

Arts Advisory Committee (Acquisition & Strategy)



Minutes

Date: Monday 1 Aug 2016
Time: 3.30pm – 5.15pm
Venue: Manna Gum 1
Chair: Grace Longato on behalf of Cr Helen Coleman
Minute taker: Grace Longato on behalf of Michelle Zemancheff

Order of business

1. **Attendance:** Ute Leiner, Valerie Murray, Liz Nettleton, Debbie Robinson, Amanda Gibson, Brian Gilkes, Karena Goldfinch, Barbara Joyce, Amanda Saini, Peter Wegner

Apologies: Cr Helen Coleman (Chair), Matt Blackwood, Libby Schreiber, Michelle Zemancheff (Coordinator Arts & Culture)

Officers: Adrian Cully (Manager: Community, Participation, Learning and Culture), Nadine Wooldridge (Coordinator: Community Leisure Services), Grace Longato (Visual Arts Development Officer)

2. **Conflict of interest**

N/A

3. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

That the minutes of meeting held on 6 June 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Val Murray

Second: Karena Goldfinch

Item of business	Details	Action
4. Civic Drive Development / Amphitheatre space	Adrian Cully and Nadine Wooldridge gave an overview of the Civic Drive development and invited members to offer suggestions/advice on the former site of the outdoor performing arts centre/amphitheatre.	Visual Arts Development Officer Grace Longato to email the Civic Drive masterplan to committee members.

5. Strategy

Grace Longato provided an update on:

- The 'ephemeral art season' for the final year of the 2011-2017 Cultural Plan: Benchmarking and consultation undertaken by Clare Leporati. Project brief is being refined and is close to completion. Members will be presented with proposal at next AAC meeting in Nov.
- 2018-2021 Cultural Plan, *consultation process*: Artists David Adams and Evi Van Der Niet's proposal *The Travelling Teapot* submitted for consideration and/or approval. Members' response to this proposal has been positive.
- *Laughing Waters Artist in Residence* program: Briefing to Councillors regarding its lease scheduled for Aug 16. Michelle Zemancheff to present.

6. Programs & Events

Grace Longato provided an update and summary of the following programs and events that occurred within the two months of the last meeting:

- *Nillumbik Prize 2016*: Members were notified of its' conclusion and the winner of the People's Choice award. Members received a catalogue/price list and were invited to consider recommendations for the Collection
- *Literary Nillumbik Awards* (Allan Marshall Short Story and Ekphrasis): Members were told of the Awards Night success and received a copy of the *Anthology* for their interest and reference
- Eltham Library Community Gallery: Members were notified that applications are open for the 2017 program with a focus on encouraging art interventions in the space. Members also received a copy of this year's

calendar and flyer promoting 'Applications Open'.

- Community Grants: Members were notified on the recipients of this year's grants; Araluen (Diamond Creek) *Drama and Art Celebration* and Theatre 451 *Forget Me Not*.

All members were pleased with the success of the events that occurred, the direction of the ELCG and with the recipients of the Community Grants.

7. Acquisitions

Grace Longato provided an overview of the re-valuation of the Collection and the acquisition selection criteria.

The following acquisitions were then considered:

- Donation: *Bush Vandal (Green Wash)* 2012 by Ashlee Laing, 6 minute looped video
Members recommended the acquisition of this donation for the Collection. Lang's work aligns with the Collection Policy's selection criteria
Visual Arts Development Officer to finalise recommendation of acquisition with report
- Donation: *Laughing Waters Rocks* 2013 by Camille Serisier, watercolour on paper, 59.5cm x 84cm - unframed
Members recommended the acquisition of this donation for the Collection. Serisier's work aligns with the Collection Policy's selection criteria
Visual Arts Development Officer to finalise recommendation of acquisition with report
- Re-installation: *Laughing Waters Landscapes* 2016 by Joanne Mott, rock, boulders, paint, dimensions variable
Members recommended the acquisition of this work for the Collection on the condition that a permanent and safe spot for installation was found within the Shire. Mott's work aligns with the Collection Policy's selection criteria.
Members and Visual Arts Development Officer to provide site locations for next meeting

Invitation to purchase:

- *River* 1977-2016 by Paul Reed /from the Sue Ford Archive, gelatine silver print, 60cm x 60cm framed
- *Gregory* 2016 by James Morrison, oil on canvas, 50cm x 40cm, \$11,000.00 (GST inclusive)
- *Ghost* 2012 by Dale Cox, plastic, wood, oils, 40cm x 110cm x 35cm variable
- Bill Hudson-McAuley: Photographic archive photographic prints unframed, museum standard: 15 inches x 11 inches, \$165.00 each plus GST. 10 + prints: \$110.00 each

Visual Arts Development Officer to have all works available at the next meeting to help with the decision process.

