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PROJECT UPDATE
REYNELL STREET AND DOWNER STREET

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback in February 2025 on the proposed installation of speed humps or speed cushions in Reynell Street and Downer Street, Kilkenny.

This project responded to earlier community feedback and petitions from residents about concerns with speeding traffic in Reynell and Downer Streets, as well traffic safety at the intersections of Aroona/Wilpena Street.

Speed humps and cushions were identified as the most suitable treatments based on the street layout and cost considerations.

Consultation outcomes:
Consultation was open to the community, from 20 January to 11 February 2025, with a total of 36 participants who took part and provided their feedback to the proposal. One of these respondents provided written feedback.

Key themes raised by the community:

- Speeding: Ongoing concerns, particularly on Aroona Road and Reynell Street.
- Support for speed humps/cushions: Many residents agreed traffic calming is needed.
- Alternative traffic calming measures: Suggestions included roundabouts, road narrowing, kerb extensions, slow points with plantings, and other aesthetic solutions.
- Impacts: Concerns about discomfort for older residents, emergency vehicle access, noise, and property values.
- Rat running: Non-local drivers using residential streets to avoid traffic lights.
- Traffic data and speed limits: Requests for more studies on speed and volume at different times of the day.
- Parking and congestion: Parked cars contributing to narrow passages, especially on Reynell Street.
- Cyclist and pedestrian safety: Risks to pedestrians and cyclists, including school children, due to speeding traffic.
- Speed enforcement: Suggestions for speed cameras as an alternative to physical treatments.
- Street aesthetics: Interest in murals, tree planting, decorative treatments and broader community engagement.

What the community preferred:
While there were only 2 options to choose from, we acknowledge that some residents were not in support of either option and noted this in their comments. Including those not supportive of any option, the results show:

- Watts profile speed humps - supported by 18
- Speed cushions - supported by 8
- Do not want either option - 10

Overall, around three-quarters of respondents (26 of 36) supported some form of traffic calming, with a clear preference for Watts profile speed humps.

What has been decided:
Following review of feedback and traffic data, speed humps will be installed on both Reynell and Downer Streets to improve safety and reduce speeds.

- A raised intersection will be built at Wilpena and Reynell Streets following stormwater analysis.
- On Aroona Road, traffic calming cushions will be used instead of a raised intersection to protect stormwater flow.
- Alton Reserve will receive a raised threshold treatment, consistent with previous designs.

A full engagement report and responses to community questions are available at www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/reynell-downertraffic

Construction timing:
A construction date has not yet been confirmed, but installation of the traffic calming measures and intersection treatments is planned for the 2025/26 financial year. Impacted residents will receive further notification from the appointed contractor, closer to the time.

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