

Meeting minutes

Date: 30 May, 2023 **Time:** 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Location: Quest Moorabbin
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Heatherton Community Reference Group
Meeting Number: 2
Chair: Kim Jordan

In-person attendees (Name, Organisation)	Apologies (Name, Organisation)
Kim Jordan, Independent Chair	Guy Davidson, community representative
Giuseppe Sottile, community representative	Dishan Rajaratnam, Heatherton Christian College
Carol Dawson, Residents Against Inappropriate Development	
Andrew Dawson, Residents Against Inappropriate Development	Online attendees (Name, Organisation)
Michelle Hornstein, Kingston Residents Association	Meng Heang Tak MP of the District of Clarinda
Julian Birthisel, Project Manager – Project Management Office, Kingston City Council (KCC)	Andrew Taylor, General Manager, Kingston Heath Golf Club
Brenton Shaughnessy, Deputy Director Engagement, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)	Michael Lanigan, Senior Project Manager, Initial & Early Works, SRLA
Astrid Hildebrand, Senior Engagement Adviser, SRLA	Jenna Brady, Senior Advisor, LOR
Amin Mousavi, Senior Delivery Manager, SRLA	
Rebecca Hunt, Senior Manager, Planning & Environment, SRLA	
Liam Morkham, Engagement Adviser, SRLA	
Salvatore Valvo, Delivery Director, Laing O' Rourke (LOR)	
Nicole Ekert, Senior Community & Stakeholder Manager, LOR	

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1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kim Jordan (KJ) introduced herself as the independent chair of the Heatherton Community Reference Group (CRG), opening the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country KJ acknowledged new staff attending the meeting for the first time and introduced the state member for Clarinda, Heang Meng Tak MP KJ noted resignation of two members: Ben White and Leith Brown KJ provided a summary of the site walk that took place on 16 May 2023 with members of the CRG KJ noted the actions from previous meeting and acknowledged briefing packs had been provided in-person to members as well as via email KJ ran through the agenda for the meeting, noting the key agenda items intended for discussion.
2.	<p>Presentation from SRLA and project contractors:</p> <p>Presentation by SRLA and Laing O'Rourke providing an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress update: SRL East Upcoming early works in Heatherton: site establishment and site investigations Communications and engagement update Urban Design and Landscape Plans overview <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KJ suggested that SRLA provide case studies on how the Voluntary Purchase Scheme process has worked on similar projects in the past to provide more clarity to members A community member asked if SRLA were moving other utilities in order to move the pipeline on Old Dandenong Road. LOR confirmed this was not the case, the current works are to allow for the stabling facility works to occur in the future. A community member raised concerns about water drainage on Kingston Road, noting it has been an ongoing issue and their concern that the SRL East project may exacerbate the issue. LOR agreed to meet on site with community member to talk through drainage concerns. A community member asked why the trees needed to be removed from along the western edge of the Dingley Bypass. LOR noted these trees needed to be removed to enable the relocation of a pipeline from Old Dandenong Road – clearing the way for stabling facility construction in future. A community member asked if there would be a wildlife inspector to protect animals inside of trees required to be removed along the Dingley Bypass. LOR confirmed there would be a wildlife handler on site and any animals would be safely relocated. LOR also noted that an arborist would be present to oversee the removal of trees. A community member raised concern about the potential for new truck entry and exit points to the stabling facility requiring tree removal. SRLA noted that tree removal will be reduced where possible, in line with project approvals. A community member asked if the small trees within 217 Kingston Road would also be removed. LOR noted the trees inside this land parcel will be removed to prepare the site for the construction of the stabling facility and tunnel entrance. LOR noted that they are looking into partnerships with Zoos Victoria, local schools and councils to identify timber reuse opportunities where possible. A community member enquired about the recent removal of fencing around the site establishment area at 217 Kingston Road. LOR clarified that this temporary fencing was being removed so that a different more permanent type of fencing could be installed. Several community members raised a suggestion to relocate the trees required to be removed within 217 Kingston Road on a local street nearby. LOR and SRLA noted that tree relocation viability is quite dependent on the season, species, and soil, and that this would make the relocation of these juvenile trees very unlikely to survive the move to a new location. A community member suggested the trees could be replanted on Barkers Trail (northern extension of the Henry Street Linear Reserve towards Karkarook Park) and near the western boundary of the stabling

