

Minutes

Title:	Koo Wee Rup Longwarry Flood Protection District Advisory Committee (#4) – Meeting No 6
Meeting date:	Thursday, 20 February 2025
Meeting time:	10.00 am to 12 noon (or earlier)
Location:	Zoom
Attendees:	Bruce Turner, Ian Nicolson, Frank Rovers, Susan Anderson, Con Raffa, Teena Mathew (Baw Baw SC), Kuan Yeoh (Casey), Paul Rees (MW), Tom le Cerf (MW), Andy Clark (MW), Patrick Hook (MW), Olivia Tattam (MW Comms & Engagement), Kyle Olsen (MW Price Submission Engagement) Apologies: Ben Lamont, Brendan Nunn and Nev Bayley (Cardinia SC), Garry Oates (resigned), Kate Yeowart, Ian Anderson, Matthew Coleman, Paul Bucys (Casey)
Chairperson:	Bruce Turner
Note takers:	Paul, Andy and Bruce

1. Welcome, apologies			Presenter
10.00	1.1	Welcome & apologies	Bruce Turner (Chair)
2. Communications & Engagement			Presenter
2.1	Update on broader engagement program with the community in the district (see separate presentation slide)		Olivia Tattam
	- Quieter period over the Summer Holidays - Completed - Let's Talk update (Catchment Health) / Frequently Asked Questions - In Progress - Let's Talk (Cora Lynn) signage upgrade, Swampworks project works and callout to community for project areas, Mailout – Community Forum – more information - Coming Up – Re-engage Council Communication and Engagement Teams, KWR Township Committee, Local Publications, social media online hub. - Con – response to mailout? Olivia – has been quite good. Kyle will provide a further update. Con – only 49 followers? Olivia – many more visitors than followers. - Sue – can we share the comms information with our network? Olivia – yes, please share and promote the Let's Talk page		
2.2	Price Submission update – landholder survey results, next steps etc		Kyle Olsen
	- What we got in terms of the results. - Delay in some people receiving the letter. - Over 300 people responded - 47% supported BAU/ no rate increase, 53% supported an increase in price. - Good mix of property type in returned surveys. - The vast majority of people choose additional drainage management as their highest priority. - Looking at a community forum – to bring together customers, and chat through prices and services.		

- How do we discuss trade off between price vs service.
- Difference between township / farming land? – slightly more people in township said BAU, slightly more farming said increase – but very mixed overall.
- Timing for community meeting late March/Early April. At KWR community centre to accommodate as many as possible
- Ian N - Is there a possibility for online as well? Kyle – we can consider this.
- Sue - Listening to the community is critical, suggest to limit presentations to 5 min or less. Kyle agreed on the importance of maximising the chance for people to air their opinions; for MW to gain the diverse range of views and insights

3. Preparation for District Tour with MW senior executives on 5 March		Presenter
3.1	Discussion of proposed itinerary and the role/ contribution of Committee members on the day - Stuart Draffin (GM Urban Planning and Development) will now be attending the first part of the tour (9-10am). Sue Jackman (Exec GM Service Delivery), Chris Brace (Exec GM Service Futures), John Woodland (Head of Waterway and Catchment Services SE) - Con – offer of a 21-seater bus. Con confirmed seatbelts, licenced driver and roadworthy bus. MW thanked Con for the generous offer and said would confirm what's possible from their end. - Sue – huge development occurring outside the District at Drouin West – should we look at the Bunyip River narrowing at Cora Lynn? Bottleneck - Teena – able to speak at the first site (Officer South). Topics to include discussion of the objection from Melbourne water on the Drainage Scheme and Planning Scheme amendment for Longwarry. Also the infill development which is occurring outside of a Drainage Services Scheme - Con – should we produce a handout? Paul noted a briefing for the EGMs has already occurred with history and background, so handout may not be necessary. Entirely up to community members - Matt could speak about boundary issues at subsequent site. - Frank – ford at Cora Lynn to Iona. Bunyip Main Drain. Water comes down very quickly. - Sue/Frank – concern about flooding in that section. Eleven mile to Cora Lynn spillway needs focus to ensure capacity. - Driving through the spillway – and then to the Eleven Mile bridge. - Combine two middle sites together and add Bunyip River. - <u>Agreed locations and discussion leaders/ contributors:</u> Officer South (Tom, Teena, Sue), Deep Creek catch drain (Con, Sue, Frank), Bunyip River at Little Road Bridge - Cora Lynn/Eleven Mile (Frank, Sue, Matt)	MW/ all

4. Actions from previous meetings		Presenter
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| 4.1 | <p>Refer to minutes of last meeting and spreadsheet(s) circulated prior to meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion by exception – no issues raised • Questions/ highlights re recent works – see below | MW/ all |
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5. Stakeholder feedback/ general business		Presenter
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| 5.1 | <p>New feedback / AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sue – What was the vandalism issue? – an excavator was stolen, and the bank of the Bunyip river was damaged. Several small fires were deliberately lit in the vegetation along this section of waterway. - Flood Modelling – Tom reported the team is collating data currently, there is an opportunity to provide local intelligence about hot spots, overtopping point. (Tom has previously invited feedback/ input from the Committee but none received). Does the Committee want to provide feedback before or after the model is developed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o It was agreed it could be helpful to have an in person meeting to collate flood hot spots – possibly at our next meeting o Tom will talk to the team about the timings of our remaining two meetings for the year (July, Nov) and how best to engage with the Committee - Pat reported that most work orders now complete for spraying, 4 x Desilting works (most are shown on the circulated spreadsheet) | MW |
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6. Next meeting		Presenter
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| 6.1 | <p>9am - 12.30pm, Wednesday 5 March 2025 – District Tour as per item 3 above. Departs Cora Lynn Football Club</p> | Bruce Turner |
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Next meeting: Thursday 3rd July 2025, 10am -12 noon on Zoom (tbc)