



# Council Meeting

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## Minutes

**Tuesday, 31 January 2023**  
Council Chamber - Civic Centre

## Information for Councillors and the community

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri People, as the Custodians of this land. We also pay respect to all Aboriginal community Elders, past and present, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the history of this region.



### COUNCIL VISION

Whether you live here or visit, you will see how much we care for country, how inclusive and connected our communities are, and how sustainable balanced growth makes this the best place in the world.

### VALUE OF HISTORY

We acknowledge that history shapes our identities, engages us as citizens, creates inclusive communities, is part of our economic well-being, teaches us to think critically and creatively, inspires leaders and is the foundation of our future generations.

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We'll be truthful, represent the community's needs, be positive and responsive and always strive to do better.

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**Lyster Ward:** Johanna Skelton  
**Melba Ward:** Sophie Todorov

**O'Shannassy Ward:** Jim Child  
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**Streeton Ward:** Andrew Fullagar  
**Walling Ward:** Len Cox

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**Director Corporate Services,** Andrew Hilson

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# YARRA RANGES COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE 573<sup>RD</sup> COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 7.03 PM COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC CENTRE

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## 1 COUNCIL MEETING OPENED

Councillor Jim Child (Mayor) declared the meeting open.

## 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor then read the Acknowledgement of Country, and welcomed all present.

## 3 INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

### Councillors

Councillor Jim Child (Mayor)  
Councillor Andrew Fullagar  
Councillor Fiona McAllister  
Councillor David Eastham  
Councillor Tim Heenan  
Councillor Johanna Skelton  
Councillor Sophie Todorov (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor Len Cox OAM

### Officers

Andrew Hilson, Director Corporate Services  
Kath McClusky, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Jane Price, Director Communities  
Phil Murton, Acting Director Environment & Infrastructure  
Nathan Islip, Acting Director Planning, Design and Development

## 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Richard Higgins

## 5 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Vale Kira Hennessy

#### The Mayor read the following statement:

"I wish to acknowledge the passing of Kira Hennessy and offer our sincere condolences to Kira's family and loved ones. Kira tragically lost her life in a horrific three car collision at the intersection of Queens Road and Beenak Road, Wandin North on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. Kira was the Marketing Communications Coordinator at Cherry Hill Orchards - hence the relationship with the Riseborough Family proprietors of Cherry Hill Orchards.

Yesterday I met with Mr & Mrs Cliff Riseborough at the family home on Queens Road, Wandin North. A meeting that will be everlasting in my memory, expressing their devastation and bereavement at the loss of Kira. But more than that - this meeting was a stark reminder of how important it is for all levels of government to continually review and improve safety on our roads - and that is something we are absolutely committed to.

Cliff Riseborough has been working on a discussion paper to raise community and all levels of Government awareness to this serious road safety issue.

I now table that discussion paper for Council's Traffic & Transport team investigation and liaise with Mr Riseborough to report back to a future Council Forum.

I would like to take this opportunity to assure the community that the Yarra Ranges Council Traffic & Transport team is working closely with the appropriate authorities and conducted a Safety Audit last week to determine short and long-term work to improve the safety of the Queens Road and Beenak Road intersection.

I would like to finish with some of Cliff's words, "We do not wish to attend Funerals of our employees who never made it to work." Our thoughts are with Kira's family, loved ones and friends.

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Moved: Cr McAllister**

**Seconded: Cr Cox**

*That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 13 December 2022, as circulated, be confirmed.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

## 7 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

*In accordance with Chapter 7, Rule 4, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest made for this meeting.

In accordance with Chapter 3, Rules 57 and 59, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

**QUESTION FROM THE PUBLIC****Question from Belinda Bernardini of Chirnside Park:**

*Does Council fly drones (registered or unregistered) over private properties in the Yarra Ranges Council area without the consent of residents and if so, can you please advise the "legal" purpose of such activity?*

**Response from Nathan Islip, Acting Director Planning Design & Development:**

*Thank you for your question, Belinda.*

*Most aerial imagery used for delivering Council's services is procured through mainstream third parties who meet all regulatory requirements, consistent with all other local governments in Victoria. This covers all land within the municipality including private properties.*

*In some instances, drones are used by Council officers to assist with inspecting difficult to access tree canopy, environmental stewardship communications on large scale landscape projects and sustainability story telling. Drones have also been used to assist with weed mapping and deer management assessments in the Dandenong Ranges in partnership with environmental volunteer groups.*

*Some companies engaged by Council may also use drones to carry out inspections of Council-owned buildings, especially rooves, or for stock image photographic purposes.*

*Any drone use is guided by the requirements of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority who regulate and control the safe and appropriate use of drones in Victoria.*

In accordance with Rule 77 of the Governance Rules, the Mayor called for the meeting to be adjourned at 7.18pm and requested members of the public, who had not registered to speak, to leave the gallery.

