

Kirwans Bridge Community Panel #10

Date: 7pm - Wednesday 26 July 2023

Venue: Regatta Centre Nagambie

Attendees: Darren Lyons Chairman, Bob Arnold, Des Mason, Robyn Taylor, Milton Hammond, Jacque Anton, Nicole Wharton, Mark Charlton, Renae Costantini, Wayne Gammon and Helen McCurdy (Bob McCurdy)

Councillors: Cr Reg Dickinson, Cr Robin Weatherald

Council staff: Julie Salomon CEO, Vlad Adamek Director Sustainable Infrastructure, Jeeva Ali Senior Engineer, Kristin Favaloro Executive Manager Communications and Engagement, Merrill Boyd Communications and Engagement Adviser, Trevor Pye ICT Support Officer

Guests: JJRyan Consulting Pty Ltd - Armin Sabouri (Project Engineer) and Mohsen Omid (Senior Structural Engineer)

Absent: Shane Anderson, Darren Ough, Maggie Zaki

Apologies: Paul List, Alan McLean

Time	Item
7pm	Acknowledgement to Country
	Housekeeping - nil
	Darren welcomed everyone and described how the meeting would be conducted, welcoming the representatives of JJ Ryan Consulting who were interstate but present on TEAMS and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.
	Introduction of the JJ Ryan Power Point presentation by Mohsen Omid Senior Structural Engineer with the four costed option comparisons - see presentation attached.
	Response to the powerpoint presentation There were long discussions on the four options. Also regarding timeframe of a replacement of the bridge, longevity of changed structure and comparison of costings. Discussions also included status of the bridge insurance, detail of the insurance brokers and underwriter, and whether there had been damage to the bridge during the flood.

	<p>The CEO stated that the flood damage exacerbated the bridge's condition. Council is applying for the maximum \$4.5m through its insurance and negotiations around a settlement are ongoing.</p> <p>Councillors will make the decision on the distribution of any insurance money including on-going costs. If we were to go for a new bridge the cost would be in the vicinity of \$30m.</p> <p>Council, whilst the insurance process is still ongoing, will apply for federal funding under the Growing Regions Project and the Mayor has also been in Canberra advocating for this funding along with our federal local members. Panel members were keen to assist and a letter of support on behalf of the Panel members which would be forwarded with the Council's EOI for the Growing Regions Project. (closing 3 Aug).</p> <p>Julie advised a report will be presented at the August Council meeting around the status of Bridge funding and also reiterated again to the Panel members that the Shire is committed to opening the bridge but we need to find the money and we cannot do this on our own so community support is so important.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 8.56pm</p> <p>Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 7pm at the Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre. The purpose of this meeting will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back on costs to have bridge reopened at 3T, and • To develop a panel recommendation on the preferred option outlined in the JJ Ryan report.
	<p>Discussions post meeting, facilitated by the CEO, included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are residents able to assist with removing the algae on the rails as they are keen to do something for 'their' bridge?. Heritage Victoria and the Council would need to be consulted in relation to any works on the bridge. 2. The Weir Road upgrade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concerns remain regarding removal of trees/native vegetation • the Hudson/Reedy Lake/ Weir Rds intersection. • Traffic management will be in place during the construction, however preferably not with a 10-minute turnaround. • discussion around the traffic count and when it was undertaken.

Actions from the meeting

- As previously agreed with the panel the costings on the option of what it would cost to open with a (1.5 to 3 tonne limit). This will be presented at the meeting on August 23, unless it is received earlier.
- The JJR power point presentation (circulated to members by the Chairman)
- The JJR report when it is available – attached.
- Question from Jacquie regarding the conflict of interest with the insurer and the FMG engineer's report – **CEO to put a question to Maddocks (firm acting on behalf of the Shire) and come back to Jacquie / panel on this.**
- The maintenance spend on the Bridge over the past few years. \$631,533.78 over a 10-year period.
- Draft letter of support from the KBCP members for the Growing Regions Program – Round 1 – attached.
- The contract to JJ Ryan was awarded under delegation – it appear on page 105 of the February 2023 agenda (https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/20230221_Agenda_Council-Meeting_February-21-2023.pdf)
- The speed limit on Weir Road after the upgrade is completed will be? This isn't an easy question to answer. When the works are complete we will work to make changes to the speed limit if it's required. The Department of Transport (DoT) Speed Zoning Guidance provides technical guidance for the application of speed zoning in Victoria. This guidance sets unsigned rural road at 100km/hr. We urge people to drive to the conditions and - like the community - we want to ensure the speed limit aligns with road safety and we'll work to make this happen.
- An artist's impression of what the bridge option/s would be like. Council will progress this once the preferred option is determined by the panel.