

New Youth Justice Centre

Summary of Community Advisory Group Meeting Four

Meeting details

Meeting title: Community Advisory Group	No: 4
Date: Monday, 11 September 2017	Time: 4pm to 5pm
Location: Melbourne Water Discovery Centre, New Farm Road, Werribee	

Attendees

Community Advisory Group Members: Justin Giddings (Chair), Barbara McLure, Kim McAliney, Natalie Walker, Richard Wittmack, Len Norman, Allison Will and Garry Jackson.
Other attendees: Louise Baring.

Apologies

Martin Allison, Marisa Berton, Lisa Heinrichs, John Menegazzo, Walter Villagonzalo and Peter Maynard.

Meeting overview

Opening

The meeting was opened by the Chair who thanked members for attending and for staying for the community information session.

Community Feedback

- Community Advisory Group members discussed feedback from the local community.
- Port Philip Prison was raised as an example of a correctional facility that has a large employment number of local community members and provides local training opportunities.
- It was raised that a skills audit could take place for the Western Partnership, Brimbank and Wyndham City Councils.
- The department confirmed that youth justice is developing a Workforce Strategy to identify skill level and professionalism required for youth justice staff.
- It was noted from previous recruitment that a large recruiting campaign will be needed due to the number of candidates that convert to suitable/successful.
- The department is currently working on a skills gap analysis to ensure it has candidates that are socially aligned with the organisation.
- Formal qualifications is something that is being looked at.
- Group raised the need to consider a targeted and specialist recruitment campaign that can targeted Wyndham, Melton, Brimbank and Geelong.
- The department discussed that they were revising the Position Descriptions for youth justice custodial staff worker roles.

- Design of the centre was discussed and how it could cater and utilise the area, including external landscaping.

Update on the project

The Department of Justice and Regulation provided an update on key project activity, including:

Lead architect

- The lead architect (principal consultant) HDR have commenced engagement with user groups (youth justice custodial staff). HDR ran a visioning workshop with key youth justice stakeholders on Friday 8 September. It was an engaging full day session that explored the design principles and operating model for the centre.
- The HDR response provided a deep understanding of the youth justice system with emphasis on rehabilitation, helping and reducing the rate of recidivism in the system. They provided an experienced team who have successfully delivered projects in Australia and the United States which would be supported by a small number of sub consultants.
- Their methodology and approach to design was also considered outstanding and visionary with a range of strategies employed to ensure that the full range of sub populations required within the new Youth Justice Centre are accommodated in the most safe, efficient and economical configuration.
- HDR will attend the December session to discuss the design principles they are working to and the masterplan.
- Umow Lai were be the successful company to perform the role of Security Consultant. Umow Lai provides Security Consulting Services for high security environments. Their consultants are experienced in operational processes and operation of correctional facilities, as well as subject matter experts in the electronic and physical measures.

Planning amendment

- A letter to surrounding residents (2km radius) will be sent to inform landowners/residents of the rezoning of land to special use. A copy of the planning documentation will be available to those that wish to see it and now includes reference to the Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan.
- CAG members will be sent a copy of the letter.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

- The onsite complex assessment (subsurface site testing) is scheduled for later this year from the 2 to 6 of October 2017.

Environmental surveys

- The spiny rice flower targeted survey has been completed and is not detected on the site.
- The tiles have been marked out for the legless lizard surveys that will take place later in the year.

Industry Capability Network

- Project team met with a representative from the Industry Capability Network who are keen to support any local industry information sessions and ensure they register for project updates and information.

- It was suggested that the department link in with the council land look into upcoming opportunities to inform local traders at business and/or industry networks.
- It was suggested that the department connect with Martin Collins, Director of Community and Social Innovation for the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources to discuss local workforce education opportunities.
- Industry Capability Network website to be promoted/linked to on the EngageVic website.

Economic opportunities for City of Wyndham

- Economic opportunities for City of Wyndham were discussed and how the community can benefit from job opportunities available during construction etc. The Industry Capability Network process was explained and the Council reinforced that they are keen to ensure community and local businesses are aware of how they can register for the process.

The Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan

- The department discussed the development of the Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan and the process for consultation. The plan is a key document that outlines how issues are being addressed and the proposed plan for the build of the new centre.
- A community consultation approach was discussed to engage with the local community on key themes and issues identified within the Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan.

It was suggested that there are dates set aside in November for consultation on;

a) **Siting and conceptual design**

- Boundaries and dimensions of site
- Buffer distances from surrounding land uses
- Location of facility perimeter
- General zones for buildings
- Roads and parking

b) **Lighting-** The use of lighting on the site, including how lighting will be managed to reduce significant offsite impacts

c) **Construction works-** Hours of construction and what the successful tenderer must comply with.

d) **Economic opportunities-** Opportunities for the local area and the Industry Capability Network (ICN) process.

e) **Waste management strategy**

- Supporting Government Towards Zero Waste Strategy
- Approach to managing garbage and other waste streams.

It was proposed that December community consultation occur for;

Community consultation sessions with information for:

- a) **Built form**
How the centre will be built, including environmentally sustainable development
- b) **Traffic management-** Proposed access, parking, deliveries, transfer of young people, emergency vehicles, construction traffic etc.
- c) **Landscaping**
 - Location and type of vegetation to be retained or removed
 - Planting schedule of proposed vegetation
 - Surfaces finishes of vehicle access roads, parking areas and pathways
- d) **Signage-** What signage will be required for, for example site identification, traffic management, parking, visitors, warnings and hazards etc.
- e) **Noise impacts-** How noise impacts are going to be reduced, including an Acoustic Site Assessment.
- f) **Security systems-** What the security of the site will be and intended systems.
 - The EngageVic functionality was raised and some examples of online consultation. It was suggested both online and face-to-face community consultation opportunities would meet a wide range of community needs.

The group felt confident this approach would ensure strong community consultation that will feed into the development of the Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan.

Key meeting outcomes

- The next Community Advisory Group meeting will be on Monday 9 October in Werribee.