

# February 2019 Meeting Minutes

## Community Reference Group

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

**Date:** Monday 11 February 2019 **Time:** 6.15pm for 6.30pm-8pm

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

**Meeting number:** 9

**Chair:** Warren Bradshaw

**Minute-taker:** Charlotte Claney

### Attendees

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

## Actions – previous

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
6.1	MRPV to talk to Nillumbik Council about traffic calming measures to target inappropriate speeding on local roads	CA	11 February 2019	Open	MRPV have made representation to Council about traffic calming measures. DvD asked the group if there are any other local roads we need to look into. PH said people are flying down Ironbark Road, and there was a fatality recently. JJ agreed, as she'd attended an accident there recently. PH would like to see a 40km/h zone installed near the school and parking for the school on Stage 2. BaM agreed two crashes and several near misses in recent times and Council haven't assisted. DvD asked group if Heard Avenue and Ironbark Road had always been congested like this or if it was due to the works. BaM believes it is a combination of people avoiding Yan Yean Road (which they already did) and GPS taking people down these roads. AT said Council told her that BMD is responsible to managing increases in traffic on local roads. WB said he'd look into this. ME said 15% increase in traffic on Ironbark Road from March to November and 50% increase in traffic on Heard Avenue in the same time period.
7.1	Email traffic survey results to CRG members this week	CC	14 December 2018	Closed	Traffic counts circulated.
7.3	Update group on progression of artist impressions or landscaping communications campaign	CC	11 February 2019	Closed	CC said letters are being finalised and should probably go out by the end of the month.
8.1	Notify MRPV via email when communications materials are delivered to her mailbox to ensure delivery	NF	Ongoing	Closed	NF got most of her collateral but not the thank you card. CC said this was escalated to the distributor and we will be going back to our usual distributor now.
8.2	Provide update on the Plenty church building restoration	DvD & CA	11 February 2019	Open	No change since last meeting, will update next meeting. Action still open.

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8.3	Provide update at February CRG meeting about solar panels on bus stops	CA	11 February 2019	Closed	All but a couple are illuminated by traffic lights and street lighting. DvD said we'd explore shelters for the few that don't have shelters.

### Key discussion points

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Item 1 – Welcome and apologies	KR, SF, CA and JY are apologies this evening.
Item 2 – Confirming the agenda	Agenda confirmed with group.
Item 3 – Stage 1 project update	<p>DvD began by telling the group that the Summer construction blitz went well from a construction perspective. The intersection opened three days early despite some heat and rain. Everything got done that we aimed to do and more during the period. DvD told the group that residents who were highly impacted by the works were offered relocation during the blitz. CC confirmed approximately 25 properties were relocated. The group agreed that traffic was smooth during the blitz. NF said the traffic controllers were excellent during this period. DvD said delays were 5-10 minutes at most. PH said the intersection looks fabulous. DvD let the group know that the finishing layer will still be added to the road at a later date.</p> <p>DvD said there had been recent traffic switches for the Council Depot driveway switch, and in Zones 6 and 9. Most services have now been relocated. River Avenue is closed to be upgraded. WB asked if traffic congestion would result from the closure. CC responded that a local traffic detour map was letterboxed and doorknocked to residents. NF believes Westgarth Street, where it meets Browns Lane, is a dangerous unsealed road and needs to be looked into.</p> <p>ME said Aqueduct Road used to have two lanes through to Yan Yean Road but since the blitz there isn't. NK responded that there isn't currently room for two vehicles on Yan Yean Road, DvD has raised it and CA has gone back to VicRoads for permission to tweak the signal phasing to allow two vehicles through to Yan Yean Road prior to the ultimate configuration opening up.</p> <p>DvD let the group know that the project is on track, but the timing is tight now because we're upgrading additional intersections than we were previously going to. WB asked how often the program is reviewed. DvD answered that that happens weekly, both the short and long term look ahead for the program.</p>
Item 4 – Stage 2 project update	BM told the group that Stage 2 project team are working closely with DELWP to settle a Technical Reference Group (TRG) comprised of government agencies, statutory organisations and local municipalities e.g. Melbourne Water, Local Councils and Parks Victoria. BM let the group know that the first meeting would be towards the end of February, and that we're drafting the scoping requirements for the Environment Effects Statement. BM said the next phase will be building the community's expectations around protection of local fauna and flora and trees of community significance that have social and cultural value in addition to indigenous cultural value. NF asked