Cr Child, Cr McAllister, Cr Eastham, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov left the meeting at 7.18pm  
Cr Heenan left the meeting (videoconference) at 7.18pm  
Cr Cox and Cr Fullagar left the meeting at 7.19pm

In accordance with Section 66 (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 2020 and Rule 77 of the Governance Rules, the Mayor re-convened the meeting at 8.59pm with registered speakers in attendance and the gallery closed to the general public.

Cr Child, Cr McAllister, Cr Eastham, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Heenan, Cr Cox and Cr Fullagar returned to the meeting at 8.58pm

The meeting resumed at 8.59pm with all Councillors present.



### **Question from David Ricciuti of Silvan:**

*Answers to questions posed re Monbulk UDF have still not been completed and the public exhibition started in Dec. We all agreed that the info needed to be clear & questions answered for clear public info of what is proposed. When will the information be available & because it isn't, shouldn't the exhibition be extended to allow for the delay? UDF stated there would be a community meeting with a presentation/Q&A session. There's no mention of it on the website.*

*When will this & pop-up stall at a market be held?*

### **Response from Nathan Islip, Acting Director Planning Design & Development:**

*Thank you for your question, David.*

*As advised in our recent phone conversations, we have followed up on your questions and have updated the project website with a new Glossary that explains many of the items you raised.*

*All consultation sessions are detailed on the Council Shaping Yarra Ranges website. This includes several drop-in sessions in the Monbulk Living and Learning Hub throughout February, and an online webinar including Q&A options which will be recorded and uploaded to the project webpage for viewing at any time. We have also recorded an introductory video to assist with understanding the scope and intent for the Urban Design Framework which is in the final stages of editing in preparation for uploading to the project webpage.*

*Much of this information has now been publicly available for a couple of weeks, in addition to the comprehensive information and explanations within the Draft Monbulk Urban Design Framework document, and the project has been well promoted in Council's communications channels and the local newspapers. Given the already lengthy period of community engagement, no further extensions to the consultation period are being considered.*

**Question from Donna Kollner of Montrose:**

*Q1. Why do we need this health and wellbeing committee when we already have a health system in this country?*

*Q2. Has this been a request from the people of the Yarra Ranges shire or is this coming from the United Nations initiative?*

**Response from Jane Price, Director Communities:**

*Thank you for your question, Donna,*

*Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan is a legislated plan under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008. The Act requires Council's to prepare a municipal public health and wellbeing plan every four years (following general council elections) and that plans must have regard to the State Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.*

*The Health and Wellbeing Plan sets out the strategic direction for improving health and wellbeing for all residents across the municipality, addressing local health and wellbeing issues. The Plan covers off on the roles and responsibilities of Council in upholding the rights of all members of the Yarra Ranges community to have the opportunity to maximise their health and wellbeing.*

*The Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee has been established to:*

- ensure there is a localised community voice to Council for people with an interest in community health and wellbeing in Yarra Ranges;*
- assist in the consultative process and provide feedback on Council processes, policies, and supporting Council's decision making with regard to health and wellbeing;*
- monitor the progress of objectives under the Health and Wellbeing Plan, and*
- support the four-yearly development of a new Health and Wellbeing Plan.*

*The United Nations have not been involved in the development or appointment of the committee.*

**Question from anonymous resident:**

*The Draft Monbulk Urban Design Framework seeks funding through the Victorian Government-led 20-Minute Neighbourhood Initiative (20MN).*

*Is YR Council willing to only accept funding of projects through the 20MN initiative if they have a guarantee that association with the 20MN initiative will not lead to people of the YR Shire losing any essential freedoms including freedom of movement within and across the Shire of YR borders? This includes freedom of privacy including zero tracking of movements.*

**Response from Nathan Islip, Acting Director Planning Design & Development:**

*Thank you for your question,*

*Council would seek a range of funding sources to support the actions in the Draft Monbulk Urban Design Framework (UDF) in order to reduce the dependence on ratepayer funding. Many of these actions support the convenience and liveability benefits of the 20-minute city principles.*

