

# Mordialloc Freeway

## Community Reference Group



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Mordialloc Freeway - Community Reference Group</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Online – Zoom Meeting
<b>Date and Time:</b>	Thursday 25 June – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>CRG Members: Jon Garrard, David Cappellari, Peter Wain, Andy Hawkes, Mitchell Blood, Ken Carney, Michael Poulakakis, Frank Pitinga, Margaret Hunter</p> <p>MRPV Representatives: Adrian Furner, Daniel Kollmorgen, Luke Minton, Sam Doyle</p> <p>McDDJV: Trevor Cruden, Nicole Ekert</p> <p>MPs: N/A</p> <p>Proxies: N/A</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>CRG Members: Zoi Penoglou, Shiva Balachander, Beatriz Prieto</p> <p>MPs: N/A</p>
<b>Chair / Secretary:</b>	<p>Chair: Nicola Wass, RPS</p> <p>Assistant: Neslim Djemal, RPS</p>
<b>Meeting Contact:</b>	Luke Minton – 1800 105 105

### Actions from Meeting # –

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## Agenda Items – Meeting #1:

#	Description	Presenter
1	<p><b>Introduction and Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nicola introduced herself and her role as Facilitator, and recognised Traditional Owners through Acknowledgement of Country</li> <li>Nicola thanked attendees for becoming a member of the CRG and for participating in this process</li> <li>Nicola advised participants that the purpose of this process is for the project team to share updates during the construction stage of the project, and for all members to discuss areas of interest and any issues</li> <li>Nicola ran through ground rules which include being present, listening with curiosity and actively participating.</li> </ul> <p>Project team introduced themselves, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adrian Furner (Project Director, MRPV)</li> <li>Daniel Kollmorgen (Senior Project Manager, MRPV)</li> <li>Sam Doyle (Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager, MRPV)</li> <li>Luke Minton (Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor, MRPV)</li> <li>Trevor Cruden (Project Director, McConnell Dowell Decmil Joint Venture)</li> <li>Nicole Ekert (Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager, McConnell Dowell Decmil Joint Venture)</li> <li>Nes Djemal (Consultant, RPS)</li> </ul>	Nicola Wass
2	<p><b>Member Introductions</b></p> <p>All members introduced themselves and explained their interests on the Project, and what they hope to get out of being a member.</p> <p>Ken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has been CRG member on the last 2 groups</li> <li>Member of Aspendale Gardens Residents Association (AGRA)</li> <li>Can feed information back to members of AGRA</li> </ul> <p>David:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lived in Dingley for 20 years</li> <li>Involved in community through sporting groups and keen interest in infrastructure projects (personal interests in road and rail)</li> <li>Hoping to spread the word and bring back community concerns to the group</li> </ul> <p>Peter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initially was not happy that Woodlands Drive would be closed off, so campaigned heavily and now believes outcome is going to be fantastic in that area</li> <li>Lives in Waterways and is on the group for the second term</li> </ul> <p>Margaret:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lives in Mordialloc North, involved with Friends of Braeside Park since 1995</li> <li>Third reference group and is looking to promote the project through heavy involvement with community</li> </ul> <p>Mitch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lives in Aspendale, previously grew up in Dingley and Waterways being local to project area</li> <li>First time being involved in CRG and interested in environmental factor</li> </ul>	All