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- facility. SRLA and LOR took the suggestion on notice and thanked the community member for the suggestion.
- A community member flagged issues with the overgrown vegetation planted by Delta along Kingston Road (northern side) suggesting that the project remove it. Another community member suggested it be pruned instead. SRLA noted that the community will be advised of any tree removal being required ahead of it being undertaken. SRLA also noted that Urban Design Landscape Plans (UDLPs) will be developed to show the ultimate landscaping to be delivered in this area including tree plantings – community will be consulted.
 - A community member enquired about the traffic management that LOR will install along Old Dandenong Road during site investigations from late June, suggesting that the Variable Message Signs (VMS) be located further away from residential properties when installed on Kingston Road. LOR noted there may be distance requirements stipulated by Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), but agreed to enquire with DTP regarding future placement options. LOR added that there may be options such as screening or angling VMS signage so that light spill is directed away from houses.
 - A community member asked how people could travel to the Clarinda shops during the Stage 2 site investigations on Old Dandenong Road in July. LOR clarified the detour route, noting there would be a separate works notification for these site investigations works shared with the community prior to works beginning.
 - A community member asked for clarity on how buses would travel from the Dingley Bypass to Kingston Road during the overnight lane closures along Old Dandenong Road in June/July. LOR noted it was unlikely the works would impact many bus services as works would occur during the night, with the last PTV service at approximately 10pm when patronage levels are very low. LOR noted their intention to do traffic setup once bus services had concluded for the evening.
 - SRLA provided an update that a traffic assessment is being undertaken by the project – considering whether adjustments to Kingston Road are required prior to the stabling facility being built. SRLA noted that once the assessment was ready, this topic would be explored further at subsequent CRG's. KJ suggested a traffic engineer attend a future CRG meeting to run through the Kingston Road Traffic Assessment process, the outcomes and answer any community questions. Noting it was important to understand local intel to inform these types of plans.
 - LOR noted they have actioned and updated the distribution zone for hardcopy works notifications based on feedback provided and the March CRG.
 - A community member requested the distribution zone include properties north of Kingston Road between Warrigal Road and Golf View Road. LOR committed to updating. LOR will send an updated distribution zone along with the minutes for the CRG.
 - A community member noted they had received works notifications to their spam folder in their email inbox. LOR noted recipients should check their spam folder if they had not received notifications to date.
 - LOR noted that in response to feedback provided in the first meeting of the CRG in March 2023, that they will install 'No truck' signs to prevent Delta/Lantrak and construction vehicles driving through Nicholas Grove and Golf View Road. LOR shared they will be sending a notification to residents regarding the signage installation. LOR noted they will share the exact proposed location of the signage with members once confirmed.

SRLA presented on Urban Design and Landscape Plans (UDLP), detailing the process and requirements.

Matters arising:

- KJ highlighted that in her experience on other major projects, UDLP's had been worthwhile and valuable processes, allowing community perspectives to be considered in urban design elements on the project, leading to better results for the community.
- A community member asked for clarification regarding the UDLP on who approves the work. SRLA confirmed that the plans are approved by the Minister for Planning based on assessment and recommendations of the expert panel
- A community member requested information on the buffer zone distance from the edge of the stabling facility boundary, and the total distance between structures within the stabling facility and properties abutting the site. SRLA agreed to provide a response.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community member flagged concern that tenants of properties were receiving information intended for the property owners – namely property condition survey requests. SRLA agreed to investigate the issue. Community member advised this would likely be an issue for several properties across the alignment. • Community members asked which properties in proximity to the stabling facility would be offered property condition surveys ahead of works occurring. LOR clarified that properties are offered property condition surveys ahead of specific pieces of work, determined by the location and nature of the activities. A community member asked for clarification on how damage claims could be lodged and processed. LOR explained that any assessable damage caused by project works would be repaired by project contractors. • A community member raised concerns about site drainage onto Kingston Road. LOR provided an update that they are undertaking flood modelling, noting SRL works aren't expected to cause any impact to the current state of drainage in the local area. Community members provided information on specific drains near the stabling facility. LOR agreed to provide an update at a future CRG on the outcome of flood modelling investigations and offered to do a site walk with the community member. • A community member asked about the soil extracted from the eastern portal and if it would be stored on site. LOR noted the spoil would not be stockpiled on site if it was classified as contaminated and would be disposed in a lawful place in line with EPA requirements. Some spoil would be reused on the site if it is classified as safe to do so. • Community members provided feedback that any air/noise/vibration assessment undertaken by the project should occur after Delta has vacated the site. SRLA noted the assessment needed to occur before works commence and that SRLA can invite a specialist to speak to this topic at a future CRG. • Community members requested more clarity on the height of structures and surface levels within the stabling facility site. SRLA agreed to provide a response at a future CRG.
3.	<p>Closing items and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KJ noted that given the CRG meetings have run over time, that the meeting be extended to two hours in duration. SRLA also agreed to adjusting the start/finish times of the CRG to ensure future meetings do not run over time.

Actions - new

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1.	Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) to provide examples of how the Voluntary Purchase Scheme has occurred on similar Victorian Government projects	SRLA	Next CRG	Pending
2.	Laing O'Rourke (LOR) to investigate tree relocation opportunities for works occurring at 217 Kingston Road.	LOR	ASAP	Closed
3.	Traffic engineer to present on the Kingston Road traffic assessment at a future CRG.	SRLA	Future CRG	Pending
4.	LOR to investigate Variable Message Sign (VMS) board light spill mitigation solutions for residents near Kingston Road.	LOR	Next CRG	Closed
5.	Members requested clarity on the buffer zones SRLA would impose on the west of the Delta site.	SRLA	ASAP	Pending
6.	LOR to offer a site walk to relevant CRG members to discuss drainage and to understand local knowledge that may not be known by the project.	LOR	ASAP	Closed
7.	Members requested an air quality expert present at a future CRG.	SRLA	Next CRG	Pending
8.	LOR to investigate strategies to improve correspondence with landowners regarding precondition surveys	LOR	ASAP	Closed
9.	SRLA to update meeting start time for all future CRGs to run from 6:00-8:00pm.	SRLA	ASAP	Closed
10.	LOR to extend the distribution zone to include properties north of Kingston Road between Warrigal Road and Golf View Road.	LOR	ASAP	Closed
11.	SRLA to supply members with information regarding the elevation level of the eastern and western portals (at soil level and estimated structures).	SRLA	ASAP	Pending
12.	Future presentation opportunities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Air, dust, noise and vibration assessments- SRLA 2. Voluntary Purchase Scheme (VPS) 3. Flood modelling – LOR & SRLA 4. Kingston Road traffic assessment – SRLA 5. Eastern Portal excavation construction methodology - LOR 6. 631 bus route – Department of Transport and Planning- DTP 7. Buffer zones and ground levels of the stabling facility - SRLA 	SRLA	Future CRGs	Pending