

Meeting note



Central Victoria Livestock Exchange – Community Liaison Committee

Project	Central Victoria Livestock Exchange	Date	3/05/2017
Ref No.	-	Time	4:30pm – 6:30pm
Purpose	Inaugural meeting of the CVLX Community Liaison Committee		
Chair	Martin Klopper	Recorder	Martin Klopper / Sarah Stent
Attendees	As per attendance register	Apologies	As per attendance register

Item	Discussion Point	Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members, invited guests and observers introduce themselves. It is noted that members of the Victorian Environment Protection Authority (EPA) were in attendance. The chair confirmed and reminded members of the purpose of the CLC, being: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future focussed and forward looking, with an emphasis on the delivery stage• A forum for presentation of specialist studies and technical documents• To answer questions and provide information• A forum to raise issues/complaints, and resolve them.	» None
2.	Apologies Apologies noted included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of Ballarat – due to a conflict with a regular scheduled Council Meeting• Kerri Gallagher, Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society• Pauline Fay, Community Member• Alicia Bond, President – Committee for Miners Rest• Werner Oellering – Community member• Garry Edwards – RIPL <p>Note: Werner Oellering arrived at the meeting at approximately 5:15pm, during the presentation at Item 7</p>	» None
3.	Confirmation of Past Minutes & Actions Arising The past minutes were raised. An email request from Werner Oellering was noted requesting that additional information be included on the community grants fund, being: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Noted Garry Edwards previously indicated grants of \$35k for 1st 3 years then \$25k per annum, depending on review.” It is agreed that the amendment be made, and minutes be accepted as final for distribution purposes.	» Minutes to be amended and issued
4.	Actions Arising from Past Minutes Feedback on actions arising from previous minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The media relations plan will be in accordance with the Terms of	» None

Reference. Any media contact will be referred to RIPL through the independent chair.

- Presentations committed as part of the previous minutes form the body of today's meeting.

5. Construction Update

A construction update was provided by John Delicato (CVLX Project Director):

- The past two months has focused on refinements to the design. Bulk earthworks is scheduled to commence in a fortnight, with on-site activity escalating as of the end of May.
- Following initial earthworks, construction will commence on the intersection / access point. This is pending Vicroads approval. The access and roadworks will include:
 - > Broadening and culverting the road
 - > Creation of road into site
 - > Establishing the site office (standard with construction projects)
 - > Swale drains to prevent water flow on to and across the site
 - > Building a dam to catch water for dust suppression and decrease water logging – which is an issue for construction. The location is visible in the development perspective drawing contained in the presentation (attached for reference purposes).
- Site works may cease in June, weather dependent and will recommence in September.
- The next steps will include stripping the site and back filling to create the base for construction of the main structure.
- Activity will also commence along the fence line.
- The facility will be state of art with a focus on animal wellbeing.
- Construction will be managed by Walz Engineering, who have extensive experience with this type of asset, including Tamworth and Wodonga.

Construction Management Plan:

- A comprehensive Construction Management Plan (CMP) has been prepared. The CMP includes detailed indications of how the construction will comply with requirements outlined in the various site approvals.
- The CMP also details:
 - > Permitted work hours, being 6am – 6pm weekdays, dependent on light and Saturday work if required.
 - > Work on Sunday is not ideal/planned – if it is required, this will need prior approval
 - > Dust suppression, will managed through water spraying, using the on-site dam created.
 - > Work Health safety and site access requirements.
 - > A cultural management plan.
 - > A framework for the obligatory reporting of any onsite incidents or issues.

- » Construction updates to remain a regular item on the CLC agenda.
- » A copy of the presentation to be circulated to all members.

- > A plan to address community complaints received during the process. RIPL will attend CLC meetings to report back on complaints received and management, as well as to address any additional complaints raised through the CLC as the primary consultation conduit.
- > Bushfire management – which will require onsite management. Noting that on-site “hot activities” such as welding will mostly occur offsite, and be kept out of fire season.
- The intent is complete earthworks by November 2017 to avoid earthworks in the hot, dry and dusty period.

Next Steps

- It was suggested that a site visit be arranged to coincide with the October / November CLC meeting. This will provide members the opportunity to view on-site progress.

Questions & Discussions

1. Graeme Howell questioned whether deceleration and acceleration lanes have been allowed for in the design of the access, noting that this has been an issue at previous sites. Jonathan Crilly noted that he has had a similar question / concern from a Learmonth resident.

Andrew McCarron confirmed that VicRoads has considered this, and appropriate deceleration lanes have been provided, providing the opportunity for other motorists to pass / overtake turning vehicles entering the site. Appropriate site signage and line marking will be implemented. This is subject to VicRoads approval.

2. It was questioned whether these access arrangements will be available during construction stage.

Andrew McCarron confirmed that the same access will be used during construction and operations. The full design will be in place for the construction process, noting that construction starts with the road widening and access construction.

3. Sarah Stent confirmed that an SMS opt-in notification system will be in place to notify registered individuals of construction related road closures and traffic changes. The details of this number are on the CVLX website.

