

Meeting minutes

Date:	5 December 2023	Time:	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Location:	Quest Moorabbin		
Program:	Suburban Rail Loop		
Title:	Heatherton Community Reference Group		
Meeting Number:	4		
Chair:	Kim Jordan		

In-person attendees (Name, Organisation)	Apologies (Name, Organisation)
Andrew Dawson, Residents Against Inappropriate Development	Dishan Rajaratnam, Heatherton Christian College
Brenton Shaughnessy, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)	Giuseppe Sottile, Community representative
Carol Dawson, Residents Against Inappropriate Development	Guy Davidson, Community representative
Hugh Rutledge, SRLA	Julian Birthisel, Kingston City Council (KCC)
Jenna Brady, Laing O'Rourke (LOR)	Online attendees (Name, Organisation)
Kelsey Southwood, SRLA	Andrew Taylor, Kingston Heath Golf Club
Kim Jordan, Independent Chair	Michael Lanigan, SRLA
Mark Lawson, SRLA	Michelle Hornstein, Kingston Residents Association
Martin Powles, Community representative	Simon Cox, SRLA
Meng Heang Tak MP of the District of Clarinda	
Nicole Ekert, LOR	
Ryan Parker, SRLA	
Salvatore Valvo, LOR	

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#	Discussion
1.	<p>Introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Jordan (KJ) welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country. • SRLA recapped previous actions, noting that pending future presentation opportunities would be organised for future CRG meetings. • A community member expressed concern regarding early closure of the 631 bus route by Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA to follow up with DTP regarding a presentation at a future CRG meeting • A community member enquired when a presentation on air, dust, noise and vibration assessments could be provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA advised this can occur next meeting • SRLA responded to a question from a CRG community representative asked outside of the meeting, confirming all trains running along the SRL East rail line will run above ground between the eastern and western tunnel portals at the stabling facility. • A community member asked what level the tracks between the portals would be laid at. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA noted to date there have been no changes to the detailed design presented in a previous CRG session. • A community member queried why live air monitoring data is published for other areas along the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) alignment, but not Heatherton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA responded that air quality monitoring reports are required once Early Works commence as required under the Environmental Management Framework (EMF). SRLA advised Heatherton reports will be published from December 2023. ○ SRLA clarified that works to date in Heatherton have been part of the Initial Works scope, not Early Works.
2.	<p>Presentation from SRLA and project contractors, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement milestones • An overview of the scope of Works Package C (WPC), the first tunnelling contract from Cheltenham to Glen Waverley • Initial and Early Works (IEW) in Heatherton: site establishment, site investigations and tunnel access structure construction • Tree removal along Dingley Bypass • Traffic impacts in Heatherton • Bentonite plant construction • Time lapse camera installation • SRL construction milestones in 2023 • 2024 lookahead for rail infrastructure, SRL East structure planning and Heatherton specifically. <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: SRLA to provide the CRG with links to the Draft Precinct Visions. • A community member asked how community enquiries would be handled across multiple contractors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA responded that a central call centre would remain, with SRLA continuing to provide a coordinating role. ○ SRLA added that there is evidence of this model working effectively on other projects across Melbourne, including the Metro Tunnel Project. • A community member enquired how construction impacts would be mitigated for residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA responded that mitigation strategies would be implemented as future contractors are onboarded and works delivery programs are confirmed.

