

14 December 2021

Meeting Minutes

Bulleen Industrial Zone (BIZ) Business Liaison Group Meeting

Date	14/12/2021	Time	5.30 - 6.30pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	11 for 2021
Location	Bulleen Office	Minute taker	Nadia Hollins

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Paul McMorran (PM)	Bulleen Art & Garden
Joe Mustica (JM)	MFJ Construction	Cam Giardina (CG)	Cam's Greenaway Auto Repairs
Andrew Hocking (AH)	North East Link Project	Bryan Yeow (BY)	Department of Transport
Rebekah Kober (RK)	North East Link Project	Nadia Hollins (NH)	North East Link Project

Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Jodi Crocker (JC)	Wonder Pies	Ben Harnwell (BH)	Manningham City Council
Bruce Plain (BP)	Bulleen Art & Garden	Jane McIntosh (JM)	Department of Transport
Frank Vassilacos (FV)	Manningham City Council		

Actions previous

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1	JMc, to provide State Revenue Office contact details / point of contact to share with the individual business on tax advise including land tax.	JMc	12/10/21	Pending	JMc, is working with the State Revenue Office to provide details. JMc, is working with the SRO for a BIZ businesses land tax solution process. JMc is working with the SRO to provide details of a direct SRO contact for the businesses.
2	AH will email BIZ BLG members the project design update	AH	10/11/21	Completed	Project design update was included in the previous minutes. AH will discuss during this meeting.
3	RK to ensure EY skills and job centre (SJC) has adequate presence at the Bulleen Hub to support businesses	RK	14/12/21	Completed	JSC meeting are available at the Bulleen Hub or the workplace. Bookings via email as per minutes.

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Discussion
Mike Marasco (MM), Chair	<p>Welcome and outstanding business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM welcomes the group, shares apologies and previous minutes. MM reviews the outstanding actions.
Rebekah Kober (RK), NELP	<p>Business and employee support program (BESP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RK update on business and employee support program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulleen and Watsonia hub holiday closure dates noon on 24 Dec reopen on 10 January Business relocation support from CKC: holiday closure dates 24 Dec to 10 January Appointments with the Careers and Skills team and business support team are available at Bulleen hub or workplace. Email jsc@northeastlink.vic.gov.au and businessengagement@northeastlink.vic.gov.au BESP end of year newsletter will be sent in next day or so (mid Dec) Victorian Automotive Chamber of Commerce can provide support with transfer of licenses such as VicRoads (LVT's), ARCTick air-conditioning licenses and employment matters. VACC contact is John Khoury jkhoury@vacc.com.au MM thanked RK for the business and employee support program update.
Rebekah Kober (RK), NELP	<p>Manningham City Council Relief Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RK received an update from Christine from MCC and share the following with the group.

- To assist with your relocation costs, Manningham Council is offering a \$500 grant for each Bulleen Industrial Estate business who completes our business survey.
- The survey results will inform council of your immediate needs so we can better assist you in the relocation process and allow us to lobby on your behalf with State Government and the North East Link in particular.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey or the grant, please contact council at business@manningham.vic.gov.au
- Please note that whilst the survey remains open over the Christmas/New Year period, grant funds will not be available until February.
- 24 surveys have been completed so far.
- A remind to the BIZ businesses, to complete the confidential survey to receive the \$500 grant.
- Questions re support raised through the Manningham Council survey that sit outside of NELP Business and Employee Support Program:
 1. Support for speeding up Council permit applications (not Manningham)

NELP can assist with this, businesses can contact Andrew Hocking (0438 058 288) or Rebekah Kober (0427 376 949) to initiate the process. Alternatively email businessengagement@northeastlink.vic.gov.au
 2. Financial (capital gains tax) and legal advice

Businesses are encouraged to contact ATO for advice re finances and capital gains, info is available here. For legal advice, businesses are encouraged to engage a lawyer who has experience with compulsory acquisition.
 3. People to do clean outs

