

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** MAPT Community Reference Group  
**Date and Time:** 5.00pm-6.00pm, Tuesday 1 July 2025  
**Location:** MAPT Project Office, Level 4, 2 Kavanagh Street/ Teams online  
**Chair:** Penny Hutchinson

Attendees (CRG members)	
Penny Hutchinson (PH) Chair	Eileen Pang (EP)
Sulagna Dasgupta (SD) online	Clair Richards (CR)
David Hamilton (DH)	Roy Byrnes (RB) Southbank3006
Dan O’Keeffe (DOK)	Maureen Clifford (MPC) Secretariat

Guests	
Michael Parry (MParry) MAP Co	Eloise McGurn (EM) City of Melbourne CoM
Mary Parker (MParker) MAP Co	Anna Devlin (AD) Development Victoria DV
Don Heron (DHeron) National Gallery of Victoria NGV	Sandali Chandrasekara (SC) Development Victoria

Apologies	
MaryKay Rauma - SB3006 represented by Roy Byrnes	Dave Walton (DW)
Lainie Kluska (LK) Creative Victoria	

Agenda items		
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1	<b>WELCOME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgement of Country</li> <li>Welcome/ introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair welcomed Roy Byrnes representing Southbank3006 in MaryKay’s absence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Chair
2	<b>ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outstanding actions noted as ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#24, #28, #29, #33, #34, #36</li> </ul> </li> <li>Live Issues list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greening Southbank: Discussed and agreed that while important to the area, this be removed from the list as overall planning is with CoM. CoM noted the Southbank Urban Forest Precinct community consultation closed in May</li> <li>Access to/from Kavanagh St and St Kilda Rd on project completion.</li> <li>The members were shown two slides with pedestrian routes, and explained the design intent of keeping pedestrians away from the future undercroft area for safety reasons as it will be an active loading dock and ACM carpark access.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	MPC/ All

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3	<b>ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE UPDATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DV presented on the State Theatre Heritage Works, talking through key elements including significant improvements in audience amenity, with improved seating, air conditioning, acoustics and accessibility.</li> </ul>	AD
4	<b>WORKS UPDATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAPT South/ NGVC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development Vic provided a works update, noting that diversions are in place in Kavanagh St for telecommunications works, however there would be no impact to access to the ACM and Ballet Centre carparks.</li> <li>Excavation is almost complete at the northern end of the site near City Rd.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	SC
5	<b>COMMUNICATIONS &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAP Co gave an overview including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Open House Melbourne weekend and MAP Co's partnership with OHM and precinct organisations to promote the Arts Precinct.</li> <li>Artists in Residence announcement of Keg de Souza and sculptor Francis Carmody who will work alongside researchers at the UoM Burnley Campus.</li> <li>Success of the Test Garden Open Days, recent community engagement, media and socials.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	MParker
6	<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DH asked for timing for an update on the MAPT South works program. Development Vic advised piling continues for the rest of the year, with works above the ground early next year.</li> <li>DH asked about the design progress on The Fox: NGV Contemporary. MParry and DHeron advised the design is currently going through standard reviews.</li> <li>DH asked about the interface between the north and south construction and if there was an update for the undercroft. MParry advised that is still in design.</li> <li>Feedback from DW (given by MPC) about the timing of the removal of the London Plane trees.</li> </ul>	All - open discussion
7	<b>NEXT MEETING/ CLOSE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting closed at 6.05pm</li> <li>Next meeting – Tuesday 16 September 2025</li> </ul>	Chair

**Actions:**

**New Actions:**

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No.	Action	Timeframe	Who	Status
38	Update slide showing pedestrian routes from Kavanagh St into NGVC (on completion) and share for feedback	By next meeting	MAP Co	Open
39	Share links to Open House Melbourne and ABC News story on Beyond Barriers exhibition	5 July	MAP Co	Completed

