

Meeting Notes

Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Stage 2 Community Reference Group

Date	31/08/2026	Time	6:00pm-7:30pm
Chair	Daniel Kollmorgen	Meeting no.	3 of 2026-27 term
Location	Rivers of Yarrambat	Minute taker	Thomas Samuel

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)	Angela Vorng (AV)	VIDA Roads
Barbara Marshall (BM)	Community Member	Veronica Podhorodecki (VPo)	VIDA Roads
Belinda Thomas (BT)	Community Member	Thomas Samuel (TS)	VIDA Roads
David Briggs (DB)	Community Member	Josh Ribarich (JR)	VIDA Roads
Jo Jamieson (JJ)	Community Member	Lachlan McCann (LM)	McConnell Dowell Group
Lex De Man (LD)	Community Member	Helena Woolums (HW)	VIDA Roads
Pamela Kalms (PK)	Community Member		
Troy Zaccagnini (TZ)	Community Member		
Stuart Thompson (ST)	Community Member		
Evan Woolnough (EW)	Community Member		

Apologies

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Martin Jeyakumar (MJ)	Community Member	Kirsten Richmond (KR)	City of Whittlesea
Mark Riches (MR)	CFA	Vesna Pismanovska (VPi)	Nillumbik Shire Council
Arthur Tsoutsoulis (AT)	City of Whittlesea	Joshua Lim (JL)	VIDA Roads

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Daniel Kollmorgen (DK)	Welcome and Introduction PR noted that one CRG member has moved interstate. The project team will appoint a previous applicant to the role <u>Outstanding actions</u> Action 2.1: More information to be shared at next meeting. Action remains open. Action 2.2: Kangaroo warning (static) signs will be installed at key locations during construction along Yan Yean Road near Worns Lane and North Oatlands Road. STe noted that a male kangaroo died last week near Worns Lane. Project team to address wildlife management in meeting. Action closed Action 2.3: The landscaping is still in detailed design. Shrubs are proposed to be planted in between the proposed shared user path and timber paling fence. Project repurposed tree logs are also proposed to be installed in this area for habitat purposes as part of the urban design. Please note, the detailed design is currently being reviewed by Nillumbik Shire Council who will be ultimate asset owner in this area. DB asked for further information regarding the repurposed tree logs to be installed in the area. DK said the logs are part of the landscape plan will be part of the visual amenity. LM said ecologists and landscapers are currently investigating what this will look like and that the logs will create new habitats for native animals in the area. DB asked what the shrub height will be in respect to the proposed 1.8 metre fence. DK said that the landscape design is still in discussion and that more information will be shared with the CRG members. Action: <i>BBR to present on landscaping design near Diamond Valley Archers in Yarrambat, including the archery fence, planting and visual amenities, at next CRG meeting.</i> DB stated in previous conversations he'd had with Nillumbik Council that they'd made a determination that the farm-yard style fencing that needs to be removed would only be replaced with like-for-like style fencing. DB also asked about the height of vegetation planned between the fence and Yan Yean Road to ensure their mature height doesn't exceed the fence height. DK said the fencing will need to be 1.8 metres in height and solid timber paling based on a safety assessment of the archery course. JJ asked what the likelihood would be of the fencing being graffitied. DK said strategic planting will occur in the area to minimise this risk.

ST said there is roughly 600 metres of fencing which acts as a blank canvas until the shrubbery matures and expressed concern it would make it difficult to manage graffiti for a couple of years.

EW asked if the fencing could be chain wire instead.

DK said this was not possible based on potential risk to the endangered Swift Parrot.

BT asked if a brush fence could be implemented instead.

DK reiterated the project team must base the design on the archery course safety assessment. DK added the visual amenity will be softened by landscape treatment.

BT asked who will maintain the fence.

DK said the property owner (Yarrambat Park Golf Course) will manage the fence.

LD asked if the solid timber paling fence would be installed the entirety of the Yarrambat Park Golf Course from north to south.

DK confirmed the fencing installation will cover the length of the course where there is a risk of a stray golf ball entering Yan Yean Road, but this would not be the entire frontage of the course.

Action 2.4: Line marking was completed on 5 and 6 August, including the addition of reflectors.

Action 2.5:

The main site compound will be located at the south-east corner of Yarrambat Park Golf Course, adjacent to 635–643 Yan Yean Road, approximately 25 metres back from Yan Yean Road.

