

April 2019 Meeting Minutes

Community Reference Group

Subject: Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Community Reference Group

Date: Monday 8 April 2019 **Time:** 6.15pm for 6.30pm-8pm

Location: The Gallery, Rivers of Yarrambat - 28 Kurrag Road, Yarrambat

Meeting number: 10

Chair: Warren Bradshaw

Minute-taker: Carlos Ibarra

Attendees

Attendees (Name/Organisation)	Apologies (Name/Organisation)
Anne Trueman (AT)	Charlotte Claney (CC), MRPV
Barbara Marshall (BaM)	Neisha Forbes (NF)
Joanne Jamieson (JJ)	
John Yeomans (JY)	
Milton Embling (ME)	
Pam Hoyne (PH)	
Susan Farley (SF)	
Carlos Ibarra (CI), MRPV	
Chinthaka Arachchige (CA), MRPV	
Damian van Dyke (DvD), MRPV	
Nerilee Kerslake (NK), MRPV	
Warren Bradshaw (WB), MRPV	

Actions – previous

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
6.1	Look into the contract with BMD to see if obligated to assist maintaining safe usage of local roads	DvD	8 April 2019	Closed	<p>BMD not contractually obligated to assist with management of local roads outside of scope of project.</p> <p>DvD met with Council and they advocated for assistance to manage local road network at Butlers Road due to the higher traffic volumes experienced during the works. MRPV continuing to meet regularly with Council to discuss speed limits and other road safety concerns.</p> <p>It was asked if traffic lights and turning arrows can be tweaked to suit community needs at the Aqueduct Road leg of the Diamond Creek Road/Yan Yean Road intersection. DvD said that signal sequencing and lane configuration at Aqueduct Road will be reviewed once operational, as currently there is still widening work occurring on the Yan Yean Road northbound leg of the intersection.</p> <p>AT said that the PCAG met with Councillor Grant Booker and took a drive down Heard Avenue with Senior Sergeant Wayne Spence. The drive through highlighted various issues, most of which were addressed very quickly.</p>
8.2	Provide update on the Plenty church building restoration	CA	8 April 2019	Closed	<p>DvD told the group that artist impressions had been done. Council is happy with proposed refurbishment works. Access to building will be DDA compliant.</p> <p>One artist impression was printed in February/March community update newsletter distributed to 4,600 residents in Plenty and Yarrambat.</p> <p>ME is concerned about the height of the building. DvD said there'll be a further survey, but it won't be lowered. It'll look different with landscaping and regrading of the soil around the building and based boards on the stumps.</p> <p>DvD told they group that MRPV will meet with the Plenty Historical Society within the next two to three weeks to discuss progress and next steps for the church building restoration.</p>

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9.1	Look into Westgarth Street and Browns Lane and make sure both roads can handle the current volume of traffic using them safely	DvD	8 April 2019	Closed	Answered in Action 6.1
9.2	Explore options to open up two lanes from Aqueduct Road onto Yan Yean Road	DvD	8 April 2019	Closed	Refer comments in Action 6.1. DvD also explained that the issue is the relocation of a Telstra node in Zone 1. Cannot complete works in the area until the asset has been safely relocated.
9.3	Update the group on the seed balls initiative	CC	8 April 2019	Open	CC and TH (MRPV Senior Environmental Officer) liaising with Yarrambat Primary School. Seed balls workshop will be included in middle school STEM program. CC to update CRG with further details at next meeting.
9.4	Discuss unsafe local roads with Nillumbik Council to combat speeding, overuse and safety concerns	DvD	8 April 2019	Closed	Council has been advised by DvD of concerns raised by the CRG and will continue to monitor and review.

Key discussion points

Agenda item	Discussion summary
Item 1 – Welcome and apologies	NF an apology. CC unable to attend this evening, CI attending instead. As discussed at last meeting, BM no longer participating in CRG. WB and NK to speak about Stage 2 Yan Yean Road Upgrade this evening.
Item 2 – Confirming the agenda	Agenda confirmed with group.
Item 3 – Stage 1 project update	DvD said that the River Avenue closure to upgrade the intersection of River Avenue and Yan Yean Road was successful. River Avenue is now open. Browns Lane intersection closed on 1 April to be upgraded. Once reopened in mid-May, the other side of the intersection (Faneco Road) will close to complete the intersection upgrade. The Kurrag Road intersection will be upgraded differently to the others. The plan is to avoid a hard closure and allow one lane to continue operating in each direction on Yan Yean Road. Upgrade would take place over a three-week construction blitz with day, night and weekend works included.