Visual Arts Development Officer to investigate funding avenues (Art Reserve?) and payment options with the artists.

Members were keen to recommend all artworks, (as all artworks align with the Collection Policy's selection criteria). However, the purchase of all exceeds available funds.

Members have asked to see the actual artworks at the next meeting to help in prioritising the order of recommendation.

8. Other Business

The following items on the Agenda were not discussed because of time restraints. Members agreed to discuss these items at the next AAC meeting in Nov:

- Decommissioning works + Memorabilia Collection
- Public Art: Eltham Leisure Centre redevelopment – Julia Silvester proposal postponed
- Conservation: Public Art + Visual Art (framing)

Invitation to purchase works (discussed at the April 2016 meeting)

- Kevin Burgemeestre – a selection of works from his exhibition at the ELCG (Jan 2016)
- Peter Boyle – a selection of works (*Nudo & Friends*) from an exhibition at the Metro Gallery (late 2015)

9. Next meeting dates:

Caretaker period 20 September to 22 October 2016 inclusive: no committee meetings.

Monday 7 November 2016, 3.30-5.00pm

Monday 12 December 2016, 3.30pm-5.00pm

Minutes

Date: Monday 1 August 2016
Time 6.30 – 8.30pm
Venue: Mummery Education Building, Edendale
Chair: Councillor Michael Young

Councillors: Cr. Young (Chair), Cr. Hattam

Members: John Dumaresq, Cheryl Meikle, Michael Maloney, Simon Keane, Fee Sievers, Carlota Quinlan and Diane Bullen

Council officers: Chad Griffiths, Paul Fyffe

Apologies: Cr. Coleman, Adrian Leenaerts, Ransce Salan

1. **Welcome**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Moved: Cheryl Meikle Seconded: Diane Bullen

2. **Conflict of Interest**

No conflict of interested was identified or declared.

3. **Eltham Activity Centre Precincts 3 and 4 Redevelopment Project – Results from Targeted Consultation**

Officers provided a summary of the results from targeted consultation, which had recently been conducted on the Draft Framework Plan (the Plan).

Firstly, the Forum was advised that the following stakeholders had been consulted to date:

Government Authorities: Public Transport Victoria (PTV), Eltham Police and VicRoads

Service Providers: St Vincent's, Health Ability and U3A Eltham

Community Groups: Friends of Nillumbik (FON), Eltham Historical Society (EHS), Eltham Gateway Action Group (EGAG) and Eltham-Montmorency Returned Services League (RSL)

Business: Eltham Chamber of Commerce and Industry (the Chamber) and La Zanya's Restaurant

In addition, there have been further discussions with Council units (e.g. Traffic Engineering) regarding themes in the Plan.

Officers then provided a summary of the feedback received to each of the six themes or suggestions within the Plan. The key points made by officers, with the corresponding discussion and comments from the Forum, are presented as follows:

1) Connected Community Clusters

Presentation

- There is general support from relevant stakeholders (e.g. service providers, community groups and the Chamber) for consolidation of community facilities and uses in Precinct 4 on either side of the railway line as proposed.
- There is particular support for a community hub with flexible meeting space, an arts or cinema component and Council shop front
- The RSL states that there needs to be a "A Civic Satellite", namely a place for Council held meetings which have an Eltham focus
- No requests are being made for a stand-alone facility. For example, both the RSL and the U3A are happy to share space with other community groups.
- St Vincent's advises that a western cluster (with bridge) would be of particular benefit to its residents due its close walking proximity to their site.
- The Eltham Chamber suggests that community uses could be integrated with residential or office use

Discussion and Comments

- Forum members were supportive of the feedback received.
- There was discussion regarding to what extent and how the heritage values of the War Memorial Hall should be protected and/or respected in the face of any proposal for redevelopment of the site.

