



PARKVILLE NEWS

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MELBOURNE CUP DAY

~ CHAMPERS IN THE PARK ~



TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2013

FROM 5.00PM – 6.30PM

Come along and join your neighbours and friends and enjoy the delightful Native Garden in Royal Park.

In the event of rain we will transfer to College Church Hall

It was great to see such a large gathering of Parkvillians at the Spring Fling at Naughton's on the 13th September. Everyone voted this new idea a success with the enjoyment of conversation going well into the night

EAST – WEST LINK

The City of Melbourne held a community forum on the impact of the East West Link on October 8. A large crowd packed the meeting room with many Parkville residents present.

Whilst the meeting gave participants the opportunity to vent their position re the link (100% against) the council officers were not able to express a view as they are awaiting the receipt of the Comprehensive Impact Statement (CIS) to be released by the Government.

The CIS is due to be released on November 1, 2013 and the City of Melbourne will host a public information session on November 13.

All speakers spoke strongly against the construction of the link for many reasons, some of which follow:

- No business case presented
- No funds for key public transport rail projects
- No traffic modelling
- Not in City of Melbourne 2008 Transport Strategy or MSS
- Destruction of Melbourne's major park – Royal Park
- Loss of significant sports fields

We were told at the meeting that there would be a loss of 5000 trees and 9.5 hectares of parkland in Royal Park.

We anxiously await the presentation of the CIS which hopefully will enable residents to assess the situation with the construction of the link.

The Parkville Ensemble

We are delighted to welcome back the Parkville Ensemble with reintroduction of our pleasant Sunday afternoon musical events

Sunday 8th December
5.00pm
College Church Hall

Tickets \$20
Concession \$15



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL REVIEW

The foreword to this review states:

Our commitment to democratic government requires ongoing efforts to ensure that the electoral systems under which we choose our local government representatives are fair, transparent and promote effective participation.

These values are fundamental and electoral systems that embody them promote the election of representatives that will make decisions best serving the interests of the Victorian community.

A discussion paper produced by the review panel may be viewed on:

lg.electoralreview@dtpli.vic.gov.au Phone: 1300 736 075

Comments on this discussion paper are welcomed and may be written, emailed or made on the website.

Major considerations appear to be that;

- I. Corporations that own or occupy property in Melbourne are allowed two votes
- II. Company deeming's is another complicated issue
- III. Resident occupiers (including international students) who are not on the state roll are eligible to vote if they are a resident for at least one month
- IV. Should voting be postal voting or attendance voting? There is some suggestion that postal voting could be manipulated.
- V. The present act requires disclosure of donations within 40 days after the election. To be effective, donations should be disclosed prior to the election.

Interested residents should access the report and express their views.

For a copy, please call 0401 697 221. Submissions close November 5, 2013

We are pleased to advise that at the Parkville Association general meeting on Tuesday 10th December that we will be addressed by Daniel Soussan who is a senior planning officer at the City of Melbourne

Daniel has generously volunteered his time to bring us up to date with all the details associated with planning within the city. Please take this opportunity to come along and hear Daniel and possibly ask questions regarding your own concerns. Remember 10th December at 8.00pm at College Church Hall.

PLANNING ISSUES

The Parkville Association has, over the last year continued monitoring planning applications within the area. These planning applications at times conflict with what may be perceived to be in the best interests of the neighbours and the precinct in general. Broadly, there are usually the applicant and their advisors, the City of Melbourne planning department and their heritage advisors as well as any other interested parties. Further to this there may be private planning consultants or legal advisors that may advise any party concerned. In most cases the applications are dealt with on an individual basis and an outcome is reached which may or may not please different parties. Objectors to the planning permit receive notification of the intention of the planning authority (The City of Melbourne) that they are going to issue a planning permit. Any party may appeal to the Victorian Civil Administration Tribunal (VCAT) against the decision. When an appeal is lodged with VCAT there is always the opportunity to apply for mediation as part of the negotiations. Appeals to VCAT require a fee to be paid and then there is a process put in place which if followed through will result in a hearing at VCAT where a member of the planning list of VCAT will hear all sides of the dispute and make a ruling.

In the last 6 months, the Parkville association has been involved in one such process concerning the extension to a building at the rear of a house. Because we thought that the application may set a precedent we followed through the process until an application to VCAT was placed. Fortunately in this case we continued to talk to the council and the applicant through their architects and a resolution that all parties were happy with was achieved thus averting a VCAT hearing. We appreciate the good faith in which all the parties conducted these negotiations.

PARKVILLE POST OFFICE ISSUE FINALLY RESOLVED

The City of Melbourne tree planning / urban landscape department have done a wonderful job of planting trees in South Parkville under their 'Urban Forest Strategy'. The recently planted trees in Bayles Street were supported by residents, and assessed and supported by traffic engineers. However, the tree on the corner of Bayles and Fitzgibbon Streets (outside the post office) proved to be a hazard and an obstruction to the easy flow of park and go traffic.

Post Office proprietors Kaye and Gus Smith were not happy with the tree location and also the loss of two parking spaces. Comments from many customers confirmed their view. After unsuccessfully trying to resolve the issue, Kaye approached the Parkville Association for assistance. Officers in tree planning stressed the need for continuity in planting and the design had the approval of the community and was not considered to be a traffic hazard by Engineering.

Discussion with officers resulted in the removal of the tree and the re-instatement of the bitumen and historic bluestone. An extra parking spot was returned near the corner however, the section between the driveway and the lane does not comply with regulation 6 metre parking space, and so only one space has been marked. With the addition of two bike racks we now have a safe and convenient space to access the Post Office.

The Parkville Association would like to thank officers from tree planning/urban landscapes department for considering the community's wishes and quickly rectifying the situation. Thanks also to Kaye and Gus at the Post Office for their friendly good service and response to their customers wishes.

Brenda Frok - Parkville Association Committee & Traffic Sub-Committee