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	<p>ME said GPS maps did not reflect the changes to the Memorial Drive intersection and it resulted in confusion for road users. ME believes MRPV need to advise mapping companies and other relevant stakeholders of changes in road configuration.</p> <p>ME said it seems lately that more road users are coming west from Plenty Road.</p> <p>JJ said that traffic in the project area has been okay despite some road congestion. JJ thinks that turning right into Faneco Road is a bit dangerous at the moment for northbound traffic. DvD agreed to look into it.</p> <p>ME asked if the detention basins being installed as part of the project will have barbed wire as well as a mesh fence to protect the public. MRPV to look into fencing design and report back to the group at the next CRG meeting.</p> <p>ME asked if the indented bus stops won't have shelters, but the on-road bus stops will have shelters because it appears that way in the connectivity map available on the website. DvD said he would confirm the number of bus stops with bus shelters at the next meeting.</p> <p>DvD to find out more about adequate street lighting at Sunrise Drive and McLachlan Lane.</p>
Item 4 – Stage 2 project update	<p>WB shared with the group that Stage 2 is working through the EES process, including figuring out what the scoping requirement is. MRPV priorities throughout this process are to narrow the project footprint and protect the Swift Parrot. Once the scoping documents are finalised, the next step is to go out for public comment. This will be followed by a public consultation process. The Panel hearings will likely take place in February or March next year. MRPV need to think through every conceivable option in order to ensure the impact to the environment is minimal. The road we construct has to cater to 2031 predicted growth and traffic volumes.</p> <p>JJ said that Ben Matters' replacement is Dimuth Gammampila (Dimmi). DG may attend future CRG meetings to speak about Stage 2 Yan Yean Road Upgrade.</p> <p>WB told the group residents in Stage 2 project area will still need to have septic tanks, no opportunity to upgrade area to high pressure sewerage system as part of Stage 2 Yan Yean Road Upgrade.</p> <p>NK acknowledged that the Stage 2 footprint is larger than the Stage 1 footprint, so more tree and vegetation removal will be required for Stage 2 compared to Stage 1.</p> <p>NK received notice from the Federal Government that there needs to be an EPBC controlled action for Swift Parrot as well as the EES.</p> <p>NK told the group that a Technical Reference Group (TRG) has been formed. The second TRG meeting is happening tomorrow.</p>
Item 5 – Enviro update	<p>NK told the group that the root balls and some habitat logs had been sent to Corangamite Catchment Management Authority last week to be placed in the Barwon River to provide natural habitat for fish in the waterways. Fish like the complexity of the gnarled root balls.</p> <p>NK shared that local chainsaw artist Leigh Conkie has commenced working on the timber totems. Arborists - Reynolds, have begun working on timber benches. Community consultation report on preferred locations to be provided to landscape architects as guidance. Landscape architects to make recommendations for placement based on expertise and community preference.</p> <p>NK updated everyone that initial one-on-one consultations for the private planting initiative began in December 2018 and will be finished in a couple of weeks. Planting for those participating</p>

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	<p>properties will begin when the weather is appropriate to plant. This is likely to be in June, once autumn break has occurred.</p> <p>ME said there is a lot of timber at the Sutherland Road stockpile area but no evidence of it being used within the community. DvD responded that community groups had received their donated timber and the majority of the remaining timber will be utilised during the landscaping phase of the project.</p>
Item 6 – Key discussion topic	Autumn/winter construction blitz and accelerated works program for Stage 1 Yan Yean Road Upgrade discussed as part of Item 3.
Item 7 – Other business	<p>JJ asked what MRPV are planning to do with the old bus shelters, as Yarrambat Pony Club could make use of two of them if they're available. MRPV exploring with asset owners (JC Decaux etc.)</p> <p>ME raised that some residents have been surprised with the levels and heights of things being built. It's been difficult for people to visualise until they've seen it right in front of them.</p> <p>Figures of trees and vegetation removed and for timber reuse to be communicated to the group at the next meeting.</p> <p>ME requested that MRPV put dates on future maps produced.</p>
Item 8 – Close	<p>WB ran through the actions that arose from the meeting. The group confirmed the actions.</p> <p>WB asked group about an alternative date for June meeting, as 10 June is Queens Birthday holiday. Group agreed next meeting would take place on 3 June.</p> <p>WB confirmed the next CRG meeting would be scheduled for 3 June 2019.</p> <p><i>Meeting concluded 8pm</i></p>

Actions - new

#	Action	Owner/s	Due
9.3	Update the group on the seed balls initiative	CC	3 June 2019
10.1	Look into safety of right hand turns into Faneco Road currently	DvD	3 June 2019
10.2	Find out if fencing and barbed wire will be used to protect the detention basins being installed on Stage 1	CA	3 June 2019
10.3	Confirm number of bus stops with and without shelters to be installed	DvD	3 June 2019
10.4	Explore street lighting between Sunrise Drive and McLachlans Lane	DvD	3 June 2019

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10.5	Share tree removal and reuse figures with the group at the next CRG meeting	NK	3 June 2019
10.6	Organise 3 June CRG meeting at Rivers of Yarrambat	CC	30 April 2019