

Meeting Summary

Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct - Community Advisory Group

Meeting details

Meeting title:	Community Advisory Group	No:	8
Date:	Tuesday 12 February 2019	Time:	4.30pm to 5.15pm
Location:	Malmsbury Town Hall, 91 Mollison Street, Malmsbury		

Attendees

Community Advisory Group members: Joesph Tonu (Chair, General Manager, Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct), Angela Hughes (Macedon Ranges Shire Council), Christine Barker (community member), Christopher Bromley (community member), Len Norman (Director, Youth Justice Custodial Services), Anthony Stephens (community member), Sandy Owen (Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-Operative), Chris Large (Victoria Police, Local Area Commander), Justin Sawyers (Director, Major Projects, Assets, Infrastructure and Major Projects).

Other attendees: Louise Baring (Communications Manager, New Builds, DJCS)

Apologies:

Meeting overview

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked CAG members for attending.

Previous meeting and minutes

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

The following actions were completed as follows;

- The department updated the newsletter with a footer and to ensure the distribution strategy includes mail out to Malmsbury residents.

The Council (via the Council rep on the CAG) confirmed it has contacted the department regarding the decision to endorse the 'Colourbond Wallaby' for fencing. The action will be carried over with the department to follow up on correspondence received.

Pending action items included;

- The department to confirm the date of the Open Day once available and to include this in the newsletter if possible (to be carried over).

Community feedback and communications

Newsletter

The final version of the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct Newsletter was presented to CAG members.

A footer was included at the bottom of the newsletter to make it clear that the newsletter would be available online after the first edition and how people could subscribe to receive future copies.

The department confirmed;

- 650 copies were being distributed via Australia Post to residents within the Malmsbury postcode to be delivered today (12 February) or at the latest tomorrow (13 February).
- Additional printed copies will be placed at the Bakery and General Store (via community member Christine Barker).
- Youth Justice staff will receive copies at the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct.

Victoria Police confirmed they will provide printed copies at the local police station.

The department confirmed it would circulate the online version to CAG members once published and provide additional printed copies if required.

Community enquiries to the inbox

The department confirmed nil responses were received via the Inbox relating to community issues.

Open Day

The department is yet to confirm the date of the Open Day but noted once available it will share with members and commence a communication plan to promote the event to ensure maximum attendance.

Community feedback

Community feedback on staff smoking was received with residents noting a visible improvement in the reduction of the number of staff smoking near residential areas. Whilst improvement had been seen, they also noted a small number of staff were smoking down side streets.

Project update

There were quite a few construction working days lost due to extreme heat, some security measures being introduced and late variations to the project.

Within the 16 Bed Accommodation Units, the skylight framing installation is underway and the majority of bedroom doors, windows and furniture have been installed. Staff areas and external painting are nearing completion.

The services work in the Programs and Education buildings are nearing completion. The basketball court, oval and car park landscaping are complete.

The gatehouse expansion is largely complete, excluding a secure glazing window and louvres to an office area. Fit out of the building is pending.

Secure perimeter fencing works are ongoing, with significant progress on the western side and along Racecourse Road.

Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (enterprise arm Djandak) has commissioned artwork and landscaping design concepts, which are currently being reviewed by Youth Justice.

The centre is scheduled for completion in April 2019.

Other business

The group noted that Volunteer Week was coming up in May and that there was interest in the local member attending to support local events. Members stated this was potentially an opportunity to highlight some positive work within the community and potentially within the precinct.
