

# Meeting Summary

Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct - Community Advisory Group

## Meeting details

<b>Meeting title:</b>	Community Advisory Group	<b>No:</b>	7
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 22 January 2019	<b>Time:</b>	4.30pm to 5.15pm
<b>Location:</b>	Malmsbury Town Hall, 91 Mollison Street, Malmsbury		

## Attendees

**Community Advisory Group members:** Joesph Tonu (Chair, General Manager, Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct), Christo Crafford (Coordinator Statutory Planning, 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).

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

**Apologies:** Chris Large (Victoria Police, Local Area Commander), Justin Sawyers (Director, Major Projects, Assets, Infrastructure and Major Projects)

## 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.

All previous actions were completed as follows;

- The department developed a community engagement proposal and circulated to CAG members
- The department submitted a letter to the Council (via the Council rep on the CAG) requesting 'Wallaby Colourbond' as the Community Advisory Group's preferred colour.
- The department progressed the Newsletter and send for further consultation, including updating the photos
- The department published the FAQs to the website.
- The department booked the Malmsbury Town Hall for the agreed 2019 meeting dates
- The department sent out the calendar invites to the CAG for 2019.

## Community feedback and communications

### *Newsletter*

An updated version of the newsletter for the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct was presented to CAG members.

The department agreed to include a footer 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 distribution strategy for the newsletter was discussed and the department confirmed it would post the first edition of the newsletter to all community members and all further editions would be available online.

### *Community enquiries to the inbox*

The department confirmed it had received one direct correspondence from a community member, providing feedback on a range of issues at the precinct.

The department confirmed it provided some information on the key issues raised, including providing information on:

- name of the facility and the process of taking feedback
- landscaping and environmental impacts
- smoking on the precinct
- fencing colour.

The department confirmed nil response was received back.

### *FAQs*

The department confirmed that the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) were published on the project webpage for community members to access.

The department agreed to continue to update these as the project progresses to ensure the community and Community Advisory Group members could have consistent and easily accessible information on the project.

### *Open Day- Community engagement proposal*

A community engagement proposal for the Open Day for the completion of the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct bed expansion was presented to members.

The group agreed on the approach outlined in the plan. The department committed to confirming a date once available and ensuring an effective communications plan to support community awareness of the event.

The department also confirmed the interest in the Minister for Youth Justice Ben Carroll attending the event and meeting Community Advisory Group members.

#### *Community feedback*

The group identified that it hadn't received any further feedback from local community members but noted that there was positive feedback given on the timely response to the issue of tar on a vehicle.

#### *Project update*

Progress has been made on the expansion with more work being finalised on the education facility and the gatehouse (administration) facility.

Accommodation units have been progressed significantly since the last site visit, where bedroom walls are now complete and the majority of bedroom fit-outs closer to completion.

Council representative confirmed that the Council endorsed an amendment to a permit condition to enable the 'Coloubond Wallaby' colour to be used for the fencing but this had not been formally communicated to the department.

#### *Other business*

Community Advisory Group members highlighted the benefits of an art initiative where young people could participate in making art that can be shared with the local community. Examples of this occurring in Victoria with other custodial facilities were discussed.

It was noted that an initiative to further highlight the rehabilitation of young people would help generate positive awareness in the community on the good work occurring in the precinct, and to help with the transition of young people back into the community.