*The Victorian Charter of Human Rights sets out the basic rights, freedoms and responsibilities of all people in Victoria, and all local governments must act consistently with the human rights in the Charter.*

*The Draft UDF seeks to improve movement and access for the community within the Monbulk area, but also advocates to improve public transport and cycling networks that extend well beyond Monbulk.*

*The Council boundary is an abstract line on mapping systems for defining where a Council's responsibilities start and stop, but has no physical presence apart from welcome signage and hence does not limit movement.*

*Sometimes technology can be used to understand where there is congestion on a path or road network or an intersection. They can also help Council improve our services for community by using sensors to notify a Council when a bin is full or when a drain is blocked, helping to stop litter entering waterways and flooding. There is no personal information or identifying information in these 'smart cities' solutions, so it would not be possible to track a particular person.*

**Question from *anonymous resident*:**

*Are the 5G Towers, that have been approved by the Yarra Ranges Council, beneficial or detrimental to the health and well-being of the community of the Shire of Yarra Ranges? Include the following details for each 5G tower within your answer:*

- *Proof of radiation analysis*
- *Proof of indemnity insurance for each mast*
- *Wattage output and timing of the radiation output*
- *Capacity of the wavelength spectrum and the currently used*
- *wavelength spectrum*
- *Capacity of the signal strength*
- *Capping on the number*

**Response from Nathan Islip, Acting Director Planning Design & Development:**

*Thank you for your question,*

*Advocacy for better telecommunications services is part of Council's overarching priority to ensure our communities have the infrastructure they need to stay safe, well and to participate fully in work and education. Over 98% of respondents to a 2020 Council survey relied on telecommunications service during emergencies and to access emergency information. During the 2021 June storms some community members weren't able to call 000 which was highly distressing and dangerous.*

*Under Clause 52.19 of all Victorian planning schemes, a planning permit is required to install a telecommunications facility under the Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme. It is assessed based on its siting, location and tower design, its supporting infrastructure, and requirements for operational maintenance and access.*

*Council does not have the skills, expertise or the jurisdiction to assess the wattage, output, timing of electromagnetic radiation, or the capacity of wavelength spectrum, signal strength, or the information about coverage and blackspots. This is assessed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) against the ARPANSA standard, and the Telecommunications Code of Practice.*

*The telecommunications provider must apply and prove to ACMA, who have the skill and expertise, how they meet the requirements of the ARPANSA standard. Council does not require proof of indemnity insurance.*

*An applicant is required to include the location of nearby towers to enable assessing possible visual clutter, however this does not extend to consideration of the cumulative impact of electromagnetic radiation.*

*There is no proposal to cap the number of towers in Yarra Ranges, and each application will be considered on its planning merits against the Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme.*

## **9 PETITIONS**

*In accordance with Chapter 3, Rule 60, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

There were no Petitions received for this meeting.

## 10 BUSINESS PAPER

### 10.1 YR-2022/165 - 20 Stag Lane, Yarra Glen - Planning Report

#### SUMMARY

- The property owners have their gin distilled at 'Alchemy Distiller' (gin manufacture and a food and drinks premise) for the last 5 years, at 242 Maroondah Highway, Healesville. The property owners seek to relocate their current gin manufacturing operation to the subject site to capitalise on the rural setting and rural tourism environment experience with their manufacturing product.
- The site is approximately 36 hectares in size, with several existing agricultural outbuildings; two of which are sought to house the distillery making, manufacture sales (cellar door), and restaurant (café) / function centre.
- This proposal contributes to the Shire's strategic direction in offering tourism activities coupled with the agricultural activities occurring on the land, and activities where patrons are attracted to experience the Shire's rural landscape offerings. The proposed use complements the distinctive rural and green wedge character and integrates tourist related facilities.
- The proposed provides an important additional source of new employment and additional tourism opportunities for the Shire's growing and advocated tourism culture and identity in key areas of agricultural and environment. The proposed land uses are likely to generate an opportunity to exchange economic benefit from a variety of existing local rural economies, including other tourism related offerings.
- Anticipated traffic generated for this proposal is suitably managed by directing traffic to/from a new access point along Old Healesville Road and recommending conditions seeking road works to completed to effectively manage through traffic and turning in the site.
- The proposed car park area, located mid-way on site, and accessed from Old Healesville Road, via an internal accessway, are a sufficient distance away from the adjoining properties to minimise potential adverse impacts to the adjoining properties.
- The subject proposal, excluding the function centre, strongly aligns with Planning Policy objectives and the Zone purpose which, encourages tourism related activities within a rural environment that is associated with the agricultural use of the land.
- The proposed patron numbers and operation hours raise potential amenity impacts for the surrounding land uses. To minimise adverse impacts, particularly with noise impacts, a series of amenity and noise management conditions are recommended. These conditions include non-support for the function centre land use.
- The distillery is deemed to be a Rural Industry then the associated uses, restaurant, function centre, manufacturing sales, can be approved as they are in conjunction with the rural industry. It is not exclusively in "conjunction with" agriculture but can be in conjunction with other stated uses. The produce used in the processing does not need to be grown on the land in its entirety however, the rural industry must be the predominant use.
- The application proposes several land uses that have a genuine close relationship with each other. However, Council Offers are concerned with the function centre land