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	<p>Andy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lives in Waterways and has been a resident for 13 years</li> <li>Lives adjacent to Governor Road, can see work happening from the garden</li> <li>Advocate for this freeway due to rat runs on, believes it needs to happen to take traffic off local roads to improve quality of life going forward</li> </ul> <p>Frank:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lived in Aspendale for 20 years</li> <li>Member of Local CFA in Edithvale as volunteer and firefighter – will pass this on to team members in brigade and neighbouring services</li> </ul> <p>Jon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part of the Dingley Village Community Association and was part of the last CRG</li> <li>Has lived in the area for 40 years</li> <li>Jon posts up most of closures on DVCA Facebook page</li> </ul> <p>Michael:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspendale Gardens resident, representing group of Residents Against the Mordialloc Freeway</li> <li>Advocate for those who do not have a voice</li> <li>Has been on previous CRG</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>McConnell Dowell Decmil Joint Venture Project Update</b></p> <p>Nicole and Trevor welcomed and thanked everyone for joining them.</p> <p>General and Health and Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Project has completed 400,000 hours of works so far and is approximately 40% of the way through from a time point of view. Approximately 2 million tonnes of fill have been imported so far, with 1 million tonnes to go</li> <li>Despite inclement weather, the Project continues to make great progress. Utilities works and bridge construction is the current focus</li> <li>Due to COVID-19, the job has been broken up into segments to keep employees separate. The site teams take social distancing seriously and minimise contact between groups.</li> </ul> <p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permitted working hours are between 7am – 7pm Monday to Friday although team is working to ensure that gates are closed by 6pm and lights are off afterwards. The lights are on a timer to ensure safety of workers leaving</li> <li>On Saturdays, working hours are between 7am – 3:30pm. Sometimes work will need to be carried out after these times</li> <li>The weekend work is mostly due to relocation of almost all services on roads, with more than 200 to protect or relocate. This work is quite visible, but the team is doing their best to minimise ongoing disruptions to community</li> <li>A video highlighting the work being undertaken will be shared with members and through MRPV's social media channels.</li> </ul>	Trevor Cruden Nicole Ekert

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	<p>Construction Update: Reminder that the Project has been split up into several zones, with construction activities underway in each zone.</p> <p><u>Zone 1: Dingley Bypass to Centre Dandenong Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The safety barriers will come down and be replaced by bollards shortly</li> <li>• Drainage underneath the Freeway in this area is being built</li> <li>• Some asphaltting and works to build the kerbing have been completed on the Freeway just south of Dingley Bypass, the first asphaltting on the Project.</li> </ul> <p><u>Zone 2: Centre Dandenong Road to Lower Dandenong Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of Reinforced Earth Wall (RE Wall) north of Centre Dandenong Road is complete and piling to start building the bridge will begin in early-July.</li> </ul> <p><u>Zone 3: Lower Dandenong Road to Park Way</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction on the RE Wall south of Lower Dandenong Road has started</li> <li>• The base, walls, and roof of the pedestrian underpass at Park Way and Braeside Park have been built. The entry walls are still being built, but 75% complete</li> <li>• It will be a well-lit structure to improve the safety of people using it. Updated designs will be released showing what it will look like shortly.</li> </ul> <p><u>Zone 4: Park Way to Governor Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill material is continuing to be brought in between Park Way and Governor Road to build the foundations of the Freeway.</li> </ul> <p><u>Zone 5: Governor Road to Springvale Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill material is continuing to be brought in on both sides of Governor Road. The north side should be finished early-July, with the south side complete late-July</li> <li>• The area will continue to take shape in the next three months</li> <li>• Work to start building the twin bridges of the Waterways wetlands has started</li> <li>• Building the foundations for the bridge will take around 2 months to complete</li> <li>• Environmental controls are in place to protect the wetlands during our works.</li> </ul> <p><u>Zone 6: Springvale Road to Thames Promenade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill material is continuing to be brought in between Springvale Road and Thames Promenade to build the foundations of the Freeway</li> <li>• Some further utilities work is planned around Springvale Road in July and Thames Promenade from August.</li> </ul> <p>Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular monitoring is carried out during the works with lots of birdlife visible in the Wetlands. The Project is pleased with the controls in place across the site.</li> </ul> <p>Sustainability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replaced concrete pipes which run behind kerb with recycled plastic pipes</li> <li>• Over 5km of environmentally friendly recycled pipes will be used for drainage across the project as an alternative to concrete pipes.</li> </ul> <p>Social Inclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only 40% of way through, although project has already met its targets</li> <li>• Project is using Indigenous companies to supply bottled water on the project</li> <li>• Money from vending machines to go back to Indigenous community</li> <li>• 6.9% of hours worked have been completed by apprentices, 8% by people from disadvantaged backgrounds and 2.93% by Indigenous people.</li> </ul>	

