

<b>NAME OF MEETING:</b>	Ward Meeting
<b>WARD:</b>	Whipstick
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday March 7, 2016
<b>TIME:</b>	7pm
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Ted Parish Centre, White Hills
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>COUNCILLORS:</b>	Cr Lisa Ruffell (Chair) & Cr Peter Cox
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Cr James Williams
<b>CITY of GREATER BENDIGO EMPLOYEES:</b>	Rachel Isaac – Customer Support Officer
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES:</b>	Mal Kersting – VicRoads Regional Director, Jim Forge – Team Leader Projects, Hagen Reick – Communications Officer & Naveed Memon – Senior Project Engineer
<b>COMMUNITY ATTENDEES:</b>	24 residents signed the attendance sheet

<b>PURPOSE OF NOTES:</b>	<b>Please note the purpose of these notes is to record the information presented, the topics discussed and the details of any works or action requests raised at the meeting. They are not formal minutes.</b>
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<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>1.</b>	Welcome & Introductions
<b>2.</b>	Acknowledgment of Country
<b>3.</b>	Proposed widening of Napier Street
<b>4.</b>	Epsom Huntly Flood Mitigation Committee
<b>5.</b>	Information items
<b>6.</b>	General Business

<b>TOPICS DISCUSSED</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<p>Proposed widening of Napier Street: The State Government has committed to expanding Napier Street to four lanes; this expansion will start from Weeroona Avenue and continue to the north end at Scott Street. VicRoads undertook community consultation in October through to December of last year to gain an understanding of the community’s issues, expectations and needs of the project. The main themes from consultation were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong support for a four lane highway and progressing the works in a timely manner.</li> <li>• A strong message about pedestrian safety when crossing the highway, especially for school children and residents accessing public transport.</li> <li>• Concerns about the ability to turn onto Napier Street during peak hours.</li> <li>• Concerns about residential parking and parking in front of businesses.</li> </ul> <p>VicRoads will release a report with the correlated feedback by April and will also work on how this feedback can be incorporated into a new road alignment. VicRoads has a responsibility to allow for alternative modes of transport, and cycling, and public transport will be incorporated into the design. There are many elements and issues to be considered and incorporated into the design of the additional lanes. VicRoads will conduct a second round of community consultation in May/June 2016, which will include concept plans and a further round of consultation will follow which will present the finalised drawings. VicRoads is aiming to start service relocations in the 2016/17 financial year. It is anticipated the works will be constructed over a period of two years. Following is a summary of comments and discussion from residents feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns were raised about the ability for residents to turn onto the Highway with an</li> </ul>

	<p>additional two lanes being installed. VicRoads advised that the addition of two lanes will move traffic quicker and create more gaps in the traffic for residents to enter the road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bypass is a better resolution for traffic as opposed to the duplication. VicRoads commented that a bypass is not a viable option due to the cost and time involved to plan and construct.</li> <li>• Residents raised issues with the following intersections in White Hills - Lyons Street/ Napier Street &amp; Howard Street/ Midland Highway; these intersections will either be incorporated as part of the upgrade or addressed separately.</li> <li>• The trees on Napier Street will be incorporated into the design.</li> <li>• Pedestrian overpasses or underpasses are not a viable option as research has shown pedestrians will use the most direct route.</li> <li>• The City of Greater Bendigo set up an initiative with the White Hills Primary School to encourage children to come to school by alternative methods other than a motor vehicle, with the aim of decreasing congestion on the road at school times.</li> <li>• VicRoads advised that there is a possibility for parking behind the shopping strip in White Hills and they will be working with the City of Greater Bendigo on this solution. It may be developed in conjunction with the Napier Street project.</li> </ul> <p>VicRoads contact details regarding this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Office/ Postal: VicRoads, 53-61 Lansell Street, East Bendigo</li> <li>➤ Phone: (03) 5434 5079</li> <li>➤ Email: <a href="mailto:napierstreetupgrade@roads.vic.gov.au">napierstreetupgrade@roads.vic.gov.au</a></li> <li>➤ Website: <a href="https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/planning-and-projects/regional-road-projects/napier-street-upgrade-bendigo">https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/planning-and-projects/regional-road-projects/napier-street-upgrade-bendigo</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p>Epsom Huntly Flood Mitigation Committee:</p> <p>A nine member Advisory Group has been formed and consists of representatives from the City, Department of Environment Land Water and Planning, Epsom Huntly Drainage Committee, Northern Bendigo Landcare Group, Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and community members. This Group will potential flood mitigation options for creeks in the Epsom, Ascot and Huntly areas.</p> <p>The inaugural meeting of the group decided on goals, and at the second meeting the group discussed two tenders that are about to go out for community consultation and technical data. The committee is planning a bus trip to look at sites around the catchment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident expressed concern with North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) flood study results and how that affects insurance costs.</li> <li>• The Epsom Huntly Drainage Committee does not believe in NCCMA flood figures and only provided conditional approval to the study to continue the process.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p>Information Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weeroona Oval: The new colour bond storage shed has been erected, and the cricket club has moved all of its equipment into the new shed. The demolition of the old brick storage shed will take place this week and will be cleaned up ready for the engineers to survey and mark out the oval widening. Groundswell was the successful tenderers for this work and will be starting the oval widening within the next two weeks. This project is due to be completed mid-April 2016. The new storage shed is to have town water and power connected after the oval widening has been completed.</li> <li>• Epsom PreSchool Office and Storage Update: Project undertaken over the Christmas period and included the replacement of office desks with new fixed units, upgrades to data and power points and a new storage cupboard.</li> <li>• Livestock Exchange: Internal painting of the toilets located behind the canteen and painting of floors in cattle pavilion and public toilet completed. A split system air-conditioning unit has been installed in weighbridge.</li> </ul>

