

# Meeting Minutes

## North Community Liaison Group (CLG)

Date	22/01/2021	Time	10:00-11:30am
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	6
Location	Online (Zoom)	Minute taker	Jacinta Booth

## Attendees

Attendees			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Steve Haylock (SH)	CPB
Sarah Maguire (SM)	Watsonia Traders Association	Richard Carroll (RC)	CPB
Michelle Molinaro (MMo)	Community Representative	Carlene Rutledge (CR)	CPB
Stephen Paul (SP)	Community Representative	Glen Preema (GP)	CPB
Michelle Giovas (MG)	Friends of Banyule	Melanie Starr (MS)	NELP
Katie George (KG)	Community Representative	Frances Wickerson (FW)	NELP
Allan Hunter (AH)	Community Representative	Louisa Rendina (LR)	NELP
Adriano Murone (AM)	Community Representative	Nat Pearson (NP)	NELP
Simon Chao (SC)	VicRoads	Jacinta Booth (JB)	NELP
Paul Bellis (PB)	Banyule Council	Bill Himonas (BH)	NELP
Mick Marcevski (MMa)	DoT	Scott Lambert (SL)	NELP
Remo Marinucci (RM)	Community Representative	John Lopez (JL)	NELP
Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
John Pompei (JP)	Community Representative		

# Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p><b>Welcome and outstanding business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MM welcomes the group and introduces first time presenters Melanie Starr and Frances Wickerson, their roles and what they will be presenting on.</li> <li>MM notes the two outstanding items have been actioned. The query about criteria for short-term relocation options was responded to, a further query on clarification is required which NP is looking into. A response was sent to all members regarding the water runoff in Banyule Creek query.</li> <li>MM confirms minutes from previous meeting have been read and adopted.</li> <li>MM introduced CPB to give their works update.</li> </ul>
Carle Rutledge (CR), Richard Carroll (RC) and Glen Preema (GP), CPB	<p><b>CPB Works Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CR provides an overview of the presentation and who will be presenting.</li> <li>RC gives an update on the Borlase Street works. The new sewer connection on Borlase Street has been completed, sewer works still to be completed along Lower Plenty Rd. Electricity relocation works are currently underway and will be completed in early February. Water relocation works will commence once electrical works have been completed.</li> <li>RC explains the Borlase Reserve and surrounding water relocation works (western side of the Reserve) will continue throughout January and February. Describes image of the 6m trench and 1750mm water main pipe. Outlines works along Lower Plenty Road commencing late January including the temporary opening of Drysdale Street and a new bus stop.</li> <li>RC provides a summary of all the works happening in and around Borlase Reserve and where they are located on the image shown. This includes; 1&amp;5. Water relocations Greensborough Road and Borlase Street, 2. PRS water relocation works, 3. Construction of the temporary opening of Drysdale Street &amp; new bus stop, 4. Electricity and telecommunications property connections, Borlase Street, 7. Relocating overhead power lines and power poles, Greensborough Road, Lower Plenty Road and Creek Bend Reserve.</li> <li>RC outlines works for the relocation of the large water main along western side of Borlase Street due to commence in late February. Day works for 3 months. Explains the works involved with this. Notes that pedestrian access will be maintained along eastern footpath and reinstate the offset carpark for residents in Borlase Street in the secure compound on Drysdale Street, security and CCTV will be in place.</li> <li>RC explains Stage 2 APA Gas relocation trenching works (Erskine Road to Watsonia Road) and how they will tie into the Stage 1 works which are almost complete.</li> <li>CR gives update on Simpson Barracks works inside and around the barracks which includes both day and night works.</li> <li>RC gives an update on the power line relocations along Greensborough Road, these are night works.</li> <li>CR explains the property demolition of 264 Greensborough Road which is currently underway. These are day works from January 18-29 and dust management protocols are in place.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GP gives update on transmission power relocation in Watsonia. Explains the works involved to string power cables to connect the new set of transmission towers to the existing network and remove the decommissioned set of towers. These works will take place over most of February. Once finished, the two towers will be demolished, and the new towers will be 50m tall.</li> <li>● GP explains there will be some disruption to car spaces and pedestrian access close to Watsonia station during cable stringing works.</li> <li>● GP explains the diagram demonstrating the location of power cable stringing works.</li> <li>● GP explains the station access from Watsonia road which will be maintained. There will be a slight detour and signage will be in place.</li> <li>● GP explains they have managed to reduce the footprint of the works occurring around the library. Some car spaces will be required (31) but not the entire area, two accessible car space will be available, and the library access maintained.</li> <li>● GP explains the Watsonia road Taxi Zone and 5 on-street car spaces will be temporarily occupied as part of the Bus Stop 513 Service and Skybus relocation.</li> <li>● GP gives details on the works to dismantle the decommissioned Transmission Towers. There will be disruption to 25 car spaces in station car park, pedestrian footpath detour required for up to 10 days. Changed traffic conditions on Greensborough Road, northbound slow lane closure and reduced speed during works.</li> <li>● CR provides update on Ford Park sporting upgrade works. Gives an overview of what has already taken place. Works recommenced on 13 January to complete new cricket nets and multicourt, construction of the new pavilion, resurfacing and drainage works are underway on the oval which will be followed by retaining wall excavations and electrical services installation.</li> <li>● CR provides update on Binnak Park sporting upgrade works. Gives an overview of what has already taken place. This year we will see completion of the new cricket nets, construction of the new pavilion, demolition of exiting pavilion and car park construction. There is a lot of activity happening in this area.</li> <li>● CR gives community engagement update. Ongoing consultation with Borlase residents to keep them informed of the sewer relocation works completed in December, email update for Jemena electricity relocation works and phone calls as required to provide updated information. Doorknocks and DL card drops for Drysdale Street and Colleen Street residents regarding the Melbourne Water easement and PRS construction works. Notification for Borlase area service relocations distributed 18 December and notifications for works on Greensborough Road north of Erskine distributed on 5 January. Further notification for Borlase water relocations will be distributed by early February. Proactive respite and relocation offered to residents' adjacent night works on Greensborough Road. Notification updates for Ford and Binnak Park works distributed 17 December. Letter to Watsonia local businesses was distributed 14 January following briefings with Watsonia Traders Committee early January. Community notification to be distributed this week ahead of works in February. Watsonia Trader Directory brochure and internal communications to project teams and crews to help promote the local businesses ahead of/and during the HV Tower works.</li> <li>● CR gives community touch point reminder details and respective contact details.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Q: MG asks what feedback was received through the community engagement and what changes CPB have made to accommodate residents' concerns. Would like to know the number and nature of the feedback.</li> <li>● CR explains when they roll out works a period of engagement is required. Provides some examples including the works in Watsonia. Engaged early on with businesses and requested feedback and were able to work with the contractors and make those changes around the library access. When there are night works, we go out and inform residents and if we get feedback about noise, we do noise monitoring to check levels and proactively relocate residents. Notes that feedback is very important and taken seriously, we realise we are having a big impact in the area, and ensure they are meeting the EPR requirements around community engagement. Provides another example for the water crossing works, did series of doorknocks prior to notifications going out to residents to give them a heads up and get feedback from them.</li> <li>● GP adds that with the library works, contractor was originally going to put the big drums of cable there which would have taken up a lot of room, CPB challenged them which meant they were able to change work methods and use different equipment to reduce the footprint.</li> <li>● Q: MMo asks about the 40km p/h and closure of Greensborough Road, during the works is it 40km all the way down through the 80km zone permanently or will it chop and change.</li> <li>● GP advises it will be through the localised area only and there will be one permanent lane closure for 10 days.</li> <li>● MMo comments on community engagement, has received feedback from the community in areas such as Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge who have said they feel informed about the whole project. Adds that she feels communication has been thorough and open to feedback.