



Central Victoria Livestock Exchange COMMUNITY UPDATE

May 2017

Building works are almost underway for the Central Victoria Livestock Exchange (CVLX) project with the first sod for this significant regional project likely to be turned soon.

Construction will be carefully managed to ensure the project runs smoothly, safely and on schedule. Read on for more information on what to expect in the coming months of work.

Feedback from residents has been valuable and we thank those that have made the time to contact us and share their views. Let us know if you have a comment or question by sending an email to enquiries@cvlx.com.au or by calling 0419 302 850.

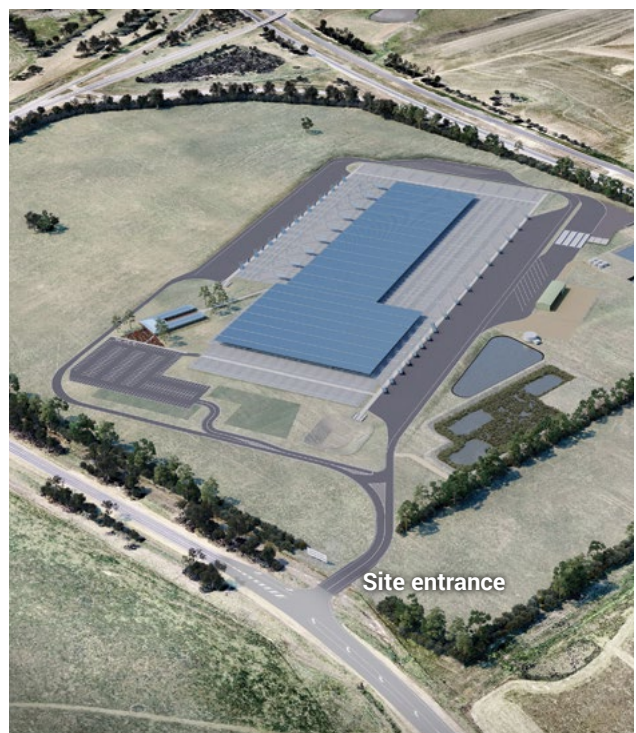
Construction traffic

During construction, light commercial and heavier construction vehicles will be coming and going from the CVLX site. All vehicles will access the site from the Sunraysia Highway entry.

Transport movements to site will be carefully controlled to ensure road user's safety. This map (right) shows the site's entry during construction and operations.

Road widening works are required at the site entrance intersection – disruptions will be minimised through staged construction in consultation with Vic Roads.

For your safety - residents using local roads during construction should drive to the conditions and maintain a safe distance from construction vehicles.



Artist's impression of site showing entrance during construction and operations

Take Action

If you would like to receive SMS Updates about the CVLX project, including possible changes to road conditions, please text 'SMS ALERT OPT IN' and your full name to 0419 302 850.

Landscaping

Extensive landscaping and tree planting will be carried out as part of our efforts to prepare the CVLX site for its future use as a livestock facility.

Much of the site is currently cleared, given its past use as grazing land. Up to 5000 trees and shrubs will be planted – most indigenous to the local area – to protect livestock and provide additional screening of the low-profile buildings from public view points. Vegetation will also provide new habitat for local flora and fauna.



Acacia Mearnsii (left) and *Eucalyptus Ovata* (right) to be featured in the revegetation.

Community Liaison Committee

On 1 March, members of the new CVLX Community Liaison Committee met for the first time at the Ballarat Turf Club. Thank you to those that have joined the group and contributed to discussions.

The CVLX Committee provides a forum for residents and local groups to hear more about the CVLX project, ask questions and propose ideas for how its development can benefit the broader community. Minutes of meetings will be available on our website www.cvlx.com.au

Membership of the CVLX Committee remains open to interested members of the public – the next meeting is Wednesday 3 May. To ask about joining, please contact the group's independent facilitator, Martin Klopper, on 0406 955 766.

Cultural Heritage

As part of our management plan, a cultural heritage salvage program has been completed. Representatives from the Wathaurong Aboriginal Corporation have visited the site to investigate potential sites of significance and search for indigenous artefacts. Artefacts found during this exercise will be reburied on the site after construction is complete. In addition, all staff working on the construction of CVLX have been made aware of potential archaeological and cultural heritage items that may occur on the site and what actions to take to protect them.

FAQs

In each community update we plan to provide answers to some of your important questions:

How long is construction likely to take?

Construction of CVLX is expected to take 12 - 15 months.

Will the site operate 24/7?

Livestock sales will only be on designated days during daylight operating hours. Delivery of livestock for sale will usually be the day prior to a sale, including Sundays. At other times, the site will remain open to receive stock delivery trucks that may have broken down and are arriving late between 10.00pm and 6.00am. Emergency deliveries like these are only likely to happen infrequently.

What will happen to the current saleyards?

The current Ballarat saleyards in LaTrobe Street will continue to operate as normal while CVLX is constructed. Once operations move to the new site, the old site will be closed. A decision on its future use is yet to be determined and will be the responsibility of Ballarat Council.

Will there be road closures during construction?

Unlikely. To remain up-to-date with construction, please consider subscribing to our SMS Alert service. See details on the front page of this Update.

Are there still job opportunities?

From time to time, the project team will require services of local workers to help with construction. To register your interest, please send an email with your name and qualifications to enquiries@cvlx.com.au

Contact us

Any questions, please email enquires@cvlx.com.au or visit www.cvlx.com.au