

# December Meeting Minutes

## Community Reference Group

**Subject:** Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Community Reference Group

**Date:** Monday 10 December 2018 **Time:** 6.15pm for 6.30pm-8pm

**Location:** The Gallery, Rivers of Yarrambat - 28 Kurra Road, Yarrambat

**Meeting number:** 8

**Chair:** Warren Bradshaw

**Minute-taker:** Charlotte Claney

### Attendees

Attendees (Name/Organisation)	Apologies (Name/Organisation)
Anne Trueman (AT)	Kate Ryder (BMD)
Barbara Marshall (BaM)	
Joanne Jamieson (JJ)	
John Yeomans (JY)	
Milton Embling (ME)	
Neisha Forbes (NF)	
Pam Hoyne (PH)	
Susan Farley (SF)	
Ben Matters (BM), MRPV	
Chinthaka Arachchige (CA), MRPV	
Charlotte Claney (CC), MRPV	
Damian van Dyke (DvD), MRPV	

Attendees (Name/Organisation)	Apologies (Name/Organisation)
Nerilee Kerslake (NK), MRPV	
Warren Bradshaw (WB), MRPV	

### Actions - previous

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
6.1	Provide update to group about overhanging tree limbs revisit with Nillumbik Council and MRPV's surveillance officers at December CRG meeting	CA	11 Feb 2019	Open	Nillumbik Council responded to AT to say the limbs don't pose a hazard and no further action will be taken. Letter said maintenance on Heard Avenue has been arranged. WB suggested exploring traffic calming measures to slow traffic down on local roads, since both VR and Council say the maintenance is appropriate. JJ added that excessive speeds are difficult to police as there are no safe locations to pull speeding motorists over.
7.1	Bring results of local traffic surveys to December CRG meeting to share with the group	CA	11 Feb 2019	Open	CA received results today. CA asked CC to send results to group via email. CA reported increase in traffic on Heard Avenue compared to March but some roads have less traffic compared to March traffic survey. CA advised that a couple of counters on Kurrak Road and Yan Yean Road were damaged in the wild weather.
7.2	Bring information about Diamond Creek Road intersection shutdown to December CRG meeting to share with the group	CA	10 Dec 2018	Closed	Will discuss in agenda item 6.
7.3	Progress artist impressions showing landscaping and distribute to group and publish online when available	CC	11 Feb 2019	Open	CC updated group about consideration of individual landscaping communications effort in lieu of artist impressions. CC to update group again in February CRG meeting.
7.4	Drop off excess timber totems and benches feedback forms to JJ to letterbox drop at Diamond Creek Police Station after 3pm on Wednesday 10 October 2018	CC	10 Oct 2018	Closed	CC confirmed she had dropped off the forms on 10 October. JJ returned a bundle of completed feedback forms to December CRG meeting.

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7.5	Provide status update to CRG about securing local offsets in Plenty at December CRG meeting	NK	10 Dec 2018	Closed	NK provided update that Stage 1 offsets have been secured but the option to secure additional local offsets is sitting with CFA for consideration as they have a bushfire management overlay. If approved, MRPV can explore a cost benefit analysis. Surveys indicate sites are general and not significant, so will depend on pricing and benefits. Conversations are happening currently with CFA about offsets.
7.6	Discuss membership and the continuation of the Community Reference Group into 2019 at the December CRG meeting	WB	10 Dec 2018	Closed	Will discuss in agenda item 8.