</li> <li>● KG advises she has had reports from Borlase reserve residents that haulage trucks are using Borlase Street during night works to access the reserve. Ask's for this to be cleared up and stopped.</li> <li>● KG explains there are also haulage trucks, excavators and other contractor vehicles using the eastern side of the haul road next to the reserve, closest to the houses, during the evening. Often they are parked at night close to the residents still occupying their homes, with engines running and indicators on. Residents find this disrupting. Asks for this to be addressed too.</li> <li>● Q: KG asks whether CPB can provide details of the plan for reinstatement of the footpath and nature strip along Borlase Street</li> <li>● CR advises RC can provide an answer to the questions about the footpath reinstatement.</li> <li>● RC asks KG to clarify which footpath she is referring to.</li> <li>● KG explains she is referring to the ones closest to the houses. Adds there has been a mention of a stockpile of excavated soil as well from the electrical and telecom works sitting on the nature strip out the front of houses. Would like to know whether the restoration can include clean-fill soil being used to replace any excavated soil and at what stage concrete driveways will be replaced. Clarifies she is after a detailed plan of the reinstatement of that whole area. explains they will be reinstating material that is clean fill, can provide details.</li> <li>● RC advises that CPB can follow this up with Jemena. Adds that the material that is going back in is clean-fill.</li> <li>● Q: KG asks for an updated plan for the next 6 months to residents in Borlase Street on all of the works on the reserve and a date of when you expect early works to be completed.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CR advises it has always been communicated that the early works, particularly around Borlase Street and the reserve, was always going to have a program until the first-second quarters of this year. Asks for KG to pass her questions through so she can get further clarity around that.</li> <li>● KG confirms she will send an email to CPB.</li> <li>● KG mentions, there was an issue raised with CPB regarding lack of notification to residents and access to private properties that was required as part of the early works. It has been undertaken that appropriate notifications will be given to residents regarding access as this was a major concern.</li> <li>● CR thanks KG and explains that was regarding telco works, the contractor were informed before they entre any properties, regarding this piece of work and the new connections, they were required to give CPB a heads up so we could correctly and adequality inform residents. They did not do this and works were ceased. Adds that CPB acknowledge this particular contractor had done the wrong thing.</li> <li>● SM comments on the community engagement, understands there have been concerns previously about not knowing dates or details however, the recent works in Watsonia has been very clear, well communicated to traders through NELP and CPB. People seem to be okay with the works and are aware of what is happening.</li> <li>● CR thanks SM.</li> <li>● MM introduces MS to give her presentation on sports and recreation.</li> </ul>
Melanie Starr (MS), NELP	<p><b>Sports and recreation update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MS introduces herself and her role at NELP for the southern sports and recreation sites.</li> <li>● MS provides an overview of what she will be presenting on.</li> </ul> <p>New Tennis Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MS provides background on the Boroondara Tennis Centre (BTC) land required for NEL interchange. The centre will remain operational until November 2022.</li> <li>● MS outlines the site selection process for the new location. Explains NELP has been working with Boroondara City Council (BCC) and councils in the NEL project area since April 2019 to identify a suitable relocation site. A working group with NELP, Tennis Australia, Tennis Victoria and Sports and Recreation Victoria, was established mid last year when a site could not be found in the immediate municipalities. Assessed opportunities in northern and eastern suburbs of Metro Melbourne. A total of 28 sites were considered and two sites shortlisted. Considerations included land suitability and availability, planning overlays, other local tennis provision and the support from council for a facility of this size.</li> <li>● MS explains the two sites were subjected to a rigorous multicriteria assessment that looked at all the aspects of delivering the project including, benefits, costs, impacts and the community it would service. A key aspect of BTC is that it delivers around 40 tournaments a year, it was critical to be able to cater for these tournaments.</li> <li>● MS explains the Glen Waverly Golf Course driving range is the location of the new site. It will include 18 tennis courts, sports flood lighting, multipurpose golf/tennis pavilion, upgraded intersection at Jells Road and Waverly Road, upgraded car parking. A key benefit of this site is that it's 3km from the Eastlink meaning it is very accessible although it is further away.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MS explains the concept image is a very high-level concept design to show how and where the site may work. The final design and the design process will involve extensive consultation with key stakeholders and the community.</li> <li>● MS outlines the project timeline. Monash council will be delivering the project, NELP will fund a significant portion of it. Anticipating that the new centre will be open by early 2024. One key criteria we looked at when selecting a suitable site was to minimise downtime between the closure of BTC and opening of new tennis centre.</li> </ul> <p>Templestowe Road Soccer Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MS provides background on the Templestowe Road soccer facilities and the need for the new facility.</li> <li>● MS provides details on the approved masterplan and what the site will include. The masterplan was approved by the Minister for Planning at the end of last year.</li> <li>● MS explains the Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) and why it was required. The PSA planning process included public and stakeholder consultation; 53 submission received were received during this period. The PSA was gazetted on 7 Dec.</li> <li>● MS outlines the next steps. Further set of approvals that are required for final planning approval, this includes a development plan. This plan shows how the detailed, final design is in compliance with the Masterplan, a Traffic Management Plan, Flood Management Plan, and Waste Management Plan need to be developed also. We will be consulting with key stakeholders on these plans with the aim to have this submitted to the Minister for Planning by April/May.</li> <li>● MS notes a Cultural Heritage Management Plan being prepared by NELP and approved by Wurundjeri WoiWurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.</li> <li>● MS explains procurement process is also underway for construction of the facility. Conversations with landowners and residents on the site are on-going.</li> <li>● MM thanks MS for her presentation.</li> </ul>
Frances Wickerson (FW), NELP	<p><b>NELP Tree Planting Survey update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FW introduces herself and involvement at NELP. Share preliminary results of the tree survey</li> <li>● FW explains tree planting for NEL started last year, we have worked with Belle Vue Primary School and Watsonia Primary school to get some of the first trees of the project in the ground as well as Simpson Barracks.</li> <li>● FW explains NELP ran a short community values and ideas survey late last year. There has been a lot of engagement so far about planting as part of the project design but as a lot of trees will be planted in areas outside of the project, we wanted to understand what communities were interested in having the planting achieved. Survey was online for 6 weeks on the Engage Victoria platform and around 790 responses were received.</li> <li>● FW gives overview of response themes. Outlines the top 10 suburbs of people who responded and notes they heard from people in areas where there is tree removal which is important as they are involved in the decision of where new trees will go. Results were also split into council area as NELP are working with them on localised planting plans. Notes on the pie chart that half of the responses were from people in the Banyule Council. Outlines the interest in each of the council areas.</li> </ul>

