

20240829  
12:30pm – 2:00pm  
18 Coxs River Road  
Little Hartley

## Minutes

### Coxs River Road Community Advisory Group

#### Chair

Kate Walsh (KW) – Manager Communications

#### Attendees

##### **Community Advisory Group**

Chris Deiley (CD)

Ramsay Moodie (RM)

Susie Moodie (SM)

##### **Transport for NSW**

Brittany Aiken (BA) – Community and Customer Engagement Officer

Jackie Barry (JB) – Associate Community and Safety Partner

Kate Walsh (KW) – Manager Communications

Matthew Davis (MD) – Senior Community and Customer Engagement Officer

Paul Polansky (PP) – Senior Manager Transport Technical Solutions

Rochelle McDonald (RM) – Community and Customer Engagement Officer

Van Bardzhamian (VB) – Project Director

##### **Ertech**

David Stevens (DS) – Traffic Manager

Jake Hoppe (JH) – Communications Manager

Kevin Sugiatno (KS) – Project Manager

#### Apologies

- Alistair Lunn (AL), TfNSW
- David Harris (DH), CAG Member
- Michael Antoun (MA), CAG Member
- Sivapatham Aruneswaran (SA), TfNSW

#### Conflict of Interest

Nil

#### Declarations

#### Endorsement of minutes from previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and endorsed.

Actions from previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Regarding Action Item 1 regarding heritage trees:

- MD asked the question about the types of heritage trees the community are interested in.
- Discussion with CAG Member present that the preference would be Turpentine, Pin Oaks, Yellow box and Apple Trees as ornamentals considering the heritage of apple orchards in this area.
- MD has passed on preference to Transport's Landscape Advisor for their review and advice.

**ACTION: Transport's Landscape Advisor to provide advice regarding use of Turpentine, Pin Oaks, Yellow Box and Apple Trees in landscaping as heritage plantings.**

## Items

### Item 1:

Bus stop on connecting road

- RM asked for confirmation that the school community was consulted with, MD confirmed that the local school community utilising bus services were engaged with, and no issues were raised.

**ACTION: JB and DS to meet with SM onsite to discuss concerns with the bus stop on the connecting road.**

### Item 2:

Roadworks

- SM raised an issue with a local resident not being engaged with by the project and landscaping team.

**ACTION: MD to follow up with SA regarding any contact being made to residents living along Coss River Road adjacent to the project boundary to discuss landscaping concerns.**

- SM raised concerns about the timeframe delays in having any progress made on concerns that are raised during CAG.

**ACTION: Transport will provide a monthly update on CAG actions to members to identify any progress in the actions.**

- SM raised concerns about truck movements into Hartley Fresh – DS explained how trucks can safely turn right into Hartley Fresh from the Service Road and then exit via Browns Gap Road and onto the Highway.
- RM asked who is responsible to ensure that the hardstand area remains a one-way and who can stop the owner from making it a two-way?
- RM also raised concerns regarding the sightlines coming out of the hardstand area onto Browns Gap Road. MD identified that the vegetation is on private property and discussions are taking place with property owner.

**ACTION: VB will take following issues to Council to determine a solution: Hartley Fresh hardstand remaining one-way, and the sightlines for drivers existing from the café into Browns Gap Road.**

### Item 3:

Upcoming events

- Long lunch – Saturday 28 September
- Garden weekend – 19/20 October – traffic increased for Baaners Lane – DS confirmed we would be back to two lanes by this point.

### Item 4:

General business

- SM raised concerns from Maple Springs and the Japanese Gardens about their signage. DS confirmed the signage they have always had is still there, has just been moved. SM requested for us to speak with Margaret/Alan about signage, in addition signage for Sharon at the Lolly Bug.

**ACTION: Transport to work on a signage register and will engage with all local businesses once this is determined. Will update the CAG as this progresses.**

- SM raised that the height of the new GWH as it goes past Adam's shed appears very high. Is there going to be landscaping in between the service road and the highway to cover Meads Farm. JH confirmed that the landscaping plan shows that there is a significant number of trees that will be planted in this area but advised they won't be mature trees.
- JH asked if there is anything that Ertech as a project can do for the community. SM identified that the community would have no interest in undertaking tree plantings for the project as has been discussed previously. CD disagreed with this and believed that there would be interest from some parts of the community. There is potential appetite from some parts of the community for a community planting initiative.