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

- Rate capping was discussed, with residents expressing satisfaction with the cap. Councillors commented that rate capping for the first financial year will not have a big impact, however over subsequent years will in terms of the level of services and projects the City will be able to provide. The City has identified over \$3m in savings over the last 6 months to help run the new budget more efficiently.

- At a recent Council meeting Councillors decided to introduce an Organics collection for the City of Greater Bendigo. The decision followed a six month trial of selected areas in the municipality.  
There will be some exemptions to the service and more information regarding these and application forms will be available in May.  
Household waste/garbage collection will continue on a weekly basis and the recycling and organics collection will be on alternative weeks. The organics collection will be rolled out to the residents of Bendigo and Marong in September this year.  
Please either go to the website [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/organics](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/organics) or call (03) 5434 6000 for further information.

- A resident requested to check on the status of a request made for Gungurru Road.

- A resident questioned if there are any plans to for an additional bridge over the Bendigo Creek.  
The bridge at Scott Street will be replaced in the 2016/17 financial year.

The following requests for service were received. These have been logged and details are as follows.

<b>WORKS REQUEST REF NUMBER</b>	<b>WORKS REQUEST TYPE</b>
1608080	Request to widen the Howard Street/ Midland Highway intersection to accommodate a heavy rigid vehicles turning.
1607664	Resident complained about the customer service received at the City of Greater Bendigo and VicRoads Offices – in particular with regards to the means of communicating with residents.
1607664	Request to upgrade Wallenjoe Road to accommodate heavy vehicles.
1607726	Request to Planning Unit for information on the flood study amendment to be provided to resident.
1606004	Representatives from Wildlife Rescue asked for their request for Kangaroo signage on Heywood Street to be re-investigated.
1607739	A resident queried if the City has a relocation policy for wildlife when approving housing developments.
1607743	Request to provide resident with Organics exemption information.
1607766	Request to obtain a copy of the Parks and Natural Reserves budget for the purpose of viewing the amount of money that is spent on landscaping in the outer suburbs of Bendigo.
1607772	A request was made for shade trees to be planted on the southern side of the Epsom/ Huntly Recreation Reserve.
1607783	Request to inspect the Elm trees along Plumridge Street, White Hills.
1607804	Request for Council to contact the Birchgrove Developers to clean up the White Hills development site.
1607807	Request to remove 'end 50' sign located on Harveys Lane, Jackass Flat.
1606678	Resident reported a rough bridge culvert on the Huntly-Fosterville Road near the five way intersection.

\*For updates on the above requests please call CoGB Customer Support Unit on 5434 6000 or email [requests@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:requests@bendigo.vic.gov.au) and quote the relevant works request ref number.