



Yass Valley Council

Dear Ms Burley and Executive team,

Thank you for the productive meeting with the Murrumbateman Community Association on Monday 11 May, and for the open discussion regarding road safety concerns in Rose Street, Murrumbateman.

MCA welcomes Council's commitment to include the Rose Street pedestrian safety works in the 2026/27 works program. We appreciate Council's recognition of the importance of this issue and the need to improve pedestrian safety in this busy and growing part of the village.

Following our meeting, MCA sought letters of support from local organisations directly affected by pedestrian and vehicle movements in this precinct. These letters are attached and demonstrate the strength of community concern, the breadth of local support, and the importance of ensuring these works are funded and delivered in the 2026/27 financial year.

MCA supports Council progressing the following works:

1. Construct a concrete pedestrian path along the western side of Rose Street between North Street and Hercules Street
2. Install a raised pedestrian crossing — wombat crossing — on Rose Street at North Street, linking the existing east-west bridle path and pedestrian routes (we note YVC has a design for removing chicanes and replacement, April 2024)
3. Investigate the installation of a wombat crossing on Hercules Street, on the western side of Rose Street, together with an associated footpath along the northern side of Hercules Street between Middle Street and Rose Street, for inclusion in 2027/28 works planning.

Letters of support are attached from:

- Murrumbateman Early Childhood Centre Association — MECCA
- Murrumbateman Public School
- YWCA Fairley Early Childhood Service
- NSW Rural Fire Service — Murrumbateman Brigade
- Dazzle Dance Academy

These organisations represent a significant cross-section of the local community and are directly connected to the daily movement of children, families, staff, volunteers, emergency service members and pedestrians through this precinct.

The letters confirm that Rose Street is one of Murrumbateman's busiest child-focused pedestrian and vehicle corridors. It links Murrumbateman Public School, MECCA, Fairley Early Childhood Service, Dazzle Dance Academy, the Hercules Street shops, school bus stops, recreation facilities and the playground.

They also highlight several common concerns, including near misses involving children and vehicles, the absence of a continuous footpath, the lack of clearly defined crossing points, increasing walking and cycling activity, and the need for infrastructure to keep pace with the growth of Murrumbateman.

The proposed works are modest, practical and targeted. They would provide a safer and more connected pedestrian route through a high-use area, reduce conflict between pedestrians and vehicles, help slow traffic at key conflict points, and support safer walking and cycling access for children and families.

MCA therefore respectfully requests that Council:

1. Confirm the inclusion of the Rose Street pedestrian path and wombat crossing works in the 2026/27 infrastructure works program;
2. Allocate sufficient funding to enable delivery within that financial year; and
3. Continue planning for a Hercules Street crossing and associated footpath connection as the next stage of pedestrian safety improvements in this precinct, to be implemented in 27/28 F/Y or earlier.

MCA appreciates Council's constructive engagement on this matter and welcomes the commitment already made. The attached letters demonstrate that this issue is important to the broader Murrumbateman community and that there is strong local support for Council to proceed.

MCA will also submit this letter and the attached letters of support through Council's IPR feedback process, if that assists Council in formally recording community support for the proposed works and their priority within the 2026/27 program.

We look forward to working constructively with Council to deliver this much-needed safety improvement for Murrumbateman.

Best regards,

On behalf of the Committee of the  
Murrumbateman Community Association