

23 April 2024



Meeting Minutes

South Business Liaison Group

Date	23/04/2024	Time	5:30pm - 7:30 pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	3/2024
Location	Veneto Club	Minute taker	Andrew McGlade

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Mia McMahon (MMc)	Spark, Manager Community Engagement
Jacqueline Weedon (JW)	NELP, Project Support Officer	Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	Spark, Senior Communications Advisor
Renato Marnich (RM)	NELP, Trader Engagement Specialist	Jaimie Ledwidge (JLe)	Burke to Tram Alliance, Senior Communication and Community Relations Manager
Nic Morton (NM)	NELP, Senior Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor	Frank Freschi (FF)	Veneto Club
Andrew McGlade (AM)	NELP, Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor	Paul McMorran (PM)	Bulleen Art & Garden
Jasmine Lazzarotti (JLa)	NELP, Communications and Stakeholder Relations Graduate	Cam Gardenia (CG)	Commercial Property Owner
Milan Dhurve (MD)	Spark, Project Manager	Alison Tobias (AT)	Alot of Good Stuff

Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Clare Davey (CD)	Boroondara City Council	Soula Grouios (SG)	Arthurs Fish & Chips Bulleen
Andrea Lomdahl (AL)	Boroondara City Council	Nathan McAvaney (NM)	Topgear Cycles
Christine Gibbins (CG)	Manningham Council	Hudson Brown (HB)	The French Lettuce

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Actions – previous

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
N/A	None outstanding				

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged apologies Previous meeting minutes read but no quorum to adopt. No outstanding actions
Milan Dhurve (MD)	<p>Presentation covering summary of Manningham Rd diversion works</p> <p><u>AT: Raised access issues entering shop due to traffic banking up, including for deliveries. Reports loss of 95% of business.</u></p>
Mia McMahan (MMc)	<p>MMc: Since interchange opening, we've noted congestion on Templestowe Road has increased . Looking at further adjusting signalling on Templestowe Road to provide more go time.</p>
Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	<p>IZ: Have applied to DTP for keep clear zones to allow access, and team are looking at linemarking. Also reminded traders of available trader support which is on offer to help customers understand how to access businesses, including additional signage and custom materials. IZ to sit down after meeting and discuss AT any direct traffic related issues that IZ can raise with the traffic team.</p> <p>Action for Spark to look into access arrangement for shops and get update on signalling.</p> <p>IZ notes Spark have provided vouchers to AT's shop as a stopgap in the meantime and conversations are ongoing with AT and other businesses as to how they can be supported in the long run.</p> <p>Action for RM and Spark to liaise with other traders nearby to understand their needs.</p> <p>Update on trader support</p> <p><u>FF: Is there anything that's off the table in terms of traders support?</u></p> <p>IZ: Typically direct compensation is not part of this, however can assist with costs and promotion.</p> <p>RM: No financial compensation outright but can put financial resources into other measures.</p> <p>Render flyover and update on tunnelling works.</p> <p>FF: Asks for clarity over the height of vent shaft</p> <p>MD: The Yarra Link Green Bridge ventilation structure is approximately 50m tall.</p>
Jaimie Ledwidge (JLe)	<p>Presentation covering Eastern Freeway Upgrades works including recent progress, Bulleen road diversion, and recent trader and community engagement.</p> <p><u>FF: What is Bulleen Road bridge being extended for?</u></p> <p>JL: Extending Bulleen bridge will allow us to build extra structures, including new lanes and busway lanes</p> <p><u>MM: Have you had any concerns raised about lighting?</u></p> <p>JL: We've had two inquiries from stakeholders. The project team are investigating the lighting on the freeway.</p>

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	<p><u>FF raises a concern about traffic coming from Chandler Highway tonight</u></p> <p>MM: There was an accident outbound tonight</p> <p>JL: We haven't reduced the lanes on the freeway, we've only reduced speed.</p> <p><u>FF: Expect good uptake on the express busway?</u></p> <p>JL: We've had good take-up on BPR, the demand is there from the local community.</p> <p>JL also announces new visitor centre, located at 284 Doncaster Road. Centre will open later this year.</p>
Renato Marnich (RM)	<p>Presentation regarding Trader Engagement update, discusses business mentoring survey and coordination with local councils.</p> <p>RM explains part of the survey is to understand what businesses will take up.</p> <p>FF asks a question about the success of current initiatives. RM explains there has been an uptake on offers, but the fact sheet will help generate momentum and help team understand specific values.</p>
Jacqueline Weedon (JW) / Renato Marnich (RM)	<p>Presentation for North East Community Fund and upcoming Greener North East grants, including explanation of Greener North East program and a reminder of the grants and partnerships available in next round of NECF.</p>
Mike Morasco (MM)	<p>Other Business and thankyou</p> <p>Next Meeting 4 June 2024</p> <p>Thanked SBLG members and presenters and closed the meeting at 6:43pm</p>

Actions – new

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
SB24.4	Provide update on signalling and traffic arrangements for shops located in Templestowe Road area north of Manningham Junction	MMc/IZ	4/06/2024		
SB24.5	Liaise with businesses near Templestowe Road area north of Manningham Junction to understand their needs stemming from access impacts	RM/MMc/IZ	4/06/2024		

Additional information

None