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	<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members asked whether project is still on track for completion date. Trevor advised they are on track to finish by the end of 2021</li> <li>Members commented on the different piling method used in the Waterways wetlands. Trevor explained that the method to bore piles is the same principle, but less disruptive and is beneficial when working in a sensitive environment next to people and wildlife. Trevor explained the method is unique to wetlands area. The rest of the bridges will be built using driven piling method</li> <li>Members asked whether the community will be able to ride their bike down the Freeway before it opens. Nicole advised that an Open Day would take place</li> <li>Members would like to know more about how the raised earth is going to be finished off. The Project Team advised that a future CRG meeting could be used to show pictures and designs of how landscaping and urban design will look, advising that effort has been made to do a high-class landscaping finish with noise walls that hide the traffic and protect from noise</li> <li>Members requested further information about whether landscaping will be Indigenous or local/native and project team advised that there is a good representation of Indigenous plants. This will be taken on notice and will provide exact percentage of Indigenous plants</li> <li>Luke advised that a landscape concept plan which shows plants, shrubs and trees is being developed and will be shared with CRG members and the community before next meeting for discussion</li> <li>Members were interested in movement of site offices and raised concerns about some lighting facing into residential properties. Question about precautions being taken to ensure lights are not left on at the end of the day. The Project Team advised that lighting is on a timer and that they should turn off on their own. If they do not turn off, residents are advised to contact 1800 105 105 and the JV will ensure someone goes down to turn them off</li> <li>Members asked whether community will be notified about piling work. The Project Team advised that a written notification will be provided in advance of piling, and those in closer proximity will be doorknocked at a safe distance or called to be informed about upcoming works</li> <li>Members asked about site tours. The Project is assessing if this is possible and will let the group know of the outcome</li> <li>Members commented that the lighting on Governor Road is good and appreciate that the compounds are lit up</li> <li>Members asked about the progress of relocating services. Project is on track to have the last service completely gone by November</li> <li>Member commented that there have been issues in the Dingley area with NBN performance and questioned whether this was due to freeway works. Project advised this was not due to freeway works</li> <li>Members were interested in the number of staff working on the project. Staff members vary from day to day, and on a very busy day, there are around 400 staff on site</li> <li>Members asked whether there will be electronic signage on the freeway and project team advised all signs will be static.</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Terms of Reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why are we all here? What are our expectations?</li> <li>Code of Conduct</li> </ul> <p>Given three CRG members were missing, this agenda item will be carried over to the next meeting in August.</p>	Nicola Wass

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5	<p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question from member about whether there is an opportunity for Project Team to investigate their ability to assist with fencing. The Project Team advised that under the Road Management Act there is no responsibility for a Road Authority to provide fencing</li> <li>• Member questioned how questions between now and next meeting should be asked. The Project Team advised that questions and ideas for future discussion points from members could be sent directly to the Project Team</li> <li>• Members asked about the temporary closure of Governor Road based on discussion in previous CRG meetings. The Project Team advised that it is still being explored as an option and outcomes communicated</li> <li>• Members asked if their emails can be shared amongst the group between meetings. Luke advised that it's up to the group on how individuals wish to interact with one another outside of the group, but the option is there</li> <li>• Members said that going forward it would be good to utilise these meetings to dive deeper into certain topics such as vegetation, bike paths, etc.</li> <li>• Project team advised that if CRG members hear anything from their networks, Luke should be informed as it can help drive future sessions and collateral</li> <li>• Luke reiterated that 1800 105 105 is the best point of contact and that all enquiries are documented and actioned through this system.</li> </ul>	All
6	<p><b>Next Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General project update</li> <li>• Landscaping and vegetation design – will be shared before next meeting and discussed in the meeting</li> <li>• Update on moving trees from Braeside Park</li> <li>• Update on Woodlands Industrial Estate signage on Lower Dandenong Road</li> </ul>	Nicola Wass

Next meeting: Thursday 27 August 2020

