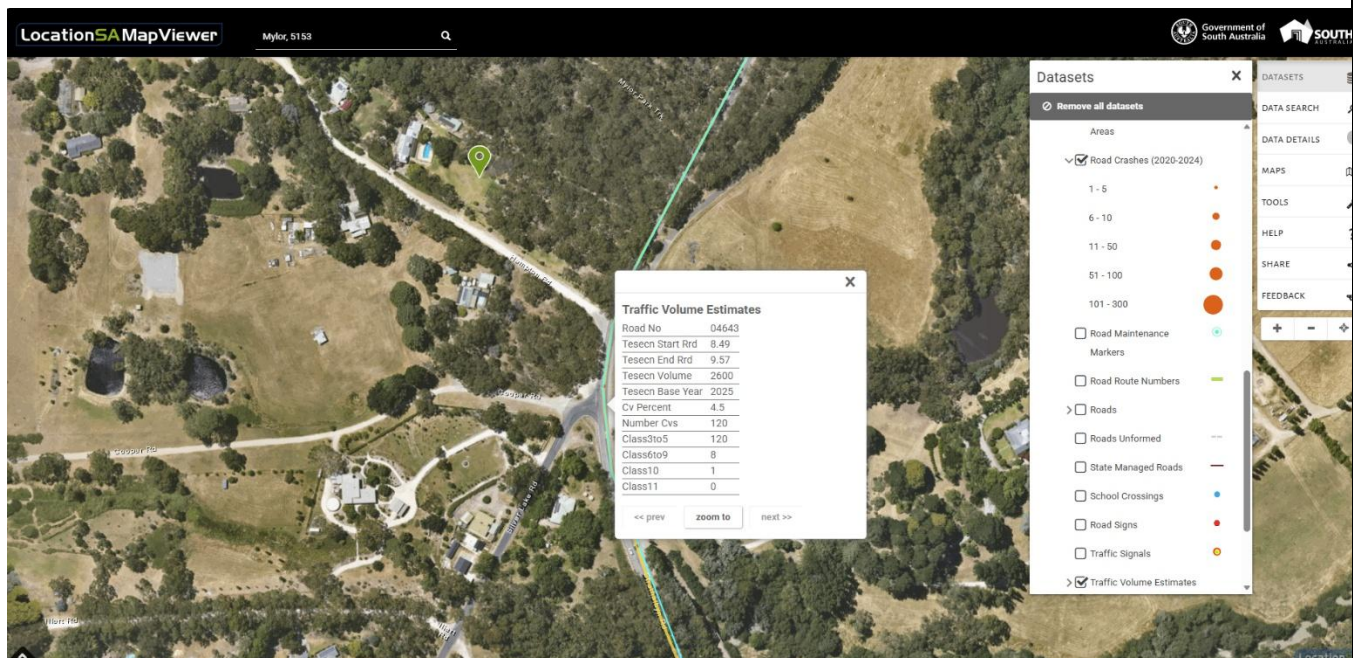
Road Crashes

Click on the red circles that represent the number of crashes



Traffic Volumes

Click on the line to access the traffic volumes.



Biodiversity

Clean up woody weeds on roadsides please.

- Will woody weeds be cleared from Porteous Roa! Bradbury Rd to Ridge Rd before resurfacing is done?
- I understand that it is land holders RESPONSIBILITY to control weeds on road verges adjacent to their land – is that so? Do ratepayers know this?

Duck awareness road signs – ducks crossing

Council feedback

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The Policy will clearly define the services and treatment frequencies provided in certain locations and include approved plant species and a range of maintenance activities landowners or residents may undertake within the verge area.

Youth involvement:

- Public transport
- Things to do/spaces
- Mum and dad taxi service
- Teens

Other

- Dark sky area? Carrickalinga tie in with star gazing at oval.
- Nicer bins – like in Stirling. Recycle and regular.
- No OTR!

Submissions by local residents:

1. Aldgate Valley Nature Walk – John

To: The Mayor, etc.

I write to bring to your attention the poor state of the Aldgate Valley Nature Walk, in particular the section from Second Street, Mylor to Stock Road, Mylor.

This walk, through the Mylor Parklands, is popular and its amenity has benefited from the work of the Council's Biodiversity Team, notably the significant work in clearing Erica on the slopes to the east of Leslie Creek.

I, as have many others been walking on this trail for over 20 years. Over that time there has been no maintenance, other than annual weed clearance. With the many individuals, the small and large groups of walkers and runners using the trail, it has been worn down below the surrounding land. In addition, many tree roots have been exposed, making it dangerous in parts. Of equal concern is that following heavy rainfall, the track in the section between Second Street and the Aldgate Valley Nature Walk sign to the west has areas that fill with water, that has nowhere to drain, as the track is well below the surrounding land. Adding to this, a spring feeds several metres of this low section, again with no way for the water to drain off the trail. The pictures below highlight some of these concerns.