We'll minimise potential impacts by:

- Restricting noisy construction activities to standard working hours wherever practicable
- Positioning noisy equipment away from nearby residences where possible
- Using noise suppression measures such as mufflers where appropriate
- Using dust suppression measures such as water carts, covering trucks carrying dirt, managing stockpiles and performing street sweeping to prevent dust leaving the work site
- Providing advance notification to nearby residents if any unavoidable out-of-hours works are required
- Implementing additional controls if required.

PR said members of the community are encouraged to call 1800 105 105 if they are experiencing any construction-related impacts as close to when they occur as possible so that it can be investigated promptly by the project team.

Lachlan McCann (LM)

Wildlife management overview

Presentation covered an environmental overview regarding fencing interaction with wildlife, supporting and protecting wildlife through design and while construction continues, and a video of a trial in New South Wales (NSW) for detecting animals crossing major roads.

PR asked what types of animals the proposed culverts to be constructed under Yan Yean Road are intended for. LM noted that kangaroo-sized passages were not feasible, so they are designed for smaller reptiles and other small animals. Within the culverts, habitat features will be incorporated and tailored to the needs of the animals using them. LM noted that this is complex but expressed confidence in its effectiveness for wildlife.

ST said the NSW trial would be good to implement along Yan Yean Road if possible. EW added it would rely on finding the best locations along Yan Yean Road for monitoring.

HW said the trials have only recently commenced in NSW and are being closely monitored by the project. There are three years of construction remaining, providing time for technology development. HW added extensive research has been undertaken into animal behaviour. NSW is developing this with government application in mind, so there are no proprietary issues involved, and trials will be conducted over the next 12 months.

DB asked whether barriers along Yan Yean Road would include gaps for animals to escape through.

DK said there will be a one-metre fence along the median for the entire alignment of Yan Yean Road. The advised height for a kangaroo-proof fence is 2.4 to 2.5 metres. DK added the safety barriers will be installed to protect drivers which are not suitable for managing kangaroo movements.

Project update

Angela Vorng (AV)

Northern Section – Orchard Road to Bridge Inn Road

Presentation covered current and upcoming works, drone footage of the northern section of the project, and upcoming traffic switches along Yan Yean, Bridge Inn and Doctors Gully roads

Veronica Podhorodecki (VPo)

EW asked if the two sediment basins located at the Doreen Recreation Reserve and 900 Yan Yean Road would remain.

AV confirmed they will remain, noting that water is present and the sediment basins will treat the runoff.

BT asked how the River Red Gum trees located on the corner of the roundabout would be supplied with water.

AV said the project is designed so that some of the water run-off captured is directed straight to the trees.

EW asked what would be done with the Doreen Recreation Reserve.

AV said the reserve would be returned as a City of Whittlesea (CoW) asset. PR added that according to the statement on Council's website, the area will be opened as passive open space with a public car park, and further design will be discussed through public consultation. More information can be found on CoW's website [here](#).

DB asked whether the recently installed speed humps at the pedestrian crossing on Yan Yean Road approaching the roundabout could be lowered. JR said the speed humps were installed following a road safety audit. JR said the project team would investigate if the speed humps could be lowered.

Action: *BBR to investigate whether speed humps installed at the pedestrian crossing on Yan Yean Road approaching the roundabout can be lowered.*

EW asked whether trucks are required to follow a specific route and whether roads would be resurfaced if damaged.

PR said the project had received complaints about trucks travelling through the Laurimar estate in Doreen, but investigations found these were not associated with the project. JR added when complaints are received, the project team investigates whether project vehicles have travelled through that particular area and encouraged anyone who reports a concern to note the vehicle's license plates. DK said road condition assessments are undertaken before works begin to identify any existing damage. The project then works with local council to undertake any repairs as needed.

EW asked when the upgraded Yan Yean and Doctors Gully roads intersection would be completed.

AV said the intersection is expected to be finished next year.

BT asked about the works on Bridge Inn Road and when they would be completed, noting that the new development on the service lane is opening in October.

AV said pavement works are still required at 920 Yellow Brick Road and the Bridge Inn Road traffic switch is expected to occur in early October. All property access will be maintained throughout construction.

BT asked what measures are in place to prevent another flooding event near Bicycle Works due to excess rainfall.

AV said the extent of the rainfall in December last year was not predicted at the time, and mitigation measures have since been implemented. AV added there have been rainfall events since with no further flooding incidents.

BT asked when the water tie-in works at Yellow Brick Road would be completed.

AV said the works are expected to be finished by late September.

Southern section – Kurrak Road to Orchard Road

Presentation covered current and upcoming major construction works, drone footage of the southern section of the project and a tree removal update

LD asked where the southern worksite compound would be located.

