



BENALLA WORKING GROUP CHAIR'S UPDATE FEBRUARY 2021

ARTC is committed to keeping the community of Benalla and surrounds up to date and informed on the discussions and options being considered as part of the Inland Rail project in Victoria.

In a new initiative, below is a summary of the latest Benalla Working Group's meeting held on Monday 18 January 2021.

This summary is shared in advance of the formal and endorsed meeting minutes being published on the Inland Rail website.

I independently chaired the meeting, which was attended by nine of the 12 local community representatives who have been appointed as members of the Working Group. This includes two nominated Benalla Rural City Councillors – Cr. Justin King and Cr. Gail O'Brien.

In addition, members of the ARTC Victoria Projects team were invited to attend to respond to key questions posed by Working Group members.

The purpose of the meeting was to:

- ▶ tour the Benalla Station to consider what is currently working and what is not
- ▶ outline the project timeline in Benalla
- ▶ provide an overview of ARTC's proposed community engagement approach
- ▶ discuss project planning phases and future meeting session planning.

The following actions were noted at the meeting:

- ▶ ARTC to provide a summary of feedback to AECOM to be considered as part of the draft Urban Design Framework for Benalla
- ▶ ARTC to publish the endorsed minutes on the Inland Rail website under the Benalla Working Group
- ▶ ARTC to distribute to members current factsheets detailing each phase of the Inland Rail project
- ▶ ARTC to present on the project scope and inclusions at the April meeting
- ▶ the meeting schedule be developed to reflect the timelines of the project phases

- ▶ ARTC develop appropriate consultation options to support the considered review and feedback capture of design concepts from the working group and broader community
- ▶ ARTC request approval from relevant governing bodies to share current site plans with the working group.

We invite all interested members of the Benalla community to register their interest in attending a community information session in March to have your say on what's important.

To learn more about Inland Rail in Benalla, the Benalla Working Group and to read the minutes of meetings held to date visit: inlandrail.artc.com.au/bwg

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Got feedback or want to know more? Pre-register to attend one of our community consultation sessions or online forums in March 2021. Email @ victoriaprojects@artc.com.au; call ☎ **1800 732 761** or visit 🌐 inlandrail.com.au/t2a for more information.