

Meeting note

Central Victoria Livestock Exchange – Community Liaison Committee

Project	Central Victoria Livestock Exchange	Date	14/09/2017
Ref No.		Time	6:00 – 8:00pm
Purpose	CVLX Community Liaison Committee – Meeting 4	Recorder	Sarah Stent / Martin Klopper
Chair	Martin Klopper (MK)		
Attendees	Ben Fahy – DEDJTR (BF) Joel Owins – Miners Rest Landcare Group (JO) Angelique Lush – City of Ballarat (AL) Grant Tillet – Councillor, City of Ballarat (GT) Jim Rinaldi – Councillor, City of Ballarat (JR) Alicia Bond – Chairperson Committee for Miners Rest (AB) Xavier Bourke – Stock Agents Association (XB) Andrew Dean – RLX (AD) Andrew McCarron – RIPL (AM) Sarah Stent – Banksia Communications (SS) Kerri Gallagher – Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society (KG)	Apologies	John Delicato – RIPL Garry Edwards – RIPL James Haddrick – BSSAA (JH) Jonathon Crilly – CVLX (JC) David Clark – Miners Rest Landcare Group(DC) Werner Oellering – CFMR (WO)
Observers	Eileen McGhee – Resident (EM) Wendy Tao – EPA Victoria (WT) Andreas Elvin – EPA Victoria (AE)	Guests	

Item	Discussion Point	Actions
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1. Welcome and Introductions

» None

MK welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted that members of the Victorian Environment Protection Authority (EPA) were in attendance. MK thanked Councillors Tillet and Rinaldi for their attendance.

Due to the number of new attendees and returning attendees, MK reviewed the terms of reference:

- » MK confirmed CVLX CLC is representative of all community and stakeholders
- » MK confirmed CLC is open to new members and spaces still available for new members
- » MK reminded members the CLC was future focused – a forum for raising issues and solving them collaboratively as well as identifying opportunities for all parties to work in partnership.
- » MK reviewed the rules of conduct, as agreed at the inaugural meeting in March 2017.

Apologies are noted, including:

- » John Delicato – RIPL
- » Garry Edwards – RIPL
- » James Haddrick – BSSAA (JH)
- » Jonathon Crilly – CVLX (JC)
- » David Clark – Miners Rest Landcare Group(DC)

2. Minutes from the previous meeting:

MK noted previous minutes; no additional comments raised from members

MK reviewed past actions, acknowledging CFMR for distributing details of SMS notification to members.

- » AB asked if CLC could be promoted by SMS Alert. It was agreed that this could occur.
- » Action item from July meeting – report on vegetation buffer – use of mature trees not complete.
- » During presentation of the website it is noted that the link to the past minutes and community updates are not functioning correctly.

- » SS to promote CLC via SMS alert.
- » Question relating to mature trees to be addressed by RIPL at November 2017 Meeting.
- » SS to attend to correcting links on website.

3. Community Grants Programme (Agenda Items 3-5)

SS presented an update on the Community Grants programme, including the key aims of RLX Community Grant Funds, and the extent of funding approved for the CVLX.

Two questions were posed to the CLC, with responses as follows:

» *Question 1: Should applications for grant funds be offered annually or twice a year?*

- JO noted that once a year is preferable. From a landcare perspective funding is normally needed at the end of September.
- AB noted that once a year would be preferable. CFMR AGM is in February / March, and it would be good to agree on projects to be applied for at the AGM, with deadline after that.
- KG noted once a year, given the amount of time it takes to compile applications.

It was agreed that applications would be run once a year.

» Question 2: How long should applications remain open for?

- JO – One month minimum, six weeks would be ideal.
- AB – At least six weeks.
- Kerri – Four to six weeks.
- GT – It needs to take into account various organisations' AGM schedules.
- XB – They take a lot of work, so 3 – 4 Months.
- BF – Suggests pre-publishing time period it will be open, so that organisations can start preparing in advance of formal period.
- AD – It should be annually at the same time.

It was agreed that it would be open annually at the same time, and that advertised in advance to allow for organisations to prepare.

SS noted that as it is the intent to commence the programme immediately, this first round will be a trial and flexible.

SS Continued the presentation detailing the definition of community funding, including eligible organisations as well as the reduction of the geographic area from 50km to 15km of the CVLX facility or directly linked to the CVLX project.

- » *Question:* AB notes that the biggest impact of the project is on the Miners Rest Community, and questions why the funding isn't limited to the immediate community.
 - SS notes that surrounding communities are also impacted due to proximity to the transport route, location of clients, and other potential impacts. As such they are eligible to apply.
- » *Question:* AB questions whether the funding is open to individuals.
 - SS confirms that the intent is that funding be provided for community / industry projects. An individual could not apply to fund a project for personal gain / benefit.

SS outlines the community funding criteria / framework.

- » *Question:* AB notes that the criteria appears quite rigid, and the CFMR is concerned they won't have projects that fall into any of these categories. For example, they run many community morning teas and other events.
 - SS notes that the framework is very high level, and that the examples in each category are only examples, not an exhaustive list. An event such as a morning tea would fall under community safety and participation, as fostering increased participation of people in local activities.
- » *Question:* SS asks AM to explain why community safety and participation has been included?
 - AM notes that safety is a fundamental RLX business principle. People work locally, and therefore participation in the community is core part of being a responsible corporate citizen.
- » *Comment:* GT notes that under Community Safety and Participation that "Men's health" should be "Health" only. It is agreed to make this change.

