

## **PQCEG Minutes - Meeting 15**

**2.45pm Tuesday 5 July 2022**

**Somerville Community House**

### **1. Attendance**

Rob Gerrand	Chair
Daniel Petroni	Peninsula Quarries/Bayport
Tim Etherington	Peninsula Quarries
Alex Murray	Peninsula Quarries
Philip Goslin	Clifton - minutes
Mariah Rafol	Mornington Peninsula Shire
David Chalke	Tyabb Ratepayers Business & Environment Group
Leah Collins	Resident
Diane Anderson	Resident
Tiffany Rietman	Resident

### **2. Apologies**

Susan Milton	Resident
Emma Gasper	Resident
Franc Amendola	Balcombe Estuary Reserve Group (BERG)

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Amended following request from Leah Collins in relation to discussion around vegetation removal. Approved with amendment.

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

Nil.

### **5. Community grants program**

Details of the seven grant applications received were distributed to PQCEG members prior to the meeting. David Chalke suggested that Somerville/Tyabb communities should receive priority in grant allocations as they were the closest neighbours to the quarry. It was pointed out that the grants program was advertised to include Mornington communities so their applications should be considered equally. Some discussion on previous grant allocations and Peninsula Quarries direct sponsorship of community organisations.

During discussions on grant allocations Daniel Petroni advised that Peninsula Quarries would increase the funding from \$5000 to almost \$7000 to allow more organisations to receive funding. The agreed allocations was:

Mornington Community Garden	one battery powered wheelbarrow	\$1,399.00
Balnarring Junior Football Club	24 footballs for the club's girls teams	\$ 405.60
Tyabb Junior Football Netball Club	Roband pie and food warmer	\$ 880.00
Somerville Eagles Soccer Club	defibrillator – purchase/installation	\$2,400.00
Somerville Rise Primary School	Cost of installation of two flagpoles	\$1,900.00

**Total funds allocated to grants program in 2022** **\$6,984.60**

All applicants to be contacted. Promotional opportunities sought with successful applicants.

## 6. Site activity update

Tim advised that current projects included supplying materials to:

- Speedwell Street, Somerville
- MRPV Project – Western Port Highway Upgrade
- Kennedy Community Centre – Hawthorn Football Club training facility in Dingley
- Clyde North residential projects
- Gippsland Line Upgrade
- Eastern Treatment Plant.

## 7. Water

a) Water table — Leah Collins asked about digging below the water table. PQ is not currently digging below the water table. PQ is collecting data to facilitate an application to the EPA. Leah Collins asked what level PQ was currently digging at. Tim Etherington advised that the level was RL (reference level) 67 — this equates to 23 metres below the site surface level.

b) Water for residents — Supply of water to residents was again raised by the group. Tim Etherington confirmed that he was happy to consider all reasonable requests for water from residents and would supply water where possible.

## 8. Complaints and compliments register

Tabled. The complaints and compliments register can also be viewed on the PQV website.

## 9. Vegetation report

- a) Tim Etherington advised that tree planting had taken place in recent months along the eastern and northern bund. A total of 2,990 Australian native trees have been planted. TE spoke to the Autumn 2022 and Autumn 2023 revegetation plans.
- b) Leah Collins asked about tree removal and whether a Section 1/10 notice had been issued. Daniel Petroni advised that Earth Resources Regulation had recently conducted a field inspection and issued a report. A Section 1/10 notice was not issued.
- c) Leah Collins asked about collection of seeds for a seedbank. Tim advised that PQ needs to comply with council species requirements when undertaking revegetation — there are 17 approved native species on the council's list. Operation Reveg attended the site to investigate establishment of a seed bank from within the southern vegetation area. Native vegetation is being grown under contract for the 2023 planting program and the seed bank will be utilised if possible.
- d) Leah Collins asked about weed management. Tim Etherington advised that weed management forms part of the site's management plan. An independent contractor is engaged to undertake weed management and this work is being completed on schedule.

## 10. Safety

- a) Mariah Rafol, Project Manager at Mornington Peninsula Shire, attended the meeting to discuss the Pottery Road/Jones Road intersection upgrade works. Mornington Peninsula Shire has awarded a contract for an upgrade of this intersection to AWS Civil. Works have commenced and are scheduled to be completed by the end of August. Mariah discussed a number of matters in relation to the upgrade including work on drainage; road reinforcement; widening of parts of the intersection and pedestrian access. Residents raised a number of issues with Mariah and she undertook to report back to the group at the next PQCEG meeting.
- b) Pottery Road/Jones Road signage — A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) review is underway with a certified traffic control contractor. A revised TMP has been submitted to Mornington Peninsula Shire and has been given approval. The new TMP will be implemented and permanent signage erected on Pottery Road and Jones Road following completion of intersection works.
- c) Pottery Road/Jones Road speed limits — David Chalke asked about speed limits. Tim Etherington advised that under the TMP the 60 km/h speed limit would be retained.
- d) Jones Road surface — Diane Anderson asked about the clay on Jones Road. Tim Etherington advised that PQ is doing its best to address that issue. Crushed rock was laid in June along with a new surface material. The question of making this an asphalt road was raised. This would need to be done under the Mornington Peninsula Shire's 'Special Charge Scheme' which sees the cost of infrastructure works recovered from property owners.

## 11. Dust

a) Diane Anderson asked about dust monitor placement at the back of her property and requested data from that monitor which was provided by Daniel Petroni (the monitor was positioned at the back of Diane's property in early May). Tim Etherington was asked to provide a plan of dust monitor placement (an aerial photo is attached to the minutes — the red dot indicates monitor position). Dust data is collected monthly by a certified testing company. Dust monitoring reports are submitted to the regulator annually. Dust is not an issue at this time of year due to winter conditions.

## 12. Noise

a) Leah Collins and Diane Anderson asked about a “banging noise”. Tim Etherington advised that this noise was due to the “bucket stops” on the loading mechanism. PQ has put in a sound bund to help reduce noise and tries to load trucks in a direction that reduces the impact of noise on neighbours. PQ will look at further solutions to reduce the “bucket stops” noise including the possibility of installing rubber stops.

b) Leah Collins asked about “intermittent beeping noise”. This relates to truck loading operations and the ‘double beep warning’ system as discussed at the previous PQCEG meeting. PQ has looked into alternative warning systems and continues to explore different solutions, however site safety considerations are paramount and for the moment the industry common practice warning system will be retained.

## 13. General business

Nil

## 14. Next meeting

Scheduled for a 2.30pm start on Tuesday 4 October 2022 at Somerville Community House.

11. a) dust monitor placement indicated by red dot.