use, and the potential for other land uses, to become the more dominant feature other than the rural industry. As such the proposal would be prohibited under the provisions of the planning scheme if this was the case.

- Whilst the rural industry operation and its associated onsite agriculture production are being established It is necessary to recommend conditions removing the function centre land use from the overall recommendation for approval.
- Land use compatibility between the proposed restaurant (cafe), gin product sales and rural industry, versus the existing surrounding rural residential lifestyle and agricultural landscape, is achieved through a series of recommended amenity permit conditions.
- The application was referred internally to the Strategic Planning department, Engineering (Traffic) department and Health department. General support was provided. Recommended conditions to resolve matters have been negotiated successfully with the applicant.
- Various conditions are recommended to support approval of this application and to negate concerns raised in the objections.
- Twelve (12) objections and five (5) support submissions were received. Key concerns raised include:
  - inappropriate uses for Green Wedge Zone;
  - incompatible with rural residential lifestyle;
  - noise pollution;
  - late operating hours;
  - too many patrons; and
  - traffic safety impacts

Council Officer believe that the objections raised have been considered, and where appropriate, changes to the application or recommended conditions have addressed the concerns.

In accordance with Governance Rule 58, Brett Wilson spoke in objection of the recommendation included in the officer report.

In accordance with Governance Rule 58, Gayle Reeves spoke in support of the recommendation included in the officer report.

Cr McAllister moved a motion alternate to that printed in the agenda.

**Moved: Cr McAllister**  
**Seconded: Cr Skelton**

*That Council resolve to approve Planning Application YR-2022/165 for Land used for Rural Industry (Distillery), Manufacturing Sales (cellar door), Restaurant (café), Licensed premises, display of internally illuminated Business identification signs and crossover creation on Old Healesville Road at 20 Stag Lane, Yarra Glen and issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to the conditions in Attachment 1 to the report with the following amendment to condition 19.*

*A minimum of 50% of content in the combined total product sold must be grown on the land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**



## 10.2 Health & Wellbeing Advisory Committee

### SUMMARY

This report recommends appointments to the new Community Health & Wellbeing Advisory Committee (HWAC) committee to Council. It allows for community voice and a consultative process for a wide range of activities and initiatives, as well as advice to support Council's decision making and monitors the achievement of objectives of the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The Health & Wellbeing Advisory Committee is appointed by Council for a 4 year term. The process for recruiting a new advisory committee has been conducted and recommendations are presented in this report for Council endorsement.

**Moved: Cr Todorov**

**Seconded: Cr Fullagar**

*That Council endorse the recommended appointments to the 2022-2026 Health & Wellbeing Advisory Committee.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

## 10.3 Victoria Road - Road Rehabilitation

### SUMMARY

This report summarises the evaluation process and seeks Council approval for the award of the contract for the first two stages of Victoria Road, Road Rehabilitation works stage A and stage B from Macintyre Lane to driveway of property no.193 Victoria Road, Coldstream.

The Evaluation Panel recommends the tender from TDM Earthworks Pty Ltd be accepted for a lump sum contract amount of \$1,497,939.47 GST exclusive including provisional items (\$1,647,733.42 GST inclusive).

The works includes pavement reconstruction, kerb and channel replacement, subsoil drainage, asphalt and line marking works.