2) A Re-vitalised Transit Node

Presentation

- The stakeholders who have been consulted to date all appear to support redevelopment of the bus interchange (with plaza) and the construction of new subways to the station.
- Several stakeholders state that the subways should be elderly accessible, unlike the existing subways.
- PTV agrees that the bus interchange and subways need re-developing
- A significant issue which has arisen is that PTV has advised Council that it intends to lay additional stabling in Precinct 3 and wishes to protect land required for the stabling. The plan provides for:
 - 3 extra lines by 2016
 - 3 beyond that

- PTV proposes that the additional lines will extend west from an existing set of 5 stabling lines and will occupy PTV land up to Youth Road. This will necessitate the removal of the existing commuter car park located to the east of Youth Road.
- PTV's stabling plans may affect the design of any subway re-development and any other key initiatives which may be proposed by the Eltham Precincts 3 and 4 Project in vicinity of Youth Road.
- VicRoads indicates broad support at this stage for signalisation of Pryor Street on the grounds that this would:
 - Create more of a pedestrian zone
 - Be consistent with a current push in other outer suburbs for making main roads which travel through town centres more pedestrian friendly

Discussion and Comments

- Forum members were alarmed at PTV's proposal for additional stabling. There was general discussion and agreement that the additional stabling would have a significantly detrimental effect on the amenity and functionality of the Eltham Town Centre. Further, there appeared to be a consensus view that the proposal is an unfair and short-sighted imposition on the town centre and one which contradicts good planning principles.
- Cr Hattam advised that she will be meeting the Minister for Transport in early September and would seek to bring the Forum's concerns regarding the proposed stabling to her attention.

3) Green Movement Corridors

Presentation

- The stakeholders consulted to date generally support the proposal for a green movement corridor on each side of the railway line.
- PTV is prepared to consider the proposal
- In regards to the eastern corridor, there is notable support from several stakeholders that, at a minimum, the parking adjacent to the shops should be removed, with some arguing all the parking should be removed
- La Zanya's has indicated it may not have issue with the potential loss of car parking to the rear of its site.
- Health Ability suggests that perhaps some short term parks for businesses will need to be provided
- Further, Health Ability advises it may require some accessible car parking
- Certain community groups suggest that perhaps extra trail space for a shared trail on the east side can be obtained by constructing a boardwalk
- The Eltham Police believes that encouraging people to the area will likely improve its safety, provided there is good lighting and no out of sight areas.

Discussion and Comments

- Forum members were supportive of the feedback received.

4) Redefined Access and Parking

Presentation

- A number of the stakeholders consulted to date appear to support decked car parking which is sensitively sited and designed, but others are more concerned about the potential visual impact and/or the possibility for security issues.
- More broadly, the Eltham Gateway Action Group argues that car travel to the station should be discouraged by not providing easy access to parking spaces and people should be encouraged to walk or cycle.
- The biggest issue is that PTV opposes suggestions for decked car parking on the following grounds:
 - Decked car parking is too expensive
 - The north end of Diamond St is too small to provide a decked car park; and
 - Youth Road land is required for future stabling
- PTV is not offering an alternative to satisfy the demand for commuter car parking in Eltham and has indicated that it currently has no plan to replace the parking it proposes to remove to provide for additional stabling.
- The Police do not see security as a particular issue with decked parking, particularly if PSO officers patrol in the area.
- In regards to pedestrian crossings proposed by the Plan, there is general support amongst the stakeholders consulted to date for:
 - An additional pedestrian crossing on Diamond Street (particularly from St Vincent's)
 - A signalised crossing at Pryor Street (including tentative support from VicRoads)
- In regards to the suggestion that a crossing be located at Main Road, adjacent to Panther Place, the Chamber doubts there is sufficient demand for this crossing. However, the Eltham Police advises that the crossing would likely be well used on game day and that it should be a signalised "green man" pedestrian crossing.
- EGAG cautions that any improvement in access in vicinity of Panther Place and the oval should not be allowed to create a 'rat run' for cars between Main Road and Diamond Street

Discussion and Comments

- Further to expressing its opposition to PTV's plan for additional stabling, the Forum expressed its frustration that PTV has no plan to provide for the commuter parking in Eltham which will be displaced by the additional stabling.
- Whilst appreciating the need to make Main Street more pedestrian friendly, the Forum cautioned against increasing the number of signalised crossings in Main Road, as this may excessively reduce traffic flow and it may push more through-traffic onto Bible Street, which is already over utilised as a town centre by-pass.