## Existing/ outstanding Actions:

No.	Action	Timeframe	Who	Status
24	MAP Co to enquire about CRG visit to Burnley campus to see garden research	Q4 2025	MAP Co	Open
28	Future presentation on sustainability across the project incl water recycling	2025	MAP Co	Open/ as is
29	Information on types of lighting and if there were investigations into colour temperature impacts on flora and fauna	2025	MAP Co	Open/ as is
33	Impact to Kavanagh amenity during works to be shared at a future meeting	2025	MAP Co/ DV	Open
34	Future presentation on plans for Kavanagh St design and amenity	2025	MAP Co/ DV	Open
36	Provide updates at Kavanagh St buildings body corporate meetings – when key information available. CRG members to provide dates.	2025-2026	MAP Co/ CRG members	Open

## Closed Actions:

No.	Action	Timeframe	Who	Status
1	Recent media to be shared with the group	14/07/2023	MAP Co	Now BAU
2	An edited version of the presentation to be shared with CRG members	14/07/2023	MAP Co	Completed in advance of mtg
3	Schedule of proposed 2023 meeting dates to be circulated	14/07/2023	MAP Co	Completed in advance of mtg
4	CRG minutes with members names to be published on MAP Co website	14/07/2023	MAP Co	Completed in advance of mtg
5	CRG members to provide feedback on Terms of Reference by end July	27/07/2023	CRG members	Completed in advance of mtg
6	Terms of Reference to be ratified	Next meeting	CRG members	Completed at mtg
7	Review organisations highlighted on Arts Precinct wayfinding map	20/10/2023	MAP Co	Completed
8	Send meeting invitation for next meeting	15/09/2023	MAP Co	Completed
9	Send invitation for CRG site tour	15/09/2023	MAP Co	Completed

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10	Send link to Vegetation Factsheet on MAP Co website	15/09/2023	MAP Co	Completed
11	Confirmation of next meeting date, in 2024	31/11/2023	MAP Co	Completed
12	Respond to question about load capacity of CitiPower pit lid	31/11/2023	DV	Completed
13	Respond to question about wildlife in the London Plane trees	31/11/2023	DV	Completed
14	Respond to question about Men's Shed	16/04/2023	MAP Co	Completed
15	Respond to question about reinstatement of Kavanagh Street bluestone footpath	31/11/2023	DV	Completed
16	CRG members to confirm 2024 meeting schedule	28/02/2024	CRG members	Completed in advance of mtg
17	MKR requested pdf files on MAP Co and DV websites be linkable to make them easier to share with community	30/03/2024/ ongoing	MAP Co/ DV	Completed
18	Live issues list to be created for noting/ discussion at future meetings	16/04/2024	MPC/ MAP Co	Completed in advance of mtg
19	LD to follow up on sections of footpath considered a trip hazard	06/02/2024	LD/ DV	Closed 03/09/2024
20	MKR to send MAP Co screen shots of Southbank3006 Facebook comments where relevant	30/03/2024/ Ongoing	MKR	Now BAU
21	Future presentation on CoM greening projects in Southbank and CBD	23/07/2024	EM/ CoM	Completed
22	EM to follow up on workers parking in Dodds St disability parking	16/04/2024	EM/ CoM	Completed
23	EM to follow up on bluestone repairs outside Triptych building	23/07/2024	EM/ CoM	Moved to Live Issues List
25	CRG members to be added to distribution list for works notices	30/03/2024	LD/ DV	Completed in advance of mtg
26	CRG members to be sent a link when DV website is updated with construction works notices	30/05/2024	MAP Co/ DV	Closed 03/09/2024
27	CRG members to advise MPC quantities of hard copy materials they'd like including Community Update (English & Simplified Mandarin), corporate brochure, project business cards with contact info, postcards	30/05/2024	CRG members	Now BAU
30	Based on traffic impacts from upcoming works in Fawkner & Fanning streets, would it be possible to allow a right turn from Southbank Bvd into Fawkner St during the period of works.	Before start of works/ next meeting	LL/ CoM	Closed 26/11/2024 – not possible based on safety and works schedule
31	Link to the VicRoads 'Report an Incident' webpage to be shared with CRG members	December	MAP Co	Completed

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No.	Action	Timeframe	Who	Status
32	Add new Live Issue – resident concerns regarding pedestrian access to St Kilda Rd	December	MAP Co	Completed
35	Review proposed 2025 meeting dates and advise availability	Feb 2025	CRG members	Completed
37	Send CRG members information on the Melbourne Conversations event with James Hitchmough	20/03/2025	MAP Co	Completed