



**COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP
Minutes**

Date: 06/03/18

Time: Start 7.33pm and finished 9pm

Place: Bungaree Rec Centre

Attendance: MS (CRG Chair), PB, RR, AA, SM, Tracey Ward (Lal Lal Wind Farms), SW, KB, TT (Part of meeting)

Apologies: DR, Bronwyn Southee (Moorabool Shire Council), SD, MF

Minutes: Tracey Ward

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>Previous minutes discussed,</p> <p>MS asked for a motion that the previous minutes be accepted and read</p>	<p>Accepted</p> <p>Seconded</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>RR</p>	
2	<p>Haulage route through Avenue of Honour in Yendon</p> <p>MS declared a 'conflict of interest' regarding the Yendon Avenue of Honour and the haulage route.</p> <p>TW is setting up a series of meetings on 13/03/18 with the Shire arborist, haulage contractor, Vestas and the community to discuss the haulage route for turbine</p>			

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	<p>components through the Avenue of Honour in Yendon.</p> <p>TW showed haulage maps to the CRG.</p> <p>The CRG suggested that an alternative route could be through Lal Lal.</p> <p>TW said she will report back to the CRG regarding these meetings on 13/03/18.</p> <p>MS thanked TW for setting up these meetings. See email from MS at the bottom of minutes.</p>	<p>Report back to CRG about outcomes of these meetings</p>	<p>TW</p>	<p>3/04/18</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Noise compliance, update. Email from Lal Lal EPA regarding peer assessment reviewer.</p> <p>A discussion took place, facilitated by MS. The following was discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the clustering of turbines • Uniqueness of the project, no similar projects • Planning laws have changed, set back rates from turbines are greater • Concerns about peer review conducted by anyone other than Flinders University will not be independent <p>MS passed a motion that there is support from the Lal Lal Wind Farms CRG for Lal Lal EPA proposal that Flinders University be selected by Macquarie as the peer reviewer of noise data.</p> <p>A vote was taken by the CRG, in favour of supporting this motion proposed by MS.</p>			
<p>4</p>	<p>Update from Community Engagement Manager, monthly report for February 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Info Centre, 6 visitors during the month • Past events, Buninyong Sustainability Festival 25/02/18, TW spoke with 50-60 people. Mainly about the voluntary landscape scheme and employment. There were quite few new families from Lal Lal. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary landscape offer, TW is starting to contact people about assessments. Assessments will take place on 15-16 March. • Employment, still receiving enquiries through the website. • CRG recruitment, three new members have joined. There has also been an application from Buninyong. MS called from a CRG recruitment sub committee to be formed. AA and SW will form this sub committee and will report back at the next CRG meeting regarding their recommendations of this new application. • Construction start date, construction will commence after Easter. 			
5	<p>Community Benefit Fund discussion. MS facilitated a discussion about the CBF. Listed below was what was discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stick with 5kms for towns in the catchment area. This will exclude Buninyong. • Mt Egerton is also excluded because Moorabool WF covers this area. • Revisit in 2 years' time • One funding round a year for \$100,000 • CBF can be released as soon as construction starts. Applicants will be given 6-8 weeks to complete an application. • TW to research different CBF models and report back. 	Research different CBF models	TW	03/04/18
6	<p>Community Reference Group, Terms of Reference</p> <p>Further discussion facilitated by MS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRG sign up for 2 year terms. • Staggered leaving process so all the CRG does not resign at once. • Anniversary and review of CRG membership will occur in line with construction date. 			
7	Community issues and complaints (Feedback from TW)			

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	Some people have expressed frustration with the time lag between filling in a landscaping application form last year to when there has been any follow up. TW is speaking with people who sent back landscape application forms last year.			
8	<p>Any further items?</p> <p>Suggestions from the CRG for a celebration with the start of construction:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trivia night, myth busting questions about wind farms • Painting a turbine tower, similar to painted silos <p>Next meeting Tuesday 3 April, 7.30pm, Bungaree Rec Centre</p>			

MS asked to have his email minuted:-

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mike Stephens" <mstephens@meridian-ag.com.au>

Sent: Thursday, 1 March, 2018 11:43am

To: "Tracey Ward

Subject: Yendon Avenue of Honour

Tracey,

Thank you for letting me know that Vic Roads has approved the 'trimming' of the Oak trees in the Yendon Avenue of Honour.

As the trees stand four deck B Double stock trucks get through by brushing the trees so I can imagine that 'Trimming' will mean something more severe.

In 2014 the Yendon community, having arranged for some trees to be replaced, held a ceremony on Anzac day.

The road was closed and 300 people attended. It was a wonderful occasion.

If there is one issue which will unite the entire Yendon Community in opposition to the wind farm it is the prospect of anyone messing with those trees.

I recommend that Macquarie takes immediate steps to avoid the inevitable confrontation which will occur if the current plan proceeds.

Happy to discuss,

Mike

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