5) Improved Pedestrian Connections

Presentation

- The proposed bridge is broadly supported by the community stakeholders consulted to date, provided the bridge is attractive. Generally, stakeholders believe the bridge would address a significant lack of connectivity within the area.
- EHS and FON state that the bridge could draw cyclists into the town centre, which would be a positive for local business.
- Some points of concern/caution are raised regarding the bridge, including:
 - PTV is concerned that the bridge could conflict with its intention to provide additional stabling
 - PTV states that the railway station should not have two entrances
 - Further, PTV advises that there is unlikely the funds for a new bus interchange and a bridge
 - Health Ability states that it owns the lane way from where it is proposed to commence the bridge on the east side of the railway line.
 - Health Ability suggests that St Laurence Lane may be a better point at which to commence the bridge at its eastern end, as the lane is owned by Council and aligns with Arthur Street, which could be signalised to provide safe and easy pedestrian access across a large section of the Eltham Town Centre.
 - Council's Infrastructure Development Unit suggests that a St Laurence Lane alignment may be better as Council owns the land, the bridge would prevent traffic using the lane, which is currently a safety issue, and the bridge would align well with Arthur Street. However, the unit also advises that the other alignment could likely also be achieved.

Discussion and Comments

- Forum members questioned the comment from PTV that the railway station should have only one entrance, citing a number of examples in metropolitan Melbourne where more than one entrance is conveniently provided at a railway station.
- There was some discussion about which alignment would require a higher bridge and it was agreed that this would be a consideration, given that a higher bridge will have a more significant visual impact.
- Caution was raised with the idea of aligning a St Laurence bridge with a crossing at Arthur Street, as this could lead to over-signalisation of Main Road.

6) Careful Consolidation and Redevelopment

Presentation

- The Chamber is concerned that more retail development in Precincts 3 and 4 could fragment the town centre and compete with the established retail in Precinct 1
- Consistent with the above point, the Chamber suggests that offices and housing may be appropriate in Precinct 4

- Regarding development of the old Shire offices and the Senior Citizens site:
 - The RSL and EHS states that any re-development should reduce the current slope on the site, so as to make the site and any buildings easily accessible to all users
 - Several community groups (e.g. FON) believe any re-development should provide a connection between Main Road and the library
 - Health Ability suggests that the re-development should provide shade and resting places, including by retaining certain existing vegetated spots
- The RSL believes the War Memorial Hall should be redeveloped
- Relevant to the theme of consolidation and re-development, certain stakeholders have discussed their own efforts and intentions to expand or broaden. For example:
 - St Vincent's has refurbished part of its site for social housing and is considering re-developing the front of the site
 - Health Ability is considering expanding its services (e.g. community legal services) and extending its building up a floor

Discussion and Comments

- Comment was made that the proposal for a community hub with a Council presence (e.g. shop front) should be explored and, given the community support, the proposal should be strengthened and highlighted within the plans.

Next Steps

Officers clarified that the next steps for the project are:

- To finish the targeted consultation by consulting with the Eltham Craft and Produce Market, Public Transport Users Group, Eltham Football Club, Childcares and Preschool, Scout and Guides and the Eltham Tennis Club
- Revising the draft Framework Plan

Forum members advised that an Eltham Club exists, which represents both the cricket and football clubs. Officers stated they would contact this club.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

4. Next meeting date and location

Monday 19 September 2016, 6.30-8.30 pm at the Mummery Education Building, Edendale.

LIVEABLE NILLUMBIK
COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST 2016

	Item	Presented By
1	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	Cr Anika Van Hulsen
1.1	<p>Present: Councillor Anika Van Hulsen (chair) Anna Weeding Anne Fitzpatrick Peter Bryar Donna Kilgour Stephanie Krt Chris de Paiva Tom Holmes Pauline Gordon Nichole Johnson</p>	
1.2	<p>Apologies: Ann Strutt Chris Livingstone Sue Muir Greg Mason (no longer attending) Tom Glattauer (no longer attending) Corrienne Nichols</p>	
2.	Assembly of Councillors	Nichole Johnson
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No conflict of interest was declared 	
3	Project Update – Community Reference Group	Nichole Johnson
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Mason and Tom Glattauer have advised they will no longer be attending Reference Group meetings • Evaluation panel have completed evaluation • Report to Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 13 September 2016. Both public and confidential reports are on the agenda. Reference Group are encouraged to attend for public report. Nichole to send email out to the group to inform group them of approximate time. • 23 August 2016 – petition was tabled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Breakdown of Nillumbik Shire Council residents minuted. 	

