

21 November 2023



Meeting Minutes

Southern Business Liaison Group

Date	21/11/2023	Time	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	8 of 2023
Location	Veneto Club	Minute taker	Andrew McGlade

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Milan Dhruve (MD)	Spark, Project Manager
Soula Grouios (SG)	Arthurs Fish & Chips Bulleen	Cam Giardina (CG)	Commercial Property Owner
Mia McMahon (MMc)	Spark, Manager Community Engagement	Nathan McAvaney (NM)	Topgear Cycles
Christine Gibbins (CG)	Manningham Council	Frank Freschi (FF)	Veneto Club
Renato Marnich (RM)	NELP, Trader Engagement Specialist	Jacqueline Weedon	NELP, Project Support Officer
Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	Spark, Senior Communications Advisor: Manningham	Nic Morton (NMo)	NELP, Senior Stakeholder Relations and Communications Advisor
Andrew McGlade (AM)	NELP, Stakeholder Relations and Communications Advisor		

Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Clare Davey (CD)	Boorondara City Council	Alison Tobias (AT)	Alot of Good Stuff
Andrea Lomdahl (AL)	Boroondara City Council	Hudson Brown (HB)	The French Lettuce
Bruce Plain (BP)	Bulleen Art & Garden		

Actions – previous

No.	Date raised	Action/Issue	Owner	Status	Date closed
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Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged apologies Introduced guests: N/A Confirmed previous meeting minutes read and adopted Actions: none outstanding
Milan Dhruve (MD)	<p>Presentation covering overview of Manningham and Bulleen site activities using drone footage, 8 week work lookahead, Bulleen Road diversion update</p>
Mia McMahon (MMc)	<p>SG Where does Bulleen Rd closure start? 24 November to early December. MD: All shops are remain open and accessible during the road closure.</p>
Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	<p>Members discussed current VMS messaging. Want more clarity that shops are open. Proposed additional boards, more fixed signs with a single message, and better wording of messages. MMc: We are working on new messaging and members will be updated by the end of the week.</p>
	<p>CG updates that Austin St carpark plans have been approved by council - parking signs on the way.</p>
	<p>SG: Raised concerns about utility works and past impacts caused by these. Concerned about power going off overnight and spoiling stock. IZ: Our utility works are at night and we are connecting water. Utility services will notify about planned outage if they're working nearby. One benefit of them working during the day is that they get the job completed quicker.</p>
	<p>NM: At times Noelle Street is blocked off by utility workers and there is not always forewarning. MMc: We are requesting 2 week look ahead's and trying to get advance notice from providers so we can inform you. Some businesses have had success calling utility services and getting further information on the day.</p>
	<p>CG: Local resident is trying to close Noelle Street access from Manningham Road MMc: We understand Noelle Street needs to stay open due to it being a commerical road. Resident has been advised to go through council. We are working with providers to re-educate drivers and telling them to avoid Noelle Street.</p>
	<p>FF: There is still a lot of dust and we are going into a dry summer. SG: Shops look unappealing to customers given the dust impacts MMc: Recognise dust has become a big concern, and there are current mitigations on site to reduce dust impacts Can provide more detailed information at our next meeting as to what additional mitigations Spark are investigating to address these issues. Will explore additional cleaning request.</p>

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Andrew McGlade (AM)	<p>Presentation on Eastern Freeway Upgrades including project scope, overview of early works, compound establishment at Freeway Golf Course</p> <p>MM: Where does the busway run to? AM: Burke to Tram is the first six kilometres. An additional section will be delivered later. When complete it will go from Doncaster Park & Ride to Hoddle Street, via Bulleen Park & Ride.</p> <p>FF: What kind of barriers will be put in place during the freeway works? AM: They will be similar to those on other Big Build projects. We will ensure workers are kept safe.</p>
Renato Marnich (RM)	<p>Presentation on NELP Trader support including rebranding and new collateral, highlights from 2023 and 2024 lookahead</p> <p>FF: What about traders elsewhere? RM: Greythorn, Belle Vue traders have been reached out to. They've expressed an interest but may not join BLG until closer to beginning of construction</p>
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Other Business</p> <p>SG: Can project team help enhance Christmas spirit in Bulleen Road trader area? MMc: Spark can take on board request for Christmas decorations</p>
	<p>Next meeting 7 February 2024 Thanked SBLG members and presenters and closed the meeting at 7:01pm</p>

Actions – Short Term

No.	Date Raised	Action	Owner	Status	Update
SB-8.1	21/11/23	Share proposed new VMS messaging with BLG members	Mia	Closed	Actioned 24/11 email to SBLG members
SB-8.2	21/11/23	Discuss request for Christmas decorations with Council	Mia	Open	
SB-8.3	21/11/23	Spark to update the measures being taken to reduce dust from site	Mia	Open	
Sb-8.4	21/11/23	Spark to look into additional window and street cleaning for traders on Bulleen Road	Mia	Closed	Update 12/12 - cleaning request for traders shop fronts approved to be actioned in January. Ongoing cleaning mitigations to be explored.

Actions – Long Term

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Actions – Trader

Support

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Future Presentations

Scheduled Date	Date Raised	Topic	Owner	Update
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Additional information