**ACTION: Transport and Ertech to put together a plan for a community planting initiative and advertise the event throughout the community.**

- SM mentioned that in the past VB had offered to run a meeting with the community to show the landscaping plans and that the community consensus was that people aren't interested. The plans are still available at the site office for people to come in and view at their leisure. Community is encouraged to reach out to JH so they can make sure someone is present to talk people through the plans.
- RM mentioned that there seems to be some plantings that have taken place between BGR and Meads Farm that were not in the landscaping plan. RM mentioned that they will look great if they are able to hold. VB would need to investigate this if the plantings are not what was on the landscape plan. RM mentioned that in a previous meeting it was mentioned that the trees that are used do vary depending on what is available at the time.

**ACTION: VB to confirm if trees not on the landscaping plans have been planted between Browns Gap Road and Mead Farm, and if so, why.**

- SM raised some additional questions on behalf of the HDPA including:
  - When is the construction completion likely and the likely road opening date?  
SA has confirmed that because of the design changes to the western tie-in and the introduction of the slip lane, it is anticipated to open the project in Q2 of 2025.
  - Prior to road opening will TfNSW consider holding a community meeting to communicate the features of the road and what to expect?  
SA has confirmed it is something we can consider and

if the decision is made to proceed it will not take place until early 2025.

- Once construction is complete, what will happen to the old Adam's Shed site?

SA has confirmed that the property will remain a state government asset and its future use will be at the discretion of Transport Property and Assets Team. Should the decision be made not to retain the property it would be sold through the Public Tender Process.

Item 5:  
Final questions

Nil

Next meeting

Tuesday 26 November 2024, in person at the site office, 18 Cocks River Road or online via MS Teams.

## Actions Register

Date	Project	Action	Notes	Action status To begin, ongoing, in progress, delayed, completed
20240227	Coxs River Road	Transport to provide all future notifications to HDPa for additional distribution.	Noted.	Ongoing
20231128	Coxs River Road	Ertech to have landscape plans available for community to view on site.	Landscape plans are available for the community to come into the site office to view. Community is asked to contact JH in advance so he can ensure someone will be available to talk through the plans to people who attend.	Ongoing
20240829	Coxs River Road	JB and DS to meet with SM onsite to discuss concerns with the bus stop.	<p>JB and DS met with SM to discuss the bus stop on the connecting road. Primary concerns involve space for the bus to stop off the road safely, space for parents to drop off children and remain while waiting for the bus and weather conditions.</p> <p>The bus stop on the connecting road is 36m long and has sufficient space provisions for a bus to stop and two cars to be stationary in this area. Additionally, the bus stop on Service Road 2, east of Browns Gap Road has sufficient space for 3-4 cars in Browns Gap Road.</p> <p>There will also be a shared path that connects the bus stops between Browns Gap Road, Ambermere Drive and Connecting Road 3.</p> <p>It has now been agreed that the bus stop on the connecting road will also have a shelter.</p> <p>Transport is investigating driver manoeuvres for parents dropping children at the bus stop who wish to return to the service road rather than continue on to the highway or vice versa.</p>	Ongoing
20240829	Coxs River Road	MD to follow up with SA regarding any contact being made to residents living along Coxs River Road adjacent to the project boundary to discuss landscaping concerns	The stakeholders in question have been engaged with regarding landscaping. Transport's Landscape Advisor is creating design drawings to share with the stakeholders. Transport will advise when these are ready.	In progress
20240829	Coxs River Road	Transport will provide a monthly update on CAG actions to members to identify any progress in the actions.	Noted	Ongoing
20240829	Coxs River Road	VB will take following issues to Council to determine a solution: Hartley Fresh hardstand remaining one-way, and the sightlines for drivers existing from the café into Browns Gap Road.		In Progress
20240829	Coxs River Road	Transport to work on a signage register and will engage with all local businesses once this is determined. Will update the CAG as this progresses.	Transport has begun working on a plan for business signage and will engage with businesses along the alignment once this plan is ready.	In Progress
20240829	Coxs River Road	VB to confirm if trees not on the landscaping plans have been planted between Browns Gap Road and Mead Farm, and if so, why.	This is likely to occur in the new year as landscaping takes off along the alignment.	To begin
20240829	Coxs River Road	Transport's Landscape Advisor to provide advice regarding use of Turpentine, Pin Oaks, Yellow Box and Apple Trees in landscaping as heritage plantings.	<p>SA has spoken with Transport's Landscape Advisor regarding the possible selections of heritage trees. The response regarding the discussed trees is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pin Oaks – These will be included. Six of these will be planted at the main intersection to the offramp and mound of the westbound abutment. These will be prominent in the final design.</li> <li>Turpentine – This is more of a coastal species and not recommended in this design as it will stand out from other native eucalypts used.</li> </ul>	Completed

