

Meeting Minutes

Community Reference Group (CRG)

Subject: August Yan Yean Road Upgrade CRG meeting

Date: Monday 9 August 2021 **Time:** 6.30pm-8pm

Location: Online Microsoft Teams meeting

Meeting number: 7

Chair: Charlotte Claney

Minute-taker: Leon Anh

Attendees

Attendees (Name/Organisation)	Apologies (Name/Organisation)
Ankit Shah (AS), City of Whittlesea	Paige Krygger (PK), MRPV
Barbara Marshall (BM)	Joanne Jamieson (JJ)
Charlotte Claney (CC), MRPV	Tony Nesci (TN)
Fu-Ho Chung (FC), MRPV	Grant Hollins (GH)
George Barratt (GB)	
John Yeomans (JY)	
Kelvin Bennetts (KB)	
Leon Anh (LA), MRPV	
Mark Jackson (MJ)	
Pam Hoyne (PH)	
Richard Wilson (RW)	
Tori Harvey (TH), MRPV	

Actions - previous

#	Action	Update
5.1	Provide update on investigations into potential intersection treatments at Bannons Lane and advise if preferred intersection treatment has been selected	<p>FC explained that MRPV has considered many options regarding potential intersection treatments at Bannons Lane and that a technical note has been developed for the intersection and is currently being finalised. Once approved, it'll be distributed to key stakeholders for consideration. FC further explained that a technical note is a report that summaries key findings and goes through the pros and cons of each design option. The technical note provides a recommendation that's taken into consideration during the decision-making process. The technical note will be distributed to Nillumbik Council, as the landowner of the land adjacent to Bannons Lane. A decision on the intersection treatment is anticipated around late September 2021.</p> <p>Action remains open – update will be provided at the next CRG meeting.</p>
6.1	Discuss east/west traffic with Nillumbik Council at next monthly coordination meetings and report discussion back to BM	<p>The topic will be raised at the next coordination meeting on 2 September 2021. BM to be provided with an update following the meeting. BM elaborated that she has attended meetings between Hurstbridge community groups, traders and Council representatives and information related to traffic is highly desired.</p> <p>Action remains open – MRPV to contact BM to provide an update following the September 2021 coordination meeting.</p>
6.2	Investigate if results of local traffic counts from April 2021 can be shared with GB and rest of CRG. If no issue, share the data prior to the next CRG meeting	<p>Traffic count data distributed to CRG members prior to meeting. The group found the data interesting, and GB noted the Laurie Street data was useful. CC advised the CRG would continue to be consulted about local roads to include in future counts ahead of the traffic monitoring taking place.</p> <p>Action closed.</p>

Key discussion points

Agenda item	Discussion summary
Item 1 – Welcome & apologies	CC welcomed all to the meeting and introduced special guest speaker from Whittlesea Council - AS. AS provided brief overview of his role at Whittlesea Council. PK and JJ apologies. TN and GH absent.
Item 2 – Confirm the agenda	Agenda confirmed. BM requested topic be added to item 6 – other business. Outstanding actions addressed - actions 5.1 and 6.1 remain open, action 6.2 closed.
Item 3 – Project update	<p>FC provided a project update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRPV working through technical notes with design consultants to draft the reference design for the project. Reference design anticipated to be developed by end September 2021 MRPV continuing discussions with service utility providers to review the draft utility plans Last meeting, MRPV mentioned engaging a consultant for the Yarrambat Park Golf Course redesign. Consultant now engaged and assisting to develop a scoping brief

