

Meeting Notes

Yan Yean Road Upgrade - Stage 2



Subject: Community Reference Group

Date: 26 / 05 / 2025

Time: 6:00PM

Location: Rivers of Yarrambat

Meeting number: 1

Chair: Bruce Turner

Minute-taker: Joshua Lim

Attendees

Attendees (Name/Organisation)	Apologies (Name/Organisation)
Aimee Dima	Joanne Jamieson
Barbara Marshall	John Yeomans
Bill Papanestoros	Veronica Podhorodecki (MRPV)
Bronwynne McPherson	
Claire McMorron	
Evan Woolnough	
Felicity Gordon	
John Huitt	
Pamela Kalms	
Tony Field (CFA)	
Arthur Tsoutsoulis (City of Whittlesea)	
Liz Lambropoulos (Nillumbik Shire Council)	
Angela Vorng (MRPV)	
Charlotte Claney (MRPV)	
Daniel Kollmorgen (MRPV)	
Helena Woolums (MRPV)	
Josh Lim (MRPV)	
Paul Reeves (MRPV)	
Bruce Turner (Phoenix Facilitation)	

Key discussion points/decisions

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Bruce Turner	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Bruce introduced himself as the independent facilitator for the CRG. Went around the group for all attendees to give a brief introduction.</p>
All	<p>Group introductions</p> <p>Bruce invited the members to speak on their motivations to join the CRG and their pressing issues, concerns and areas of interest. Key issues were noted on sticky notes, and grouped into common themes (see appendix 1).</p>
Bruce Turner	<p>Code of conduct</p> <p>Bruce took the group through the Code of Conduct (CoC), which was previously shared via email. The document encompasses the role and function of the group - to enhance and strengthen relationships and facilitate the flow of information for better project outcomes.</p> <p>The CoC was circulated around the table for signatures from the members.</p>
Daniel Kollmorgen Angela Vorng	<p>Project Update</p> <p>Daniel updated the group on the project's status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning progress: Following the completion of the Environment Effects Statement (EES) in 2020 MRPV have completed the EES process, with IAC and the Minister for Planning releasing their assessment in 2021. The EES gave both state and federal approvals. EPBC approvals came in August 2021, and the CHMP was approved in December 2021. Budget was allocated in late 2024 and site investigations continued. The Environmental Management Framework (EMF) was approved in November 2024, which contains Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs) that the project needs to meet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claire asked if the EPRs includes the retention of the two River Red Gums at the intersection of Yan Yean Road/Bridge Inn Road/Doctors Gully Road. Daniel confirmed that the EPRs prescribe that the project adopts a modified version of option B presented at the EES, which retains the two trees. Barbara raised that there has been considerable community discussion regarding the River Red Gums on 900 Yan Yean Road. Daniel advised that one of the EPRs directs MRPV to minimise the number of trees removed by the project. The project is also required to purchase offsets to replace any trees we do have to remove. The project team is aware of the River Red Gums in question, and they're being considered in the design. Claire asked about the impacts on trees on Bridge Inn Road on the north side of the road and the loss of space from the Doreen Recreation Reserve. Daniel confirmed MRPV is working with Whittlesea Council on plans for the reserve. Daniel advised that MRPV has started the procurement process with a preferred contractor, Decmil. Daniel and Angela went through the project design from south to north <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Felicity asked if the path on Doctors Gully Road will run to the school? Daniel confirmed it won't be able to go all the way to the school due to limit of project scope, but the path will go beyond crest of the hill. On the southern section of the project, Daniel outlined the works that are necessary to enable construction to start, including redesigning the 10th hole on Yarrambat Golf Course and relocating the Yarra Valley Water pumping station. Daniel advised that at this stage, MRPV plans to start works on the northern section late this year. Evan asked if the possibility of a change in government in the next year is a risk? Daniel advised that it is not, as the project is funded and has all necessary approvals. Evan asked

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	<p>where the funding is coming from, and Daniel advised it was a 50/50 split between the Federal and State governments.</p>
	<p>Open questions and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barbara asked to see at the next meeting an indication of how traffic will be managed, considering construction is expected to start in a few months. Daniel advised that this information may not be available in time for the next meeting and Bruce concluded it will be added to the agenda as soon as information is available. Aimee expressed interest in the scope of the CRG to advocate for when works will take place e.g. avoiding school times. She also pointed out the need to consult with schools and daycares to understand where parents are dropping off and picking up their children. Bill asked if it has been determined where construction equipment will be stored during works. Daniel confirmed this has not been decided.
Bruce Turner	<p>Close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce invited everyone to view the whiteboard of sticky notes with common themes before they left. Next meeting is planned to be in-person on 30 June, the last Monday of the month.

Appendix 1 – Issues, interests and concerns from CRG members (NB Theme headings are dark pink)