VPo said it would be located on the western side of Yan Yean Road at the southern end of Yarrambat Park Golf Course.

LD said there is a fire access gate in the area and the designated fire access route needs to be maintained.

DK said accessibility for the CFA in this area will be discussed at a workshop with emergency services on Wednesday 2 September.

DB asked whether the drone footage would be released to the public.

PR said a shortened version of the lengthy drone footage would be shared on social media to demonstrate the project's progress every few months.

BT asked whether the safety barriers currently in place along Yan Yean Road could be moved slightly to increase the width of the road.

VPO said a deflection zone is required behind the barriers, to ensure worker safety if a barrier is struck by a vehicle. VPO added the project team continually reviews road safety barrier placement and traffic movements in these areas.

ST asked how driver compliance with new speed limits across the project area was tracking and whether data is being recorded.

VPO said the visual electronic boards that display driver's speeds also record this data, and currently is being recorded northbound, just north of Kurrak Road, near the southern site compound. The data indicates motorists are generally complying with the speed limits.

DB asked if the speed monitor can be moved to the 40 km/h school zone between Youngs Road and Yarrambat Primary School.

VPO said that the speed monitor location can be adjusted. PR said the project team could take this on notice.

Action: *BBR to investigate moving the speed monitor to a location along Yan Yean Road between Youngs Road and Yarrambat Primary School.*

Paul Reeves (PR)

Communications update

Presentation covered upcoming community events and the communications distribution area

BT asked if the project team could book an extended pop-up working space (for example, for two weeks) in the Hazel Glen estate to better engage with the community, noting a current vacancy at 95 Hazel Glen Road. BT said the North East Link (NEL) team has a dedicated work space in Watsonia and encouraged the project team to consider a similar set up.

JR took the request on notice.

Action: *BBR to investigate extended pop-up workspace opportunities around Doreen.*

Daniel Kollmorgen (DK)

Open forum and other business

JJ said with the warmer weather approaching there are concerns from community members regarding dust management around construction works.

DK said community concerns regarding dust suppression were being considered and the team can present on managing construction impacts across the project area at the next CRG meeting.

Action: BBR to present on managing construction impacts such as dust at next CRG meeting.

JJ said visibility is restricted when exiting Yarrambat Park and turning right onto Yan Yean Road due to gawk screens on the western side of Yan Yean Road. JJ asked whether some screens could be moved to improve visibility.

DK team took this request on notice.

Action: BBR to investigate whether several gawk screens on the western side of Yan Yean Road near Yarrambat Park can be moved to improve visibility for drivers exiting Yarrambat Park.

DB asked whether the previous CRG meeting notes can be uploaded onto the project webpage before the next meeting occurs.

JR said the meeting notes are sent to members prior to the next meeting for any feedback. The notes are then formally passed at the next meeting before being uploaded to the project webpage.

DB asked if there was any consideration given to building an entrance to Yarrambat Park from Jorgensen Avenue in place of the proposed traffic lights.

DK said it was considered but Parks Victoria / CoW had refused this design request.

BT mentioned there were some concerns around access to, and parking in, the Doreen Hub area at 20 Yellow Brick Road, as well as dust tracking through the car park and vehicles becoming dirty. BT agreed to discuss these matters further outside the CRG meeting.

The next CRG meeting will be held at online via Zoom on Monday 28 September.

Actions – Previous

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.	CLOSED
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	CLOSED
2.4	BBR	BBR to report back to CRG on status of line marking and whether additional work is required to address concerns about line marking visibility.	CLOSED
2.5	BBR	BBR to provide information on main site compound location and potential impacts to local residents.	CLOSED

Actions – New

No	Owner	Topic	Status
3.1	BBR	BBR to present on landscaping design near Diamond Valley Archers in Yarrambat, including the archery fence height, planting and visual amenities, at next CRG meeting.	OPEN
3.2	BBR	BBR to investigate whether speed humps installed at the pedestrian crossing on Yan Yean Road approaching the roundabout can be lowered.	OPEN
3.3	BBR	BBR to investigate moving the speed monitor to a location along Yan Yean Road between Youngs Road and Yarrambat Primary School.	OPEN
3.4	BBR	BBR to investigate extended pop-up workspace opportunities around Doreen.	OPEN
3.5	BBR	BBR to present on managing construction impacts such as dust at next CRG meeting.	OPEN
3.6	BBR	BBR to investigate whether several gawk screens on the western side of Yan Yean Road near Yarrambat Park can be moved to improve visibility for drivers exiting Yarrambat Park.	OPEN