

Meeting Notes

Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Stage 2 Community Reference Group

Date	27/07/2026	Time	6:00pm-7:30pm
Chair	Daniel Kollmorgen	Meeting no.	2 of 2026-27 term
Location	Online Zoom Meeting	Minute taker	Josh Ribarich

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Paul Reeves (PR)	VIDA Roads (Chair)	Suzanne Teese (STe)	Community Member
Daniel Kollmorgen (DK)	VIDA Roads (Chair)	Arthur Tsoutsoulis (AT)	City of Whittlesea
Barbara Marshall (BM)	Community Member	Kirsten Richmond (KR)	City of Whittlesea
Belinda Thomas (BT)	Community Member	Vesna Pismanovska (VPi)	Nillumbik Shire Council
David Briggs (DB)	Community Member	Angela Vorng (AV)	VIDA Roads
Jo Jamieson (JJ)	Community Member	Veronica Podhorodecki (VPo)	VIDA Roads
Lex De Man (LD)	Community Member	Zac Ahiska (ZA)	VIDA Roads
Pamela Kalms (PK)	Community Member	Joshua Lim (JL)	VIDA Roads
Troy Zaccagnini (TZ)	Community Member	Josh Ribarich (JR)	VIDA Roads
Evan Woolnough (EW)	Community Member		

Apologies

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Stuart Thompson (STh)	Community Member	Matthew Crowley (MC)	CFA
Martin Jeyakumar (MJ)	Community Member	Thomas Samuel (TS)	VIDA Roads
Kamaldeep Singh (KS)	Community Member		

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Daniel Kollmorgen (DK)	Welcome and Introduction <u>Outstanding actions</u> Action 1.1: To be presented in this meeting. Action closed. Action 1.2: Where swales were removed to accommodate barrier extensions or provide a suitable surface for barrier installation, they were either realigned or replaced with a temporary drainage system to ensure existing drainage flows were maintained, and the performance of the drainage network was not affected. The project has been monitoring the site, particularly recently with the large rain events and has not observed any issues to date. Action closed. Action 1.3: Two no right turn signs have been installed on Yan Yean Road prior to and at Golf Links Drive. Action closed. Action 1.4: The project team is unable to widen or extend the turning lane at Yarrambat Park further. Action closed. Action 1.5: Sign noted is not part of the project's traffic management, right-turns out have been maintained during current work stage. Action closed. Action 1.6: Feedback has been noted however at this stage, the preference is to avoid a traffic light setup to ensure traffic flow is maintained. The project team will consider implementation if necessary. Action closed.
Zac Ahiska (ZA)	Project design and overview <u>Presentation covered a project overview for Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Stage 2 and a project design overview for both the northern and southern packages including key design features</u> BT raised concern around business visibility in relation to trees being planted around the activity centre between Activity Way and Bridge Inn Road. ZA said the project is investigating appropriate sight lines from the upgraded Yan Yean Road by relocating some trees to provide better business visibility for drivers passing through. BT also asked about tree visibility just south of Activity Way heading northbound on Yan Yean Road. <i>ZA clarified there are no new trees proposed to be planted on private land.</i> BT also asked about business signage for businesses in the activity centre, noting previous messaging from the project was that business signage would be installed on the road reserve along the upgraded Yan Yean Road. DK said any signage that is placed in Council land would need Council's permission for installation. AV added that signage in the road reserve would require a permit from relevant authorities such as DTP and CoW.

BT asked if there would be general signage to direct people to the activity centre.

AV said the project is investigating the installation of blue wayfinding signage for the area.

Several design enquiries and comments were also raised prior to meeting and discussed:

DB asked for the design rationale for southbound to northbound U-turn at the Bannons Lane intersection.

ZA said the primary reason why the U-turn is located there is to service the residents that live along the service road and allow them to travel north along the upgraded Yan Yean Road safely.

DB asked for the design rationale for a standing left-turn lane instead of a slip lane from Bannons Lane to Yan Yean Road.

ZA said there's no room to place a slip lane in this place – this would require further land acquisition.

