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Meeting: MAPT Community Reference Group
Date and Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm, Tuesday 26 November 2024
Location: MAPT Project Office, 2 Kavanagh Street, Southbank/ Teams online
Chair: Penny Hutchinson

Attendees (CRG members)	
Penny Hutchinson (PH) Chair	Eileen Pang (EP)
Sulagna Dasgupta (SD)	Clair Richards (CR)
David Hamilton (DH)	Dave Walton (DW)
Dan O’Keeffe (DOK)	Maureen Clifford (MPC) Secretariat

Guests	
Mary Parker (MParker) MAP Co	Eloise McGurn (EM) City of Melbourne
Luke Flanagan (LF) MAP Co	Sandali Chandrasekara (SC) Development Victoria
Don Heron (DH) National Gallery of Victoria	Lisa Dooley (LD) Development Victoria
Chris Giang (CG) Development Victoria	

Apologies	
Michael Parry, MAP Co	Arts Centre Melbourne
Lainie Kluska, Creative Victoria	MaryKay Rauma, Southbank3006

Items		
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1	WELCOME - Acknowledgement of Country - Welcome/ introductions	Chair
2	ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - Existing/ outstanding actions #24 - potential dates to be put forward for review at next meeting #28 & 29 - open/ no change #30 - closed as change not possible due to safety impacts and works schedule - New actions #31 - members raised concerns on road safety, particularly on Southbank Bvd and in context of recent CoM workshops. MAP Co to share the VicRoads ‘Report an Incident’ webpage and encouraged CRG members to register any near misses and other incidents. #32 - DH and other members raised resident concerns regarding pedestrian access to St Kilda Rd. It was agreed this would be added to the Live Issues List.	MPC/ All

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	○ #33 - as part of the presentation on the new The Fox; NGV Contemporary there were discussions about Kavanagh St. MAP Co/ DV to provide update on any impact to amenity at a future meeting ○ #34 as part of the presentation on the new The Fox; NGV Contemporary there were discussions about Kavanagh St. ○ #35 – a list of proposed 2025 meeting dates was presented with the request that CRG members review and advise availability. • Live Issues list ○ Greening Southbank Opportunities – it was noted that the CoM Urban Forest Precinct Plan consultation is likely late 2025. Open Space consultation on existing Southbank projects will be in 2025, and that MAP Co usually has a representative at these activities/ events. ○ As noted under New Action #32, an additional item added on access to St Kilda Rd from Kavanagh St, noting residents’ ongoing concerns.	
3	WORKS UPDATE • With the deconstruction of 77 Southbank, it was confirmed that over 95% of building materials have been recycled/ re-used. • In mid December, there will be changes to the temporary pedestrian bridge between the PPABC and ACM’s forecourt. This is to allow works to be done where the existing bridge is. • Pedestrian access to St Kilda Rd from Kavanagh St was raised by DH and has been added to the Live Issues list. • Sewer works are still underway in Fanning St, with the aim of finishing before Christmas. Should that not be possible, the street will be made good, plates placed over the excavations, and the street reopened until works resume mid January. • DW asked about access to/from Fanning St at City Road and Fawkner St. DV advised vehicle and pedestrian access are currently under review by the Contractors and traffic management company. • The site will be made safe before Christmas and works will cease from Friday 20 December, with trades back on site from Monday 13 January.	CG/ LD
4	GUEST PRESENTATION • A presentation was given on design updates as part of the Heritage Victoria (HV) submission for The Fox: NGV Contemporary HV permits. • Overall, there has been relatively little change to the outside of the building since the design competition, noting that much of the original design was resolved at the competition stage. • A key design feature that has changed is the top of the building, which has been simplified and incorporates feedback from the Design Excellence Committee (members include the Victorian Government Chief Architect). The revised roof design includes the removal of the central ‘lantern’ and presents a more circular form overall, which could be seen to harmonise with the geometric approach of Sir Roy Grounds, the original architect/	LF/ DH

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	designer of the Arts Precinct and Hamer Hall. Design of the building will continue into 2026. - The grand staircase from Southbank Bvd to Laak Boorndap will present itself to the southern side of the Arts Precinct. Working with CoM on landscaping along Southbank Bvd that will continue to reflect CoM's existing landscape approach. It was noted that the grand staircase is the only place where a person may need to use a lift, and there will be a 24/7 accessible lift next to the grand staircase. - It was noted that while the total height of the building has come down, the height of the roof on level 7 has increased slightly. Note new action #33 shadow diagrams to be shown at a future meeting. - Schematic drawings were shown. Note new action #34 future presentation on plans for Kavanagh St design and amenity. - Procurement process underway for the building contractor and it is anticipated the builder will be start in the coming months. - Deconstruction has been completed and the site will be made safe over Christmas. - Activity will be on site in the first half of 2025, and piling works are expected to be lengthy.	
5	COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT - MPC gave an update on community and stakeholder events. - MParker gave an update on broader media and social media, including the future roll out of social media channels to promote Laak Boorndap, the Test Garden and research being undertaken to support the garden. .	MParker/ MPC
6	GOVERNANCE - The Chair advised CRG members that their terms have been extended for a further two years, to take advantage of the breadth of members' knowledge and insights, and how effectively the group is functioning. - Formal letters will be sent to CRG members. - It was noted that at the end of the extended two years, an EOI process would be done for CRG membership. - CRG members agreed the next meeting to be held on 11 February; the proposed 2025 meeting schedule was circulated for review and feedback by the next meeting.	Chair/ MPC
7	GENERAL BUSINESS Member network feedback – no additional formal feedback.	All - open discussion
8	NEXT MEETING/ CLOSE - The Chair thanked everyone for the participation and support, in particular the CRG members for their commitment, feedback and insights. - Next meeting – 11 February 2025	Chair

