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General Meeting

The next General Meeting of the Parkville Association will be held on Tuesday 3rd July at 8pm in College Church Hall, Gatehouse Street, Parkville. The proposed truck ban for Gatehouse Street and the Storey Street Market Wall are currently on the agenda. All residents are warmly invited to attend and to raise any local issues. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided following the meeting.

Winter Warmer

The Winter Warmer will be held on Tuesday 7th August 2007 at 6.30pm in College Church Hall. The Warmer is an evening of fine food, providing an excellent opportunity for residents to meet each other. All Parkville residents are invited to attend. We extend a special welcome to new residents and those who have not previously attended. The Winter Warmer has always been a very popular event as residents find it a most enjoyable evening, and a great way to get to know your neighbours.

Annual General Meeting

The last edition of Parkville News did not include the following elected positions of the Parkville Association: Secretary – Anne Rickards; Treasurer – Margaret Dean. Apologies for the omission.

Traffic, by Brenda Frok

The latest news on the proposed total truck ban in South Parkville

On 10th April 2007 the City of Melbourne (COM) Engineering Services Group presented a submission to the Truck Operations Committee (TOC) for a 24-hour truck ban in South Parkville and in particular Gatehouse Street. The TOC is an advisory body to Vic Roads and is represented by Emergency Services, Ambulance, Fire Brigade, Police, Vic Transport Assoc, Transport Workers Union, RACV and several Community Representatives. The final decision of the TOC is made by Mr Rob Freemantle, Regional Manager Vic Roads North West Region. At the April meeting the TOC did not support a 24-hour truck ban in Gatehouse Street. However, the TOC invited the COM to represent on 21st May and requested the COM Engineers to provide written evidence of support for a total truck ban from both trucking companies and the local community as well as provide additional technical information on traffic volumes and movements.

The Parkville Association contacted Bronwyn Pike MP seeking further support and also prepared a submission for the 21st May meeting. Copies of the PA submission were sent to Tim Pallas, Minister for Roads and Ports, Bronwyn Pike MP, Lord Mayor John So and Geoff Robinson COM Group Manager, Engineering

Services. In response, the PA received letters of support from Bronwyn Pike, John So and the Royal Park Protection Group Convenor Julianne Bell. These letters were attached to our submission as well as relevant sections of the NCCCS Draft Report, Scenario Appraisal Report, COM Minutes and Action Items (supporting a total truck ban in Gatehouse Street) and forwarded to Rob Freemantle.

Further, a notice was delivered to all South Parkville residents requesting emails and letters of support for the total truck ban in Gatehouse Street to be forwarded to Haig Poulson COM Principal Engineer. As a result, there was a fantastic response from South Parkville residents and Haig was delighted to receive at least 60 letters and emails. Copies of this correspondence were tabled at the TOC meeting. In addition, written support from 30 Trucking Companies indicating that they have no specific objection to the removal of trucks from South Parkville substantially strengthened the COM submission.

Moreover, Geoff Robinson has advised the PA that the May meeting went well and COM Engineers felt they were given a fair hearing. The PA was hoping to be able to announce the outcome of this meeting but as yet a final decision has not been made. We believe that The Minister Tim Pallas has spoken to Rob Freemantle. The community will be informed as soon as a decision is announced.

Importantly, we acknowledge all the hard work put in by Geoff Robinson and his Engineering team. They have certainly given it their best shot to re-establish the 'Local Street' status for Gatehouse Street. A favourable outcome and further traffic mitigation works will remove trucks and decrease traffic volumes in South Parkville.

It is also important to recognise the contribution of our local member Bronwyn Pike MP without whose support

no progress was possible.

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Parkville Pub Night Continues

Locals continue to meet at *The Castle* hotel (cnr Courtney & Chetwynd Sts, N. Melbourne) for 7.30 p.m. dinner on the third Tuesday of the month. It's always a jolly evening in the warm and comfortable environment of *The Castle*, where the service is friendly and efficient and it really is "good pub grub" at a very reasonable cost. You are welcome to contact Heather Mathew (9347 7173) who books a table according to needs on the Tuesday morning.

Website

The Parkville Association website is currently undergoing a much needed update. Please check it regularly at <http://www.parkvilleassociation.org.au> for publications, upcoming events and contact details.

Laptop theft

Recently a number of laptop computers have been stolen from houses in Park Drive. Parkville residents should take care when leaving laptops on desks in front of a window. Unfortunately vertical bars on the window do not prevent the thief from breaking the glass and taking the laptop.

Tennis

Parkville Tennis Club offers free social tennis every Wednesday 10am to 1pm for seniors (over 35). Racquets are provided along with morning tea. Free social tennis is also provided first Friday evening of the month from 6pm and last Sunday afternoon of the month from 2pm. For any queries call Anne on 0412 279 156.

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