VBA investigates Mt Waverley building site collapse

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA), City of Monash executives and councillors, Victoria Police and WorkSafe officers attended a community meeting in Mt Waverley on Wednesday night (22 July) to explain the process that will see it investigate practitioners involved in the Mt Waverley construction site excavation collapse.

VBA Director Enquiries and Dispute Resolution David Wolf explained that as the regulator of the building and plumbing industries, the VBA has responsibilities in relation to the registration of building practitioners and investigation of their activities where there is evidence of non-compliance with the Building Act 1993 and the Building Regulations 2006.

In relation to the Mt Waverley site collapse, the VBA’s investigation will consider the conduct of the building practitioners involved and a review of the building permit, to determine details of the protection work that was required for the project.

Protection work is the precautionary steps required under the building permit for the excavation and preparation of a site to ensure the safety of neighbouring properties and their occupants as well as those people working on the building site itself.

Understanding the scope of the building permit will assist the VBA in determining what appropriate action is required in relation to the building practitioners involved in the project. This includes possible prosecution or disciplinary action.

The VBA is working with the City of Monash Municipal Building Surveyor who has the responsibility under the Act to determine what immediate rectification actions need to be taken.

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