**Moved: Cr McAllister**

**Seconded: Cr Fulligar**

1. *That Council appoints TDM Earthworks Pty Ltd to EOI6105 7105 Victoria Road, Road Rehabilitation works for a total lump sum of \$1,497,939.47 exclusive of GST including provisional items (\$1,647,733.42 GST inclusive).*
2. *The Director, Environment and Infrastructure be delegated authority to sign the contract documents.*
3. *The confidential attachments to this report remain confidential indefinitely as they relate to matters specified under section 3(1) (g)(i), (g) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

### EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR THE MEETING

**Moved: Cr Child**

**Seconded: Cr Fullagar**

*That, in accordance with Rule 21 of the Governance Rules, the meeting be extended by 30 minutes to 10.30pm.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

## **11 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS**

*In accordance with Chapter 3, Division 4, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

There were no Councillor motions listed on the agenda for this meeting.

## **12 ITEMS THROUGH THE CHAIR**

### **12.1 Community Recover Grants**

Cr McAllister noted the second round of community recovery grants are now open and thanked the four Community Recovery Committee's for the work that has been accomplished.

### **12.2 Australia Day Awards and Citizenship**

Cr Heenan noted the success of the Yarra Ranges Council Australia Day Citizenship and Awards ceremony and thanked Council that helped organise the day. He also noted there was a great feeling of connection to the community on the day.

The Mayor also acknowledged the Council staff for their contribution to the day.

## **13 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES**

Cr Skelton

- Extended an invitation to fellow Councillors to attend the upcoming Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee meetings.

Cr Child

- Noted, as the Municipal Association of Victoria delegate, that the Municipal Association of Victoria Board election nominations were now open.
- Attended a meeting with the Executive Officer of the Eastern Regional Group of Councils at Yarra Ranges Council Civic Centre on 30 January 2023. The Deputy Mayor was also in attendance.

## **14 DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING**

*In accordance with Clause 87 of the Meeting Procedures and Use of Common Seal Local Law 2015, as prescribed by Section 14(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

There were no Documents for Signing and Sealing received for this meeting.

**15                    INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCILLORS**

**Moved: Cr Child**  
**Seconded: Cr Heenan**  
*That the records of the Informal Meetings of Councillors, copies of which are attached to the report, be received and noted.*  
**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

**16                    URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business received for this meeting.

**17                    CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

*In accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

There were no Confidential Items listed on the agenda for this meeting.

**18                    DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at: 9.56 pm.

Confirmed this day, Tuesday, 14 February 2023.

**Attachment -    Queens Road, Wandin East Intersection - Discussion Paper**

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**Councillor Jim Child (Mayor)**

# Queens Road, Wandin East, Intersections.

Compiled by Cliff Riseborough,

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23-01-2023

The Intersections on Queens Road described in the following report have seen an ongoing spate of accidents.

I have lived at 474/480 Queens Road for 82 years and seen these roads from dusty laneways to the rat runs we have today. There have been many accidents at these intersections over that time.

Since the construction of the Roundabout on Warburton Highway at Seville when many drivers discovered Beenak Road to be a more convenient route than the traffic jams into Seville. Beenak Road is Signposted for 80 km, has had upgrades and the traffic volume has increased.

Interestingly the Warburton Highway from Yarra Junction to Warburton has many sections at 60 Km. A wider and better road than Beenak Road.

There has been alteration and upgrading over time, but when viewed closely there is not clear signage on both sides at Stop signs.

lack of Rumble Strips (or not big enough to be effective for fast moving or large vehicles).

Signage that does not apply at the moment.

Not enough warning of a crossing where the through traffic is signed for 80km per hour.

The majority of drivers adhere to the rules and the visible signage.

There are drivers who are distracted by the social media or mapping in their vehicles who may not see or be aware of the Signage or the Intersections.

There are some driving vehicles who have a total disregard of rules, regulations or the rights and lives of others.

The only way to manage these drivers is to have road design where they have no alternative but to adhere to the system.

Although Queens Road is Signed at 80 km many locals including myself will not enter Beenak Road or Wandin East Road crossings at more than 40 km, we have seen them drive straight through.

Perhaps with due consideration and some effort the Shire of Yarra Ranges with the help State & Federal Government could make this area safer for all concerned.

We do not wish to attend Funerals of our employees who never made it to work.

Cliff Riseborough

Hi Cliff,

As promised, I've drafted some points regarding visitor numbers and traffic management at Wandin that may be of use for your discussion with the council.