### Key discussion points

Agenda item	Discussion summary
Item 1 – Welcome and apologies	KR is an apology this evening.
Item 2 – Confirming the agenda	Agenda confirmed with group. NF asked to have detention basins, solar panels on bus stops and private plantings added to other business agenda item.
Item 3 – Stage 1 project update	<p>CA began by telling the group that there have been some important traffic switches since the last meeting, most recently at Kurrak Road intersection.</p> <p>CA said that a significant number of services have been relocated to date, and by January the water and Telstra services impacted by the works should be complete.</p> <p>CA advised that the Telstra services embargo period begins 15 December, so lots of services relocation works are happening now. CA said that affected customers receive letters from their service providers but BMD will check in on residents who are expected to be impacted.</p> <p>CA told the group that the Council Depot access is almost complete and should be completed before Christmas.</p> <p>CA shared with the group that the two biggest retaining walls in Zones 3 and 4 are complete, and a number of retaining walls are now nearing completion.</p> <p>CA spoke about how works are underway in all 10 construction zones. DvD said there are 120-160 workers out there at the moment, and that even with the increases in scope challenging delivery time frames, the project is on track for a mid-2019 completion date, weather depending.</p>

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	<p>NF asked if Stage 2 services relocation can be coordinated with service providers. DvD reminded NF that due to Privacy Act we've been unable to receive information about impacted residents.</p>
<p>Item 4 – Stage 2 project update</p>	<p>BM told the group that Stage 2 has been referred for an Environment Effects Statement (EES).</p> <p>BM advised that if a project refers for an EES to DELWP, you can get one of three responses. Either it is fine to proceed, or go ahead with a few imposed conditions, or for the avoidance of doubt let's review and let's do more work to better understand the impact.</p> <p>BM shared that our investigations to date have shown no detrimental impacts but we are going to go through an EES due to significant vegetation removal and further investigation required to better understand impact on the Swift Parrot and loss of foraging trees.</p> <p>BM said that what this decision means for the project is that 12-18 months has been added to the project planning phase. The Planning Scheme Amendment to build Stage 2 will not go through until we've undertaken an EES.</p> <p>NF asked why Stage 2 needs to go through an EES but Stage 1 did not. BM explained that the decision is not linked to Stage 1 but that this decision was likely cumulative given the other projects in the area and the cumulative impact on the environment in this area e.g. Mernda Rail, Stage 1 Yan Yean Road Upgrade, Plenty Road Upgrade, future Bridge Inn Road Upgrade. NK added that Federal Department of Environment gave decision in writing that referral for an EES was not required for Stage 1 Yan Yean Road Upgrade.</p> <p>JY asked what this means for Stage 2 commencing land acquisition. BM replied that the earliest acquisition would begin is 2020.</p> <p>WB added that work is unlikely to begin on Stage 2 until mid-2021.</p> <p>ME asked where the Incorporated Document stands. BM responded that the Planning Scheme Amendment would not progress until the EES process was complete.</p>
<p>Item 5 – Enviro update</p>	<p>NK told the group that 99.8% of tree and vegetation removal on Stage 1 was now complete. NK said tree removal numbers are hovering around 2,200. WB acknowledged that while these were significant numbers, they are lower than anticipated and the road being built is much safer.</p> <p>NK said that it is business as usual for noise and dust monitoring on Stage 1 and that Stage 2 is about to embark on the EES process.</p> <p>NK told the group that the wild weather and storms that resulted in flooding on Stage 1 a few weeks ago were a good learning for the contractor, and that the number of control measures in place has been increased.</p> <p>NF asked what happened with the mulch near CFA that was steaming in the heat, NK responded that it is being monitored. NF was concerned the mulch could be a fire risk. CA reassured NF that he'd discuss it at the CFA catch up on Wednesday.</p>
<p>Item 6 – Key discussion topic</p>	<p>DvD told the group about the upcoming summer construction blitz on Stage 1. DvD explained that three to four months of disruptive works will be delivered in a three-week period when traffic is low. DvD advised that works will be 24/7.</p> <p>CC advised that group that it would be a similar situation to when we closed the road to relocate Plenty church, the primary detour route will be widely advertised and the local detour route would be shared with local residents only.</p>

