

Meeting: The Valley Tomorrow Community Reference Group #22

Date: 30/04/2025 Meeting began at 6.00pm

Location: Video conference call – Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Simon Lewin - Hamton (H)
- Erin Thompson - Hamton (H)
- Anthony Brown - Moonee Valley Racing Club (MVRC)
- Mayor Ava Adams – Moonee Valley City Council (MVCC)
- Matt Bott – Moonee Ponds Primary School

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions/housekeeping
2. MVRC Projects – SUZ Masterplan
3. MVP – MVP Project Planning Update
4. MVP – Stonepine & Trackside House
5. Community activations
6. Other matters/Questions

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Simon (SL) opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

2 MVRC Projects - Masterplan

- 2.1 Anthony Brown (AB) confirmed design development of the racecourse precinct progressing in collaboration with Symal Group. The endorsement package has been submitted to Council, covering lighting, retaining walls, underpass, road network and share user paths. AB noted final pricing from Symal is expected mid-May.
- 2.2 AB noted that construction is targeted to begin immediately after 2025 Cox Plate in late October, pending approvals.
- 2.3 AB advised that the Grandstand Precinct design is slightly behind the racecourse design. A full review is underway to mitigate construction cost escalations and improve efficiency.
- 2.4 AB confirmed demolition across both precincts will commence after Cox Plate 2025.
- 2.5 AB confirmed that liaison with MVCC regarding traffic management plans and construction site management will occur in the lead-up to works commencing.
- 2.6 AB confirmed the infield activation remains a key consideration, with ongoing discussions taking place with sporting organisations; however, funding availability continues to be a major constraint despite widespread interest.
- 2.7 AB outlined two focus areas for the infield precinct: Dual use Racecourse Infrastructure, and Purpose-built infrastructure.
- 2.8 AB noted that the vision remains to create a 365-day active infield precinct, in line with the SUZ Masterplan.

- 2.9 In response to Mayor Ava Adams, AB confirmed that while outdoor sporting facilities such as AFL and soccer are more viable options, several other concepts — including an indoor basketball centre and underground infrastructure like parking or pavilions — were explored but deemed unfeasible due to planning, operational, and financial constraints.
- 2.10 Mayor Adams requested further clarity on proposals MVRC has supported. AB noted interest from various sporting codes, though specific parties remain confidential.

3 Status of Planning Permit Applications

- 3.1 SL confirmed the off-market sales campaign has commenced for The Eveline, formerly know as Flora East & West under the planning permit. Construction expected to begin post-Grandstand removal, targeting Q3 2026.
- 3.2 SL confirmed final preparation of “Permit 3” application due to lodge imminently to the Department , covering five buildings (Cox Place North/South, Grandstand North/South, Stables West). Cox Place buildings are proposed as Build-to-Rent and the permit is expected to be lodged Q2 2025.
- 3.3 In response to a query from Mayor Adams, SL confirmed a circa 7,000m² park is planned (extension of Tote Park), along with multiple publicly accessible green corridors and traffic-free zones. Shared user paths are being integrated across the site, enhancing pedestrian and cyclist access.

4 Stonepine House & Trackside House

- 4.1 SL reported that Trackside House and Stonepine House buildings have topped out and the façade work is nearly completed. The decommissioning of cranes is underway, and due to be completed in June.
- 4.2 SL confirmed completion is expected late 2025.
- 4.3 SL confirmed the Stonepine Square will be delivered as well, with an extension of the square to be delivered with The Eveline. When fully complete Stonepine Square will be around 90m x 40m between the buildings.

5 Community Activations

- 5.1 Erin Thompson (ET) confirmed the 4th annual Beanbag Cinema was held on Saturday, 15 March 2025 with over 600 attendees. Activities included pony rides, face painting, DJ, and screening of *Finding Nemo*. This event continues to be a community favourite.

6 Other Matters/Questions

- 6.1 SL opened the meeting to questions.
- 6.2 Mayor Adams raised a question about potential for a dog park. AB confirmed it was previously proposed and rejected during early council working

group discussions. While a dog park is not currently planned for pre-development, it can be reconsidered as part of long-term infield planning.

- 6.3 Mayor Adams requested an in-person site tour. AB confirmed this can be arranged via Helen, and a broader session with new councillors may be coordinated.

Meeting closed at approximately 6:45pm.