

14 June 2024



Meeting Minutes

Southern Community Liaison Group

Date	14/06/2024	Time	10:00am - 12:00pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	4 of 2024
Location	Veneto Club	Minute taker	Amy Upton Stokes

Attendees

Attendees		Apologies	
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Judith Voce (JV)	Community Representative
Lauren Watson (LW)	Spark, Environment Manager	Clare Davey (CD)	Boroondara City Council
Bruce Plain (BP)	Community Representative	Mia McMahon (MMc)	Spark, Community Engagement Manager
Frank Freschi (FF)	Community Representative	Otto Sargent (OS)	Community Representative
Beau Vidler (BV)	Spark, SEM Manager	John van Delft (JvD)	Community Representative
Shaun Leane MP (SL)	Member of Parliament	Jaimie Ledwidge (JL)	EBTA
Tallis Richmond (TR)	NELP, Manager, Government Relations	Joe Carbone	Community Representative
Sam Doyle (SD)	NELP, Manager, Interface Communications and Stakeholder Engagement	Jacqueline Weedon	NELP, Community Partnership Advisor
Ben Scott (BS)	Spark, Construction Project Manager	Alexander Law	Community Representative
Ros Magee (RM)	Community Representative	Elizabeth Patena	NELP, Manager, Community Partnerships
Leanne Farrell (LF)	NELP, Senior Environment Advisor		
Jasmin Lazzarotti (Jla)	NELP, Graduate Communications and Stakeholder Relations		
Leah McGuinness (LM)	Whitehorse City Council		

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Andrea Lomdahl (ALo)	Boroondara City Council		
Rebecca Somerville (RS)	EBTA		
Glennys Jones (GJ)	Community Representative		
Andrew Mangan (AM)	Manningham City Council		
Michael Hobbs (MH)	NELP, Manager, Stakeholder Relations and Communications - South		
Nic Morton (NMo)	NELP, Senior Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor		
Hamid Peimany (HP)	Spark, Communications and Community Advisor		
Deanna Hadid (DH)	Spark, Senior Communications Engagement Advisor		
Nicholas Moore (NM)	Community Representative		
Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	Spark, Senior Communications Advisor		

Actions – Short Term

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
SC24 2-8	Further information regarding environmental audit non conformance matters. Presentation on next report when released by Minister	NMo LF	3/05/2024	CLOSED	LF presented at meeting 14/06
SC24 3-2	JL to share Engage Vic hoarding survey outcome next meeting	JL	14/06/2024	CLOSED	RS presented at meeting 14/06
SC24 3-3	MMc to share a comparison between north and south complaint data next meeting	MMc	14/06/2024	CLOSED	HP presented at meeting 14/06

Actions – Long Term

No.	Owner	Topic	Status
1 S8-1(2021)	MHi	JV asks about ball net fencing at Freeway Golf Course (FGC) and that NELP should be responsible for funding this on top of existing works at the site. At the meeting on 25.08.23 JV reported	MHi to advise if this may be possible as part of the Freeways package

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		Freeway golfers are hitting many balls from the first tee onto the area designated for the off-ramp to the Bulleen Road tunnel and therefore emphasises the need for the ball net to be funded.	
2 S14-1	MHi	MHi to investigate potential for installing radar crossings for pedestrians	MHi to advise if these will be installed at some intersections/interchanges
3 S5-1	MH	Will Templestowe Rd will be duplicated as part of the intersection being signalised	MH to advise once information is available
4 S6-4	MH	MH to provide GJ details of Shared User Path (SUP) works as requested below Breakdown of SUPs including kms of new paths and those that are simply being replaced, eg: existing path destroyed and relocated replacement paths. Further information also requested on shared path removal, specifically the shared path on the west side of Bulleen Road Bridge, (there are no north bound bike lanes across the interchange between to connect the on road north bound bike lanes leaving vulnerable road users to mix with heavy vehicles, or to be significantly delayed by at least 8 call buttons. A shared path would provide the only safe and direct north bound crossing.	MH to advise once information is available
5 SC24 1-3	MH	AL has requested that feedback received and mitigations (including for PTV operator) that were put in place for the Bulleen Rd stage two closure be shown after these works	MH to advise once information is available
6 SC24 3-1	JL	JV wants to know more about what plants will be planted and if it will be tube stock.	JL to present on what species will be planted once that information is available.
7 SC24 3-2	MH	GJ raised the issue of traffic light times being too long at the primary school crossing	MH to investigate