6. Community Grants Programme

The community grants programme was discussed simultaneous to the Construction update.

It was confirmed that the grant will have a 35k p/a immediate focus on surrounding area use of CLC for assessment and ongoing refinement – 1 annual or 2 times.

In preparation for the next meeting, it is requested that members begin to think of ideas for the grant. The chair read out a list of suggestions already received from the Committee for Miners Rest through Werner Oellering:

- » A detailed presentation to be made at the next CLC meeting.
 - » Members to prepare ideas for the grant to table at the next CLC meeting.
 - » A draft framework for operation to be prepared and circulated before the next CLC meeting.
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- Further development of the Memorial park with additional playground facilities
- Construction of a bridge over Burrumbeet creek to extend the walking track allowing access to both sides of creek
- Development and planning of sporting grounds (football oval, netball courts, etc)
- Relocation of Community hall
- Additional facilities around the War memorial.

It was suggested that a framework for the operation of the grants programme be prepared and circulated to the members prior to the previous meeting. CLC members agreed to this approach.

7. Biosecurity Management Plan

The draft Biosecurity Management Plan (BMP) was presented to the CLC by Andrew McCarron.

Background

- The BMP was compiled as an approval requirement, and considers all potential biosecurity risks, including but not limited to Q fever management.
- An initial plan was lodged with the EPA, and reviewed by subject matter experts.
- The BMP was independently reviewed by a subject matter expert, Hugh Millar & Associates. Hugh Millar is the former Executive Director, Biosecurity Victoria.
- Comments from both the EPA assessment and peer review input underpinned the amended draft BMP, which was now submitted for comment through the CLC.
- The BMP document is expected to evolve over time in response to new practices and issues management.
 - > Content
- Biosecurity management is essential for food security management, underpinning market access, food safety and customer demand. It also protects livestock and human health.
- The key aims of the livestock BMP are to:
 - > Establish a framework for managing biosecurity risks
 - > Maintain market access and commercial value of livestock – contribute to profitability of local agricultural industry
 - > Safeguard human health, especially those in direct animal contact
 - > Preserve animal health & wellbeing.
- The BMP acknowledges that several parties are accountable in the process along the food chain, and that it operates within a strict legislative environment, overseen by several government agencies.
- The BMP establishes protocols for the management of biosecurity risks, with specific operational and infrastructure measures of the CVLX in mind.
- The BMP outlines the specific measures that would apply in the case of an Emergency Animal Disease Response, including:
 - > Site immobilisation including immediate stop to all transport to

- » The presentation to be distributed to all members.
- » Members wishing to comment to compile questions / comments and submit to the CLC and EPA.

- and from site
- > Protection of worker health and safety
 - > Compliance with government requirements regarding movements of stock
 - > Compliance with government directions on handling of suspected infected stock
 - > Appropriate destruction and disposal of animals in accordance with government directions
 - > Site decontamination protocols, and
 - > Assistance in the process of valuation and compensation

Q Fever

- In relation to Q Fever, it is noted that:
 - > Infection risk occurs when working in direct contact with high risk animals, animal tissues, or animal waste products.
 - > People who have close contact with high risk animal tissues, such as farmers, abattoir workers, shearers, knackery workers and veterinarians, are at a higher risk of contracting Q fever than the general community.
 - > Occurrence of Q fever is uncommon.
- Noted a Q Fever Risk Assessment undertaken together with preventative controls outlined throughout the plan indicated the risk of Q Fever at CVLX is considered low.
- A risk assessment and response plan is set out in the BMP, specific to Q fever.

Questions and Comments

1. Werner Oellering noted that due to the time before the meeting that the BMP was made available, it will be studied in detail and a set of questions and comments will be forwarded in writing to the CLC and the EPA.
2. Werner Oellering queried the reference to pigs in the document, and questioned whether it meant pigs would be sold at CVLX.

Andrew McCarron indicated that the NLIS reference in the document was generic, and that CVLX would not accommodate pigs.
3. Janine Dridan, representative of the EPA commented that members are welcome to submit comments in writing to the EPA.
4. Two observers present from the community noted that they have no questions, but will address comments in writing to the EPA.

No further questions and comments were raised by the CLC in relation to the BMP.

Note: Following the meeting it was confirmed that submissions can be made to:

- Email address: works.approvals@epa.vic.gov.au
- Please use the email subject: Regional Livestock Exchange (RLX) Investment Company P/L

- Provide a copy to the CLC through martin.klopper@elton.com.au

8. The third meeting

The chair noted that the first Wednesday of every month conflicts with City of Ballarat Council meeting. It was also requested that the next meeting be pushed out to accommodate Martin Klopper's leave.

- » The chair to issue a list of upcoming meetings and issue meeting invites for upcoming meetings.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 19 July 2017. 16:30. Miners Rest Community Hall

9. Other business

No other business was raised

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10. Close

The meeting closed at 5:40pm.

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