

<b>Project</b>	Central Victoria Livestock Exchange	<b>Date</b>	16/11/2017
<b>Ref No.</b>		<b>Time</b>	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Purpose</b>	CVLX Community Liaison Committee – Meeting 5	<b>Recorder</b>	Sarah Stent / Martin Klopper
<b>Chair</b>	Martin Klopper (MK)		
<b>Attendees</b>	Werner Oellering – CFMR (WO) Jonathon Crilly – CVLX (JC) Eileen McGhee – Resident (EM) Sarah Stent – Banksia Communications (SS) John Delicato – RLX Graham Howell – LTAV (GH)	<b>Apologies</b>	Alicia Bond – Chairperson Committee for Miners Rest (AB) Garry Edwards – RIPL James Haddrick – BSSAA (JH) Andrew McCarron – RIPL (AM) Angelique Lush – City of Ballarat (AL) Pauline Fay (Community Member) PF
<b>Observers</b>	Ann Ferguson – Neighbour (AF) Damien Ferguson – Neighbour (DF)	<b>Guests</b>	

Item	Discussion Point	Actions
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>MK welcomed everyone to the meeting.                      Eileen McGhee welcomed as a new community member.</p> <p>» MK reminded members the CLC was future focused and reiterated the rules of conduct, as agreed at the inaugural meeting in March 2017.</p> <p><b>Apologies noted, as above.</b></p>	» None
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes from the previous meeting:</b></p> <p>MK noted previous minutes; no additional comments raised from members.                      MK noted that the construction update presentation addresses outstanding questions from previous minutes.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Construction Update</b></p> <p>JD presented a construction update, a copy of which is attached to these meeting notes. Notable points included:</p> <p>» Site works are progressing well.                      » Workcover has been onsite to complete safety inspections – they are happy with progress and standards.</p>	» A copy of the presentation to be circulated to all members.

- » The Cattle pad pavilion has been constructed onsite and the is roof being lifted into place.
- » Sheep pad earthworks are complete, concrete pour and piles to take place next week.
- » Pavilion Steel deliveries to site are almost complete.
- » Dams are virtually complete.
- » Swales (stormwater management) are complete – with planting of vegetation buffers due to commence.
- » In relation to the access intersection:
  - RLX has completed their technical design and lodged this with VicRoads, as the approval body.
  - VicRoads will review an independent safety assessment.
  - Subject to VicRoads approvals, the final design is likely to have slip lanes and an accelerating lane to the right as vehicles exit the facility.
  - It is anticipated that a system will be installed which activates automated variable speed signs as vehicles exit the site. These will include flashing lights, and will reduce the intersection speed to 80km/h speed limits. This is a new technology favoured by VicRoads, as studies have demonstrated that it is more effective than permanent speed reductions.
  - The Intersection is currently zoned as 40km/h as a construction site.

*Question: DF: Will we still be able to access our gates at this intersection? JD offered to resolve after the meeting using a map to determine required entry points.*

*Question: EM: Is Employment Local? JD Confirms that Local workers have a good presence onsite through use of local businesses (MKM one business) and through these businesses subcontracting local employees. The favoured electrical and plumbing contracts are locally based. There are currently approximately 20 people onsite – this varies according to requirements of which the majority are local.*

- » No safety incidents have been reported.
- » Noise monitoring is continuing during operating hours to gauge noise levels at surrounding properties. Noise levels are well within reasonable levels for a construction project, and comply with approval conditions.

*Question: EM noted that a community member has noted a beeping noise heard from a nearby property – is this a truck reversing beeper? JD answered that it is likely it would be – legislation and codes requires plant to have audible reversing alarms for safety purposes.*

- » Dust management processes are in place. There have been some dry days to date, with some dust experienced at intersection works. Water cart on standby if required. The prevailing winds have mostly been in a southerly direction away from Miners Rest, and dust mitigation has aimed to reduce the amount of dust blowing across the Western Freeway.