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Mike Marasco (MM)	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KG advises she was contacted from a particular member of the community which has prompted her to find out how NELP engages with people who are more vulnerable. Interested to know how NELP make decisions when there might be some principles already in place around how compensation or relocation applies.</li> <li>● KG provides an example. A family in Greensborough, not directly abutting noisy works, are being impacted at night as their autistic son is hypersensitive to noise. They are currently in public housing and are looking to relocate permanently. Has encourage them to reach out to NELP, on the basis that this is a unique situation.</li> <li>● Q: KG is interested to know whether there is flexibility to cover people in the community that might have a situation that needs to be considered outside of the norms.</li> <li>● NP advises she is aware NELP is talking with this particular resident and working through the situation with them.</li> <li>● MM notes JP is an apology for today.</li> <li>● MM reminds the group the next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March, please contact us in the interim if any issues.</li> <li>● NP advises hubs will be open as of next Wednesday 27 January. Watsonia will be open as per Covid restrictions, if you have questions, you're always welcome at the hubs. We may be able to do face-to-face meeting in March.</li> <li>● MM thanks all participants and closes the meeting.</li> </ul>

## Actions – previous

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1	NELP to respond to KG about clarification of the criteria for short term relocation options for residents in Borlase Street.	NP	30/11	Complete	Response provided.
2	NP to respond to all CLG members about the water run-off into Banyule Creek and what the plan was to deal with more water flow with works taking place nearby.	NP	30/11	Complete	Response provided to group.

## Actions – new

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1	CPB to follow up KG's reports regarding haulage trucks using Borlase Street during night works to access the reserve.	CPB	ASAP	Pending	
2	CPB to follow up KG's reports regarding haulage trucks, excavators and other contractor vehicles using the eastern side of the haul road next to the reserve, which are parked at night close to the residents with engines running and indicators on.	CPB	ASAP	Pending	
3	RC to follow this up with Jemena about the footpath reinstatement and provide an answer to KG.	RC	26/02/2021	Pending	
4	CR to provided updated plan of works for the next 6 months to residents in Borlase Street and a date of when early works is expected to be completed.	CR	26/02/2021	Pending	