



# **Meeting Minutes**

Date: 11 March 2025
Program: Suburban Rail Loop

Title: Glen Waverley Precinct Reference Group (PRG)

**Location:** Glen Waverley Secondary College

Meeting Number: 14

Chairs: Noël Jones (GHD) & John Mullahy MP

Minute Taker: Shashika Pathiranage (SRLA)

Attendees	Apologies		
<ul> <li>John Mullahy MP for Glen Waverley, Co-Chair</li> <li>Noël Jones, GHD, Facilitator, Co-Chair</li> <li>David Schulz, Community representative</li> <li>John Taylor, Waverley RSL</li> <li>Sarah Maguire, Glen Waverley Traders Association (GWTA)</li> <li>Suzanne Plant, Glen Waverley Secondary College</li> <li>Matthew Veale, Monash City Council</li> <li>Lachlan Wolff, Monash City Council</li> <li>Nirupa Logeswaran, Management Committee for IKON</li> <li>Ai-Lin Chang, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)</li> <li>Simon Wollan, SRLA</li> <li>Terresa Parish, SRLA</li> <li>Shashika Pathiranage, SRLA</li> <li>Ellen O'Donohue, Laing O'Rourke (LOR)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Greg Male, Community representative</li> <li>Sascha Schubiger, Vicinity Centres</li> <li>Mitchell Zadow, Glen Waverley Traders Association and Sharrock Pitman Legal</li> <li>Eric Wegman, Campbell Place Aged Care</li> </ul>		

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	Noël Jones (NJ) delivered the Acknowledgment of Country, introductions of meeting attendees and meeting agenda.     NJ sought an update on the meeting's outstanding actions.      Railway Parade North (RPN) signage –this was investigated by Laing O'Rourke (LOR) however no further signage can be provided due to space and site capacity constraints.      Traffic flow management in Kingsway – LOR noted the installation of the boom-gate on the corner of Myrtle Street and Bogong Avenue to ease congestion, with no new issues noted.      John Taylor (JT) raised two queries regarding the overarching wayfinding and car parking signage strategy in the Glen Waverley area and what actions will be undertaken when the Bogong Avenue Car Park works are completed to manage wayfinding and car parking. Matthew Veale (MV) acknowledged the concerns regarding the visibility of the wayfinding and signage and noted this is being worked through and addressed by Monash City Council (MCC). JT questioned if any updated signage would be funded by MCC, MV confirmed MCC would look to fund this. JT asked if Council could provide an update on their plans at the next meeting. MV confirmed that the opening of the Bogong Avenue	NJ/ JM











Car Park is scheduled for mid-year. Sarah Maguire (SM) noted that she has been told by MCC that the car park's re-opening date would be in April 2025 and that the Glen Waverley traders would be sensitive to any further extensions. MV noted that mid-2025 is the date that has been publicly communicated, but construction is targeted to conclude prior to Easter. SM noted the Glen Waverley Trader's Association (GWTA) board and MCC will meet prior to the completion of the car park works.

 John Mullahy (JM) noted he has been talking to MCC regarding this matter and is waiting for a formal response from MCC.

#### Works update

- LOR provided an overview of current and upcoming works in Glen Waverley, including:
  - LOR noted the utility relocation works taking place in stages on Myrtle Street, Montclair Avenue, Railway Parade North (RPN) and Coleman Parade. Ellen confirmed that Coleman Parade and Montclair Avenue will not be concurrently closed during the initial and early works package.
  - LOR confirmed that RPN works that are targeted for completion in mid-2025 are on track.
  - LOR noted the Waverley RSL (WRSL), and Montclair Avenue car parks were returned in early-March, with further commissioning works in the Montclair Avenue car park.
  - LOR noted the targeted mid-2025 reopening of the realigned Myrtle Street.
    - JT asked about the traffic movements at the intersections of Bogong Avenue and Montclair Avenue and Bogong Avenue and Myrtle Street, raising concerns that potential traffic congestion may occur once the road is re-aligned, and that entirety of Myrtle Street will not be fully re-aligned. SRLA raised that the primary reason for Myrtle Street (between Coleman Parade and Montclair Avenue) being realigned is to provide additional surface space for the future SRLA Glen Waverley and the full re-alignment of Myrtle Street is not part of SRLA works. SRLA had previously undertaken traffic studies on upgrading the Bogong Avenue and Myrtle Street intersection, but these studies indicated that a two way in/out intersection would marginally increase traffic congestion and not enhance traffic movements within the Glen Waverley precinct. JT reiterated concerns around future traffic congestion at the intersections of Bogong Avenue and Montclair Avenue and Bogong Avenue and Myrtle Street. SRLA agreed to provide a further update to JT regarding the traffic studies undertaken at the Myrtle Street and Bogong Avenue intersection.
    - SM raised concerns regarding the closed commuter car parks on Coleman Parade. LOR responded that these car parks will be returned once works commence on Montclair Avenue and Coleman Parade is re-opened in late April.
  - LOR noted site investigations will occur on Kingsway in March, which will include intermittent lane closures.
  - LOR noted the relocations of residents during the Montclair Avenue night works
  - LOR noted the WRSL signage for the sewer relocation works has been provided to the WRSL. JT confirmed this was received and was pleased with the outcome, as well as the car parks being returned earlier than expected.
  - David Schulz (DS) queried if additional security measures are offered to the properties that have been relocated.
    - LOR noted that during the night works, site staff and security are aware of any relocated properties and monitor for uncommon activity.
  - SRLA noted Terra Verde (TV) has been appointed as the Tunnels North Contractor, and site investigations are expected to commence from April

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2025 starting in Mount Waverley Emergency Support Facility (ESF) site. SRLA noted that those impacted by site investigation works will be contacted ahead of these works commencing.

