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| **Date** | Tuesday 17 September 2019 | **Meeting No** | 14 |
| **Chair** | Jeni Coutts | **Time** | 7.30am – 9.00am |
| **Location** | Gallery Four, The Olsen | **Minutes** | Alana Clarke |

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| **Members** |  |
| *Present*   * Jeni Coutts [Chair] * Malcolm Ninnis, local resident * Jonathan Forbes, local resident * Nadia Ford, City of Stonnington * Nic Thomas, local resident * Tennessee Leeuwenburg, local resident   *Apologies*   * Graham Hoy, South Yarra Residents Association * Joy Manners, local resident | *Apologies*   * Tom Howgate, local resident * Kathy Dalton, local resident * James Robinson, local resident * Paul Bellette, Café Republic * Christopher Blain, South Yarra Village Residents Group * Ruth Speedy, Toorak Road South Yarra Business Association * Gillian Fraser, local resident |
| **In attendance** |  |
| *Present*   * Steve Denton, CYP * Remy Fowler, CYP * Tom Betts, RIA * Raphael Touzel, RIA * Andrew Roberts, RIA | * Kaity Munro, RIA * Ian Slater, RIA * Matilda Tonkin, RPV * Dusk Johnston, RPV * Alana Clarke [**Secretariat**] |

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| 1. | Welcome and introduction |
|  | Welcome from Jeni Coutts (Chair).  Matters arising:   * The Community Reference Group (CRG) discussed the Outstanding Actions and Issues Register. |
| 2. | Presentation from project contractors |
|  | Presentation by Steve Denton (CYP) and Raphael Touzel (RIA) on current and upcoming works.  Presentation by Tom Betts (RIA) and Remy Fowler (CYP) on community engagement, traffic and transport, and environmental management.  Matters arising:   * The CRG discussed de-watering in the precinct. RIA confirmed it is not expecting significant ground movement and confirmed it will continually monitor ground movement as de-watering begins. Nic Thomas asked whether de-watering would affect tree health in the precinct. The City of Stonnington (CoS) confirmed it is developing a strategy in conjunction with the Metro Tunnel Project to monitor and manage tree health. * Jonathan Forbes raised the timing of works notifications. A notification for a weekend road closure was issued the day before the closure, which was disruptive for those affected. The closure was subsequently cancelled without further notification. CYP apologised for the inconvenience and explained the timing of this proposed closure was affected by external circumstances, outside of the project’s control. CYP confirmed it will be more diligent in communicating these kinds of disruptions as soon as information becomes available and would provide direct updates to impacted residents when possible. |
| 4. | Environmental Management |
|  | Presentation by Ian Slater (RIA) and Andrew Roberts (RIA) on urban design.  Matters arising:   * The CRG discussed the William Street bridge design.   + Tennessee Leeuwenburg asked whether the bridge will accommodate heavy vehicles. RIA confirmed the design of the bridge primarily caters to lighter vehicles.   + Nic Thomas asked whether a suspension design for the bridge had been considered. RIA confirmed the structural requirements for a suspension bridge design would be incongruent with the current building heights in the precinct and would have a more significant visual impact than the current design.   + Malcolm Ninnis asked if the bridge design could be altered to be supported by piers set back on adjacent land, rather than the current vertical abutments. RIA confirmed this wouldn’t be possible as setting back the piers would require such a large area that it would impede on private properties.   + The CRG discussed the options assessment process for reinstating the William Street bridge, including consideration of not reinstating the bridge. RIA confirmed options for bridge reinstatement were evaluated during RPV’s early design stage. RPV agreed to present further on project scoping process undertaken at the time it was determined to reinstate the bridge.   + Jonathan Forbes queried the purpose of anti-throw screen requirements given the structure of other bridges in the area. RIA explained that newly built infrastructure is subject to more stringent safety regulations than existing infrastructure.   + The CRG expressed interest in further targeted community consultation on the William Street bridge design details. * The CRG discussed the process for incorporating community feedback into design elements across the project. Community members expressed a desire for more clarity on how they can most effectively communicate their feedback on designs, and for further information on how stakeholder feedback is communicated to decision makers. RIA thanked the community members for their feedback and explained that large-scale decisions such as bridge reinstatement are made at a high level due to the enormous social and commercial implications. The RIA Development Plan process provided an opportunity for community members to provide comments on RIA design elements and have their feedback published on the Metro Tunnel website for additional transparency. * Nic Thomas asked whether the reinstated South Yarra Sidings Reserve would have disability access ramps. RIA confirmed the ramps and paths in the park will be compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act |
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| 5. | General feedback and items for future discussion |
|  | Matters arising: Nil. |
| 6. | Meeting close |
|  | Matters arising:   * Next meeting of the South Yarra CRG is Tuesday 29 October 2019 at The Olsen. |

**OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AND ISSUES REGISTER**

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