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	<p>who from Council will be part of TRG because DELWP and Council weren't overly involved during Flora and Fauna Panel. NK said new environmental works coordinator was on board with Council and advised NF that there was an internal committee ready to go to work through the EES process, and that a director had been nominated from Nillumbik Council to sit on the TRG. Whittlesea Council had also nominated a representative to sit on the TRG. BM said the DELWP representatives are rigorous and will be heavily involved. BM added that cultural heritage assessments didn't find any significant artefacts in the project area, but the project team has extended an invitation to Wurundjeri to participate in the TRG. BM said we are exploring holding the EES process and the PSA process concurrently and holding a joint public exhibition to help cut down on waiting times and deliver the project sooner. BM let the group know that this would be his last CRG meeting, and that DG will be joining instead as BM is moving on to another role in MRPV.</p>
Item 5 – Enviro update	<p>NK told the group that the Stage 2 EPBC referral was lodged prior to Christmas. NK added that within 20 business days we'll find out if Department of Environment and Energy (DOEE) believe there is a matter of national environmental significance. If not a controlled action, there will be no conditions on the EES. WB believes the EES process adds rigour, but the outcome will be similar to what MRPV would do anyway e.g. inclusion of retaining walls and a narrowed median to reduce the footprint as much as possible. BaM believes there is apprehension with Stage 2 because of the scale of Stage 1 compared to what was imagined.</p> <p>NK said BMD have a new Enviro Officer for Stage 1. NK said that timber had been sent to an arborist to mock up a prototype for the timber benches. Some timber has also been delivered to Leigh Conkie to begin work on the timber totems. NK let the group know that the timber totems would be installed side by side in pairs at three locations along the alignment and that we're awaiting final drawings from Leigh.</p> <p>NK let the group know that root balls were about to be delivered to Geelong Catchment Authority to get the snags in waterways project going. Timber is going to Hurstbridge Depot to be used in environmental reserves.</p> <p>NK updated the group on the private planting initiative. Indigenous Designs have undertaken all but two initial consultations. NK said seedlings are being grown at La Trobe and Edendale from seed collected from the roadside prior to vegetation removal commencing. CC told the group that Yarrambat Primary School are onboard for the seed ball initiative. CC spoke about the class plan and presentation for two teams of paper emulsion seed balls and clay seed balls. CC let everyone know that there would be more of an update hopefully by the next CRG meeting.</p>
Item 6 – Key discussion topic	<p>DvD said that we're progressively closing intersections now to signalise on Stage 1 Yan Yean Road Upgrade. Closing the local access side to upgrade the intersection. JJ and NF said the detour map was confusing and the next one should show better that Yan Yean Road is open and only the local side road is closed. CC thanked them for the feedback and will tweak the next map for the Browns Lane intersection upgrade, which will be upgraded next after River Avenue.</p>
Item 7 – Other business	<p>ME asked if we've now changed to MRPV from MRPA. DvD explained we are now a division of MTIA but it is more an internal streamlining, no impact on this project.</p> <p>NF said safety is imperative on local roads, as she believes there's been an increase in rat running behaviour. BaM said Doctors Gully Road is now a nightmare for speed and traffic. WB said traffic counts currently being done to work off the latest traffic information. BM said Doctors Gully Road is a local road, so Council is responsible. NK said speed limit has been dropped from 100 to 80 on Doctors Gully Road in recent years. ME asked if work proposed for Civic Drive roundabout, DvD responded not from MRPV.</p>

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Item 8 – Close	<p>WB ran through the actions that arose from the meeting. The group confirmed the actions.</p> <p>WB confirmed the next CRG meeting would be scheduled for 8 April 2019.</p> <p>WB asked group to think about new date for June meeting, as 10 June is Queens Birthday holiday.</p> <p><i>Meeting concluded 7.50pm</i></p>

### Actions - new

#	Action	Owner/s	Due
6.1	Look into the contract with BMD to see if obligated to assist maintaining safe usage of local roads	DvD	8 April 2019
8.2	Provide update on the Plenty church building restoration	CA	8 April 2019
9.1	Look into Westgarth Street and Browns Lane and make sure both roads can handle the current volume of traffic using them safely	DvD	8 April 2019
9.2	Explore options to open up two lanes from Aqueduct Road onto Yan Yean Road	DvD	8 April 2019
9.3	Update the group on the seed balls initiative	CC	8 April 2019
9.4	Discuss unsafe local roads with Nillumbik Council to combat speeding, overuse and safety concerns	DvD	8 April 2019