

# Minutes

## Kirwans Bridge Community Panel Meeting Minutes #4

**Date:** Wednesday 15 September 2021 – 7pm

**Ward:** Lake Nagambie

Attendees: Des Mason, Bob Arnold, Milton Hammond, Robyn Taylor, Darren Lyons, Andrew Cox, Paul List, Gordon Akers, Amanda Tingay, Uwe Pathroff, Merrill Boyd

Cr Reg Dickinson

**Apologies:** Alan McLean, Michael Greenaway, Richard Hiscock Robert DeFazio?

Time	Item	Responsibility
7 pm	Acknowledgement to Taungurung Country	Amanda Tingay
7.03pm	<b>Purpose of this meeting</b> Try to get some agreement to options. Looking forward to the discussions etc. Timber bridge specialist presented by Uwe	Darren Lyons
	<b>Engineering briefing</b> - Uwe spoke to the engineering letter sent by Chris O'Brien & Co Pty Ltd, Consulting Civil & Structural Engineers dated 13 September 2021  <b>Group comments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report presented was an engineering perspective not considering the cultural heritage aspect.</li> <li>This did not include a double lane option.</li> <li>There is a federally funded Bridge Renewal program round 6 we should investigate.</li> <li>If the bridge becomes a tourist walking bridge then parking will need to be considered.</li> <li>Heritage Victoria should be approached again.</li> </ul>	Uwe Paffrath & Panel members comments
	Amanda opened the discussion from the engineer's report.	Amanda Tingay
	Darren then asked if each panel member attending would be prepared to put their preferred option to the group.	Darren Lyons

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Panel member	Preferred option for the future of Kirwans Bridge	
<b>Bob Arnold</b>	New two-lane concrete bridge with existing bridge stay as walking/cycling track. Left hand side of existing bridge form Nagambie towards the Angling Club.	New two-lane parallel <u>concrete</u> bridge. Retain existing for walking/cycling
<b>Paul List</b>	Existing bridge option 2 or option 3 from the engineer's report. \$2-3 m replace the deck with Heritage Victoria approval. Some work underneath and replace deck with concrete.	Upgrade existing Bridge with concrete
<b>Gordon Akers</b>	New double lane bridge Old bridge can stay suitable for pedestrians and bikes.	New two-lane parallel <u>concrete</u> bridge. Retain existing for walking/cycling
<b>Milton Hammond</b>	Concrete bridge practical but this does not assist tourism industry. Best option because of the massive housing options here. We still need that bridge for tourism. Wooden bridge built as a replica in existing location – two lanes with provision for walking/cycling.	Replica <u>timber</u> bridge with two lanes and provision for walking/cycling
<b>Robyn Taylor</b>	Maintaining the old bridge too costly – brand new replica 2 lane bridge with modern structures (same look and feel) replica bridge with walking/cycling track.	Replica <u>timber</u> bridge with two lanes and provision for walking/cycling
<b>Andrew Cox</b>	Two lanes walking track – timber exactly where it is situated now.	Replica <u>timber</u> bridge with two lanes and provision for walking/cycling
<b>Des Mason</b>	The bridge piles are a worry – we cannot expect to get another 70 years? Foundations important – two lane – replica bridge – access from each side. Can move the pump shed etc – cut down one tree – and get back into the Barfords side. With cycling track on the bridge. Parking an issue if the bridge is only a walking bridge.	Replica <u>timber</u> bridge with two lanes and provision for walking/cycling
<b>Darren Lyons</b>	Same location timber bridge, two lanes plus walking and cycling lanes. Must be timber with lighting etc – start again for the way it looked. Tourist attraction properly built timber bridge as a replica.	Replica <u>timber</u> bridge with two lanes and provision for walking/cycling. Lighting if possible

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	<b>Apologies were received from these panel members who expressed their views to Chairman Darren Lyons following the meeting.</b>	
<b>Richard Hiscock</b>	If funding becomes an issue would be happy with timber	New two-lane parallel <u>concrete</u> bridge. Retain existing for walking/cycling
<b>Michael Greenaway</b>	Unable to contact	
<b>Allan McLean</b>	<p>I would favour a new timber structure beside the existing bridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permission to remove the existing seems unlikely.</li> <li>• Some “integrity” in timber, and just as strong as concrete.</li> <li>• Two lanes as the ideal, but if compromise is needed, a new model based on the present would be satisfactory (passing bays in operation since 1955)</li> </ul> <p>If permission <u>is</u> obtained to remove existing, <u>then replacement in same location.</u></p> <p><u>Either way</u>, the “bridge over the deep river, causeway over the shallow” option should be explored.</p>	New two-lane parallel <u>timber</u> Bridge. (explore causeway). Retain existing for walking/cycling
<b>Robert De Fazio</b>	If funding becomes an issue one lane would be acceptable.	Replica <u>timber</u> bridge with two lanes and provision for walking/cycling
	<b>Agreed Actions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robyn Taylor to approach a colleague to obtain further legislative details from Heritage Victoria</li> <li>• Amanda Tingay will write to Heritage Victoria but circulate the letter to the Panel.</li> </ul>	
	Meeting closed 8.25pm	
	Next meeting to be advised	