

# Minutes

<b>Title:</b>	Koo Wee Rup Longwarry Flood Protection District Advisory Committee - No 11
<b>Meeting date:</b>	Thursday, 17 February 2022
<b>Meeting time:</b>	12.50 for 1.00pm – 3.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom
<b>Attendees (members):</b>	Bruce Turner, Ian Anderson, Matthew Coleman, Frank Rovers, Susan Anderson, Con Raffa, Robert Mure, John Hobson, Olivia Akdeniz and Stewart Matulis (Cardinia SC), Teena Mathew (Baw Baw SC), Paul Bucys and Kuan Yeoh (Casey), Sarah Eggleton (MW), Stuart Cochrane (MW), Adam Ryan (MW), Danial Robbins (MW), Tom le Cerf (MW) <b>Apologies:</b> Jo Fontana
(see notes for guests)	
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Bruce Turner
<b>Note takers:</b>	Sarah and Bruce

1. Welcome & apologies		Presenter
1.00	1.1 Welcome & apologies and check in	Bruce Turner (Chair)
2. Actions from previous meetings		Presenter/ status
1.40	<p><b>Action 4.2 follow up:</b> (re MW guidelines for new culverts) Update on progress with consultant review <b>OPEN</b></p> <p>There was some discussion of existing culverts. Tom clarified that the aim of the review is to define the best process so that when someone comes to MW they get a clear answer about what's required.</p>	SE
	<p><b>Action 7.7</b> Adam to report on options considered re alternatives to gates at Tooradin and Cora Lynn <b>OPEN</b></p> <p>Adam outlined the options being looked into for Cora Lynn to make it safer, more cost effective and practical than the current manual arrangement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raising the road</li> <li>• Upgrade signage and lights as an alert</li> <li>• Stronger barrier to stop entering in flood event</li> </ul> <p>Lighting is a significant issue – no warning prior to crossing. Frank noted that, in the past, the spillway had a flashing orange light that could see from far away. Now not so effective. People are then already frustrated and inclined to keep going through the flooded crossing. Adam to take this on board</p>	AR
	<p><b>ACTION 8.3:</b> James Hodgson to come along to a meeting to discuss the outcomes from his Officer Sth PSP management study <b>COMPLETE</b></p> <p><b>Actions related to AC Action Plan</b></p> <p><b>(Focus area 4) Action 8.7:</b> Include better representation of roles and responsibilities for drainage management in customer charter <b>ONGOING</b></p> <p><b>(Focus areas 2&amp;3) ACTION 10.1</b> – Kevin Carlisle Stapleton undertook to pursue updates on Sediment Control (FA2), the</p>	SE
		New Cardinia reps and Teena

Cardinia FMP (FA3) and Fire Management (FA3). Teena Mathew offered to help with the presentation on sediment control

**COMPLETE**

**ACTION 9.1:** More information on implications of sea level rise on:

- Muddy Gates Lane – SEW sewerage treatment plant in the area and impact from sea level rise (raised by Ian) SE

**ACTION 9.4:** Sarah to update Charter with AC feedback and circulate draft for comment - **ONGOING**

**ACTION 9.5:** Adam to follow up to see if the rest of Cardinia Catch Drain can be desilted during summer when dry SC at Item 4

**COMPLETE**

**ACTION 9.6:** Adam to report on veg removal in the Bunyip Main Drain (most likely at the end of summer in February) AR  
Stage 3 commencing – upstream of Nar Nar Goon Rd **COMPLETE**

**3. Healesville to KWR Road Upgrade** **Presenter**

1.10	3.1	<p><b>Presentation and discussion</b></p> <p>Michel Devanny – Manager Comms and Engagement road upgrade Austin Manning – engineering manager John Rafferty – Head of Comms and engagement SE region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided project overview and scope</li> <li>• Process for approval</li> </ul> <p>Key points: Status – two construction partners were appointed in Dec21 MPRV are seeking MW input and feedback on flood modelling results as they become available. Q&amp;A: Matt – Is there an opportunity to <u>improve</u> flood performance by increasing capacity when making changes/ re-routes? Rather than minimise additional risk on properties Austin – We don't want too much extra capacity at any point as it pushes flooding issues downstream. Very complex project due to the very flat area Stu – what happens after construction if there are issues? Is it on to MW or some form of engagement with Council or MRPV? Austin – the reality is that we are set up to deliver the project and then hand over to MW and DoT at the end John R – MRPV have engagement people who will be working with landowners over the next two years</p> <p>John R – will be coming to speak with individual landowners – around April/ May Austin described the modelling process – firstly for existing conditions pre-development; have taken about 5 months Models expected around April John indicated MRPV would be open to come back to the Committee with updates</p>	Major Road Projects Victoria
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**4. Works update** **Presenter**