DK added the installation of a slip lane would require a bigger construction footprint, requiring more land acquisition and ultimately adding to the project cost.

DB asked what the difference was between the Kurrak Road and Yan Yean Road intersection and the Bannons Lane and Yan Yean Road intersection as they have different lane configurations.

VPi said Kurrak Road carries more traffic than Bannons Lane so that's why it requires a different configuration. There are also more land constraints at Bannons Lane compared to Kurrak Road.

JJ asked for the design rationale for a standing left-turn lane instead of a slip lane from Yan Yean Road to Jorgensen Avenue.

ZA said the main challenge in this area is that there are critical no-go (tree or cultural heritage) zones that the project is unable to encroach upon.

JJ asked if Laurie Street will become a one-way street.

VPi said Nillumbik Council was not aware of this request but will enquire and reach out to JJ with an update.

TZ said the left turn lane at Ironbark Road into Yan Yean Road is too short and will cause a bank up of traffic.

ZA said this area originally had a slip lane but also had a small island which was picked up as part of the road safety process related to student safety and was changed to a left stand-up lane. The project team is currently working on adjusting the length of the left-turn lane and investigating an option with the traffic light phasing to allow left-turning drivers to get as much as green time as possible.

DB asked if it was possible for the centre (right-hand turning) lane on Ironbark Road to be made into a left and right turn lane.

DK took the question on notice.

Action: *BBR to investigate if a left and right-turn lane can be made for the centre turning lane on Ironbark Road.*

TZ said the access road into 602, 606, 610 and 614 Yan Yean Road should have a slip lane for entry or be made wider due to increased traffic load.

ZA said issues with incorporating a left-turn slip here included pedestrian safety and traffic volumes not warranting a dedicated slip lane, but there may be an opportunity to widen the corner splays to allow an easier turn and the project will investigate this.

TZ said the childcare centre on the corner of Youngs Road and Yan Yean Road needs a turn lane into the driveway for eastbound traffic off Youngs Road.

ZA said the project is investigating options to provide additional space in this area.

JJ said an added issue for the childcare centre with the installation of a roundabout at Youngs Road is that Yarrambat Primary School on Ironbark Road is backed up to Yan Yean Road during school pick up and drop off times and suggested this will likely only get worse.

DK acknowledged this is an issue that might not be solved by this project. The project has done the best it can with the design, but primary schools are notorious for bad traffic during school pickups and drop offs.

TZ asked if the U-turn lane at Ironbark Road intersection will be widened or if it is the intention for large vehicles or trucks with trailers to use the service road.

ZA said the intention of the U-turn lane was solely for cars and vehicles that want to access the service road. It was not the project's design intention for larger vehicles to use the service road in his manner, but it could be done. When a U-turn lane can't service certain-sized vehicles, it is signed accordingly. Furthermore, the roundabouts are the most appropriate locations for U-turns by larger vehicles.

DB asked for the design justification of a wall on the eastern boundary of Diamond Valley Archers along Yan Yean Road.

DK said there will be a 1.8 metre timber-paling fence to prevent stray arrows from entering Yan Yean Road.

DB said the arrows are shot from north to south, locals use it as a viewing point to watch archery when it occurs, and that a fence will block a rural outlook for those living there.

DK said an archery safety assessment requires a fence be installed in this location.

DB asked if the fence could be made clear Perspex to cater for casual viewing from afar.

DK said this cannot be achieved due to the swift parrot management plan requiring surface not to be clear to prevent birds flying into them

BM asked if there was a more landscape-sensitive alternative. DK advised that landscaping between the future fence and shared use path would be investigated.

Action: *BBR to investigate landscaping that could be provided between future fence and shared use path adjacent to the archery centre at Yarrambat Park .*

Project update

Angela Vorng (AV)

Northern Section – Orchard Road to Bridge Inn Road

Presentation covered the latest and upcoming works, and upcoming traffic switches along Yan Yean, Bridge Inn and Doctors Gully roads

As per presentation. No further comments.

Veronica Podhorodecki
(VPo)

Southern section – Kurrak Road to Orchard Road

Presentation covered the latest and upcoming major construction works, and upcoming Yarrambat Park Golf Course works.

