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Meeting:	MAPT Community Reference Group
Date and Time:	5.00pm – 6.00pm, Tuesday 17 February 2026
Location:	MAPT Office Boardroom, 2 Kavanagh Street
Chair:	Penny Hutchinson

Attendees (CRG members)	
Penny Hutchinson (PH), Chair	Eileen Pang (EP) [online]
Sulagna Dasgupta (SD)	Roy Byrnes (RB) [for Southbank3006]
David Hamilton (DH)	Dave Walton (DW)
Dan O’Keeffe (DOK)	Treise Armstrong (TA), Secretariat

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

Apologies	
MaryKay Rauma (MR)	Clair Richards (CR)
Lainie Kluska (LK), Creative Victoria	

Agenda items		
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1	WELCOME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of Country • Welcome/ introductions 	Chair
2	ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding actions noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ #28 – open, timeframe changed to 2026/2027 ○ #34 – open, timeframe updated (MAP Co to present at next CRG) ○ #36 – ongoing ○ #43 – closed in this meeting, due to hoarding changes. ○ #44 – open: MAP Co to circulate date options to CRG ○ #45 – open: DV & CoM to follow up. ○ #46, #47 – completed in advance of this meeting • Live Issues list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There were no changes to the Live Issues list 	TA/ All

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3	<p>WORKS UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Vic provided works updates as follows: • Laak Boorndap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sculptures have been removed from NGVI garden ○ Hoardings have gone up around works areas ○ Tree removal commences in coming weeks ○ Construction for Laak Boorndap over next 3 months will focus on: site establishment & hoarding, site investigation and soft strip, demolition, bulk excavation, detailed excavation, strengthening, preparation and waterproofing. • MAPT North/ ACM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ External works include final concrete pours, and preparation to connect existing building with new basement ○ Ian Potter State Theatre: Seat installation underway and nearly complete, final works underway and preparing for hand over. • MAPT South/ NGVC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Piling is complete, and basement excavation is ongoing. Cranes have started arriving on site – a total of 5 will be in place over coming months (4 will be electric cranes). 	SC
4	<p>FOLLOW UP FEB 3 RESIDENTS PRESENTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that many of the questions and concerns raised at the 3 February information session for Kavanagh St residents and traders corresponded closely with the Live Issues List. • David Hamilton noted that Triptych residents found the session useful and were looking forward to a follow up session later this year. • MAP Co proposed a tentative May 2026 date for the next information session, and noted that advance notice would be given for CRG members and the community. • It was agreed that the May session can cover many of the areas of local concern, including Kavanagh Street visuals, final design of the NGVC and materiality, and an overview/ timeline of consultation since the beginning of the MAPT project. 	All
5	COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAP Co gave an overview including: • Programming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laak Boorndap public art commissions artists have been announced – Tarryn Love and Brooke Wandin. ○ Test Garden Open Days featuring Burnley research Dr Dean Schrieke and artist-in-residence Francis Carmody; MAP Co garden team Natalie Simmons and Russell Larke ○ MAP Co will present MAPT tours as part of Open House Melbourne Weekend – Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 July. Bookings will open first week of July (TBC). • Upcoming CRG member activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Burnley Campus tour with Dr Dean Schrieke – 18 February 2026 ○ Insects of Melbourne launch – 28 February 2026 ○ Science at Melbourne public lecture: ‘What makes cities liveable?’ at Burnley – 18 March 2026 ○ Test Garden Open Days: 14 March, 11 April, 16 May ○ Fed Square Back of House Tours highlighting sustainability – TBC Q1 or Q2 2026. It was noted that evenings and weekends are preferred for CRG activities. 	MParker
5	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other general business was raised. 	All - open discussion
7	<p>NEXT MEETING/ CLOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting closed at 5.40pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting – Tuesday 12 May 2026 	Chair

Actions:

New Actions:

No.	Action	Timeframe	Who	Status
48	CRG members and guests to be added to works notifications list	Before next meeting	MAP Co	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	2026/2027	MAP Co	Open
34	Future presentation on plans for Kavanagh St design and amenity	Q2 2026	MAP Co/ DV	Open
36	Provide updates at Kavanagh St buildings body corporate meetings when key information available. CRG members to provide dates.	2026	CRG members	Ongoing
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
45	CoM to ensure coordination of Kavanagh St Citipower HV works with garbage collection service	Before Feb meeting	CoM	Open

Closed Actions:

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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
10	Send link to Vegetation Factsheet on MAP Co website	15/09/2023	MAP Co	Completed

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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
43	Perimeter site tours of MAPT project to be organised for Southbank3006 and Southbank Resident Association executives	Q4 2025- Q1 2026	MAP Co	Closed 17/02/2026 due to hoarding movements
46	Information on 2026 Citipower Kavanagh St works to be shared with Dave Walton	MAP Co	December 2025	Completed
47	Share Sarah Pannell photography link	MAP Co	Before next mtg.	Completed