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| **Date** | Wednesday 22 March 2023 | **Meeting No** | 45 |
| **Chair** | Jeni Coutts | **Time** | 7.30am – 9.00am |
| **Location** | Zoom | **Minutes** | Grace Rayner |

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| **Members and attendees** |  |  |
| *Present** Jeni Coutts [**Chair**]
* Neil Hutchinson, City of Melbourne
* Fraser Read-Smith, G12+
* Phil Lukies, Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group
* Colin Stuckey, Melbourne Grammar School
* Jan Swinburne, The Botanica Apartments
* Simon Spain, Hallmark apartments
* Andrea Coote, The Domain
* David Macnish, City of Port Phillip
* Greg Gilmour, Shrine of Remembrance
* Karen Baynes, Domain Hill
 | *Present** Rob Mair, CYP
* John Goding, CYP
* Matt Reid, CYP
* Meagan Lechucki, RPV
* Paula Williams, RPV
* Sebastian Immaraj, RPV
* Tim Fullerton, RPV
* Martin Alvarez, RPV
* Terese Scalise, RNA
* Alex Cattanach, CYP
* Kim Tandoc, RPV
* Sofia Kiourtzidou, RPV
* Grace Rayner, RPV [Secretariat]
 | *Apologies** Christian Lawless, Melbourne Girls Grammar School
* Toni Meath, Mac Robertson Girls High School
* Sarah Potter, Entrecote
* Jamie McBride, Domain Road Traders
* Clare Hart, Royal Botanic Gardens
* Dean Nightingale, G12+
* Andrew Bennett, South Yarra Residents Association
* Clifford Samson, local resident
* Marilyn Wane, G12+
* Gary Brennan, Bike Network Victoria
* David MacGowan, Royal Domain Tower
* Kate Blackwood, Yarra Trams
* Trevor Sutherland, Hallmark Apartments
* Tom Mason, City of Port Phillip
* Maree Klein, City of Melbourne
* Gary Buck, The Botanica Apartments
* Petra Glare, Albert Road Clinic
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| 1. | Introduction and Welcome  |
|  | Matters arising:* Jeni Coutts welcomed members to the meeting of the Domain Community Reference Group (CRG).
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| 2. | Outstanding actions and issues register |
|  | Matters arising: Nil.  |
| 3. | Presentation from project contractors |
|  | Presentation by Rob Mair (CYP) and John Goding (CYP) on the 2023 construction look ahead and the project wide updates.Matters arising:* Fraser Read-Smith asked if the acoustic baffles are used to supress noise. CYP advised it is used to reduce noise and will be installed from one side to the other side of the concourse and throughout platform level
* Jeni Coutts asked whether residents in The Botanica Apartments can park in the building during the works. CYP advised the Botanica basement car park will be closed for four weeks and noted residents were given notice and provided options for alternative parking arrangements nearby.
* Fraser Read-Smith asked what the purpose of the guide wall is. CYP advised it is a strip either side of the D-wall that guides the diaphragm wall cutter that allows for it to cut straight.
* Andrea Coote raised concerns about traffic going on St Kilda Road heading north towards Dorcas Street, past The Hallmark, and creating stationary traffic. CYP advised it is planning to re-open the left-turn from St Kilda Road into Park Street to alleviate traffic. Additionally, during tram-line evening works, CYP is planning to spray yellow hashing across the road to signal to drivers to keep the area clear.
* Andrea Coote asked when pedestrians will be able to crossover at Park Steet instead of walking down Wells Street. CYP confirmed the pedestrian crossing is intended to be re-instated during the week beginning 27 March, prior to the Grand-Prix.
* Fraser Read-Smith asked when the opening and closing of the pedestrian crossing will happen. CYP advised asphalting will be completed at the end of the month.
* Neil Hutchinson asked about the opening period of the crossing. CYP advised the nightworks will begin 31 March 2023 and will be reopened on 3 April 2023. CYP noted that in a month, the crossing will need to close again due to work on the north side of Park Street.
* Karen Baynes raised concerns of the closure of Park Street for Domain Hill residents. Karen asked how many more times Park Street will be closed. CYP advised it is finishing the pavement with no plans to reclose the left turn lane in future. CYP noted there may be small works or adjustments, however, it will not have closures like those seen to date. It is intended to remain open.
* Karen Baynes raised concerns about management of the intersection traffic at Albert Road. CYP noted it will take Karen’s concerns on notice.
* Simon Spain asked for updated communications. CYP advised the communication notices have been updated and will be distributed soon.
* Fraser Reid-Smith queried why the cladding on the vent had not been installed. CYP noted all cladding will be completed at the same time to be consistent.
* Fraser Reid-Smith asked why the kiosk has not been completed. CYP advised the kiosk shares utilities with the station and requires the station to have utilities switched on to be operable. CYP noted the kiosk is not yet leased and the timing of when it will begin operating is being discussed.
* Neil Hutchinson asked when the third tree removal will be completed. CYP noted three trees were originally required to be removed, however, the tree in front of the Royce did not need to be removed. The tree is being held and CYP will come back with dates to complete the removal, likely to be April 2023.
* Fraser Reid-Smith queried when the station will be complete. CYP advised all architectural features will be complete mid-2024.
* Andrea Coote requested that a meeting be held with the City of Port Phillip to discuss ongoing maintenance issues of the park land. RPV suggested CYP might be responsible for planning and landscaping for one year after the station is opened. CYP/City of Port Phillip will take Andrea’s comment on notice.
* Karen Baynes asked if the redundant gas pipe outside of the Domain Hill building could be removed. Karen raised that works are set to begin outside the Domain Hill building which may interfere with CYP planned works. CYP confirmed it will further discuss the planned works with Karen outside of the CRG meeting.
* Fraser Reid-Smith asked about which trees are being removed at Albert Road. CYP confirmed the elm tree will be retained under the design in the central island car park.
* Fraser Reid-Smith asked when the U-turn will be closed on Albert Rd. CYP advised the U-turn will be closed in April 2023. CYP confirmed it will be open for as long as possible to ensure an access route back to St Kilda Road.
* Simon Spain asked whether the intersection at Albert Road and Kings Way will be redesigned. CYP confirmed there are no plans for major works for the intersections, however there will be some adjustments.