Actions:

New Actions:

No.	Action	Timeframe	Who	Status
31	Link to the VicRoads 'Report an Incident' webpage to be shared with CRG members	December	MAP Co	Open
32	Add new Live Issue – resident concerns regarding pedestrian access to St Kilda Rd	December	MAP Co	Open
33	Impact to Kavanagh amenity to be shared at a future meeting	Next meeting TBC	MAP Co/ DV	Open
34	Future presentation on plans for Kavanagh St design and amenity	2025	MAP Co/ DV	Open
35	Review proposed 2025 meeting dates and advise availability	Feb 2025	CRG members	Open

Existing/ outstanding Actions:

No.	Action	Timeframe	Who	Status
24	MParker to enquire about CRG visit to see garden research.	2025	MAP Co	Dates to be put forward for review at next meeting
28	Future presentation on sustainability across the project incl water recycling	2025	MAP Co	Open/ as is
29	Information on types of lighting and if there were investigations into colour temperature impacts on flora and fauna	2025	MAP Co	Open/ as is

Closed Actions:

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1	Recent media to be shared with the group	14/07/2023	MAP Co	Now BAU
2	An edited version of the presentation to be shared with CRG members	14/07/2023	MAP Co	Completed in advance of mtg
3	Schedule of proposed 2023 meeting dates to be circulated	14/07/2023	MAP Co	Completed in advance of mtg
4	CRG minutes with members names to be published on MAP Co website	14/07/2023	MAP Co	Completed in advance of mtg
5	CRG members to provide feedback on Terms of Reference by end July	27/07/2023	CRG members	Completed in advance of mtg
6	Terms of Reference to be ratified	Next meeting	CRG members	Completed at mtg
7	Review organisations highlighted on Arts Precinct wayfinding map	20/10/2023	MAP Co	Completed
8	Send meeting invitation for next meeting	15/09/2023	MAP Co	Completed

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9	Send invitation for CRG site tour	15/09/2023	MAP Co	Completed
10	Send link to Vegetation Factsheet on MAP Co website	15/09/2023	MAP Co	Completed
11	Confirmation of next meeting date, in 2024	31/11/2023	MAP Co	Completed
12	Respond to question about load capacity of CitiPower pit lid	31/11/2023	DV	Completed
13	Respond to question about wildlife in the London Plane trees	31/11/2023	DV	Completed
14	Respond to question about Men's Shed	16/04/2023	MAP Co	Completed
15	Respond to question about reinstatement of Kavanagh Street bluestone footpath	31/11/2023	DV	Completed
16	CRG members to confirm 2024 meeting schedule	28/02/2024	CRG members	Completed in advance of mtg
17	MKR requested pdf files on MAP Co and DV websites be linkable to make them easier to share with community	30/03/2024/ ongoing	MAP Co/ DV	Completed
18	Live issues list to be created for noting/ discussion at future meetings	16/04/2024	MPC/ MAP Co	Completed in advance of mtg
19	LD to follow up on sections of footpath considered a trip hazard	06/02/2024	LD/ DV	Closed 03/09/2024
20	MKR to send MAP Co screen shots of Southbank3006 Facebook comments where relevant	30/03/2024/ Ongoing	MKR	Now BAU
21	Future presentation on CoM greening projects in Southbank and CBD	23/07/2024	EM/ CoM	Completed
22	EM to follow up on workers parking in Dodds St disability parking	16/04/2024	EM/ CoM	Completed
23	EM to follow up on bluestone repairs outside Triptych building	23/07/2024	EM/ CoM	Moved to Live Issues List
25	CRG members to be added to distribution list for works notices	30/03/2024	LD/ DV	Completed in advance of mtg
26	CRG members to be sent a link when DV website is updated with construction works notices	30/05/2024	MAP Co/ DV	Closed 03/09/2024
27	CRG members to advise MPC quantities of hard copy materials they'd like including Community Update (English & Simplified Mandarin), corporate brochure, project business cards with contact info, postcards	30/05/2024	CRG members	Now BAU
30	Based on traffic impacts from upcoming works in Fawcner & Fanning streets, would it be possible to allow a right turn from Southbank Bvd into Fawcner St during the period of works.	Before start of works/ next meeting	LL/ CoM	Closed 26/11/2024 – not possible based on safety and works schedule