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- A community member added they would like a proactive mitigation strategy.
- A community member asked how soil is treated during tunnelling and if spoil would be removed at the stabling facility.
 - SRLA explained the process of soil treatment and removal during tunnelling, confirming that spoil would come to surface at the stabling facility from the western and eastern tunnel portals.
- A community member enquired if contaminated soil from Sir William Fry Reserve (SWFR) would be reused at the stabling facility.
 - SRLA confirmed no spoil from SWFR would be transported to or reused in Heatherton.
- A community member queried if asbestos containing material was likely to be discovered when tunnelling between the stabling facility and Clayton.
 - SRLA responded that the SRL tunnel alignment was chosen to avoid intersecting landfills by passing beneath them in natural soil.
 - SRLA advised that asbestos containing material was found in the EES for the stabling facility location. It was noted there would likely be more asbestos containing material found in future.
 - **Action: SRLA to provide links to EES references to asbestos containing material in Heatherton.**
- A community member asked if recent site investigations around Nicholas Grove and Kingston Road were related to WPC.
 - SRLA noted the recent site investigations are related to IEW.
- A community member enquired if there were currently any changes to tunnelling construction design
 - SRLA responded that once the contract is awarded, any changes to scope can be presented to the CRG, noting the preferred bidder for WPC has a strong focus on mitigating surface impacts.
 - **Action: WPC contractor to present to the CRG in early 2024 on any changes to the WPC design.**
- A community member provided feedback on recent traffic management along Kingston Road, expressing concern traffic control was not in place at the intersection of Kingston Road and Nicholas Grove for local resident access.
 - LOR agreed to in future request traffic control – if deemed necessary – in addition to traffic management from DTP, noting DTP is the regulatory body with the ultimate authority.
 - KJ requested the DTP rationale be provided to the CRG if DTP reject the request for traffic control
 - **Action: LOR to request traffic control – if deemed necessary - in addition to traffic management from DTP when forming traffic management plans along Kingston Road.**
- A community member enquired about the detour for the upcoming stage two site investigations on Old Dandenong Road.
 - LOR clarified the detour would be via Boundary Road and Dingley Bypass. A community notification will be provided in advance of the closure.
 - **Action: LOR to provide the CRG with estimated travel time increase for detour as part of stage two site investigations on Old Dandenong Road.**
- A community member asked what type of piling would be used to construct the tunnel access structure.
 - LOR noted diaphragm wall (D-wall) piling would be used which causes less vibration and noise than other piling methods.
- A community member asked where the bentonite plant would be located.
 - LOR responded it would be located near the current scaffold towers, just north of where the tunnel entrance will be built.
- A community member enquired if the bentonite plant would generate noise, and if it was part of the EES noise assessment.
 - LOR noted the bentonite plant for IEW – supporting eastern tunnel structure construction - would produce noise from a generator and would operate during the day only.
 - SRLA advised the bentonite plant would have been assessed in the EES but may be referred to as ‘tunnelling support equipment’ or similar.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: SRLA to provide the CRG with clarification of bentonite plan assessment in the EES. • A community member asked if a bentonite plant would be required when constructing the western tunnel portal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA noted the western tunnel portal will be constructed by Suburban Connect the WPC contractor. Detailed design elements can be provided to the CRG once contract is awarded ○ SRLA confirmed a bentonite plant would be constructed for the western portal. • KJ asked if the stabling facility design would be finalised in late-2024 when the relevant contract is awarded. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA noted more detailed design development on the stabling facility layout would likely begin once the contract is awarded for those works in 2025. SRLA will keep the CRG updated on progress. • A community member enquired when the western portal site establishment would begin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA noted site establishment for the western portal section of the site would begin in mid-late 2024. ○ LOR noted there have currently been no changes to the initial designs for site establishment near the western tunnel portal. • A community member asked how acquisition of the future stabling facility site will affect management of Kingston Walk Linear Reserve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA noted the management of Kingston Walk Linear Reserve after acquisition is still being confirmed, with an update to be provided before or at the next CRG. ○ Action: SRLA to notify the CRG when SRLA takes possession of the future stabling facility site ○ Action: SRLA to provide an update on Kingston Walk Linear Reserve. • A community member asked if the site on Henry Street was planned to be used for the SRL project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA responded the Henry Street site is not to be used for major construction – but may require some works for landscaping and fencing improvements in future. ○ Action: Meng Heang Tak MP to take on notice a question of when the Henry Street site will be available for public use as open space. • A community member asked if asbestos related air monitoring reports would be made available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA noted that air quality monitoring and monitoring specific to asbestos removal are separate. The air quality monitoring report will not include information on asbestos monitoring. ○ SRLA clarified that asbestos monitoring information is provided to WorkSafe Victoria at their request. ○ LOR added WorkSafe Victoria and the Environment Protection Authority have visited the Heatherton site a number of times to conduct audits, and SRLA is required to notify WorkSafe Victoria when asbestos-containing material (ACM) is identified. ○ Action: SRLA to investigate if asbestos monitoring information can be provided to the CRG. • A community member queried SRLA's role in managing dirt mounds on the Lantrak site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA responded SRLA has no power over how privately owned facilities operate. • LOR noted a missing truck ban sign on Nicholas Grove has been replaced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: LOR to remind current workforce of rules regarding trucks on Nicholas Grove and Golf View Road. • SRLA noted a presentation on community support measures during works can be provided at the next CRG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: SRLA to present on community support measures at the next CRG, including notification requirements. ○ Action: SRLA to circulate community support guidelines information previously provided to a CRG member to the broader CRG. • A community member noted concern regarding the Voluntary Purchase Scheme (VPS) and asked for clarity regarding acquisition timing.