Presentation by Matt Reid (CYP) on the environment update.Matters arising:* Fraser Reid-Smith asked if CYP can indicate when noise disruption will take place. CYP advised it will be starting the week of 26 March 2023 for approximately 6 weeks and a works notification will be distributed.

Presentation by Paula Williams (RPV) on the St Kilda Road legacy speed limit.* RPV asked for stakeholder feedback on a proposal to reduce speed limit on St Kilda Road to 40 km/h from Park Street to Toorak Road. Operating 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday and reverting to 60 km/h on evenings and weekends.
* CRG members agreed unanimously that the speed change was a good idea, however, it is preferred that the speed limit be permanently reduced to 40 km/h at all times.

Presentation by Rob Mair (CYP) on the Tunnels and Stations Update.Matters arising: *Nil.* Presentation by Terese Scalise (CYP) on the Creative Program. Matters arising: * Karen Byrnes congratulated CYP on the Grasslands exhibit.
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|  | General feedback and items for future discussion |
|  | Matters arising: * Jeni Coutts noted that during the last CRG meeting, she had raised issues on Karen Bayne’s behalf regarding the defects at the tram stop. Jeni asked if the defects will be fixed prior to the Grand Prix. CYP advised it will discuss with RPV on the timing of the defect rectification works.
* Karen Baynes raised concerns for accessible access from Albert Road to the tram platform and requested more assistance for these patrons.
* Karen Baynes raised concerns about Domain Hill garage remote issues and if there have been any new installations that may cause the interference. CYP advised there has been no new installations but will further investigate the issue.
* Jan Swinburne queried why the trams are still squealing in front of the Botanica Apartments. RPV advised Yarra Trams said the system is “bedding in”. RPV noted the lubrication pumps were removed during the last occupation and any squealing is an ongoing maintenance issue. RPV advised this feedback will passed onto Yarra Trams.
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|  | Meeting Close  |
|  | Matters arising: * Next meeting is a proposed site tour on 22 May 2023. CYP will provide further confirmation.
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**NEW ACTIONS AND ISSUES**

*Nil.*