The loop back down to the netball courts along the bridle track parallel to Stock Road, is also in need of repair, although the lower section (below the Camp Gooden entrance) was repaired a year or so ago.

I would appreciate it if the Council would undertake a review of this trail, including following wet weather, to build into the forward work plan action to repair it to allow safe walking.

Water pools here during and after rain and is fed by a spring located just past the small sapling on right of track.

(images provided on following pages)

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More pooling



Tree roots: some are proud of the ground in the middle and fixed at each end, making for a good snare



Tree roots





2. Road Safety Leslie Creek Road – Clare

Speed limits on Leslie Creek Road

We write to you, as long-term residents of Mylor living on Leslie Creek Road, to raise concerns as to the speed of traffic on the road.

Leslie Creek Road carries a wide range of traffic, from motor bikes and cars to combination rigid trucks. It is also used by numerous cyclists and walkers, including children walking to the two designated school bus stops along the road. There are no footpaths at any point along Leslie Creek Rd and there is very little, typically no, room on the road shoulder for pedestrians to avoid speeding cars, trucks, etc. Animals, including kangaroos and deer, are also frequently seen on the road. Entry from many driveways is problematic and, with an ageing population, increasingly so.

Given the gradients at the western and eastern end, and some sharp bends, many vehicles travel at speeds which we consider to be a danger to other (vehicular and non-vehicular) road users, including to people exiting their properties. The poor placement of the 80kph start signage on the western end of the road encourages unsafe speeds by drivers unfamiliar with the area. The speed at which many go through the corners here is clear from the relatively short life of the road line markings at this point.

It has been many years since traffic numbers on Leslie Creek Rd have been monitored and vehicle usage—which changed during the recent bridge construction work and conversion of River Rd to a trucking route—now represents a heavier load in terms of numbers and types of vehicles, including more heavy vehicles.

Previous submissions seeking a lowering of the speed limit on the two ends of Leslie Creek Rd have not been successful. The latest received the response that it was not possible to make changes because of the bureaucracy at the State government department responsible. The Council was, at the time, seeking changes to the limit on Woolcock Road and we are aware that this change has now gone through.

Although not as steep as Woolcock Road, Leslie Creek Road has many similarities. We therefore request that you review the speed limits on Leslie Creek Road and in doing so bear the following suggestions in mind:

- At the western end of Leslie Creek Road, extend the 60 kph speed limit to where Leslie Creek Road straightens out, beyond the intersection with Porteous Road and just before road number 194;
- Decrease the speed limit from 80kph to 70kph throughout the straighter central section of the road; and,
- At the eastern end of Leslie Creek Road, move the 50 kph zone further to the west, to be located west of road number 88, which is the first of a cluster of several residential properties fronting the road, and which run from there to road number 18.

We look forward to your attention and response to these concerns and our suggestions.

3. Speed limits—southern Mylor – Susanne

The current speed limits on the south side of Mylor are potentially dangerous and confusing. Coming from Echunga towards Mylor, the speed limit is 80kph until just before the Mylor township, where it reduces to 50kph. However, coming from Hahndorf along River Road, where the limit is 60kph, turning right onto Strathalbyn Road, the limit becomes 80 for less than a kilometre before reducing to 50.

There has been an exponential increase in commuter traffic coming from River Road, turning right onto Strathalbyn Road and 300 meters later, turning left onto Silver Lake Road. This is a sharp angled turn, which is already potentially dangerous. The speed limit at this point is 80kph: many vehicles veer onto the wrong side of the road when making this turn, jeopardising those coming from the opposite direction.

This commuter traffic has rapidly increased since the advent of GPS and is particularly evident during 'rush hour'. Most traffic turning into Silver Lake Road appears to turn right into Boyle Swamp Road and right again onto Ridge Road, all of which have a speed limit of 80kph. Vehicles include not only cars and motor bikes but also trucks and semidoubles. Travelling from Happy Valley or other southern suburbs to Hahndorf, Woodside or even Mt Barker, using the GPS recommended route via Silver Lake Road and River Road can cut up to 10 minutes of the journey time.

However, none of these roads are designed for this increase. For example, on the short stretch along Silver Lake Road, between the junction with Strathalbyn Road and the junction with Boyle Swamp Road, there is a narrow culvert. Cars must slow

down to pass safely. If trucks are using the road, other road users must stop to let them through. The road is clearly not designed for this level of urban traffic.

Most importantly, traffic shares the road with walkers, horse riders, children and cyclists. The reserve on Silver Lake Road is 'off-leash', potentially adding dogs to the mix. Additionally, there are no pavements or off-road walking tracks.

