

9 November 2023



Meeting Minutes

Northern Business Liaison Group

Date	9/11/2023	Time	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Chair	Jeni Coutts	Meeting no.	7 of 2023
Location	Watsonia RSL	Minute taker	Jacqueline Weedon

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Jeni Coutts (JC)	Independent Chair	Adrian Carter (AC)	NELP
Sarah Maguire (SM)	Watsonia Traders Association	Matt Guest (MG)	Watsonia RSL
Jeremy Richards (JR)	Watsonia Optical / Watsonia Traders Association	Hesham Mobarek (HM)	Watsonia Pharmacy/ Watsonia Traders Association
Renato Marnich (RM)	NELP	Jim Needham (JN)	NELP
Kim Norton (KN)	AMA	Michael Moloney (MM)	MTM
Katy Sylvia (KS)	NELP	Shondelle Mathews (SMA)	Spark

Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Hannah English (HE)	Spark	Georgie Nathan (GN)	Nillumbik Shire Council
Colin Brooks MP (CB)	Member of Parliament	Yvette Stanfield (YS)	Macleod Traders Association
Amy Harris (AH)	Banyule City Council		

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Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged apologies Introduced new presenters: Michael Moloney
Jim Needham (JN) Kim Norton (KN)	<p>Ring Road Completion Update including Rail works, December rail disruptions, UDLP exhibition overview and upcoming works</p> <p>JC: How many submissions were received? KN: We had a good amount of submissions</p> <p>HM: We had a meeting prior to the UDLP exhibition and have been offered another one, are there decision makers in these meetings that can have an impact? RM: The offer of a meeting was for the last week of the UDLP exhibition. As submissions have now closed we may not be able to hold another meeting. The designers and subject matter experts were available during the UDLP exhibition to meet with people.</p> <p>HM: I met with Dieter during the UDLP exhibition which helped shape our submission. There is a lot to be discussed regarding the email response received. We believe the Watsonia Community has been given an unfair deal compared to other areas KN: The people at the workshop were decision makers and are currently looking at the submissions.</p> <p>JC: When will works begin? KN: Q2 2024</p> <p>JR: When will major works commence on the M80? KN: Late 2024 or early 2025 at this stage JN: A timeline of works will be presented once the UDLP is approved</p> <p>JR: Why are traffic barriers being installed when works aren't commencing for some time? KN: These are for the weighbridge installation between Plenty Road and Greensborough Highway. JN: There will be night-time lane closures whilst these are installed</p>
Shondelle Mathews (SMa)	<p>Spark Presentation including Trader engagement, Construction update and Bulleen Road diversion</p> <p>JC: How deep is the TBM box? SMa: 35 metres down</p> <p>JC: Are superload deliveries always done overnight? SMa: Yes</p> <p>HM: And there will be one a week? SMa: Yes</p> <p>JR: Watching the drone footage and seeing photos are great but would there be an opportunity to do a bus tour around the sites to select people? SM: We have recently done one of these in the South for the CLG and BLG members and are in the process of organizing one for the north CLG/BLG members. We are aiming to do this in December. <i>NB: Due to the ongoing superload deliveries and other major construction activities on site, this tour has been moved to early 2024.</i></p>
Renato Marnich (RM)	<p>Presentation of video showcasing food traders in Bulleen</p> <p>MG: How is recruitment of new members for the NBLG going? RM: We have a new member from Banyule Council. We are hoping once the works start on the M80 Completion more traders will show interest in joining.</p> <p>JR: Do you get more engagement from Bulleen Traders? RM: There are 7 shops in the strip and 4 traders attend the SBLG meetings</p>
	<p>Other business</p> <p>JC will be on leave between June 9 and July 30, 2024 - meetings will be worked around the dates</p> <p>Open Forum</p> <p>Next meeting 7 December</p> <p>Thanked NBLG members and presenters and closed the meeting at 6:44pm</p>

Actions – Short Term

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
6.1	JW to send QR codes for MBP with minutes	JW	09.11.23	CLOSED	Included with minutes
6.2	Who will respond to HM email?	JN	09.11.23	CLOSED	Response sent 20.10.23
7.1	KN to advise how UDLP submissions will be responded to. Will all submissions be responded to line by line or overall?	KN	07.12.23	Open	
7.2	KN to advise if another meeting between AMA/WTA can be arranged to discuss response to email, process and next steps	KN	07.12.23	Open	
7.3	HE to advise SM if there is a particular day that Spark has more workers onsite	HE	07.12.23	Closed	Most days have the same amount of workers onsite, there is no data to show there are big variances
7.4	SM to advise date for NCLG/NBLG member bus tour	SM	07.12.23	On Hold	Delayed until February 2024

Actions – Long Term

No	Owner	Topic	Status
1.5	WTA	WTA to work with Banyule Council on the possibility of getting electronic message boards installed	BCC met with WTA 06.07.23. The Committee will investigate some options and provide options ASAP. 21.09.23: ON HOLD - Will revisit Q1 2024
7.5	JN	JN to advise when the details for Watsonia Station be known	

Future Presentations

Scheduled Date	Date Raised	Topic	Owner	Update
Q4	16.03.23	Presentation on parking solution for southern end of Watsonia shopping strip	RM	NELP Traffic Team is working on this and there will be a presentation to this group when information is available.
2024	09.11.23	Timeline of works for M80 completion to be presented	JN	Will be presented once UDLP approved
Dec 2023	09.11.23	D Wall construction presentation	SMa	To be presented at meeting on 7 December

Additional information