

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** MAPT Community Reference Group  
**Date and Time:** 5.00pm – 6.00pm, Tuesday 2 December 2025  
**Location:** MAPT Office Boardroom, 2 Kavanagh Street  
**Chair:** Penny Hutchinson

Attendees (CRG members)	
Penny Hutchinson (PH) Chair	Claire Richards (CR)
David Hamilton (DH)	Eileen Pang (EP) [online]
Dan O’Keeffe (DOK)	Sulagna Dasgupta (SD) [online]
MaryKay Rauma (MR)	Treise Armstrong (TA) Secretariat

Guests	
Michael Parry (MParry), MAP Co	Marty Ryan (MRyan), Development Victoria
Mary Parker (MParker), MAP Co	Sandali Chandrasekara (SC), Development Victoria
Don Heron (DH), National Gallery of Victoria	Craig Franklin (CF), Lendlease
Eloise McGurn (EM), City of Melbourne	

Apologies	
Dave Walton (DW)	

Agenda items		
#	Item detail	Presenter(s)
1	<b>WELCOME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgement of Country</li> <li>Welcome/ introductions</li> </ul>	Chair
2	<b>ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outstanding actions noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#24, #33 –completed in this meeting</li> <li>#28 &amp; #29 – to be combined and left open</li> <li>#36 – open</li> <li>#34 – timeframe changed to 2026</li> </ul> </li> <li>Live Issues list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no changes to the Live Issues list</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	TA/ All
3	<b>WORKS UPDATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development Vic provided works updates as follows:</li> <li>MAPT South <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lendlease provided an update on works completed since September 2025 and a lookahead at future works over summer period</li> <li>Citipower HV Conduits work along north side of Kavanagh Street for Feb - May 2026 were explained. The works will be</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	SC/ MRyan/ CF

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	<p>staged to maintain the operational use of Kavanagh St. Fanning St will require closure for short periods of time. An example of traffic management was explained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dave Walton (apology) would need to be briefed separately for potential impact on Quest residents.</li> <li>• MAPT North/ ACM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The hoarding on ACM lawn will be brought forward to St Kilda Rd footpath in early 2026. More information will be shared when available.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAP Co gave an overview including:</li> <li>• Programming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Test Garden Open Days featuring plants &amp; arts practitioners Claire Farrell, John Rayner, Jaclyn Crupi &amp; Heather Thomas</li> <li>○ Test Garden artist-in-residence Francis Carmody sculptural series <i>Compressions</i> installed from Dec 2025 – Feb 2026</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Upcoming CRG member activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fed Square Back of House Tours highlighting sustainability – TBC Q1 2025</li> <li>○ Burnley Campus tour with Southbank Sustainability Group &amp; Claire Farrell – 18 February 2026</li> <li>○ Perimeter site tour for new Southbank3006 executive – TBC Q1 2026</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recent media coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coverage of ACM's State Theatre reopening announcement</li> <li>○ James Hitchmough on Laak Boorndap &amp; Test Garden on ABC's <i>Gardening Australia</i> program</li> <li>○ Test Garden interview with Katrina Sedgwick in The Luxury Report magazine</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community engagement including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MAPT / Test Garden marquee at Burnley Campus Discovery Day</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Photography: Sarah Pannell MAPT site shot on film, August 2025</li> </ul>	MParker
5	<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed dates for 2026 quarterly CRG meetings were shared</li> <li>• Member network feedback</li> </ul>	All - open discussion
7	<p><b>NEXT MEETING/ CLOSE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting closed at 5.45pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Next meeting – Tuesday 17 February 2026</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Chair

**Actions:**

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## New Actions:

No.	Action	Timeframe	Who	Status
45	CoM to ensure coordination of Kavanagh St Citipower HV works with garbage collection service	Before next mtg	CoM	NEW
46	Information on 2026 Citipower Kavanagh St works to be shared with Dave Walton	MAP Co	December 2025	NEW
47	Share Sarah Pannell photography link	MAP Co	Before next mtg.	NEW

## Existing/ outstanding Actions:

No.	Action	Timeframe	Who	Status
28	Future presentation on sustainability across the project incl water recycling, and lighting impacts on flora and fauna	2025	MAP Co	Open/ as is
34	Future presentation on plans for Kavanagh St design and amenity	2026	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
43	Perimeter site tours of MAPT project to be organised for Southbank3006 and Southbank Resident Association executives	Q4 2025- Q1 2026	MAP Co	Open
44	Back of House tour of Fed Sq to be organised for CRG members and Southbank Sustainability Group	Q4 2025- Q1 2026	MAP Co	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

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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
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
24	MAP Co to enquire about CRG visit to Burnley campus to see garden research	2/12/2025	MAP Co	Completed
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

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29	Information on types of lighting and if there were investigations into colour temperature impacts on flora and fauna	2025	MAP Co	Completed – combined with #28
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
32	Add new Live Issue – resident concerns regarding pedestrian access to St Kilda Rd	December	MAP Co	Completed
33	Impact to Kavanagh amenity during works to be shared at a future meeting	2/12/2025	MAP Co/ DV	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
38	Update slide showing pedestrian routes from Kavanagh St into NGVC (on completion) and share for feedback	December 2025	MAP Co	Completed
39	Share links to Open House Melbourne and ABC News story on Beyond Barriers exhibition	5 July	MAP Co	Completed
40	Change date for Action Item #34	November 2025	MAP Co	Completed
41	Share link to OHM Arts Precinct audio tour	November 2025	MAP Co	Completed
42	Share media clips – SBS, Sanctuary & ABC Organic Gardener magazines	November 2025	MAP Co	Completed