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next step in project, following Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) gazettal will be to contact landowners impacted by the approved Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO) and arrange meetings to introduce the property services team at the Department of Transport (DoT).
<p>Item 4 – Land, Planning and Environment update</p>	<p>TH provided a Land, Planning and Environment (LPE) update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major project milestone achieved, PSA approved by Minister on 28 July 2021 and anticipated to be gazetted by the end of August 2021. PSA gazettal confirms the PAO. Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) being developed and targeting end of August 2021 submission. Anticipate CHMP approval by late 2021. <p>FC - Reference design development directly impacts LPE development of draft Landscape Plan and draft Surplus Land Use Plan. TH – Once reference design finalised, development on landscaping and land use plans can continue.</p>
<p>Item 5 – Local matters</p>	<p>CC asked whether the group had any local matters they'd like to raise with AS. MJ suggested that when the project further advanced, the group might be ready to discuss local issues and traffic impacts with Whittlesea Council.</p> <p>CC - MRPV are happy to invite Council back to these meetings in the future if anyone has local matters they want addressed and suggested no issues to raise was a positive sign. AS agreed that no pressing issues was a positive thing and explained that Council liaises regularly with MRPV to work towards achieving the best outcome for the community through this project.</p> <p>RW enquired when the Bridge Inn Road Upgrade (BIRU) would commence construction. FC – The BIRU team are currently going through a procurement process, to appoint a suitable contractor for the project. Construction anticipated to begin in early 2022. CC assured RW that the BIRU team would keep the community informed of progress, including when a contractor is appointed, and recommended anyone interested in the project sign up to receive email updates.</p> <p>MJ asked if the Bridge Inn Road intersection would be upgraded by BIRU or Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Stage 2. CC confirmed that the intersection of Bridge Inn, Doctors Gully and Yan Yean roads would be upgraded as part Stage 2 of the Yan Yean Road Upgrade. FC added that the limit of works for the BIRU would be slightly east of Garden Road.</p> <p>MJ enquired whether the entrance to Yarrambat Park would be off Jorgensen Avenue or Yan Yean Road. FC – The design exhibited in the EES showed access off Yan Yean Road and signalised intersections at Jorgensen Avenue and Bannons Lane that support U-turns for access requirements. In the Minister's Assessment, it was recommended that MRPV undertake further consultation with the local CFA to see if access improvements could be made. That additional consultation has taken place and access arrangements have been explored as well as intersection treatments at both Bannons Lane and Jorgensen Avenue. At this stage, the design has not changed from what was exhibited in the EES.</p> <p>MJ asked which CFA MRPV have been talking to. CC and FC confirmed that MRPV have been engaging with all local emergency services, including both Yarrambat CFA and Doreen CFA. FC - MRPV have been getting good feedback from emergency services and hope that the design technical note is finalised sometime this year.</p>
<p>Item 6 – Other business</p>	<p>CC addressed the other business item requested by BM – BM had raised concerns about potential impacts to the River Red Gum trees south of the Doreen General Store. TH brought up the No-Go Zones map of the project area as exhibited during the EES and explained that these River Red Gums could possibly be impacted and are not located in a No-Go Zone. TH elaborated that there are opportunities to challenge contractors to retain as much vegetation as possible. Slight design changes and construction methodology are two potential ways a project can look to further avoid impacting vegetation.</p> <p>BM raised that this map had not been made public and opportunity was not provided for the community to make a submission about these trees during the EES process. BM believed that if given the opportunity, there would have been plenty of concerns raised because of the local significance of these trees. CC noted</p>

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	<p>that the map is dated August 2020 and was published as part of the EES. It is still available on the MRPV website. TH confirmed that the map on her screen was the same one that was published as part of the EES.</p> <p>BM stated that the two River Red Gums on the corner of Doctors Gully Road that are being saved are in worse condition compared to these trees that are not in a No-Go Zone and are likely to die in a few years. TH explained that during the EES process, an arborist assessment was completed. In that assessment, the arborist noted that the two River Red Gums on the corner of Doctors Gully Road are worth protecting.</p>
<p>Item 7 – Close</p>	<p>CC thanked the group for their time and hopes that the next meeting can be held in person. CC noted that this meeting marks the one-year anniversary of the CRG and thanked everyone once again for their time and participation over the past year.</p> <p><i>Meeting concluded early at 7.30pm</i></p>

Actions – outstanding

#	Action	Owner/s	Due
5.1	Advise group of Bannons Lane intersection treatment outcome	FC	8 November 2021
6.1	MRPV to bring up east/west traffic movements at the next Nillumbik Council coordination meeting and contact BM with update prior to updating the rest of the group at the next meeting	FC	By end September 2021

