

# Meeting Summary

Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct - Community Advisory Group

## Meeting details

<b>Meeting title:</b>	Community Advisory Group	<b>No:</b>	11
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 14 May 2019	<b>Time:</b>	4:30pm – 5:30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Malmsbury Town Hall, 91 Mollison Street, Malmsbury		

## Attendees

**Community Advisory Group members:** Joseph Tonu (Chair, Acting, General Manager, Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct), Robyn King (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),

**Other attendees:** Louise Baring (Communications Manager, New Builds, DJCS), Rachel Robertson (Senior Communications Advisor, New Builds, DJCS)

## Apologies:

Sandy Owen (Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-Operative), David Young (Victoria Police)

## 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. An amendment to the minutes was requested to be made to clarify the location of the Welcome to Country sign.

### Community feedback and communications

#### *Community feedback*

A local resident raised with a Community Advisory Group (CAG) member that potential Youth Justice staff members were loitering, playing loud music and smoking near their property.

The key times of this occurring were in the afternoon and in the early hours of the morning.

The department reiterated that it takes reports of potential staff behaviour that negatively impacts the local community seriously.

The department requested further details to determine if this was in fact Youth Justice staff given the times of the alleged conduct.

The department also confirmed that staff do not exit the precinct at some of the times staff were allegedly loitering.

The CAG member confirmed he would seek further evidence to ensure the department can follow up accordingly.

### *Newsletter*

The department confirmed the second edition of the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct Newsletter has been drafted.

Topics for this edition included the following articles;

- Project update
- Sewerage system update
- Ministerial visit to Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct with CAG members.

Group members would like to see some positive stories relating to young people working in the local community.

It was noted that it would be advantageous for the edition to include promotion of the Open Day if a date is known. The department confirmed the date was not set and that it would hold off on distribution of the newsletter to include this date if it is determined in the coming weeks.

**Action 1)** CAG member to pass on further details to the department about the complaint of alleged staff conduct.

### *Community enquiries*

The department confirmed nil enquiries had been received from the local community within the last month.

### *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.

### **Project update:**

An update on the project was provided to CAG members as follows;

- Building works, commissioning and testing activities are now complete for the accommodation and support buildings.
- Building works on the gatehouse expansion are complete, awaiting furniture to fit-out.
- The secure perimeter fencing works largely complete.
- Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation has submitted a proposal to complete the construction of the landscaping and art-works.

- Demobilisation of site underway with on-site presence reducing. Members noticed a reduction of the visual impact of the construction site.
- Physical integration works (fencing) into the existing facility scheduled for late May 2019.
- Integration of the new facility into the existing security system to follow once building works are complete.

## **Other business**

### *Name of the precinct*

The potential name change of the precinct was raised and the department confirmed it would put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

### *Justin Sawyers, DJCS CAG member*

CAG members would like to thank Justin Sawyers for his time as a valuable contribution to the group and thank him for his hard work and dedication to the project and the local community.

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## **ACTIONS**

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