

19 February 2024



Meeting Minutes

Southern Business Liaison Group

Date	4/02/2025	Time	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Chair	Jeni Coutts	Meeting no.	1 of 2025
Location	Veneto Club	Minute taker	Helena Vun

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Jeni Coutts (JC)	Independent Chair	Steve Thanos (ST)	Environment Manager, NELP
Nic Morton (NM)	Senior Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor, NELP	Andrew Mangan (AM)	Role, Manningham Council
Helena Vun (HV)	Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor, NELP,	Terry Zafirou (TZ)	Greythorn Traders Association
Jasmine Kha (JK)	Acting Manager, NELP	Mia McMahon (MMc)	Manager Community Engagement, Spark
Frank Freschi (FF)	Veneto Club	Jacinda Shen (JS)	Senior Environment Specialist, NELP
Cam Gardenia (CG)	Commercial Property Owner	Mason Englander (ME)	Senior Environment Advisor, Spark
Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	Senior Communications Advisor, Spark	Milan Dhruve (MD)	Project Manager, Spark
Sean Larkin (SL)	Graduate, NELP	Rizwan Reddy (RR)	Senior Traffic Engineer, Spark
Jaimie Ledwidge (JLe)	Senior Communications and Community Relations Manager, Burke to Tram Alliance,	Renato Marnich (RM)	Trader Engagement Specialist, NELP
Paul McMorran (PM)	CEO, Bulleen Art and Garden		

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Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Simon Scrase (SC)	Economic Development Officer, Manningham City Council	Nathan McAvaney (NM)	Owner, Topgear Cycles
Soula Grouios (SG)	Owner, Arthurs Fish & Chips	Tim Sligo (TS)	Executive Director, Heide Museum of Modern Art

Actions – previous

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
SB28.1	To investigate further traffic calming measures at Bulleen Road shop strip - to move traffic more towards the centre, away from parking bays.	SPARK / NELP	4/02/2025	CLOSED	Item addressed in presentation. Action closed.
SB28.2	NELP to get asset owner DTP /VicRoads representative to the next SBLG discuss Bulleen Road shop strip parking and arterial road.	NELP	4/02/2025	CLOSED	NM updated members that the team is reviewing how BLG/CLG meetings are structured and can involve bringing DTP reps on an ad hoc basis. Action closed.
SB28.3	To get a representative from the design team or traffic to discuss permanent design at Bulleen Road shop strips. Discuss constraints and opportunities	SPARK	4/02/2025	CLOSED	Meeting attended by Spark traffic team rep and update provided in presentation

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Discussion
Jeni Coutts (JC)	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Previous meeting minutes read and adopted</p> <p>Outstanding actions to be completed in the presentation</p> <p>NM: Updated forum that the team is reviewing how BLG/CLG meetings are structured and can involve bringing DTP reps on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>Action SB28.2: JC requested NEL suggest other forums/avenues i.e local members, council or trader associations to discuss parking permanent design. Noted this Action is out of Spark's project scope, the UDLP has been signed off by Minister and consultation phase has concluded.</p> <p>CG noted project design phase overlooked the parking aspect in the final project design and should have been better considered.</p> <p>NEW ACTION SB251.1: NELP to investigate other forums outside the project to discuss business concerns around car park safety near Bulleen Road strip shops and communicate this to SBLG.</p>
Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	<p>2024 Highlights Update</p> <p>Presentation included: Milestones, community snapshot and community events</p>
Jacinda Shen (JS)	<p>Central Package IEA Findings Summary Report</p> <p>Presentation included: Report context, key quotes, audit outcomes and findings and non-compliances.</p> <p>FF asked how these report findings relate to the Environmental Performance Requirements (EPR).</p> <p>JS responded that the audit covers all aspects of the EPRs including dust vibration and noise and review mitigation actions taken. In relation to dust, auditor would typically visit site and note if high level of dust is noticed. They would then review records such as monitoring data and if auditor not satisfied then they will raise a non-compliance, which is what this slide shows.</p> <p>JS provided a past example on a wheel washer.</p> <p>FF advised the IEA slides were not informative. FF noted he wanted to see findings related to EPRs dust, noise, vibration, the related complaints, the auditing metrics in place to support and improvements made as a result.</p> <p>JC noted FF wants to see how the lived experience has been reflected and specific EPRs that relate to community experiences associated with the project.</p> <p>RM noted this is an audit and the function can be technical and administrative. The project is assessed on how they manage the complaints and if the project is found to be non-compliant, it would be shown in the findings.</p> <p>FF and JC suggested to amend the slides ahead of next BLG to include clear take away points on community impacts.</p> <p>NELP to review and tailor IEA slides ahead of next SBLG to community with clear key takeaway points.</p>

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Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	North East Link Update
Milan Dhruve (MD)	<p>Presentation covered: Parking mitigation, Bulleen Road carparks and construction update</p> <p>FF asked if Spark is expanding its worksites. IZ responded they will expand sites, going from two active worksites to five at Manningham this year.</p> <p>CG noted Noelle Street is difficult with worker parking and neighbours have trouble getting out of driveways. IZ and MMc noted they intend to respond to the worker parking issues by targeting worker behaviour through repeated consistent messaging, which can take some time.</p> <p>FF asked if Spark works are on schedule. MD confirmed that works are on track.</p> <p>FF asked if Bullen Road closures will happen overnight and selected weekends. MD advised the team is aiming to carry works during off peak times, which may include school holidays.</p> <p>FF asked if trader programs work well for traders. RM responded that the trader programs make a difference to traders and IZ used the personal training studio businesses as an example.</p>
Jamie Ledwidge (JLe)	<p>Eastern Freeway BTA Update</p> <p>Presentation covered: Upcoming works, Construction Update, 2025 at a glance, , Community and business engagement and UDLP for Eastern Fwy, What's coming up, building your new Bulleen road, Eastern outbound split, what we're hearing, community initiatives and business engagement.</p> <p>FF asked what has been done about the public transport impacts associated with Doncaster Park and Ride closure. JLe advised temporary bus stops have been built on Doncaster Road and are in operation. Bulleen Park is the offset park and ride for closure of DPR.</p> <p>FF asked if the Bulleen Road will be permanent and when will the northern connection be completed. JLe confirmed current Bulleen Road works will be permanent and looking to be completed by July, subject to the two interfacing packages.</p> <p>TZ asked when the trader impact surveys will begin. JLe advised it is in the final stage of review and project team will get into contact the following week.</p> <p>TZ asked about more information the type of polymer used and if biodegradable. JLe responded the polymer is biodegradable and sprayed onto stockpiles to suppress dust.</p> <p>NEW ACTION SB251.2: BTA to email Terry information about polymer products used on site.</p>
Jeni Coutts (JC)	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Next meeting 5:30pm, Tuesday 18 March</p>

Actions – new

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Update
SB251.1	NELP to investigate other forums outside the project to	NELP	18/03/2025	OPEN

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	discuss business concerns around car park safety near Bulleen Road strip shops			
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Additional information