



Central Victoria Livestock Exchange

COMMUNITY UPDATE

February 2018

Welcome to a further edition of the Central Victoria Livestock Exchange (CVLX) Community Update. CVLX are delighted to announce the launch of our Community Grant Fund. To date, CVLX has awarded over \$6million in work to local contractors and businesses. Commencing this year, CVLX will award community funding to eligible groups that are looking to make a significant social or environmental contribution to our region. Read on for more information on how to apply.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Earthworks at the CVLX construction site have been underway now for six months and approaching completion. Despite some delays due to inclement weather early on, progress has been satisfactory - with roads, cattle and sheep pavilions and landscaping features taking shape.

In the following few months, work will begin on a new entry intersection that will include a slip lane and accelerating lane for traffic to safely enter and exit the Sunraysia Highway. VicRoads are supporting the installation of an electronic speed reduction system for the intersection that

will effectively reduce the speed limit of the intersection when vehicles exit the facility, greatly improving safety.

Following CVLX's Building Works Approval, tree planting around the perimeter of the site is almost complete. Over 4100 trees and shrubs will provide a natural visual screen between neighbours and the development. All plants have been purchased from a local supplier and tubestock is being monitored and maintained through the warmer period.

All species being planted are native and most are local to the area, meaning a higher likelihood of survival. Planting will be in a 'shelter belt' arrangement 15 metres wide. Trees are expected to establish and grow quickly, creating an effective buffer for the site within a few years.



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

TAKE ACTION

An SMS Alert system is now in place. 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.

Noise monitoring

Construction works at the CVLX site are generating some noise however continuous monitoring has indicated that the noise levels remain well below standard construction levels.

If you are concerned about audible construction noise at your property please call our Enquiries and Complaints number **0419 302 850**.

Details of how we manage noise is contained in our Construction Management Plan, available on the CVLX project website.

Water management

To effectively manage stormwater quality and quantity, CVLX will feature a permanent wetland pond area with different 'zones' to receive and treat surface runoff from around the site. This wetland system has been designed for 'zero adverse impacts' to surrounding areas, including in the instance of a 1 in 100-year flooding event. Other treatment measures include grass swales to filter site runoff before it reaches the wetland system. Overall, this system will improve runoff water quality by absorbing any sediment and nutrients.

When operating, CVLX will harvest rainwater for use on the site, significantly reducing demand on town water supplies. Where necessary, water will also be drawn from outlet ponds, for use in the truck wash area and for wash down of yards. Monitoring of water runoff and water quality will continue once construction is complete.

Bushfire management

CVLX is working closely with the CFA to manage potential bushfire risk at the site and the CFA has assessed the site as a low fire risk. Slashing of perimeter grass is also underway to reduce possible fuel load.

FAQs

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

Can I still register for the SMS Alert service?

Yes. A SMS Alert Service is now in place. To receive updates - including changes to road conditions - please text **'SMS ALERT OPT IN'** and your name to **0419 302 850**.

Will intersection works cause road closures?

The Sunraysia Highway will have additional lanes added at the site entrance, at which time traffic controls will be in place. Road closures are not expected, however there will be periods of single lane works while construction is underway. To remain up-to-date, please subscribe to our SMS Alert service.

How many people are currently employed onsite?

Are many locals?

Approximately 40 people are currently working at the site - with this number fluctuating according to the particular tasks underway. The majority of site contractors are locally-based.

CONTACT US

For more information on the CVLX project please visit our website www.cvlx.com.au Information on this site is updated regularly. To enquire about joining our Community Liaison Committee, please contact the group's independent facilitator, Martin Klopper, on **0406 955 766**. New members are welcome.

Community Grant Fund

This month, CVLX will launch its annual Community Grant Fund and help fund key projects that improve the sustainability and vitality of our industry and the community.

Applications are now open. Up to \$30,000 will be awarded to eligible organisations that are wanting to undertake valuable work in one of the following areas:

Community Safety and Participation

Do you bring together people in your community? Are you hoping to promote improved safety outcomes? Could you improve the wellbeing of your members, colleagues or friends?

Applications under this category should aim to:

- increase social cohesion and participation
- improve health and wellbeing
- introduce new or improved safety measures

Quality Food and Agriculture

Need assistance to raise awareness of your local food or agricultural region? Want to recognise leaders in quality food production? Do you need funding to support innovative food programs?

Applications should aim to:

- promote local food and agriculture
- introduce new audiences to safe, quality food and food production methods
- recognise those working at the forefront of quality food and agriculture

Environmental Improvement

Organisations running initiatives that protect and preserve the sustainability of the local environment are invited to apply for funding under this category.

Applications should aim to:

- deliver measurable improvements within the local environment
- increase awareness or participation in sustainable or environmentally friendly practices
- promote sustainable land management practices

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS ARE NOW OPEN

Key dates are as follows:

Applications open	Monday 12 February
Applications close	Friday 30 March
Grant awards announced	Early May

Please visit our website www.cvlx.com.au for more information on how to apply and a copy of our Application Form.