



Warrandyte Community Association

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**Warrandyte Community Association Inc.-
Nillumbik Council Meeting
17 July 2009
4:00-5:00pm Shire Offices**

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance:

Nillumbik Shire

Mayor Bo Bendtsen

Cr. Ken King

Bill Forest

Margaret Abbey

Tamara Johnson

Matthew Deayton

Adrian Cully

WCA

Vice President Jonathan Upson

1.0 Warrandyte Gateway Proposal

It was agreed that Irene and Carol attending our prior WCA committee meeting was very helpful. The WCA confirmed they would not take a position on the proposal; they saw their role as facilitating the opportunity of the community to view the proposal and have their own say.

Nillumbik indicated the planning application was about one month away and that they intended to place representative photomontages (with the Research sign added) at the Community Centre and on-site. They also agreed to contact the Diary to publicise the application.

ACTION: Adrian Cully

2.0 ESO2 'Loophole' – Protection of the Yarra Valley environs

Nillumbik indicated they had contacted Yarra Ranges, Banyule and Manningham who all agreed to participate in a study of the Yarra River 'viewshed' as had been done for the Lower Yarra. The State government also liked the concept, but declined to provide leadership or funding.

The WCA understands that a draft of the Yarra River add-on to the Green Wedges study by Planisphere is complete. The WCA requested a copy of the draft study, or at least the Yarra River add-on portion, for review.

ACTION: Margaret Abbey to consider the WCA's request

3.0 New Residential Zones

The WCA briefly explained their position and concerns with the new zones which apparently will only apply to Warrandyte (south of the river). The WCA provided a copy of our submission to the Planning Panel. Nillumbik agreed with the WCA that they do not support the LDRZ (covering almost all of North Warrandyte) be included in consideration of the zoning changes.

4.0 Kerb and Channel Street Sealing

Bill explained that he understood the WCA's concerns were excessive cost and visual amenity (which was agreed). Matthew explained the Shire's position which is that the simple 'rural seal' is utilised today for streets with average lot sizes less than 1 acre; the rationale being that such streets will have more traffic due to increased housing density. Their experience is that the rural seal does not last as long and needs maintenance & repair with excessive traffic. He also clarified that the current rules call for 60% of residents to approve the street improvement before it is undertaken (a lack of response from a household is counted a 'No' vote). The WCA stated that Manningham has extensive positive experience with rural seal even on streets with small lot sizes. The WCA considered the visual aspects to be unacceptable and overkill with regards to environmental benefits over rural seals. Last, Jonathan noted Brogil Road was quoted kerb and channel sealing despite a lot size average well above 1 acre and that Bradleys Lane was rural sealed despite lot sizes less than 1 acre. Matthew stated the kerb and channel upgrade of Valias Street will be completed within 6 months or so.

***ACTION: -Matthew to speak with Manningham about their experience and visit several streets with rural seal in Warrandyte.
-WCA to inform the Shire of their view of the Valias Street upgrade once it's completed.***

5.0 Status of CFA Station relocation

Planning application for the new station approved in May. The CFA have indicated that construction should begin within 12 months. Both the Shire and WCA support the relocation.

6.0 Traffic Management at Community Centre

VicRoads will be building a pedestrian safety zone in front of the N. Warrandyte Community Centre after sufficient pedestrian numbers were shown to be crossing there. The WCA stated they supported this; however, they asked the Shire to consider the crossing required by the discontinuity in the current walking path caused by the path 'crossing' the road. Perhaps the walking path could be

extended on the Community Centre side of the street to the new pedestrian safety zone.

ACTION: Matthew to consider how the new pedestrian safety zone can be integrated with the walking path cross over point.

8.0 Bushfire Planning

The WCA provided flyers to the Kevin Tolhurst presentation. Nillumbik indicated they had Dr. Tolhurst speak to them for a ½ seminar, and considered that it should be a useful and informative event.

Bill indicated bushfire risk was one of their key concerns for North Warrandyte. The WCA agreed that it was a serious concern for the community as evidenced by the very large turnout at our Bushfire Forum in May.

Tamara stated they are working on expanding their green waste collection for this Spring. The Shire is considering local Green Waste pick up points. For example, a Fireguard group might contact the council and state a street clean up was occurring on a given weekend and the Shire would pick up the green waste from one spot on Monday. The Shire is concerned with leaving any pile of waste, green or otherwise, as it will attract other hard waste. Details of the expanded Green Waste scheme are still to be worked out. Bill indicated the CFA had the funding and manpower to restart home inspections/consultations to provide individual advice on bushfire preparedness. Bill indicated he would like to have a Nillumbik-Manningham-WCA meeting after our Bushfire meeting August 6th to discuss bushfire preparedness for Warrandyte.

ACTION: -Tamara to provide the CFA (and Warrandyte Diary) with details of the expanded Green Waste pick up scheme, once finalized.

-WCA to contact the CFA to obtain more information on the individual home consultations and publicise it.

-Bill to contact Manningham Council, WCA and CFA to set up a meeting for late August/early September

9.0 Next Meeting

TBA – Late 2009 or Early 2010