

# New Youth Justice Centre

## Summary of Community Advisory Group Meeting Twelve

### Meeting details

<b>Meeting title:</b> Community Advisory Group	<b>No:</b> 12
<b>Date:</b> Monday, 18 June 2018	<b>Time:</b> 4.00pm to 5.00pm
<b>Location:</b> WestJustice Building, Level 1 / 8 Watton Street, Werribee VIC 3030	

### Attendees

**Community Advisory Group Members:** Justin Giddings (Chair) Barbara McLure (Deputy Chair), Marisa Berton, Walter Villagonzalo, Garry Jackson, Len Norman and Les Sanderson.  
**Other attendees:** Louise Baring.

### Apologies

Peter Maynard, Natalie Walker, Martin Allison, Lisa Heinrichs, Richard Whittmack and Kim McAliney John Menegazzo.

### Meeting overview

#### Opening

The meeting was opened by the Chair who thanked members for attending.

#### 1. Name of the facility and access road

- The department raised a concern that the future Access Road to the facility has been labelled in Little River as 'Prison Access Road.'
- The department is working on escalating the map error with Whereis.com to rectify the issues and have it changed/removed.
- The department confirmed it was in the best interest in community to formally name the access road as it will appear on maps.

#### 2. Cherry Creek Master plan and artists impressions

- The master plan and latest artists impressions of the facility were presented to the group.

The department highlighted;

- Cultural sensitive points within the site
- Different profiles housed within the centre (girls, boys, remand, transition etc)
- Decentralised and centralised approach to education (children and young people can physically attend classes or work in their rooms if necessary)
- Visit area is situated in the front of the centre

- All buildings are single stories except one
- Gatehouse is the admin area and is set up to move people through the entry efficiently
- Inclusion of a spiritual, religious, cultural centre. There will be no religious symbols on the walls; young people are free to bring in what they need to worship
- Business centres will be split across multiple spaces and are welcoming for visitors
- Group share houses for young people enable them to get into a routine and develop life skills: chores, shopping, cooking and budgeting.
- There will be a range of programs, activities and custodial support.
- The centre will also house: secure bedrooms and quiet rooms so children and young people can de-escalate themselves.
- Young people are expected to attend school every day on site.
- Programs will also be available such as planting/horticulture, automotive classes etc.

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### 3. Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan and Community Plan

- The final version of the Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan was handed out.
- The department confirmed the plan will be publically released in the coming weeks and if members have any urgent changes/errors identified to raise them within the next three days.
- The department confirmed that the Wyndham Star Weekly will be running an article on the release of the plan and that the Council are supportive of publishing an article in the Loop magazine and hosting a link from the Council's website.
- The department confirmed assessment reports will not be published online but if requested they will be individually shared.

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### 4. Community feedback and community issues/concerns and community engagement opportunities

#### Signage

- A member of the Little River Progress Group has expressed concern over the future facility signage that will be visible from the highway, advertising the location of the youth justice centre.
- It is a preference that there's no directional signage on the highway stating 'prison' as not to create concerned it will create a perception of Little River/Cherry Creek as a 'prison town' and will negatively impact local tourism.
- The department confirmed signage will not state 'prison' and will most likely state 'Youth Justice Centre, this exit.'
- The department confirmed signage is a legislative requirement and that it will be in plain English to inform the public effective of the location of the centre.
- The department confirmed it will attend the Little River Progress meeting

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next week to alleviate concerns and bring samples of the likely signage.

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## **Project Update**

### **Design**

- Schematic Design is progressing. Building layouts illustrating rooms, dimensions, circulation, and lines of sight are being tested with operational staff and key stakeholders. Key areas include: accommodation units, education and recreation, general and mental health, intensive supervision unit, admissions, gatehouse, Koori, cultural, visits centre and staff administration.

### **Managing Contractor**

- John Holland was appointed as the Managing Contractor.

### **Site purchase and transfer of land**

- The Contract of Sale has been executed by both parties. Settlement will occur upon Melbourne Water obtaining Commonwealth approval to vary existing Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) conditions that apply to the site.

### **Planning approvals**

- Request for the planning approvals for the project is currently under consideration by the Minister of Planning.

### **Environmental approvals**

- Department of the Environment and Energy (DEE) advised that the proposed action will be assessed by preliminary documentation with the specific conditions that will need to be addressed.
- The delay associated with the EPBC Act approval process is impacting the start of the early works which cannot commence until approval is granted by DEE.

### **Cultural heritage assessment**

- The Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the site was approved by the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) on 6 March 2018. A new notice of intent has been lodged to undertake another CMHP required for sewer, potable water, electricity and communications services impact areas.

### **Ancillary services**

- Further discussions between Melbourne Water, City West Water and the project engineers has been held on the sewerage services connection point. All parties have now confirmed the final termination point with environmental surveys undertaken for this route.
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