

**PQCEG minutes meeting 11**

2.30pm Thursday 8 August 2019 Somerville Community House

**1. Attendance**

Chair: Rob Gerrand  
Chris DeFreitas  
Jo Murray  
Gerard Lynch ERR  
David Chalke Tyabb Ratepayers  
Ross Fullerton Shire  
Dianne Anderson  
Kerren Clark (minutes)  
Kate Blake

**2. Apologies**

Vince Lopardi, Emma Gasper, Ian McLeod, Martin Reeves, David Bergin, Di Anderson, Geoff Gilbert, Daniel Petroni, Paul Lewis, Heather Hutchinson Susan Milton and Franc Amendola and Julia Adler

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Approved as circulated.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

Nil.

**5. Community grants program**

Three applications were received on time and one late. The group determined to accept the late application so all four were considered.

Everyone agreed that each application had merit and that it was not possible to meet all the funding requests. It was agreed to split the funds equally and offer each applicant \$1,250.

The group decided to ask Kerren to contact each applicant and offer them the agreed amount. Assuming all applicants agreed, Kerren will arrange a cheque presentation to all four recipients on the PQV site and all members will be invited to attend.

**6. Site activity update**

Recent rains meant that water is abundant on site, although the main dam is not full. Chris said that the average June rainfall is 78mm and this year there was 227mm on site.

There was a general discussion about water quality in Balcombe Creek as it is turbid because of agricultural runoff.

Water has caused damage on site. The main road on the western boundary has been destroyed and it is down to a potholed single lane.

The Chair asked if the level of rain made quarrying difficult and Chris agreed that it does. They were able to work only one day in June. Overall it has not been busy with 32 trucks on the busiest day.

Since the last meeting there has been little excavation other than an urgent job for the Hastings hydrogen plant.

Upcoming jobs include:

Aquatic centre adjacent to the Rosebud shire office  
Mordialloc bypass and  
Train maintenance facility.

The bulk of the work is state infrastructure.

## **7. Complaints and compliments register**

Jo tabled the register but had inadvertently not printed a page with five complaints. The full version will be uploaded to the website. There were five complaints:

A landscaper was driving too fast on site and has been reprimanded.

A resident was concerned that pooling water could overflow into their property. While this did not occur, Chris will (when the land dries out) take remedial action.

There was a complaint regarding blasting and as blasting does not occur on site, this was not validated. It turned out the noise was generated by a neighbour.

Two noise complaints were received and on investigation were due to a blown hydraulic hose. As a result of the blow, the system had to be purged resulting in very brief bursts of noise for around 20 minutes.

## **8. Vegetation report**

Jo circulated site photos that were taken on one morning about a month ago. The showed good growth and Jo said that the trees have continued to grow since. She said the gums planted in stage one had really taken off, having more than doubled in size.

A really conscious effort has been made and landscapers are feeding and tending to the plants. Chris said 12,000 plants have been planted. Kate said they had been planted at the right time and it looks like they have taken really well. The Chair congratulated the team and the landscaper.

Once Kate noticed the fence, she said that it looks quite good. David said it is really unobtrusive.

## **9. Safety**

A question was raised about the works at Pottery Road intersection. Chris said that Council had passed the resolution for the works to proceed. He understands because of the time delay that the cost of works have increased so there are negotiations between Bayport and the Shire. He understands that Bayport is awaiting a signature and that works are scheduled for completion within 12 months of that signature.

Ross said he has a 'listening role' at the meeting and agreed to follow up and report back to the group.

## **10. Dust**

A chart reflecting dust results was circulated with the agenda. Results are compliant with guidelines.

All noted that it has recently been too wet for dust.

David noted that the line of best fit shows a steady increase in dust and asked why. Chris said it is almost certainly because of the extensive bund works and planting that have been undertaken. Works were right next to two dust receptors. He said that there are some remaining works near the Webbs Road paddock, and he expects to see a decline once those works are complete.

There was a discussion about dirt on Jones Road from Pottery. Chris explained that while trucks are leaving the site as clean as possible, and he has recently topped Pottery Road, dirt is inevitable. All agreed that with seven businesses on the road in addition to PQV, it is impossible to manage.

#### **11. Noise**

David said that Paul had agreed to help residents with noise monitoring and Ross agreed to speak with Paul about this and revert to Kerren. (NB: Ross subsequently advised that the shire's noise log will be supplied).

#### **12. General business**

David informed the group that the friends of Oliver's Creek group has been formed and is sponsored by the Shire.

#### **13. Next meeting**

2.30pm Thursday 14 November 2019