

## Minutes

# Community Advisory Group meeting #8

Chair	Ian Gibson	Time	4pm-6pm
Minutes	Susan McMillan	Date	2021-10-07
Location	Online		

## Attendance

Members		Project team	Apologies
Deb Lucas	Jonathan Pintus	Erin Coldham	Christine Legg
Tony Wolfe	Glenn Stagg	Sarah Altmann	Allan Rogers
Tony Cantwell	Nicki Jennings	Susan McMillan	Matt Langdon
Darren McCubbin	Dane Heinrich	Stella Bodman	Caleb Barlow
Jessica Young	Travis Dillow	Dr Rohan Henry	Wendy Farmer
Mary-Lou Dixon	Harry Mitchelson	Chris Lovell	Jenny Smith
Jack Winterbottom	Peter Mooney		
Allison Spence			

## Actions – previous

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1	Respond to questions taken on notice	Susan McMillan	8/07/2021	Completed

## Key discussion points

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1	<p><b>Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair introduced guest speaker Dr Rohan Henry – Indigenous Engagement Advisor at Star of the South, and heritage specialists Chris Lovell and Ricky Feldman.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Standing items and actions from previous meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endorsement of minutes for CAG meeting #7.</li> <li>No conflicts of interest were declared.</li> <li>Dane Heinrich has withdrawn from the group due to other commitments.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>What's happening on the project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to <a href="#">presentation</a>.</li> <li>Project is participating in Wellington Shire's renewable energy forum.</li> <li>Participated in GROW Gippsland Aboriginal Business Forum.</li> <li>Star of the South held a webinar to share project updates, given COVID-19 restrictions prevented face-to-face engagement going ahead. There were approx. 150 attendees. Recording is available on the project website.</li> <li>Cultural heritage site walkover undertaken with GLaWAC and heritage specialists.</li> <li>Business and tourism specialists have been interviewing relevant local organisations to understand how the project could support or impact on local business and tourism.</li> <li>Supply chain meetings – Star of the South have employed an Industry Development Manager to look at opportunities for local industry and workers.</li> <li>3D visualisations of the project will be created to communicate how the project could look from shore. Currently seeking suppliers.</li> <li>Attended the Traralgon Farmers Market and will be attending Foster and next Traralgon Market – around 40 conversations.</li> <li>Re-opened the Yarram office post-COVID restrictions with changed opening hours to allow for visitors during different times.</li> <li>Made submission and presented to the Senate Committee on Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill – The Bill was introduced in September and referred to a committee for consideration and recommendation. If the Bill passes both houses of Parliament and becomes law, further work by government will be needed to develop detailed regulations and declare areas suitable for offshore wind.</li> <li>Chair suggested the group listen to Committee hearings which are available on the Parliament of Australia website.</li> <li>Community consultation to seek input to the project's 25 technical studies has been extended to end of October. An online survey is open, small group meetings are being held in the Yarram community hub and the team will attend local markets.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Looking ahead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing discussions with landholders underway – Star of the South to present draft option agreements for transmission easement.</li> <li>• Fieldwork continuing on land and sea – all marine studies are progressing.</li> <li>• 25 technical studies at various stages of getting underway – specialists are getting in touch with local groups who have special interests or knowledge.</li> <li>• Presentations: Women in Maritime, UN Ocean Decade, Australian Wind Energy Conference, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network.</li> <li>• Building our team – Casper has resigned and will be wrapping up in January 2022 to return to the northern hemisphere, closer to home. Recruitment is now underway for a new CEO. Recruiting Fishing Liaison Officer (FLO) who would be responsible for managing relationships with recreational and commercial fisheries.</li> <li>• Question about what sort of skills the FLO needs – Must be able to work with a range of different stakeholders and have a clear understanding of the fishing industry and regulatory landscape.</li> <li>• Star of the South plan to attend Heesco Town Festival.</li> <li>• Submission to government inquiries: Inquiry into Renewable Energy in Victoria (due 26 November) which is about how Victoria can meet its renewable energy goals and Inquiry into the Closure of Hazelwood and Yallourn Power Stations (due 17 December).</li> <li>• Star of the South bumper stickers now available.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>What’s happening in the community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harry Mitchelson – Harry gave an overview of commercial fishing in the project area, methods used and catch volumes locally, state and Australia wide.</li> <li>• Deb Lucas – Discussed the Yarram Commonwealth Bank closure and impact on community. Middle of everywhere tourism campaign signage going up around town and local fundraising for CFA for new shed (community have contributed \$25,000).</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Focus on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage – presentation and group discussion/questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to <a href="#">presentation</a>.</li> <li>• Question about what events or situation could extinguish Native Title. There would need to be proof that there is a continued connection to country for Native Title processes to be triggered. Private ownership of land for example farming land may not necessarily be extinguish native title if there’s Crown land involved.</li> <li>• Question about cultural heritage values and marine values and what is known about GLaWAC’s view of these values. Values can include contemporary or traditional values and may include stories, significant learnings, heritage, artefacts or certain species. Star of the South and heritage specialists consulting with GLaWAC.</li> <li>• Question about any impact to the Warrigunya property and if Star of the South is working with this group. The Warrigunya property is close to the project’s proposed transmission route and the project has been meeting with the landholder and</li> </ul>

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	Warrigunya representative.
7	<p><b>Other items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 12-month review of the Community Advisory Group has been undertaken to ensure the group is meeting achieving its purpose and to understand how it could be improved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Refer to presentation for key findings.</li> <li>○ Generally, very positive feedback however there was a comment about ensuring people with issues/concerns feel comfortable raising this. Star of the South reiterated the importance of this as the group provides an important channel for issues to be raised and considered.</li> <li>○ Comment that it would be good to have a list of topics that are coming up, where people can add suggestions on what we would like to be covered. Noted we keep a register of meeting topics based on things that come up during meetings and the CAG website can serve this purpose.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sarah noted low community engagement in the recent consultation and asked the group why they thought this might be. The group noted that COVID-19 and consultation fatigue are both likely. The group also noted that the community are well up to speed on where the project is at with some thinking it will not proceed and others assuming that it will.</li> </ul>

## Actions – new

No.	Action	Owner	Due
1	Confirm day, time, and location for next meeting	Susan McMillan	10/11/2021
2	Establish schedule of meetings and meeting topics for 2022	Susan McMillan	31/01/2022
3	Actions from CAG 12-month review	Susan McMillan	31/01/2022

## Next meeting

Date	Time	Place
26 November 2021	4:00pm– 5:30pm	Bundalaguah Hall / online