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KJ shared an anecdote highlighting the differences between voluntary and compulsory purchase schemes. ○ Action: SRLA to confirm if stamp duty is covered for interstate home purchases as part of the VPS. ● SRLA encouraged CRG members to direct residents with questions regarding the VPS to SRLA's dedicated landowner support representative, including those outside the immediate zone. ● SRLA encouraged CRG members to direct any questions about the VPS to SRLA – not other government departments such as the State Revenue Office – to ensure timely provision of accurate information. ● A community member enquired about public open space offset from the stabling facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA clarified SRLA's obligations regarding public open space offset, noting SRLA's management plan is separate to any public open space developments underway by Kingston City Council. ● A community member enquired about truck movement on roads during construction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA explained Environmental Performance Requirements for truck movement on roads, noting contractors must demonstrate specific criteria to receive an exemption for out of hours work. ○ SRLA explained the community notification timeframes required for out of hours work. ○ Action: LOR to confirm new CRG members' email addresses are on the notification distribution list. ● A community member noted they have not received any text messages from the Heatherton SMS notification channel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: LOR to investigate SMS notification and manually add CRG members if required.
3.	<p>Closing items and next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KJ thanked CRG members for their attendance in 2023. ● KJ confirmed Tuesdays are an appropriate day for CRG meetings in 2024. ● SRLA confirmed meeting dates for 2024 will be provided early 2024.

Actions

#	Previous Actions	Owner	Due	Status
1.	SRLA and Kingston City Council to discuss ownership of drainage pit mentioned in the CRG.	SRLA	Future CRG	Pending
2.	Future presentation opportunities: 1. Air, dust, noise and vibration assessments- LOR/SRLA 2. Flood modelling 3. Eastern Portal excavation construction methodology 4. 631 bus route – Department of Transport and Planning.	SRLA	Future CRGs	Pending
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3.	SRLA to provide the CRG with links to the Draft Precinct Visions.	SRLA	ASAP	Pending
4.	SRLA to provide links to EES references to asbestos containing material in Heatherton.	SRLA	ASAP	Pending
5.	WPC contractor to present to the CRG in early 2024 on any changes to the WPC design.	SRLA	Future CRG	Pending
6.	LOR to request traffic control – if deemed necessary - in addition to traffic management from DTP when forming traffic management plans along Kingston Road.	LOR	Future CRG	Ongoing
7.	LOR to provide the CRG with estimated travel time increase for detour as part of stage two site investigations on Old Dandenong Road.	LOR	ASAP	Pending
8.	SRLA to provide the CRG with clarification of bentonite plant assessment in the EES.	SRLA	ASAP	Pending
9.	SRLA to notify the CRG when SRLA takes possession of the future stabling facility site.	SRLA	Next CRG	Pending
10.	SRLA to provide an update on Kingston Walk Linear Reserve	SRLA	Before or at next CRG	Pending
11.	Meng Heang Tak MP to confirm when the Henry Street site will be available for public use as open space.	Meng Heang Tak MP	ASAP	Pending
12.	SRLA to investigate if asbestos monitoring information can be presented in a future CRG.	SRLA	Future CRG	Pending
13.	LOR to remind current workforce of rules regarding trucks on Nicholas Grove and Golf View Road.	LOR	ASAP	Closed
14.	SRLA to present on community support measures at the next CRG, including notification requirements.	SRLA	Next CRG	Pending
15.	SRLA to circulate community support guidelines information previously provided to a CRG member to the broader CRG.	SRLA	ASAP	Pending
16.	SRLA to confirm if stamp duty is covered for interstate home purchases as part of the VPS	SRLA	ASAP	Pending
17.	LOR to confirm new CRG members' email addresses are on the notification distribution list.	LOR	ASAP	Closed
18.	LOR to investigate SMS notification and manually add CRG members if required.	LOR	ASAP	Closed

