

Meeting Minutes

Date: 24 September 2024
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Glen Waverley Precinct Reference Group
Location: Waverley RSL
Meeting Number: 12
Chairs: Noël Jones (GHD), John Mullahy (MP)
Minute Taker: Sarah Moss, SRLA

Attendees	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Mullahy, MP for Glen Waverley Noël Jones, GHD Sarah Maguire, Glen Waverley Traders Association David Schulz, Community representative John Taylor, Waverley RSL Eric Wegman, Campbell Place Residential and Aged Care Jess Foulds, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) Sarah Moss, SRLA Terresa Parrish, SRLA Ai-Lin Chang, SRLA Crystal Koa, SRLA Ellen O'Donohue, Laing O'Rourke (LOR) Nicole Ekert, LOR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew Veale, Monash City Council Uyen Tran, Monash City Council Sascha Schubiger, Vicinity Centres Nirupa Logeswaran, Management Committee for IKON Suzanne Plant, Glen Waverley Secondary College Mitchell Zadow, Glen Waverley Traders Association and Sharrock Pitman Legal Greg Male, Community representative

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	Welcome and housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noël Jones (NJ) welcomed everyone to the Glen Waverley Precinct Reference Group (PRG) meeting, facilitated introductions NJ delivered Acknowledgment of Country. John Mullahy (JM) provided an update on the announcement on 23 September that the first four tunnel boring machines (TBMs) have been ordered for tunnelling between Cheltenham and Glen Waverley. NJ provided an overview of the meeting agenda. NJ confirmed previous meeting minutes had been distributed with all actions closed. 	NJ/ JM

2.	<p>Initial and early works update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laing O'Rourke (LOR) provided an overview of current and upcoming works in Glen Waverley including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing utility relocations on Railway Parade North, Montclair Avenue and Myrtle Street Upcoming closure of Coleman Parade, following the reopening of Montclair Avenue Non-contestable works on Coleman Parade and Montclair Avenue, with further information to be provided about these works when available Traffic changes associated with current and upcoming works Trader support updates, including an overview of the Wintertime Fun activation in Glen Waverley on 30 August. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JM asked about current machinery on site. LOR explained the machinery is required for current works to install an additional crossover (access) to the Glendale Street car park, noting engagement with impacted stakeholders has been undertaken. Eric Wegman (EW) asked about the expected impacts of the non-contestable works on Coleman Parade near Campbell Place. LOR noted the service provider completing the works has not yet shared detailed information on the delivery approach. LOR noted driveway access is expected to be maintained and once known, LOR will ensure details are shared with Campbell Place and surrounding properties as early as possible. David Schulz (DS) asked if vouchers distributed at the Wintertime Fun event on 30 August are being redeemed at local businesses. LOR noted feedback to date has indicated traders are seeing redemption, including on the night of the event. DS noted the end of year Christmas period would be a key period for traders and that ongoing support would be important. LOR acknowledged the feedback and noted ongoing collaboration with traders, Glen Waverley Traders Association (GWTA) and Monash City Council. DS asked if consideration has been given to bus services to mitigate parking concerns, such as for transporting large groups for corporate lunches during peak Christmas trade period. JM asked about the expected Christmas shutdown period. LOR noted it is expected there will be the usual two-week period over Christmas where no construction activity will occur. DS noted the importance of minimising project disruption during the shutdown period. SRLA noted planning was underway for this period and priority was to minimise disruption where possible during this period. Sarah Maguire (SM) provided an update from GWTA and noted the key current priority is support for Railway Parade North traders and reiterated concerns about the Christmas trade period. SM noted upcoming GWTA trader activities planned for Halloween. DS asked if other SRL East precincts have similar trader support programs. LOR noted examples of trader support in other precincts. SM noted there is opportunity with vouchers to encourage up-selling at local businesses and encouraged this to be explored by SRLA in future support activities. SM asked about an update on the status of engagement with a Glen Waverley business. SRLA provided an overview of recent engagement. 	LOR
3.	<p>Engagement Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA provided an update on recent engagement in Glen Waverley, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A volunteering day at the Fraser Street Reserve Tiny Forest with Monash City Council (MCC) and LOR. Student learning opportunities with Glen Waverley Secondary College, including lunchtime Q&A sessions and site tours. SRLA encouraged members to share opportunities or events. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DS noted opportunity to promote engineering pathways for female students. JM noted he had attended a recent event in Glen Waverley sharing career pathways with high school students and that SRLA had been in attendance showcasing the job opportunities available over life of project. 	SRLA

5.	<p>Structure Planning Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA provided an update on structure planning, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the Key Directions phase of engagement and summary of feedback received for Glen Waverley. Next steps in the Structure Planning process, including the release of the final Precinct Visions expected in late 2024, ahead of the public exhibition of the Draft Structure Plans and Planning Scheme Amendments expected in early 2025. SRLA noted a summary report on the Key Directions engagement would be published online and distributed. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Taylor (JT) noted traffic management, both short and long term, remains an area of opportunity in the precinct and asked when further detail would be provided. SRLA noted further detail would be available when the draft structure plans and planning scheme amendments are released. DS noted recent commentary in the media about returning to the office and discussed potential shifts in behaviour over coming years. JM noted the Monash National Employment and Innovation Cluster (NEIC) is the second largest employment district in Victoria and noted that SRL could enable more people to access jobs close to where they live without relying on private transport. 	SRLA
6.	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EW noted the potential for Glen Waverley is significant with the connection that SRL will bring. EW noted construction is an area of interest for residents and noted that LOR are providing direct communication and regular updates to support Campbell Place Aged and Residential Care. EW noted maintaining pedestrian access during Coleman Parade closure was important for residents and staff and encouraged LOR to consider the inclusion of residents and staff in future trader support opportunities, such as vouchers, as they support local businesses. JT noted that for Waverley RSL and other traders, the next three months are the busiest trade period and asked SRLA and LOR to consider this and minimise disruption as much as possible. DS asked about Waverley RSL acquisition progress. JT noted Waverley RSL and SRLA are working closely together and there will be more information to share with members in future. SM noted traffic in the area is consistently a concern on Friday and Saturday evenings and noted road closures are contributing to this. SM asked that this be considered in planning and reiterated the importance of the December trade period. DS again raised opportunities for shuttle buses from Syndal station to bring visitors into the Glen Waverley activity centre. SRLA noted this feedback. JT noted car parking continues to be an issue for visitors to Glen Waverley with flow on impacts for traders. JT raised with MCC to consider including improved lighting from activity centre to the Euneva Avenue car park, noting safety concerns at night. JT also raised improved way-finding and parking strategies for the precinct to show where car park spaces are located and the availability of spaces. JT noted this will be particularly important for MCC when it reopens the Bogong Avenue car park. SM noted her support for JT's feedback and noted similar feedback had been shared with MCC. The group agreed a parking wayfinding signage strategy was a key area of opportunity to improve accessibility in the area. SM and JM noted they would discuss this further. It was noted MCC was not in attendance and that these issues would be raised with MCC. NJ noted minutes would be circulated and the next and final PRG for the year is expected in December. <p>Meeting closed 5:06pm.</p>	All