

Junction Place CRG – Meeting #9 Minutes

Meeting date & time

Thursday 18 July, 6-8:30pm

Hyphen Wodonga

Attendees

Name	Role
Susan Benedyka	Independent Chair
Michelle Hudson	CRG Member
Farrah Reid	CRG Member
Julie Rose Starr	CRG Member
Elliot Child	CRG Member
Rachel Habgood	CRG Member
Jye McBurnie	CRG Member (online)
Bobbi McKibbin	CRG Member
Niall Cunningham	Group Head, Precincts
Ben Peach	Senior Development Manager (Development Victoria)
Sam Cremean	Senior Engagement Advisor (Development Victoria)
Jay Gleeson	Community & Stakeholder Engagement Manager (Development Victoria)
Ronan Mellan	Senior Director, Precincts (Development Victoria)
Matthew Hyde	Chief Executive Officer (City of Wodonga)

Apologies

Name	Role
Liam Feikema	Assistant Development Manager (Development Victoria)

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair sincerely acknowledged Country and paid respects to Traditional Owners.

The Chair confirmed that there are no conflicts of interest arising.

The Chair asked each member to provide an update on anything relevant to the CRG which had occurred since the last meeting. This included a brief discussion of the media coverage of the project.

2. RFP Update

Development Victoria explained that the procurement process is in the final stages.

Development Victoria should be in a position to announce the outcome of this process in August. There is likely to be staged announcements for some sites first followed by announcement on the other sites later in the year.

3. Council Update

Matthew Hyde explained that council's role is minimal in the project until a Development Application is lodged for the sites.

The group discussed the impacts of the upcoming council elections which will mean from September 17 council will be in caretaker mode. This limits council from any communications including communications regarding Junction Place during this time.

He also discussed the upcoming deliberative engagement process for the Wodonga 2050 Vision which will be ready for the new council in early 2025.

4. Understanding and shaping our role

The CRG discussed the changing nature of their role as the developer(s) will soon be announced. Development Victoria acknowledged and thanked the CRG for their respect for the strict confidentiality requirements of the procurement process.

The group welcomed the idea of an information pack to be able to better communicate the next steps of the project to their networks.

5. Meeting close

The group agreed on the below key messages to summarise the meeting:

- Following the tenth CRG meeting, the CRG is satisfied that Development Victoria is progressing through the final stages of the developer(s) selection process.
- Development Victoria understands there has been frustrations in the community as this process has taken longer than expected due to further due diligence. The due diligence period gives developer(s) the

opportunity to undertake investigations to better understand site conditions that may have to be managed.

- The CRG is confident the project will be transformative for the Wodonga CBD.
- As the final stages of the process progress, we expect to start seeing staged public announcements about what is planned for the sites in August.

6. Actions

Action	Responsibility	Timing
1. Continue to discuss potential opportunities to including Aboriginal voices in the CRG	Chair CRG members	Ongoing
2. Formally thank Kellie Howard for her time on the CRG in a letter	Chair CRG members	August 2024
3. Provide a community update on the status of the developer selection process	Development Victoria	August 2024 (stage 1) Late 2024 (other stages)

4. Next meeting

TBC