Actions & responses

1	<p>Action: SRLA and Kingston City Council to discuss ownership of drainage pit mentioned in the CRG</p> <p>Response: Kingston City Council advised the drain is owned by Department of Transport and Planning.</p>
2	<p>Action: Future presentation opportunities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Air, dust, noise and vibration assessments- LOR/SRLA 5. Flood modelling 6. Eastern Portal excavation construction methodology 7. 631 bus route – Department of Transport and Planning 8. Air quality monitoring process and measures implemented or actioned to address high readings - LOR <p>Response: Noted, these topics will be presented at future meetings.</p>
4	<p>Action: SRLA to provide the CRG with links to the Draft Precinct Visions.</p> <p>Response: SRL is more than just a rail project. The Project presents an opportunity to plan for the future of the neighbourhoods around SRL stations – to create thriving centres with quality housing options, services and job opportunities close to home. We are currently consulting the community on the draft vision for the six future SRL Stations, including Cheltenham Station.</p> <p>The community can view the draft visions and provide feedback online via https://www.srleastvisions.com.au/</p>
5	<p>Action: SRLA to provide links to EES references to asbestos containing material in Heatherton.</p> <p>Response: Asbestos was detected in the soil around the site of the eastern tunnel structure. This appears in documentation that was published as part of the EES and can still be found on the website</p> <p>You can find the relevant document searching for the 'Contaminated Land Impact Assessment' in the search bar on the SRL East EES website.</p> <p>The relevant section of the report noting the find can be found on page 659 of 4272, field ID SRL20-TP045/2003.</p>
6	<p>Action: WPC contractor to present to the CRG in early 2024 on any changes to the WPC design.</p> <p>Response: Noted, Suburban Connect will present to the CRG in 2024, including any changes to the Tunnels South scope or design.</p>
7	<p>Action: LOR to request traffic control in addition to traffic management from DTP when forming traffic management plans along Kingston Road.</p> <p>Response: The matter of supplying additional traffic controllers to facilitate access to residential streets is under consideration by LOR.</p>
8	<p>Action: LOR to provide the CRG with estimated travel time increase for detour as part of stage two site investigations on Old Dandenong Road.</p> <p>Response: The estimated travel time the detours will add for the site investigation works taking place at the intersection of Old Dandenong Road and Kingston Road in January are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 1-2 minutes for motorists travelling eastbound and detouring via Dingley Bypass • Approximately 10 minutes for motorists travelling westbound via Warrigal Road.

<p>9</p>	<p>Action: SRLA to provide the CRG with clarification of bentonite plant assessment in the EES.</p> <p>Response: Reference to Bentonite plants supporting TBMs (from an airborne noise assessment perspective) is considered in the build-up of noise-emitting items considered in "TBM build and launch" and "Tunnel excavation" contained within EES Technical Appendix C.2 Airborne Noise Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Figure DSC6.7 in the Environment Effects Statement outlines the proposed stabling facility construction site layout. This includes the bentonite plants circled in red.</p> 
<p>10</p>	<p>Action: SRLA to notify the CRG when SRLA takes possession of the future stabling facility site.</p> <p>Response: SRLA will advise at future CRG meetings.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Action: SRLA to provide an update on Kingston Walk Linear Reserve.</p> <p>Response: We can confirm the Kingston Walk Linear Reserve will remain open to the community for the duration of construction of SRL East.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Action: Meng Heang Tak MP to confirm when the Henry Street site will be available for public use as open space.</p> <p>Response: Meng Heang Tak MP will provide an update at the next CRG meeting.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Action: SRLA to investigate if asbestos monitoring reports can be provided to community.</p> <p>Response: Reports related to asbestos removal are typically highly technical in nature as they are intended to inform WorkSafe and EPA Victoria to ensure works are undertaken in accordance with regulations and guidelines.</p> <p>A third-party occupational hygienist, WorkSafe Victoria and the EPA have assessed the reports and confirmed the planned works and control measures in place are not dangerous or expected to pose health or safety risks to the workers or the local community.</p> <p>We will keep the community updated as works continue in forums such as the Community Reference Group and by regular works notifications.</p>

14	<p>Action: LOR to remind current workforce of rules regarding trucks on Nicholas Grove and Golf View Road.</p> <p>Response: LOR reminded their workforce and truck drivers at pre-start on 12 December not to use Nicholas Grove and Golfview Road for access to site.</p>
15	<p>Action: SRLA to present on community support measures at the next CRG, including notification requirements.</p> <p>Response: Noted, this will be presented at the next CRG meeting.</p>
16	<p>Action: SRLA to circulate community support guidelines information previously provided to a CRG member to the broader CRG.</p> <p>Response: SRL has developed the SRL East Residential Support Guidelines. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a framework for SRLA and it's contractors to address residual impacts on residential amenity, once all reasonably practicable on-site (at the source) mitigation measures have been applied. These guidelines are available on the SRL East website: https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/suburban-rail-loop/planning/srl-east-residential-support-guidelines</p>
17	<p>Action: SRLA to confirm if stamp duty is covered for interstate home purchases as part of the VPS</p> <p>Response: As long as all other criteria and terms in the VPS tool kit are met, property owners may request a reimbursement for the stamp duty incurred for a property purchased interstate. Should there be a discrepancy between the rates that each state requires, the lower rate calculation of the two will be applied.</p>
18	<p>Action: LOR to confirm new CRG members' email addresses are on the notification distribution list.</p> <p>Response: LOR has confirmed all CRG member email addresses are on the notification distribution list.</p>
19	<p>Action: LOR to investigate SMS notification and manually add CRG members if required.</p> <p>Response: LOR have confirmed CRG stakeholders who have opted into the SMS notification service are subscribed.</p>