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yellow Box – These will be included as substitutes for some of the stock to be used in the TM1 mix.</li> <li>Apple Trees (likely Crabapple) – Ornamental apple trees along the new highway or the bridge are not acceptable due to increased risk of fauna collision. They could be used along the Service Road with agreement from Lithgow City Council.</li> </ul>	
20240829	Coxs River Road	VB to confirm if trees not on the landscaping plans have been planted and why.	SA has confirmed that some species on the plans were required to be substituted due to low or no availability, however when this occurs trees are substituted on a like-for-like basis i.e. a native tree is replaced with a native tree, or a shrub is replaced with another similar shrub. Any substituted species are required to deliver the design intent of the original plant. No further action.	Complete
20240228	Coxs River Road	SA to investigate potential to shift the location of the marked car parks at Hartley Fresh to be distanced from traffic entering the café.	The car parks have been reviewed and all swept paths have demonstrated that there is sufficient space for incoming vehicles to manoeuvre safely without interfering with parked vehicles. No need to shift marked car spots. Action closed.	Complete
20240228	Coxs River Road	SA to investigate installing a stop sign for exiting traffic to remind them to stop and look prior to entering Browns Gap Road.	Stop sign and line installed. Action closed.	Complete
20240227	Coxs River Road	Transport to distribute presentation to all working group members.	Attached to minutes	Complete
20240227	Coxs River Road	SM to check with stakeholder and, if permitted, share contact details with Transport and Ertech.	Email provided to Transport on 27 February 2024, meeting organised for week commencing 11 March 2024.	Complete
20240227	Coxs River Road	SM to provide Transport with update regarding online landscape meeting after discussing with other Progress Association members.	HDPAs have advised members that presentation can be viewed at Ertech office. No further action required.	Complete
20240227	Coxs River Road	SM to provide Transport with the contact details for Lithgow community nursery.	Contact details provided	Complete
20240227	Coxs River Road	Transport to discuss potential collaboration with Lithgow Community Nursery to ensure their involvement in the project.	Lithgow Nursery to provide stock for replanting in vicinity of Hartley Historic Village	Complete
20240227	Coxs River Road	Transport to meet with SM and RM on 28 February to address all BGR concerns in situ.	Refer to meeting details below.	Complete
20240227	Coxs River Road	Team to investigate community update distribution to ensure all residents received the latest update.	Note that this update was not distributed electronically, however physical copies were delivered, and the update is available on the project page. Transport will email registered stakeholders to notify them of future Community Updates and link to project page copy.	Complete
20240227	Coxs River Road	MD to send community advisory group terms of reference to all group members	Attached to minutes	Complete
20240228	Coxs River Road	SA to speak with road designer to confirm reasoning for bus stop on the connecting road.	Response attached to minutes	Complete
20231128	Coxs River Road	Supply the landscaping montages from REF		Complete
20231128	Coxs River Road	Transport to investigate No Entry sign coming from Browns Gap Road into Hartley Fresh hardstand area	Signs were moved to the east of the café to prevent confusion.	Complete
20231128	Coxs River Road	Team to investigate levelling the transition from road to car park	Project team inspected onsite and noted that issue was outside the project boundary.	Complete
20231128	Coxs River Road	Re-examine the speed limit at this section to ensure safety, particularly over Christmas shutdown.	Project team examined and the speed remained 80km during the Christmas shutdown 2023/24.	Complete