Businesses are encouraged to speak with their case manager at Dept of Transport to discuss what is required. If businesses are unsure of who their case manager is, please contact Andrew Hocking (0438 058 288) or Rebekah Kober (0427 376 949). Alternatively email businessengagement@northeastlink.vic.gov.au
 4. Moving costs – how to access State assistance

Businesses are encouraged to speak with their lawyer or their case manager at Dept of Transport to enquire what compensation can be claimed for relocation costs. If businesses are unsure of who their case manager is, please contact Andrew Hocking (0438 058 288) or Rebekah Kober (0427 376 949). Alternatively email businessengagement@northeastlink.vic.gov.au
- MM thanked RK for providing the MCC Relief Fund update.

Bryan Yeow
(BY), DoT

DoT Update

Land Tax

- DoT has finally received a response from the State Revenue Office following a request to meet with a representative to discuss the claimants land tax issues. We have provided dates of availability during the weeks commencing 10th and 17th January and are awaiting an invitation from the SRO.
- A spreadsheet has been provided detailing the properties, claimants, and NOA dates. Copies of the NOAs will be provided shortly. DoT is liaising with the SRO. Samples of specific cases will be presented to the SRO for discussion.

- Some points of discussion with the SRO include (but are not limited to):
 - Liability of former owners now occupiers/tenants of land
 - Review of land tax where previous owners had multiple properties and re-assessment of these as necessary
 - Liability of land tax on the State-owned land
 - What information SRO requires.
- It is the intention of DoT to provide an update to BLG following the meeting, DoT case managers will also be updated.
- During settlement, DoT will work with the BIZ businesses individually and assess on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the relationship between your solicitors and your DoT case managers is a critical one.
- The BIZ businesses are to follow the process and raise their interests and concerns, and DoT will base the settlements on their circumstances to move forward in the settlement process.
- JM would like BY to update BIZ BLG of the business that have settled to date.
- CG has not heard anything about his and other BIZ businesses rental payments or his lawyer and asked that BY follow up.
- MM thanked BY for his DoT update.

Andrew
Hocking, AH

Project design update

- AH spoke about the project design update with BIZ BLG members.
- AH discuss the changes to the spark design PPP and project timeline for the different packages.
 - A fact sheet overview of the NELP design update <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/north-east-link-program/fact-sheets/project-update-October-2021>
 - A North East Link project map https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/598442/NEL-Project-Map-October-2021.pdf
 - For project design images you can visit <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/north-east-link-program/design/project-design>
 - The tunnels will now be built using Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) replacing cut-and-cover and trenches - reducing disruption and creates more room for parklands and wetlands. The tunnels are overall approximately 600m longer than the reference design.
 - Manningham Road interchange will provide easy access in and out of the tunnels in both directions. The two ramps on the reference design which were positioned opposite Avon St have been moved down to Thompsons Rd roughly where the tennis centre is now.
 - North East Link will connect to the Eastern Freeway with a new free-flowing interchange next to Bulleen Road. Bulleen Road will be kept open for local use, with new walking and cycling paths and safer crossings.
 - A new Yarra Link green bridge near the Eastern Freeway interchange will connect the Koonung Creek Trail to Bulleen Park and a new cultural precinct along the banks of Birrarung (the Yarra River).
 - If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please let AH know.
- MM thanked AH for the project design update.

Mike Marasco, MM	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM, spoke about DM, who has settled but continues to receive substantial rental bills. DM has contacted his DoT case manager, provided relevant forms, and still receives rental bills. MM has asked BY to phone DM to follow up. • MM would BLG members to consider an invitation to Spark to be present at the BIZ BLG meetings in the new year. • MM, thank everyone for their attendance, support, and contributions through out the year and wished the BIZ BLG and their families and Merry Christmas. <p>Next meeting, 8 February 2022.</p>
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Actions – new

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1	BY to update BIZ BLG of the business who have settle to date.	BY	08/02/22		
2	BY to provide rental payment advise to CG.	BY	08/02/22		
3	BY to contact DM directly about his rental bill issue	BY	ASAP		
4	Consideration if Spark attend meetings in the new year.	All	08/02/22		