



# THE PARKVILLE ASSOCIATION Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

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**General Meeting – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2003 at 8.00 p.m.,  
Performance Centre, University High School, Story Street, Parkville**

**Guest Speaker: Kenneth Davidson (of *The Age*)  
on  
Politics & The Spin**

*Kenneth Davidson is renowned for his incisive comment on public issues - he has been a forceful critic of the Games Village plans for Royal Park. Come and hear him!*

### **Parkville Association Committee for 2003**

The Association's Annual General Meeting was held on 4 March 2003, and the following new committee was appointed:

*President:* Tim Todhunter (Telephone 9347 5964)  
*Vice President:* Beverly Kennedy (Tel: 9347 2746) *Vice President:* Brian Evans (Tel: 9347 5992)  
*Secretary:* Lesley Bretherton *Treasurer:* Margaret Dean

*Committee Members:* Ian Bicks, Ken Bretherton, Maggie Fooke, Brenda Frok, Jean Leitinger, Heather Mathew, Brian Moroney, Nicholas White, John Drennan (*Public Officer*).

### **Parkville Association Calendar of Events 2003**

Event	Date & Time	Venue
Committee Meeting	3 June at 8.00 p.m.	College Church Hall, 188 Gatehouse Street, Parkville
General Meeting	1 Jul at 8.00 p.m.	College Church Hall
Winter Warmer Dinner	5 Aug at 6.00 p.m.	College Church Hall
Committee Meeting	12 Aug at 8.00 p.m.	College Church Hall
General Meeting	2 Sept at 8.00 p.m.	College Church Hall
Committee Meeting	7 Oct at 8.00 p.m.	College Church Hall
Cup Day – Champers in the Park	4 Nov at 5.00 p.m.	Adjacent to Native Garden
Committee Meeting	2 Dec. at 8.00 p.m.	College Church Hall

### **Superb Parkville Ensemble Concert**

Mozart's Clarinet Quintet and Mendelssohn's Octet were performed superbly by the Ensemble on 9 March 2003 in College Church Hall. The Ensemble has promised more music for 2003 – details to be advised.

### **The Wall**

Partial demolition of the Northern Cattle Market Wall in Flemington Road commenced early in April, in accordance with the permit which allows the Flemington Road wall to be taken down to the triple yellow brick string course, leaving the wall approximately one metre high. The bricks from this demolition will be reused

by the University in the reconstruction of the missing section of the wall in Park Drive, around the Flemington Road corner and across the face of the Veterinary Science building, almost linking up with the remnant of the original wall.

### **Parkville Treasures no. 2, by *Norah Killip***

West Parkville has a new street with an old name. The original name for Manningham Street was Emu Street indicating perhaps the presence of emus on Royal Park. Needing a name for the lane behind the eastern side of Church Street the Melbourne City Council settled on the name Emu Lane. It is full of history displayed in its old

corrugated iron, brick privies etc. and is well worth a visit.

**Parkville People**

*Marjorie Horne*

Still with a twinkle in her eyes at the age of 94, Marj Horne came to Parkville from Hobart in 1909, “as a babe in arms”, she says. The Horne family’s first home in Parkville was in Story Street. Marj remembers being sent off to Errol Street Primary School at the age of five. Her secondary schooling was at Coburg, since University High School was not at this time established. Marj recalls taking the cable tram to Moreland Road, and from there an electric tram took her to the school at Coburg.

At this time, Parkville shops supplied most of the residents’ needs. There was a bakery on the corner of Morrah & Fitzgibbon Streets, a grocer, a boot maker in Morrah Street, a florist, a greengrocer in Fitzgibbon Street near the Morrah Street corner and Trotter’s, the local dairy, was to be found where the Wimble Street Child Care centre is now located. Of course there was a butcher, where the Laundromat now operates, and there was a garage nearby in Wimble Street. Another dairy was located in Park Drive and further along there was also a shop known as “The Dugout”; modern town houses now stand on this location near Royal Parade.

Marj was something of a tomboy it seems, and while Parkville may have been the centre of her world, she and her young friends roamed the University grounds, for where now the Concrete Lawn is found in front of Union House, there was once a lake – a child’s dream playground with its small central “islands” one of which could be accessed by a small bridge. This was the place to play pirates – or to fish for yabbies! Marj also roamed the wilds of Royal Park where she conducted pistol practice by firing her

revolver (a gift from her father) into the ground - until the police apprehended her!

Marj left home at the age of twelve. Her working life has been full of variety. Marj has been a sports trainer, a chauffeuse (complete with uniform and peaked cap). She taught driving and became an expert engine mechanic at Alice Anderson’s all female Workshop in Kew. This ultimately led to her job at the government aircraft factory at Fishermen’s Bend where during World War II she inspected the Beaufort bombers. She also organized weekend hiking trips for the aircraft workers. Marj was a professional fisherwoman for some time, and lived at “Waratah Bay” where she kept the General Store for many years.

Although she spent years away from Parkville, Marj eventually returned to look after her ailing mother. She sold her Grattan Street property to buy a Parkville house. Marj was associated with secondhand dealerships for over 45 years, initially in Errol Street, North Melbourne, later in Northcote where she still has a fortnightly job as security officer at a secondhand dealership.

She has fond memories of early Parkville – its wide open streets, its colourful mix of musicians, artists, intellectuals, the ability to know who was who and yet to retain one’s privacy. She has been a very active contributor to the Parkville community and became Treasurer of the Parkville Association during its early years, and continued in this role for sixteen years.

Marj suggests Parkville could do with one or two more park benches for folk like herself to rest on during their walks: a thought for the future?

**Membership of the Parkville Association - payments for January – December 2003 are due.**

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<b>Annual membership</b>	<b>– Individual \$15</b>	<b>Concession \$7.50</b>	<b>Family \$35</b>
<b>Life membership</b>	<b>– Individual \$150</b>		
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