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2.30pm Thursday 14 November 2019 Somerville Community House

1. Attendance

Chair: Rob Gerrand
Chris DeFreitas
Jo Murray
Gerard Lynch ERR
David Chalke Tyabb Ratepayers
Dianne Anderson
Franc Amendola
Philip Goslin (minutes)

2. Apologies

Vince Lopardi, Emma Gasper, Daniel Petroni, Kerren Clark, Julia Adler, David Bergin

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Approved as circulated.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Nil.

5. Community grants program

The presentation event was held on Thursday 19 September. Recipients were: Pearcedale Primary School; Tyabb Primary School; Wallaroo Primary School and Somerville Community House. A media release was distributed on 24 September. The release was published in full with a photo in *Western Port News* on 13 November. A copy of this article was circulated. Philip advised that the media release also received two mentions on community radio Southern FM in its new bulletins.

The deadline for submissions for the 2020 grants will be 30 June. PQ will begin promoting the grants program and calling for submissions at the end of April.

6. Site activity update

Chris advised that there was a new hole being dug at the back of the quarry near Webbs Lane. It is supplying red clay for a Melbourne Water treatment plant. About 15,000 to 20,000 cubic metres will be removed. When digging is complete the hole will fill with water and become a water body. The whole area will be fenced off so it is not accessible from Webbs Lane. Jo has received quotes for this work.

Chris advised that he had a query from Barry Fay from the office of local MP Neale Burgess about trucks using Webbs Lane. Chris advised that there were no trucks using Webbs Lane. However, PQ has made a driveway off Webbs Lane specifically for the use of the dust monitor.

Current projects include:

- Rosebud Aquatic Centre (Adjacent to Rosebud Shire Office)
- Mordialloc bypass (preparation works)
- Schools – two in Frankston and one in Cranbourne
- HMAS Cerberus naval base
- Solar farm Bangholme
- Eastern Treatment Plant – Bangholme
- Melbourne Water Wetlands (2 projects in Cranbourne South)

Chris advised that the quarry would not be operating between Christmas Day and New Year with operations commencing again in early January.

Dianne asked about the future of the water bodies. Chris advised that they would sit there, however organisations such as the CFA and Melbourne Water had expressed interest in using them.

Dianne asked about an end time for the quarry. Chris said it would be determined by supply and demand or when the quarry met its extraction limit.

David asked about the status of an application to the EPA in relation to the water table. Chris advised that data has been submitted but he is not sure if the application has been lodged.

In relation to water discharge, Chris advised that water meters had been installed to obtain more data. They are measuring rainfall and the site has had 597ml of rain since the end of May. Water is pumped into the dam.

7. Complaints and compliments register

There were no complaints registered since the last meeting. Jo tabled the register.

8. Vegetation report

Jo commented on vegetation growth and advised that it was looking good and trees were continuing to grow tall and dense. The landscaper is arriving soon to undertake weed control due to weeds coming from nearby farms.

David suggested PQ talk to the local council about weed control. The Chair agreed.

The Chair asked if there was a need to do any thinning. Chris said it would be premature to do any thinning, however they could consider thinning out the undergrowth.

Chris advised that someone keeps cutting the fence and that he would be installing a security camera as a result.

Diane asked about snake sightings as she had seen some. Chris said they hadn't seen any. Diane asked if PQ would consider putting snake netting at the bottom of the fence. Chris said he would look into it.

9. Safety

Chris advised that someone keeps breaking into the quarry.

Chris said he had received an email from the Council asking his opinion on how to address the issue of water eroding Jones Road at the intersection with Pottery Road. Chris said it was an issue with a spoon drain.

David asked about the progress in undertaking upgrade works at Pottery Road intersection. He said a Council representative had advised the issue was with Bayport not committing to the works. David asked Chris to go back to Council and seek clarification and a resolution. Rob said PQ should seek an official view from Bayport and asked that this be secured and shared before the next meeting (this is attached).

There was some discussion about the profiling of Pottery Road. David asked Chris to write a letter outlining the advantages of profiling Pottery Road and said he would then put that to Council.

David raised concerns about the effectiveness of the road signage. Jo advised that she is hiring a local contractor and the signage issues would be immediately addressed. David said the grass around the signs needed to be cut. Jo advised she would instruct the landscaper to do this and the signs may also be raised.

10. Dust

Diane said she was still getting dust in her house. Chris advised that it has been too wet for dust to be coming from the quarry and suggested it might be dust coming from the very dry Northern Victoria, which has been affecting much of Melbourne and the Peninsula.

11. Noise

Diane said the bund is working in terms of suppressing noise.

Chris said there was noise coming from a large rock hammer from well outside the quarry and this is not part of PQ's works. He is trying to determine where the noise is coming from.

12. General business

Chris will contact Kym to arrange to have a hole filled at the Community Centre. David thanked Chris for this undertaking.

Jo provided the group with copies of a brochure from The Construction Material Processors Association headed *Quarries Build Communities*.

13. Next meeting

2.30pm Thursday 5 March 2020