SS posed a question to the CLC as to what types of projects and priorities should be considered for funding:

- » GT noted that the Miners Rest Community Plan would be completed shortly. This plan will identify community priorities, and decision made on CLC Grant Funding could be guided by these priorities – particularly where there is no overlap with City of Ballarat proposed funding.
- » AB noted that under the agriculture column, the creek needs work as it is a broader environmental issues.
- » *Question:* EM queries how many applications will be approved / number of grants will be issued each year.
 - SS confirms that this will depend on the number of applications received, and their individual merits.

SS outlines the next steps for the grant funding, including the upcoming launch in the next community newsletter. A final question is posed to the CLC on how the funding applications will be decided on, and how members wish to participate:

- » It is suggested that a sub-committee be informed to review applications.
- » GT suggests that members be required to declare conflict of interest when voting and RLX has final decision making.

It is agreed that a shortlist will be prepared and presented to the CLC, however final approval will be RLXs responsibility.

6. Where is the CLVX up to? – Project Update

AMc and AD presented CVLX Operations Update. The presentation focussed on current completed works, upcoming works, and photographs of current works.

- » Question: Is the swale drain only on the northern boundary? GT
 - Swale runs around the north, east and southern boundary AM
 - Construction team using swales, hay bales and bunds to manage water flow across the site and prevent water leaving construction areas. Monitoring site flow daily and have purchased monitoring equipment to obtain further detail on water quality. AD
 - » Question: Where will the intersection slip lanes be? GT
 - To be confirmed by VicRoads as they determine most effective design. AM
 - GT said he was concerned the swept path from Sunraysia Highway to allow vehicles to turn left into site was not sufficient for B triples or even road trains as these are starting to come into use around Ballarat.
 - » Question: Has a swept path analysis been done and did it take into account B Triples? AL
 - Analysis has been done to B Doubles, will confirm B Triples. AM
 - » AM and AD continued Operations Update.
 - » AD noted noise monitoring has been done at various locations around the site and in different prevailing wind conditions. All readings found to be 55dba – relatively low for noise and within EPA guidelines for construction activity.
 - » AD said noise is being diligently managed. Noise monitoring will continue as more machinery arrives onsite and during specific activity where noise is prevalent, i.e. concrete pours.
 - » *Comment:* AB acknowledged noise may be within limits and said community still concerned about noise.
 - » *Question:* Can the complaints number be better promoted?
 - SS noted that it could be included in the next community update
 - » AM reported on complaints following last CLC meeting. No further complaints to date. Two prior complaints (traffic and Noise) investigated and closed out.
 - » AD noted that it is desirable for CVLX to avoid Miners Rest Rd as it is a difficult intersection. All suppliers have been notified, and transport routes considered when appointing bulk delivery contractors.
- » AM to confirm details of swept path analysis.
 - » SS to include the complaints number in the next community update.

Questions were opened to the observers:

- » *Question:* My understanding is that you intend setting aside some paddocks on the eastern side of the site for holding livestock for several days prior to sale. How large will this area be, and how many animals will be held in those paddocks at any one time? EM
 - MK said this issue had been addressed in previous meeting and a response would be provided outside of the CLC. It is suggested that EM email MK with a list of questions for answering.
- » MK to distribute list of questions for a RIPL response, and distribute to EM and the CLC when prepared.

7. The Fifth Meeting

MK queried whether the revised 6pm time was suitable to members. Members agreed that it worked better.

MK queried whether there were any points the committee would like to discuss / place on the agenda. Members were encouraged to consider items in advance of the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

- Date: Thursday 23 November 2017
- Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Venue: Ballarat Turf Club

- » Agenda to be issued, including meeting time and date.

8. Other business

The following questions were raised under other business:

- » GT commented that local farmers have complained CVLX plans not readily available and they were concerned the facility would not be suitable for display of livestock for sale.
- » AM noted that the VIC Farmers Federation had been consulted extensively during the design process and RLX were of the belief they were the appropriate group to represent farmers' interests.
- » AB noted that it has been some time since the last community update, and that no construction update / warnings have been provided through the community updates.
 - SS notes that the community update has been held in abeyance pending agreement on the community fund.
 - Following this meeting, the community update will be prioritised.
- » AB asked that a response on ideas to use mature trees be provided before the next CLC meeting as planting to commence in Oct. LC.
- » *Question:* Why has the grant framework and value changed? AB
 - SS responded that the framework was open for consultation, and has changed in response to member feedback which has been valuable. The value for the fund is in accordance with the budget allocated by RLX as part of annual operations budget.
- » *Question:* Why isn't Council represented on the CVLX Project Control Group? AB
 - AM replied that in his opinion it was not appropriate for Council to be represented as CVLX is a private development project, and Council's role is as an assessment agent.
- » SS to prioritise next community update.
- » MK to obtain response from RIPL and provide to CLC.

9. Close

MK thanks the members for their attendance and input.

The meeting closed at 8:05pm.