1.50	4.1	Capital works	AR
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4.2 Maintenance works update SC

- Headwall and Flood gate – Yallock No 6 under investigation
- Feb works deferred to March due contractor availability and prioritisation of works across MW
- Cora Lynn Ford desilt happening now
- Grooming and weed spray in Cardinia catch drain area

Discussion:

Con – as a committee we must be aware that the Precept drains are overgrown

Stu – that’s an important part of what I do – ensuring that that drain has at least a once a year spray to keep it clear. Invited Con to email Stu and he can check that the drain is on a program  
Proactive work has been challenging in past 2 years due to impact of Covid on our crew resources

Adam – you can also notify me; be very specific re location

Sue – seeing a lot of drains that are growing weeds. It’s the wet conditions.

John H in relation to Cardinia Ck – haven’t improved in 30 years. Interested in James H’s report. Silt, reeds etc have been a prob as long as I’ve been here

John H – asked about progress with flood gates on Baillieu’s property; Tom just back from 3 months leave; will follow up

John H –put on record – question the purpose of flood gates in the area. Is there a better way of doing things? Ongoing use/ purpose. My aim is to keep the water in the creek. Gates are about keeping the water out of the area

Tom – it’s easy for us to repair a gate. James’ study will help inform what flood gates are critical for upgrade/repair

John asked about 2 cars in Gum Scrub area – Tom responded re drain improvement works...trying to work out how can improve Cardinia Road situation and meet landholders requirements regarding environmental obligations.

5. Customer Charter Review			Presenter
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2.10	5.1	<p><b>Communications and Engagement Plan update</b> Roles and Responsibility 1 pager discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 page example is more user friendly</li> <li>• Contact details for assistance in emergency response</li> <li>• Clarity on difference between Council vs MW assets</li> <li>• Restate the steady state and then flood event</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Sarah to progress draft for next meeting</p>	SE + MW engagement advisers
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6. Focus area updates			Presenter
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2.40	6.1	<p>Provide updates on Four focus areas and any works planned or undertaken. Focus on key progress.</p> <p><b>Focus Area 1</b> Enhancing and managing the function of drains</p> <p><b>Focus area 2</b> Managing impacts of development on flow volumes, amenity etc</p> <p><b>Focus Area 3</b> Disaster management – climate change, climate extremes, contamination, fires across swamp, water pollution event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	Olivia A (Cardinia) and Teena M re sediment management Stewart M (Cardinia) re fire management
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Olivia and Stewart spoke about Cardinia Council's role in fire management

Sarah E re FMP

- Complex managing fire risk and maintaining biodiversity. Council undertake weed control and slashing (Olivia manages) – not road side burns
- Road reserves are a significant repository of remnant veg and are not specifically managed for fire risk;
- Bigger reserves are managed dependant on risk profile. 7 planned burns undertaken each year.
- Clematis Hall Reserve, RJ Chambers Res – planned burns
- Responsibility for managing risk on private land – 3120 inspections and issued 440 fire prevention notices (Stewart's role)

**Focus area 4** Communication roles and responsibilities – user friendly advice – who's responsible

7. Community feedback/ general business			Presenter
2.40	7.1	<p><b>Community feedback</b></p> <p>Catani precept drain over grown – Con</p> <p>Cardinia Creek and Gum Scrub vege and trees – John</p> <p>Gippsland Rail works – increase silt might be coming into drains</p> <p>Flood gates in Baillieu's property on Cardina Creek – temporary levee fix complete we are undertaking reinstatement, includes flood gates</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> MW to follow up and provide status next meeting</p>	ALL
	7.2	<p>General business?</p> <p>Future meeting locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that most meetings would remain online, except for one that would include the annual bus/ convoy tour</li> <li>• Offer of the Bunyip Hall still stands</li> <li>• Noted that Cora Lyn footy club offers outdoor space under cover</li> </ul>	
8. Meeting conclusion			Presenter
~2.55	8.1	Next meeting – Thursday 19 May 2022 (virtual)	Bruce Turner

Note: Workshop on priorities for discretionary spending to be scheduled for August 2022 meeting, following outcomes of consultation on new precept charge