

27 July 2021

Meeting Agenda

Bulleen Industrial Zone Business Liaison Group

Date	27/07/2021	Time	5.30 - 6.30pm
Chair	Mike Marasco (MM), Micom Strategic	Meeting no.	6 of 2021
Location	Zoom due to COVID restrictions	Minute taker	Andrew Hocking (AH)

Attendees

Attendees		Apologies	
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Andrew Hocking (AH)	North East Link Project	Frank Vassilacos (FV)	Manningham City Council
Bruno Aleksic (BA)	North East Link Project	Jodi Crocker (JC)	Wonder Pies
Rebekah Kober (RK)	North East Link Project		
Bryan Yeow (BY)	Department of Transport		
Jane McIntosh (JMc)	Department of Transport		
David Monk (DM)	Swan Plastics		
Cam Giardina (CG)	Cam's Greenaway Auto Repairs		
Joe Mustica (JM)	MFJ Construction		
Bruce Plain (BP)	Bulleen Art & Garden		
John Khoury (JK)	VACC		
Franklin O'Carroll (FO)	North East Link Project		

Actions – previous

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1	Investigate market research piece of work to address compensation within changing property market and follow up at senior levels including Duncan Elliott regarding impact	BY	27/06/2021	Ongoing	Market research- scope approved and being commissioned. Issues and challenges filtered through to higher levels within NELP and DoT to consider approaches to address issues. Duncan Elliott to join next BIZ LG meeting
2	MM, AH and RK to meet with the NELP Comms team to discuss communication plan for other businesses within BIP	MM & AH	27/07/2021	Pending	AH to send JM draft email prepared for sending out to broader BIZ members. JM to review for sending out to membership under his signature.
3	CG raised issue getting into contact with his DOT Case Manager – JMc to liaise with case manager and follow up	JMc	20/07/2021	Closed	CG spoken with case manager
4	JM issue regarding rent payment requirement and process	BY	20/07/2021	Pending	BY to respond directly to JM regarding his case prior to next meeting JM to review draft email for broader BIZ members which includes information regarding the raised rental payment and process issue

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
MM	<p>Welcome, apologies and actions from previous meeting</p> <p>Welcomed guests- Franklin and John</p>
MM	<p>Outstanding items- cover these items here from actions above.</p> <p>Action #4: JM issue regarding rent payment requirement and process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM reported that the response he and his lawyer had received from DoT did not provide resolution or clarity regarding their issue of owed rent and the security bond. Important that all businesses in the BIZ are aware of the capacity to raise concerns they may have regarding the payment of rent. • JM also raised concerns about the issuing of invoices for owed rent by property managers Compton Green. These have come to the business with no 'heads up' from the DoT case manager causing anger and confusion for the businesses. • BY will look into the issues raised by JM and provide an update directly to JM and for broader communication to the BIZ members at the next BIZ LG meeting. • BY reinforced that in the matter of rent payments after the rent free period of 3 months, businesses with concerns should raise this with their solicitor and DoT case manager. Each case is considered on its merits. • MM wants advice from DoT regarding these issues to be communicated to the broader BIZ members. MM noted that the draft email provided to JM for sending out to the BIZ members encourages members to speak with their solicitor and case manager if they have any concerns or questions.

RK	<p>Business and employee support program (BESP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on business and employee support program by RK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CKC have engaged with 41% businesses impacted by acquisition to date ○ CKC weekly updates have more than 50% open rate and recent weeks have had 30-45 new property listings ○ BESP newsletter for June had 49% open rate, July went out 20 July has 44% open rate to date ○ Translation and interpreter services available ○ Professional counselling available for anyone impacted by NELP incl staff and family ○ Marketing and business mentoring support available • Including presentation for Skills and Jobs Centre by Franklin O’Carroll (NELP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skills and Job Centre resource- 1 to 2 days per week at the NELP Bulleen Hub. ○ Services will also be provided via phone and online ○ Presentation attached to the minutes • Including presentation from Victorian Auto Chamber of Commerce , John Khoury, Industry Divisions and Policy Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VACC background- 100 years looking after automotive industry ○ Spoken to the automotive industry businesses in the area to understand their issues and offer assistance to them ○ John will be in contact with members and non-members and available for individual or group meetings. ○ John’s contact details are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ John Khoury- Industry Divisions & Policy Advisor, VACC M: 0412 510 108 E: jkhoury@vacc.com.au
BY & JMc	<p>DoT Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered a range of issues in the action items and no other updates from JM or BY
MM	<p>Other business and next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting Tuesday August 17th, 2021 • Duncan Elliott (CEO NELP) is scheduled to attend the next meeting to provide a project update and answer questions • DM announced he will be stepping down from the BIZ LG given he has now settled his case. The next BIZ LG meeting will be his last. BP and AH acknowledged his great contribution to the BIZ LG and the BIZ businesses. MM said this would be covered at the next meeting.

Actions – new

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1	JM- raised issue for his business regarding requirement to pay 12 months of land tax for his Bulleen property. Believes this will also be an issue for a number of the BIZ businesses.	BY	17/08/2021	Pending	BY to respond directly to JM re his land tax issue BY to provide advice re land tax management at the next BIZ LG meeting

Skills and Jobs Centre

Franklin O'Carroll, NELP

Target skills & pathway initiatives

1. Establish a project specific Skills and Jobs Centre
2. Building partnerships between TAFEs and the successful consortium
3. Targeted funding for skill sets to support the project workforce/pipeline
4. Specialist resource/s embedded within the head contractor



NELP Skills & Jobs Centre

The Skills and Job Centre is integrated recruitment, employment and training model to support the project & provide access for the community.

Will operate from Watsonia Hub, prior to the Tunnel Package being awarded

Services available include:

- Career advice & support
- Skills assessment, matching & training advice
- Access to apprenticeship and traineeship pathways
- Information on employment opportunities
- Support for disadvantage & priority jobseekers



NELP Project Targets



Apprenticeships,
trainees & cadets:
10%

Indigenous
Employment:
2.5%

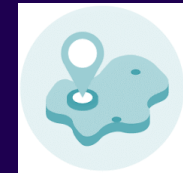
Indigenous business:
Minimum 1%



Social Value
Secure engagement
with Social Enterprise

Priority Jobseekers

Support for Regional
Victoria



Local Content:
90% during
construction

80% during
operation

Focus on SMEs

Big Build Apprenticeships

- Connect TAFEs and Group Training Organisations to support the workforce requirements
- Access to training from the Victorian Tunnelling Centre
- Support for priority jobseekers through Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Maximise Economic Benefits

Jobs created: 10,300

Boost to local economies

Distribution of economic and employment benefits



Questions?



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