3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 August 2016 – open policy meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 20 minute presentation with 20 minutes of questions (went for an hour). ➤ Main discussion points were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fire threat ○ How does it impact on neighbourhood safer place? ○ Strategic justification for project – lots of properties that could be developed. ○ ESO – endangered species. ○ Correct tender need to be chosen. • Precinct Planning meeting to discuss draft framework have been conducted with key stakeholders. Additional walking workshop will be held with interested community members. • Wattle Festival feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3 expressions of interest regarding future walking workshops. • Need to confirm that current membership of 10 members (without Greg Mason and Tom Glattauer) meets quorum requirements. Nichole to review and provide feedback to group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The minutes from reference group meeting held on 29 July 2015 noted an addition to the terms of reference stating, “if reference group falls to 8 members council will work through an advertising and selection process to appoint new members. Recommended members will be evaluated by Council”. 	
4.	Workshop	Nichole Johnson
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question: What is important from the lot 1 development and how it connects with precinct planning? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Workshop notes have been completed and will be distributed with minutes along with photo of original butchers paper work. 	
5	Reference Group Community Feedback	ALL
5.1	No feedback to report focus for meeting was on the workshop.	
6	Future meeting focus 13 September	ALL
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene after confidential report prior to 13-20 September 2016. • Nichole Johnson to put aside a date for next meeting 	
7.	Any Other Business	ALL
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of Tom Glattauer and Greg Mason – to be sent by Nichole. 	

Memorials Advisory Committee

Minutes



Date: Friday 2 September 2016
Time: 4pm – 5:30pm
Venue: Mummery Room, Edendale
Chair: Cr Meralyn Klein
Minute taker: Michelle Zemancheff

Order of business

1. Attendance and apologies

Present: Cr Meralyn Klein, (Chair), Cr Ken King, Jim Allen, Julie Beattie, Matt Berriman, Peter Cook, Neisha Forbes, Warwick Leeson OAM, Neil Marshall, Bill McGillvray, Bill McKenna

Apologies: Nil

Officers: Adrian Cully, Michelle Zemancheff

2. Conflict of interest

None declared.

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of meeting held 20 May 2016 was confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Matt Berriman

Seconded: Neil Marshall

Item of business	Details	Action
4. Matters Arising	Montmorency-Eltham RSL (Cr Klein) Bill McKenna has stepped down as president of the Montmorency-Eltham RSL. Bill's contribution to and leadership of that organisation was acknowledged and appreciation expressed.	
5. Kangaroo Ground Tower	Friends of Kangaroo Ground Tower (Adrian Cully) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master plan implementation. Officers have submitted a grant application to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) for Growing Suburbs interface funding. Funding is sought for the entrance works, balcony extension to the Moor-Rul viewing platform and renovation of the	

caretaker's cottage. Approximately \$330,000 has been sought, with the total project costing around \$480,000. Funding success will be announced in November.

- **Original Menin Gate sign.** The renovated caretaker's cottage discussed as an appropriate location to re-display the original Menin Gate sign.
- **Installation of additional plaques citing all WW1 servicemen.** The renovated caretaker's cottage also discussed as an appropriate location to list a more comprehensive listing of servicemen to continue the telling of the park's history.
- **Original Lone Pine tree.** Discussion as to future project to highlight the park's original Lone Pine tree, akin to that of Eltham High School's original Lone Pine tree.
- **Tree lopping.** Trees still in need of lopping

Progress report (Michelle Zemancheff)

Audit completed with copy document provided to members. Information on Council memorials to be publicly available via Council's *Artisan Hills* website <http://www.theartisanhills.vic.gov.au> . The webpages are still being constructed and is a work in progress. Some information is already available with the webpages to be completed in the next couple of weeks or so.

Celebration of achievements. (Cr Klein)

Cr Klein expressed her thanks and appreciation for the work of committee, each member's commitment to work towards a common goal, and the successful delivery of project outcomes.

Neil Marshall to invite Dave Cooper from County Fire Authority to contact Adrian directly to formally request tree lopping.