STe raised a concern with roadside barriers and wildlife, noting a kangaroo was hit inside concrete barriers recently. Also concerned with changed traffic conditions and drivers not obeying the new speed limits. STe requested more kangaroo crossing signs be installed along the alignment and if the project can work with Victoria Police to monitor speeding in the area.

VPo said the project has a Kangaroo Management Plan which it has been, and continues to, implement. The project team is aware of kangaroos in the area and is doing what it can to mitigate this. VPo said the project has been monitoring speed through the temporary VMS boards, which capture driver speed data and noted drivers in general have been following the revised speed limits. The project can explore installing more kangaroo crossing signs.

Action: *BBR to explore the installation of more kangaroo crossing signs along Yan Yean Road.*

DK requested STe and wildlife rescuers to be safe when performing a rescue in these areas.

JJ also raised concern with the barrier installations, noting when an accident occurs, there is nowhere for the car to be pulled off the road issue with concrete barriers in terms of access for emergency services.

DB said the double lines along sections of Yan Yean Road have been painted over in black and at night headlights are reflecting off them, making it very confusing for drivers. DB requested a line of reflectors installed in these areas to assist drivers.

JJ added the entrance into Golf Links Drive is also dangerous, particularly during inclement weather.

PR said the line marking observations have already been raised with the project's traffic team to see what can be done.

Action: *BBR to report back to CRG on status of linemarking and whether additional work is required to address concerns about linemarking visibility.*

JJ asked how far back will the main site compound (near the Yarrambat Park Golf Course) be from Yan Yean Road and what noise or dust impacts might nearby residents expect.

DK took question on notice.

Action: *BBR to provide information on main site compound location and potential impacts to local residents.*

Joshua Lim (JL)

Communications update

Presentation covered the latest published works updates, feedback on barrier installation, upcoming community events and the communications distribution area

JL requested members to send in their CRG profiles to inform the community of who is representing their interests.

JL also said the project team will attend the Laurimar Community market at Laurimar Primary School on Sunday 9 August between 9am and 2pm.

Daniel Kollmorgen (DK)

Open forum and other business

TZ asked who would be best to contact for any question or issues relating to barriers located along Yan Yean Road.

JL said residents can contact the project team on 1800 105 105 or contact@bigbuild.vic.gov.au. This ensures the enquiry is logged and recorded, and a member of the project team will then reach out accordingly.

The next CRG meeting will be held at Rivers of Yarrambat on Monday 31 August.

Actions – Previous

No	Owner	Topic	Status
1.1	BBR	BBR to present a detailed rundown of the overall project design at the next CRG meeting.	CLOSED
1.2	BBR	BBR to investigate potential stormwater impacts along the channels of Yan Yean Road near Jorgensen Avenue and provide an update.	CLOSED
1.3	BBR	BBR to investigate whether a “no left-turn” sign can be installed along Yan Yean Road near the Golf Links Drive entrance.	CLOSED
1.4	BBR	BBR to investigate whether the turning lane at Yarrambat Park can be extended and made wider.	CLOSED
1.5	BBR	BBR to investigate left-only sign at Yarrambat Park exit and provide update.	CLOSED
1.6	BBR	BBR to investigate whether temporary traffic lights can be installed along Yan Yean Road to facilitate right-hand turns into areas such as Yarrambat Park and Yarrambat Park Golf Course.	CLOSED

Actions – New

No	Owner	Topic	Status
2.1	BBR	BBR to investigate if a left and right-turn lane can be made for the centre turning lane on Ironbark Road.	OPEN
2.2	BBR	BBR to explore the installation of more kangaroo crossing signs along Yan Yean Road.	OPEN
2.3	BBR	BBR to investigate landscaping that could be provided between future fence and shared use path adjacent to the archery centre at Yarrambat Park	OPEN
2.4	BBR	BBR to report back to CRG on status of linemarking and whether additional work is required to address concerns about linemarking visibility.	OPEN
2.5	BBR	BBR to provide information on main site compound location and potential impacts to local residents.	OPEN