 SRLA noted there may be interface between the LOR and TV activities, particularly in Glen Waverley, and this is being carefully worked through to minimise impacts.

### **Engagement Update**

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- Trader engagement
  - SRLA noted the trader check-ins are being carried out by LOR, with particular focus on the RPN traders.
  - SRLA provided an overview of the support from SRLA including recent activities during the Glen Waverley Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival, with SRLA giving away around 560 vouchers for local trader at the event.
  - SRLA noted the additional VMS signage directing visitors to the Euneva Car Park.
  - SRLA introduced the 'Explore and Win' trader support activation. TP summarised the engagement with traders to date and noted it has been overall well-received by the traders.
  - SRLA raised that SRLA is developing a '24 hours in Glen Waverley' web article which spotlight and share information about Glen Waverley traders.
  - SM raised that crime, particularly youth crime, is a front-of-mind issue presently for the traders and traders have noted a rise in crime-related activities. SM also raised concerns of homelessness in the area.

DS asked if it was possible for site crews to be mindful of this, particularly with night works activities. DS also noted that the Bogong Avenue Car Park may bring in larger volumes of visitors in Glen Waverley and this may need additional security support.

 LOR noted they can inform the site teams to maintain awareness of the current circumstances.

• Engagement update

- SRLA noted that SRLA hosted a pop-up at Hamilton Place Shopping Village to raise awareness of upcoming activities at the ESF site and a stall at the Glen Waverley Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival.
- SRLA noted the upcoming exhibition period for SRLA's structure planning process and engagement activities in Glen Waverley.
  - SRLA noted that the structure planning materials were released two weeks ahead of the exhibition period to allow for community members and stakeholders more time to review and understand the plans.

## Structure planning update

- SRLA provided an update on SRLA's structure planning process, including:
  - SRLA provided an overview of the timelines of the plans, the current stage
    of the plans and how community feedback to date has shaped the draft
    structure plans.
  - SRLA provided an overview of the structure and content of the plans.

 DS noted it was pleasing to see SRLA responding to the feedback for a further 'step down' of heights in Glen Waverley.

- DS raised the importance of communicating with the traders and community regarding any potential planning or property changes.
- DS noted that the character of Kingsway is centred around it's fine-grain, low density shop-front style and SRLA should consider how this character is preserved in the draft plans.
- SM raised that an increase in heights along Kingsway doesn't necessarily correlate to a deterioration in character or liveability,

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noting that the recently opened Kingsway Central building is an example of a medium-density project that doesn't detract from the existing character of Glen Waverley and enhances the dining and entertainment options in the area.

- DS agreed that there is a need for more mixed-use buildings in Glen Waverley
- SRLA noted that the growth of Glen Waverley is perceived as a Melbourne success story.
- SRLA explained the implementation plan demonstrates the pathway to delivering the vision including proposing responsibilities for delivering on the items listed within the structure plan.
- SRLA explained the theme of *Enriching Community* including social housing and diversity.
- JM queried whether educational infrastructure has been considered in plans. SRLA has worked with the Department of Education (DoE) to project future population needs and infrastructure needs.
  - Suzanne Plant (SP) noted that Glen Waverley Secondary College is at maximum student capacity.
- SRLA explained the *Boosting Economy* theme with a particular focus on the economic opportunities along the Springvale Road.
- SRLA explained the theme *Enhancing Place* noting this theme explains how the interface of built form and public realm is proposed to be managed.
- SRLA raised the theme of **Better Connections** noting this theme seeks to encourage ease of moment around the precinct, with consideration for the families of the future and active transport trends.
  - DS noted that there is an aging population in Glen Waverley and there will be older members of the community who are unable to use a car.
- SRLA explained the *Empowering Sustainability* theme, consistently improving building sustainability and better managing water, waste and energy use, aligned across all precincts.
- SRLA provided a further overview on how the community feedback was addressed in the plans.
  - DS queried what open space would be included as part of the SRLA Glen Waverley station.
  - SRLA responded that the detailed designs of all SRLA stations will be developed in the future and subject to a separate process.
- SRLA provided an overview of the upcoming community engagement activities for community members to attend and ask questions about the plans.
- SRLA noted that SRLA are seeking public submissions on the draft structure plans between March 17 to April 22, 2025.
  - DS suggested gathering images of Glen Waverley from the past to demonstrate the growth and change within Glen Waverley to date.
  - JT noted that in the structure plans, no upgrades to the existing Glen Waverley station are included. SW noted that the draft structure plans note the changing transport needs of the future Glen Waverley community and make recommendations on future transport infrastructure. JT raised his view that the outcomes of the structure planning will not be realised if the transport integration outcomes are not delivered.
  - SRLA reviewing the feedback from the community and using the feedback to shape the final plans.











### **Questions and actions**

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- MV to provide an update at the next PRG meeting on the Bogong Car Park signage and wayfinding.
- SRLA to provide an update to JT on the traffic studies undertaken for the Bogong Avenue and Myrtle Street intersection.

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 LOR to update LOR site crews on current trader concerns, including crime and its associated impacts on the traders and security in the area.

Meeting closed 5:25pm.

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New Actions							
1.	PRG	MV to provide an update at the next PRG meeting on the Bogong Car Park signage and wayfinding.	Complete	MV			
2.	JT	SRLA to provide an update to JT on the traffic studies undertaken for the Bogong Avenue and Myrtle Street intersection.	Complete	SRLA			
3.	LOR	LOR to update site crews on current trader concerns, including crime and its associated impacts on the traders and security in the area.	Complete	LOR			