- » Site bore operating for tests only.

*Question: DF questioned what level of water will be used? JD responded that the project will only draw to its allocation and will then purchase a temporary allocation to get through construction.*

- » Bushfire management:

- The project is working closely with the CFA to manage bushfire risk.
- The project will look to slash property grass to manage bushfire risk.
- The project will consider using a local contractor for slashing if CLC members can provide contact details for anyone they know that might like the work.

- » Vegetation Buffer:

- Planting to start soon – contractor planting trees will also be engaged to manage the trees to ensure high rates of survival.

*Question: Will they be mature trees? EM*

- » JD – No they will not. Use of mature trees was considered following queries from the CLC however the plan to utilise tube stock will remain in place. This is because the large quantity of plants required makes it difficult to source mature trees and advice received indicated that tube stock will outperform mature plant growth and develop a more effective perimeter screen within a few years. The planting will also involve digging holes, and adding in high quality soil and compost, this will ensure a higher rate of survival. There will be an ongoing process of replacing plants that do not survive.

*Comment: EM commented that planting should have started sooner to allow plants more time to grow.*

- » SS – planting can only occur when approved landscape plan is in place. It was not possible to purchase and plant trees prior to this occurring. Building Works approval was also required. The project has moved to commence planting as soon as approvals were received.

*Comment: WO commented that if trees/vegetation are to provide us with a buffer from dust then should be managed as a priority – community disappointed this doesn't appear to be the case given concerns about Q fever and visual impact.*

- » JD noted this comment, and that it would have been RLX's preference to have commenced earlier. The project has moved to commence as soon as possible following the approvals process and subsequent Works delays. Note planting is a visual amenity issue.

*Question: WO questioned how long for tube stock to reach mature tree height? WO*

- » SS undertook to obtain the answer from the Landscape architect.

*Question: WO questioned whether there are two buildings on the site?*

- » JD noted that the pavilion roof structure is being built in sections, and currently appear to be separated but will be joined together to form one structure.

- » SS to obtain answer from Landscape Architect.

#### **POST MEETING RESPONSE:**

Growth of tube stock will depend on species and level of rainfall received. We expect growth of tube stock will surpass that of mature trees within 2-5 years.

» Community Fund –

- Members noted there had been a delay in launch of grant program, and that there would be an inadequate notice period for advertising and lodgement of applications prior to Christmas.
- Members noted the fund will launch early next year, with ample warning to allow community groups and organisations to prepare comprehensive applications.
- Funding is committed, and will proceed.

MK asked if there had been a response to EM questions on cattle in northern paddocks from last meeting.

SS replied response was given last meeting and that this information was also posted on the CVLX website in the FAQ section.

*Question: is the project website being updated? WO*

- » SS replied yes, regularly – community section has new minutes and FAQs added to reflect questions raised, including those from CLC.
- » MK demonstrated the website, and showed where various items are located.

#### 4. Other Business

*Question: WO queried why meetings moved away from Miners Rest Hall? There is a perception RLX is trying to keep people away.*

- » MK replied the previous venue was not suitable for meetings as often other events caused disruption. Other venues have been considered, however there is nothing in close proximity to Miners Rest that is suitable.
- » JD commented that there is no conspiracy - residents are welcome and encouraged to attend as observers – important they hear factual information first hand if they have concerns about the project.

*Question: EM queried the current status of the Biosecurity Plan*

- » JD said he believed it was still with the EPA. EM commented that their understanding was that it would only be approved once all other works completed.

#### 5. The Sixth Meeting

Next meeting date to be confirmed. It is noted that February is a difficult month for livestock agents and operators due to peak season sale activity during the month.

CFMR meeting to be considered for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the Month, and to look at avoiding sale event days.

**Next Meeting:**

- TBC

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

#### 6. Close

MK thanked members and observers for their attendance and input. The meeting closed at 7:10pm.

