

Meeting Summary

Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct - Community Advisory Group

Meeting details

Meeting title:	Community Advisory Group	No:	6
Date:	Tuesday 11 December 2018	Time:	4.30pm to 5.30pm
Location:	Malmsbury Town Hall, 91 Mollison Street, Malmsbury		

Attendees

Community Advisory Group members: Andrew Lourey (Chair, General Manager, Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct), Angela Hughes (Council member), Christine Barker (community member), Christopher Bromley (community member), Justin Sawyers (Director, Major Projects, Assets, Infrastructure and Major Projects), Len Norman (Director, Youth Justice Custodial Services), David Young (Victoria Police, Senior Sergeant), Joseph Tonu (Acting General Manager, Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct), Baydon Widdicombe (delegate for CEO of the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-Operative).

Other attendees: Louise Baring (Communication Manager, New Builds, DJR), Imogen Baratta (Communications Adviser, New Builds, DJR).

Apologies

Anthony Stephens (community member).

Meeting overview

Opening

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked CAG members who had attended the site tour prior to the meeting.

The dates for the 2019 CAG meetings were circulated and the group agreed to them.

Previous meeting and minutes

Community members endorsed the minutes and appreciated the detail and were satisfied all discussions were captured and comprehensive.

Community feedback and communications

Community information session

A proposed Open Day for the completion of the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct bed expansion was discussed as follows;

- The department confirmed a commissioning date of approximately late February and suggested March 2019 as a possible date for the Open Day (noting this date could change).
- It was suggested that a Sunday is the best day to enable maximum attendance from the local community.
- The group agreed to work towards Sunday, 3 March 2019 for the Open Day- this date to be further confirmed by the department.
- Community members recommended starting earlier in the day and to finishing by approximately 1.30pm, due to the heat, sport and other commitments likely had on a Sunday.
- Community also suggested a BBQ to help create a positive atmosphere and ensure conversations between community and staff.
- Community also suggested site tours departing multiple times during the session, staggering the visitors.
- The group agreed to two groups for site tours from 10.30am to 11.30 and from 11.30am to 12.30pm.
- It was suggested that RSVPs/registrations could be collected for catering purposes.
- The department staff will be available for to answer questions on the project and to help inform and educate the local community on the purpose of the precinct and of youth justice custodial services.

Newsletter

A newsletter for the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct was developed for the local community, to promote the precinct, work of the CAG and to provide an update on the progress of the expansion.

A hard copy of the Newsletter was developed and presented at the meeting and feedback was provided as follows;

- The department agreed to add a photo of the CAG and make the CAG members more prominent in the newsletter, as requested by the group.
- The department to add a photo for the site tour and will contact the local Malmsbury Post Office for support with local hard copy distribution.
- The department to consider distribution options through the post of office and organising delivery to all community members.
- The department will include FAQs in the newsletter (where appropriate) and add to the website, for example name change, fence colour and vegetation.
- After further changes, the department will create an online version (and a hard copy version) that links to the website.

Fencing colour

Discussion on the fencing for the precinct and the colour of the fence. Community highlighted that the fence has a large visual impact from the North and South of the Freeway and agreed the colour of the fence and drums were of high importance.

The preferred colour of the Community Advisory Group was discussed and a discussion on the preferred colour preference was made as follows;

- The colour option recommended by the architects are 'Colourbond Wallaby'
- The group's main preference was for the colour 'Colourbond Wallaby.'
- Aboriginal community representative also supported the colour 'Colourbond Wallaby.'
- The Macedon Shire Ranges Council's preference for the fence colour is 'Colourbond Woodland Grey'
- Council representative will need to apply for an amendment to a permit condition and think this will be approved by the end of the year (2018).

The department agreed to submit a letter to the Council (via the Council rep on the CAG) stating that the 'Colourbond Wallaby' was the Community Advisory Group's preferred colour.

Project update

The CAG members were taken on a site tour prior to the meeting. The site tour included an update on construction was given to CAG members and the department noted;

- The group enjoyed and were impressed with the site tour. The colours used in the accommodation units are positive and calming and match throughout the expansion
- Community members are very impressed with the look of the entrance to the facility
- Good progress has been made regarding the education facility and the gatehouse (administration) facility. The car park has also well progressed with all of them approximately 75-80 per cent complete and on track for a March 2019 completion date
- The department has been consulting closely with the local Aboriginal Corporation (Dja Dja Warrung)
- The curbing is being created now as is the laying of turf for the oval.

Community feedback

The community members had established a new process of passing on emails from the community to the department to help respond to community concerns and/or enquiries.

A comprehensive FAQ document was circulated to members with the key questions from community answered. This was discussed as follows;

- Community members were pleased with the internal process for responding to community concerns; it's efficient and responsive.
- Community members were pleased with the response to the excavated soil. A community member commented it had been levelled off very well and was no longer a

cause for concern.

- A CAG member received a complaint regarding employees' car radios being too loud. The Chair noted that he will address this with staff including a new squad of staff starting in January (approx. 40).
 - The complaint regarding tar from the construction site landing onto a resident's car was effectively managed and resolved very promptly
 - Queries regarding fencing and negative visual impacts on the site, including the excavated soil, drum stockpile is in the process of being resolved – the stockpile is steadily decreasing and will be gone in the near future.
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