Officers to send members a link when webpages completed.

Next Council term advisory committee expressions of interest to open after new Council elected.

6. Memorials audit

7. Other business

8. Close

Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

Minutes



Date: Thursday 8 September 2016
Time 4.00 pm
Venue: Candlebark Room , Civic Centre, Greensborough
Chair: Cr Ken King
Minute taker: Tim O'Donnell

Order of business

- Welcome** (attendance and apologies).
Present: Cr Ken King, Cr Anika Van Hulsen, Ross Macmillan, George Apted, Sue Apted, Barrie Tully, Pat Vaughan, Tim O'Donnell
Apologies: Alex Sutherland,
- Conflict of interest and Assembly of Councillor form**
Conflict of interest provisions are contained in section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989, the Councillor's Governance Code, the Employee Code of Conduct and the Volunteer Handbook. An Assembly of Councillor form was completed in accordance with the Act. No conflicts of interest were declared.
- Minutes of previous meeting**
Motion: That the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 12 March 2016 are confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved- Sue, Seconded- George. Carried.
- Actions arising from previous minutes.** See over page for updated list.
- Open Farm Day- Discussion and ideas regarding the third OFD that is planned to occur in autumn 2017.**
The committee supports holding the event at the end of the school holidays and have ear-marked 16 April as the current preferred date. **IMPORTANT POST MEETING UPADTE** - 16 April is Easter Sunday and hence not recommended. So the most recent proposed date is the first Sunday of the school holidays – Sunday 2 April 2017. The AAC also agreed that last year's event was big enough and there is no need to 'grow' the event. Hence, no need to apply for Yarra Ranges Tourism Board funding on the basis that those grants mainly fund event promotion.

The committee liked the previous mix of farms and suggested contacting all previously engaged farms (except the lavender farm) to seek EOI's and suggestions (etc.) for the next event. This should occur ASAP.

The AAC recommended the following actions in regards to next year's OFD:

- A thorough risk assessment will be required for the whole event and each property –e.g. alpaca kicking out – noted at the last event.
- Prepare a detailed traffic management plan.
- Better signage on roadsides and farms.
- Choose farms that to some degree achieve a logical and safe inter-farm transport route.
- The shuttle bus idea either needs to be abandoned or sufficient funding sourced to enable a much more regular, reliable and safer service. The AAC supported the

concept of bus passengers having to book and pay for that transport, but did not support any other charges for the event (e.g. charges per car, or farm entrance fees). The committee discussed the likely problem that the 'mini-buses' cannot legally carry young children without an appropriate child seat. Hopefully medium sized commercial buses that are more appropriate for small rural roads are not restricted regarding child seats (Tim/Kirsty to check child issue for medium buses).

6. Update on amendments C101 Environmental Significance Overlay

Pat provided advice that there is a legal challenge to the validity of the Council decision making process regarding C101 and that this matter will be heard in VCAT on October 18. Because of that legal challenge, the independent planning panel hearing on C101 was post-poned and no new hearing date has yet been set.

7. Update regarding the Farm Rate Rebate Application Form

The committee assessed the latest version of the Farm Rate Rebate Form; with particular focus on the format of Table 2. However, members agreed that it would be prudent to wait for the election of the new Council and appointment of the new AAC before spending too much more time adjusting the format of the Farm Rate Rebate Form. Members agreed that a major agenda item should be set at the first meeting of the 'new AAC' to discuss the status and relationship of both rebates. It was agreed that prior to that meeting officers will prepare and circulate a briefing paper that outlines the intent, criteria, application process (including the up-dated and recommended forms) and budgetary implications of the Farm Rate Rebate and SAR.

8. Update on the SAR and discussion about potential for reviewing the criteria etc.

In addition to the discussion mentioned in the previous point, it was noted that the wording regarding the SAR on the Council Rate Notice is not clear. AAC recommendation regarding word changes on the Rate Notice: that the wording '*Sustainable Agricultural Land Rate*' be changed to read '*Farm Rate*' and the wording '*Council Rebate*' be changed to read '*Sustainable Agricultural Rebate*'. Officers to inform financial services about this recommendation (after next meeting).