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Welcome and introductions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged apologies Previous meeting minutes adopted Outstanding short term actions to be addressed in presentation
Leanne Farrell (LF)	<p>IEA report - May to October 2023 as per presentation</p> <p>IEA report published in early May, sent to group members after the last meeting.</p> <p>Showed that both Spark's documented environmental management arrangements and on ground environmental management had continued to improve.</p> <p>FF asked about soil reporting. LF explained Spark soil reporting requirements.</p>

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	<p>FF asked about any consistencies between the north and south findings. LF noted that some findings are project wide, but south findings focussed on in the meeting.</p> <p>MM raised issue of IEA report speed of release. SD noted that reports will be published as soon as possible but there will likely still be a gap. Focus instead will be trying to provide info on day-to-day operations and monitoring, which is part of what is assessed in the report.</p> <p>FF asked if issues such as dust have been improved. LF assured that it's part of a continuing improvement.</p> <p>GJ asked if there's monitoring for vibration. LF confirmed that there are vibration monitors as well.</p> <p>LF assured FF that IEA is independent and ensures the operations of the project are held to account, including visiting projects areas to assess conditions.</p> <p>RM asked who the independent auditor is. LF confirmed it's a joint venture of APP, Arup and Aurecon (AAAJV).</p>
Ben Scott (BS)	Drone footage as per presentation
Beau Vidler (BV)	SEM update as per presentation FF reiterated that its important the residents along Trinity Hill are aware of the acoustic shed being constructed. IZ noted that Spark have been engaging with residents as part of 6 month lookahead meetings.
Deanna Hadid (DH)	North update as per presentation
Hamid Peimany (HP)	Community engagement as per presentation FF asked about the make-up of our 64 noise complaints from 17 April to 28 May. 30% (most common) related to noise, rest are dust, vibration, trucks etc. In the north 20% noise, 20% parking, 13% vibration and rest are light, dust etc.
Lauren Watson (LW)	Environmental monitoring as per presentation FF asked about noise and vibration monitors in the area. LW confirmed these monitors are set up based on predictive monitoring and consultants advise where monitors should be installed depending on the works activities.
Hamid Peimany (HP)	Community events as per presentation
Lauren Watson (LW)	River Red Gum as per presentation RM asked about the long-term outlook for the River Red Gum. LW reiterated that the health of the tree has improved and that several arborists are working on it. Council has some history which has been helpful knowledge to Spark. AM added the removal of the petrol station tanks and concrete may have helped the tree reach more surface water, explaining its recent health improvements.

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	<p>GJ asked about underground storage tanks in the area. LW confirmed all storage tanks from that area have been removed. Ongoing monitoring will continue.</p> <p>FF asked how close the new water main will be to the tree. LW confirmed it all be further away from the tree.</p>
Rebecca Sommerville (RS)	<p>Eastern Freeway updates as per presentation</p> <p>FF asked for a progress update about two signs southbound on Bulleen Road that are hard to see due to trucks. This was raised at the SBLG. MH said they will continue to investigate but adjusting permanent road signs do take time.</p> <p>Action: Provide progress update to FF on investigation to adjusting road signs.</p> <p>GJ asked about timeframe for Bulleen Bridge widening. RS confirmed it will start later this month.</p> <p>RM asked about pedestrian accessibility over Bulleen Bridge. GJ added that current path options are hard to navigate. MH explained that him and SD have been working together on directional signage.</p> <p>Action: RS to discuss issues with signage with GJ after meeting.</p> <p>ALo asked how the backyard tree planting program is being promoted. RS explained that they are doing doorknocks and leaving behind postcards for residents who aren't home.</p> <p>FF noted that traffic seems to have redirected themselves to avoid congested areas on Bulleen Road. MH explained that we are hearing different views, depends on what time of the day you are travelling.</p>
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Other business</p> <p>NMo explained that there will be a change to the minutes moving forward.</p> <p>RM raised that the link across the Yarra has dropped off the minutes. NMo will investigate, and report to next meeting.</p> <p>Next meeting Friday 26 July 2024.</p> <p>Thanked SCLG members and presenters.</p> <p>Closed the meeting at 11:40am</p>

Actions – new

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
SC24 4-1	Provide progress update to FF on investigation to adjust road signs	MH	26/07/2024	OPEN	
SC24 4-2	RS to discuss issues with signage with GJ after meeting	RS	14/06/2024	CLOSED	