- Wandin attracted over 50,000 visitors to our seasonal events during the Blossom Festival and Cherry-Picking season.
- We expect our visitor numbers to continue to grow year on year, creating more jobs and driving economic prosperity for the region.
- We are VERY mindful of ensuring the safety of our team and visitors, and with this in mind we have implemented a number of control measures to make our venue as safe as possible for all.
- To safely facilitate the high volume of visitor numbers that we attract, we have implemented a series of Risk Management measures internally to ensure the safety of our staff and visitors, such as:
  - A traffic management plan
  - 20km speed restriction throughout the property
  - Road safety signage throughout the property
  - Directional signage
  - A ticketed system for all events, to safely manage capacity
  - Engaging external, professional traffic controllers during events to ensure the safe flow of traffic
  - Continual maintenance of our parking areas, roads and tracks

Our concern is that the council / Vic roads have not done enough to ensure that Queens Road is safe for locals, staff, visitors and tourists. The road will continue to get busier, which is great for the region, however, it is not great if the roads and safety infrastructure are not fit for purpose. We have seen countless near misses at this intersection and unfortunately, one of our own employees lost her life on the way to work. This was in our opinion a tragic yet inevitable outcome, which was totally unnecessary and could have been avoided, had the correct safety provisions been in place.

Please let me know if you need any further information, please let me know.

Cheers,

Mike

**Michael Appleton**

General Manager

Customer Experience, Tourism & Events



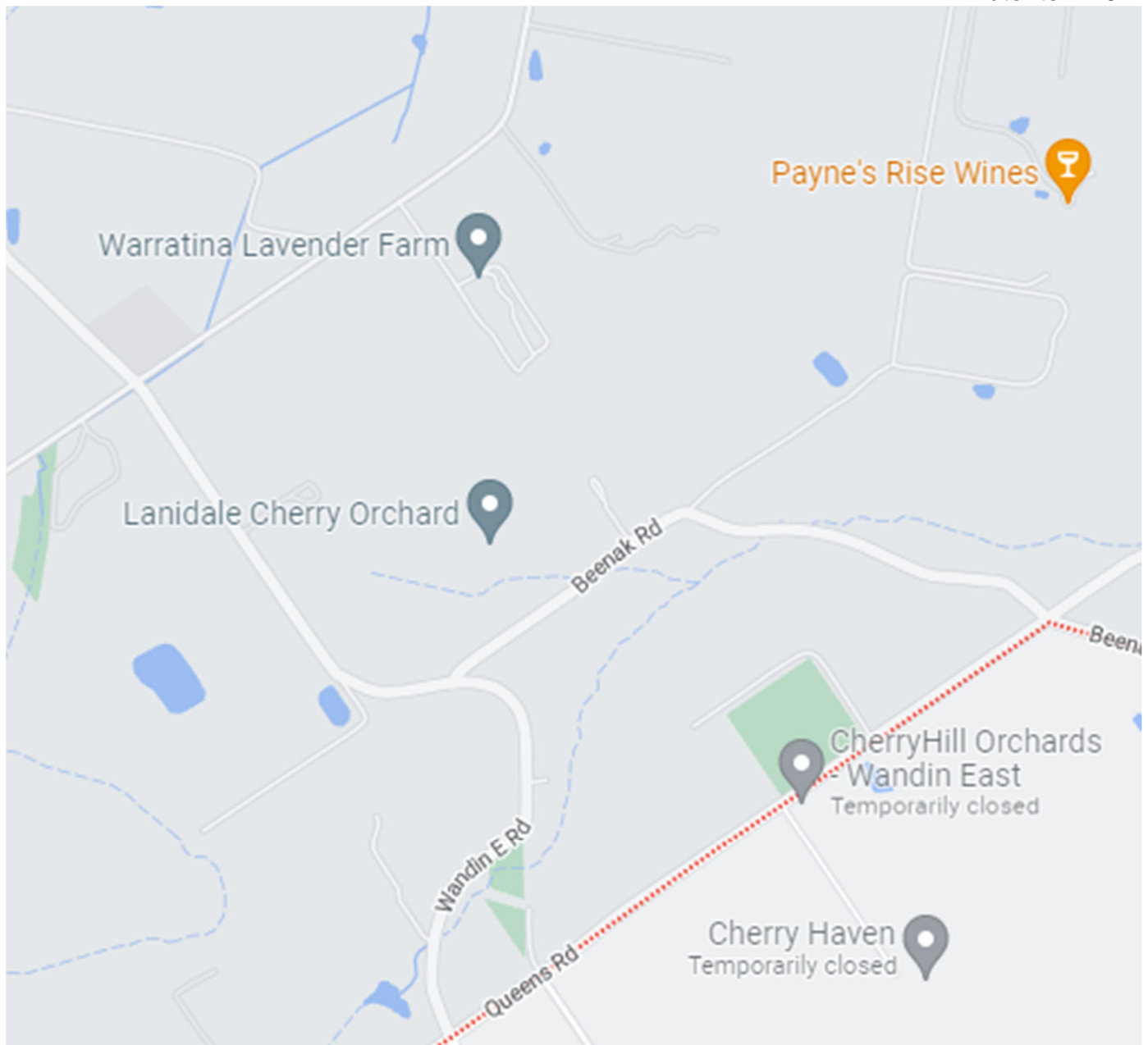
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Queens Road Wandin East is an 80 km Signed Road with through traffic from Silvan to Seville.