9. Report on Submission to Invasive animal inquiry (10 Mins – Tim)

Tim provided a report on the submission and noted the high level of community interest and feedback including a very well attended public meeting held in Hurstbridge on 1 August 2016. Sue thanked the officers for preparing a good document. It was noted that the document did seem to focus quite heavily on issues related to deer which reflects the recent growth of this as a 'community issue'. The Committee reiterated that the State Government needs to be reminded that high kangaroo population is a very significant issue for Nillumbik farmers and well worthy of serious investigation.

10. Report on the Whittlesea Annual Agribusiness Dinner (13 August)

Ken and Sue attended this event and reported that it was very good and that Annemarree Docking is an excellent resource for the farming community in Whittlesea. The event had 2 keynote presentations
Presentation 1 - Anthony Flaccavento (a certified organic produce farmer in the US) presented an excellent session on Food Hubs. Food hubs are 'like' small scale wholesale markets that, in this example, occur on two days and one evening per week and represent a place where producers bring products to sell and the organisers have list of potential buyers. These occur on a regular basis so that people can purchase most of their farm produce and not have to rely on other retail options.

Presentation 2- land capability study via Deakin University. Deakin has a substantial data base of food production plus a model to predict how climate change may affect this production in the future, on a year by year basis. Deakin University have developed models that cover Whittlesea and the Goulburn Valley.

The Committee suggested inviting Annemarree to a future meeting to provide detail on what Whittlesea is doing on the agricultural front with a view to joint events.

11. Discussion regarding potential new projects that the Agricultural Advisory Committee might be able to drive

1- Sue requested information as to what use Land Management Plans have in permit applications. There should be conditions, that can be monitored/enforced, placed on permits to align with the stated Land Management Plan's objectives otherwise they are an expensive exercise that does not deliver long term value to the property or neighbourhood. The Committee suggested having an officer briefing at a future meeting (potentially by Jeremy Livingston)

2- Promotion of Farm Gate Sales- this is part of the destination marketing plan and also in the GWMP- what are the constraints. Under RCZ you need a permit. Traffic can be an issue. The committee agree that this will be a good topic for future discussion and investigation.

12. Other items. None

13. Next meeting – TBC. Not likely to occur in November on the basis that the new Councillors will have only recently been elected.

Updated progress list regarding actions arising from previous meetings

Action#	Action	Date initiated	Person Responsible	Status
N/A	Inform Tim O'Donnell ASAP after receiving minutes for the AAC meeting if there are suggested changes. No comments will be regarded as acceptance and the minutes will then be forwarded onto all Councillors.	10/03/16	All	Permanent Ongoing
82	Work with Revenue Services to draft up the Farm Rate Form in preparation to new AAC of 2017 (see also action # 111, which replaces action #107 of the previous minutes)	14/07/2016	Tim	In Process
91	Draft (with Malcolm Hackett) additional statement regarding hay cutting for the 2016 Fire prevention notice.	10/12/2015	Sue	Updated
96	Circulate any updates on RHDV K5 release to all.	10/03/16	Tim	Ongoing
102	Pass suggestion regarding an environmental award for Peter Rynia onto the appropriate person.	10/03/16	Tim	Noted
103	Prepare and send an appreciation Certificate for Barrie Apted.	14/07/2016	Pat	In Process
104	Undertake the groundwork to ensure that the process for Committee renewal occurs shortly after election on October 22 (e.g. public advertisement for expressions of interest).	14/07/16	Pat/Tim	In Process
108	check potential event conflicts for propose date of Open Farm Day - Sunday 2 April 2017	8/9/16	Tim/Kirsty	New
109	Contact all previously engaged OFD farms (except the lavender farm) to seek EOI's and suggestions (etc.) for the next event. This should occur ASAP.	8/9/16	Tim/Kirsty	New
110	Check child seat legality issue for using medium sized buses in OFD 2017.	8/9/16	Tim/Kirsty	New
111	Prepare and circulate a briefing paper that outlines the intent, criteria, application process (including the up-dated and recommended forms) and budgetary implications of the Farm Rate Rebate and SAR	8/9/16	Tim	New
112	Officers to inform financial services about recommended word changes regarding the SAR on Rate Notices	8/9/16	Tim	New
113	Invite Annemarree Docking to a future meeting to give us some detail on what Whittlesea is doing on the agricultural front with a view to potential joint events.	8/9/16	Tim	New
114	Orgnise an officer briefing re Property Management Plans as potential tools for better enforcement a future meeting (possibly Jeremy Livingston)	8/9/16	Pat	New