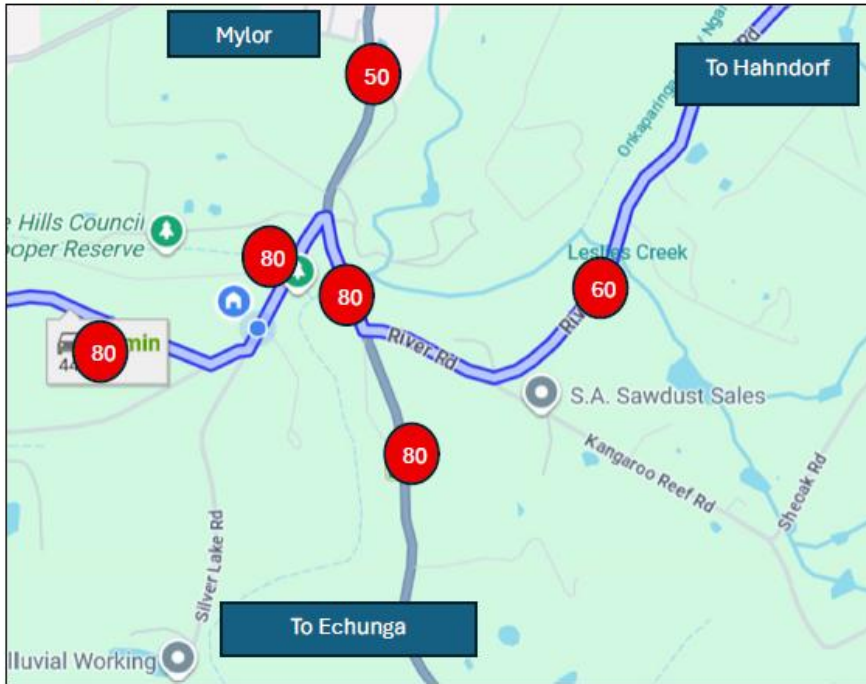
We would ask council to reduce the speed limits along these roads to 60kph:

- From the River Road intersection into Mylor until the speed limit becomes 50kph
- Along Silver Lake Road, the start of Boyle Swamp Road and Ridge Road.

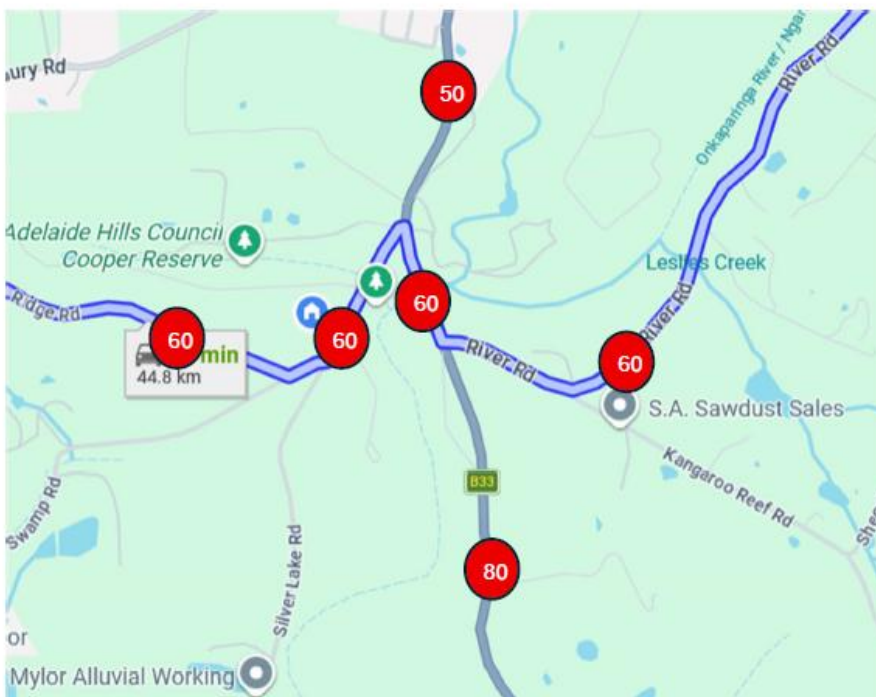
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

On behalf of local residents,

Current speed limits



Proposed speed limits



Next Steps

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Feedback and ideas discussed during the forum will be shared with Elected Members and staff across council to be consider for integration into upcoming works and future planning, including:

- Finalisation of our Annual Business Plan 2026-27.
- Planning for future community forums and activities.
- Supporting the development of our draft 2027/28 Annual Business Plan and draft Long-Term Financial Plan.
- Ongoing works and maintenance around Mylor and the wider council area.



Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to our presenters from Mylor Netball Club, Mylor Parklands Bushcare Group and our four community presenters. Thank you to the Mylor Cotton Memorial Hall for hosting us and to Trudie Langkilde from Long Brook Catering for providing our delicious catering.

Thank you very much to all participants for getting involved in this community forum. We had a great time meeting with community members and hearing about your ideas, experiences and interests. We appreciate your feedback, and we look forward to seeing you at the next one.



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