Cross Roads Beenak Road and Wandin East Roads are also 80 km Signed Roads.

Old Baker Road at 80 km intersects midway on Queens.

All roads are busy at times with local and tourist traffic.



## **Queens Road, Wandin East.**

View is from the West to East approaching Beenak Road.

This is signposted as an 80km road.

Anyone approaching at more than **40km per hour is risking their lives.**

You need to be able to stop as the Beenak Road crossing traffic does not always stop at the Stop Signs.

**Visibility is very poor at the best.**



**Queens Road, Wandin East.**

View from the East looking to the West approaching Beenak Road.



## **Queens Road, Wandin East.**

View approaching Beenak Road from the East to the West.

Crossroad sign at left is only indication of Beenak Road.

**Then we have an 80km sign just prior to the crossroads.**

**Approaching Beenak Road there is a Suburban type wooden fence on the left (SW corner) giving little chance to see on-coming traffic in Beenak Road.**

**Approaching at more than 40km per hour is a death sentence. (as per 17-01-2023).**

**Beenak Road, Wandin North.**

Viewed from the North towards the South.

This section is one bend prior to the Queens Road Intersection.

One sign for the crossroad.

Beenak Road x Queens Road, Wandin North.

Viewed from the North to the South.

Only one Stop Sign.

No Rumble Strips.

Approaching an 80km signed Queens Road.

Many take the risk, some die as a result.

Could we do better?

**May-be Beenak Road should be offset.**

**Beenak Road x Queens Road, Wandin East.**

Viewed from the North to the South.

All vehicles need to be able to stop if necessary.

**Queens Road x Beenak Road.**

A Tragic Ending.



**Beenak Road x Queens Road, Wandin East.**

One Stop Sign.

No Rumble Strips.

Poor Visibility both left and right.

**Beenak Road x Queens Road, Wandin East.**

One Stop Sign.

No indication of 80 km traffic.

Poor visibility both left and right.

**Queens Road x Beenak Road, Wandin East.**

View foreground Queens Road looking North to Beenak Road.  
Possible site for offset Road.



**Old Baker Road to Queens Road, Wandin East.**

**View from South to the North.**

There is a Stop sign on the Left, wild cherry trees are obstructing the view.

**No Stop Sign** on right side of road.

No indication that this is a **“T” Intersection.**

## **Old Baker Road x Queens Road, Wandin East.**

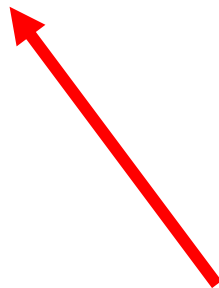
View from Old Baker Road from South to the North.

“T” Intersection, traffic turning left or right.

These are both 80km sign posted roads.

Stop sign is visible now, no Stop Sign on Right side of Road.

No Indication that this is a T intersection and there is no continuation over the intersection.



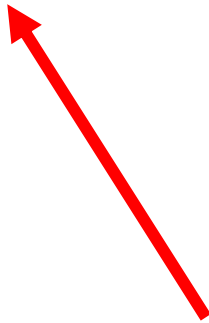
## **Queens Road, Wandin East.**

View from East to the West, Old Baker Road is on the Left.

Signage erected when Queens Road was changed to the through Road.

This is an 80km signed Road.

Little traffic actually stops at the Stop Sign in Old Baker, most do a soft turn expecting to keep driving.



## **Queens Road, Wandin East.**

View from East to the West.

Sign was from when Queens Road was the minor Road and traffic faced a Stop Sign.

No Indication of Cross Roads ahead.

**Queens Road, Wandin East.**

View from East to the West.

This is an 80km signed Road.

There are no Cross Road Signs for this Intersection.

Wandin East Road is the crossing Road.

Good view on the Left, No visibility on the Right.