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	<p>DvD said 10% drop in traffic is expected during the period, which is significant.</p> <p>JJ asked if the three weeks of works will spill into four weeks. DvD responded that it would not.</p> <p>DvD explained that what opens may not be the ultimate configuration of the intersection even though we will construct it.</p> <p>JJ wanted to know if emergency services will have full access to the road. DvD confirmed they will. NK confirmed that MRPV are attending 17 December emergency services meeting and will present there.</p>
Item 7 – Other business	<p>WB already touched on Swift Parrots in Stage 2 discussion.</p> <p>NK told NF that we don't have access to data about kangaroo fatalities while BMD has control of the site. NF shared Council's figures of average of 5 per day. NF wants to know what can be done on Stage 2 to manage this. JY said it's almost impossible and it is 3-4 a day where he is without the road works in the area yet. DvD said that despite it being challenging, we have installed more signs in the area particularly around Diamond Creek Road. JJ asked NF if she got kangaroo fencing installed at her property by MRPV and NF confirmed yes. DvD and JY agreed there is no easy solution. JJ has 'shoo roos' installed on the grill of her car that help.</p> <p>ME said the church is unsatisfactory. DvD said we've taken over the management of the church from the contractor. We're going back through the heritage architects and working out the scope of works. We've had artist impressions drawn up with alternative scenarios of dropping the height of the church slightly and how it will look once it has been refurbished. The artist impressions were shared and we met with Nillumbik Council and Plenty Historical Society on Tuesday last week to discuss a way forward. CA said we're seeing if we need to lower it or if that will achieve what everyone wants it to, given the slope of the land and the back of the building is only 100mm above ground as is. We could lower it 500mm and aesthetically it may not make a huge difference but that discussion is being had. DvD said the tarp on the roof is functioning as it should and protecting the building, it just doesn't look nice and we want to spend the funding appropriately and revamp it with current code requirements whilst being in keeping with the surrounds.</p> <p>NF asked about solar panels on bus stops, CA said we asked our contractor to check with PTV. We'll let the group know. CA reminded group that most bus stops are close to signalised intersections so will have adequate lighting, with light spill of approx. 100m in each direction to provide safe lighting. Outside of that spillage solar is being explored.</p> <p>NF asked why there are so many detention basins along the alignment. DvD said the detention basins are Melbourne Water requirements for treating water in this area. NK said detention basins aren't designed to hold water for more than 24-48 hours before filtering it through. CA said the detention basins are being connected to the storm water systems through the easements. DvD said a number of trees were retained due to those basins. ME asked who will maintain the basins after project completion. DvD said VicRoads on Stage 1 and BM said the contractor will on Stage 2 because the project company will maintain the area. BM added that this may include Stage 1 eventually for medium to long term maintenance under the PPP. BM believes this will lead to strong maintenance as the funding will be there.</p> <p>Private planting initiative has already been discussed.</p>
Item 8 – Close	<p>WB ran through the actions that arose from this meeting. The group confirmed the actions.</p> <p>WB asked group if they wished to continue the CRG into 2019. JY would like to participate. AT feels it is a great way to receive information. BM said the group has value and is grateful for everyone donating their time to participate. DvD said the group does make a difference and gave examples of</p>

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	<p>retaining walls and signalisation at Browns Lane as coming from working groups. JJ said trees shouldn't go near the road. PH said it's been a privilege to be part of the CRG. The group was happy to continue bi-monthly until Stage 1 completion in mid-2019.</p> <p>WB confirmed the next CRG meeting is scheduled for 11 February 2019.</p> <p><i>Meeting concluded 8.15pm</i></p>

#### Actions - new

#	Action	Owner/s	Due
6.1	MRPV to talk to Nillumbik Council about traffic calming measures to target inappropriate speeding on local roads	CA	11 February 2019
7.1	Email traffic survey results to CRG members this week	CC	14 December 2018
7.3	Update group of progression of artist impressions or landscaping communications campaign	CC	11 February 2019
8.1	Notify MRPV via email when communications materials are delivered to her mailbox to ensure delivery	NF	Ongoing
8.2	Provide update on the Plenty church building restoration	DvD & CA	11 February 2019
8.3	Provide update at February CRG meeting about solar panels on bus stops	CA	11 February 2019