Any speed over 40km does not allow avoiding the vehicle approaching from the Right that has not stopped at the Stop Sign.

**Deadly. I have the Video proof.**

<https://youtu.be/gCfOR75Ilzs>







**Queens Road x Wandin East Road, Wandin East.**

View from Queens Road heading West, Wandin East Road on the right.

There are Stop Signs for Queens Road on Wandin East Road.

Most traffic from the right does a soft left turn into Queens Road.

Others Stop and turn left, right or over on Wandin East Road.

A minority do not Stop and drive straight through.

**This is not good for the traffic on the 80km posted speed.**



## **Queens Road, Wandin East.**

View from West to the East.

Sign on Right for Rumble Strips, for when Queens Road was the minor Road.

Sign for Changed Road Conditions, when Queens Road was made the through Road.

Road is Signposted for 80km.

No Signage for Wandin East Road Crossing.

## **Queens Road, Wandin East**

View from West looking to the East.

This is an 80km Signed Road.

Compromised sign for Road Redirection at Intersection.

No Sign to warn of Wandin East Road Crossing.



Queens Road x Wandin East Road, Wandin East.

View from West to the East.

Both Roads are 80km Signed Roads.

No Signage for the Cross Road.

View to Left and Right is fairly good.



**Queens Road x East Wandin Road, Wandin East.**

View from West to the East.

Queens Road is 80km Road.

View both ways is good.

**Note;** Trees and Shrubs on North East corner (at left of photo) of Wandin East Road.

These make for the lack of vision from the other way.



## **Wandin East Road, Wandin East.**

View from South to the North.

This is an 80km Road.

Signs both sides of Road for the Queens Road Stop Sign.



**Wandin East Road x Queens Road, Wandin East.**

Both Roads are 80km.

Stop Signs on both sides of Road.

Good clear Information.



## **Wandin East Road, Wandin North.**

View is North to the South, towards Queens Road.

Signs on both sides of Road, clear visibility.

This is an 80km Road.

Prior to these signs there is another advising of Changed Conditions.

That Sign would be better placed closer to these.





## **Wandin East Road x Queens Road, Wandin North.**

View is North to the South.

Both Roads are 80km.

Stop Signs on Both sides.

Overhanging Trees and Shrubs restrict the Sign and view.

Some of the branching has been cut recently.

Sign on Right partly obscures Stop Sign on the approach.

Traffic turns left, right, or straight ahead after stopping.

**Some just drive straight through.      Death Trap.**

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**Wandin East Road X Queens Road, Wandin East.**

No vision to the left with trees and house close to corner.

Some of the tree branches have been recently removed.

Vehicle's sometimes drive straight thru.

Most traffic turn left with a large number then turning into Old Baker Road to East Wandin.

**Road has no Rumble Strips.**

**Large sign on right has no relevance to the intersection.**



## **Beenak Road, Wandin North.**

View is South to the North toward Hunter & Quayle Roads.

This is a 60km / 40km school times Road.

Beenak Road is the priority Road with Rumble Strips.

Rumble Strips need to be bigger to slow traffic.

Some just drive through on Hunter & Quayle.

**Locals will only approach at 40 km.      Death Trap.**



**Beenak Road x Hunter and Quayle Roads, Wandin North.**

View from North to the South.

Has Rumble Strips, **need to be larger.**

60 km / 40km (School times) speed limit.

Beenak Road is the priority Road with Rumble Strips.

This is part of the Beenak Road Rat Run, they just go.

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In Loving Memory of



**Kira Lynne Hennessy**

February 7<sup>th</sup> 1992 - January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

Corowa Golf Club

Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Kira Lynne Hennessy**

Kira was born in Corowa on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1992.

She was the daughter of Lynne and Tony Hennessy of Wahgunyah.

Kira was the younger of 2 children, sister to Chris.

She attended Rutherglen High School graduating as an honour student.

Kira studied interior design then a bachelor in Communications  
(public relations)

Kira became the event coordinator for Victoria University for several years  
then moved on to Marketing Communications Coordinator at Cherry Hill  
Orchards

Kira & Josh's relationship started in August 2014, several years after they met  
They were engaged in May 2022.

Kira enjoyed travelling around the world, making many lifelong friends.

Kira loved all music, danced from the age of 4 (calisthenics, jazz, tap, hip-hop) and singing, she loved karaoke.

*She had a wonderful sense of humour, loved animals,  
and loved her family with fierce passion.*

