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NEWSLETTER

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Cup Day – Champers in the Reserve

Tuesday 2nd November 2004, from 5.30 pm to dusk

Put on your best hat and join us in the park for the annual Parkville Association Champagne-in-the-Park-Party: this year to be held in **Ievers Reserve (between Bayles & Morrah Streets)**. This is an opportunity to recognize the Stan Dean memorial, as a seat is to be installed there in late October. First glass of bubbly or lemonade or mineral water is on us. After that you may bring your own picnic, certainly bring your friends. Norah and John will supply their famous ported cheese and biscuits.

*If the weather is wet, the venue will be at the nearby College Church Hall, 188 Gatehouse Street.
All welcome.*

Calendar of Events 2004 – update your Diary NOW! Friends and guests welcome.

Event	Date & Time	Details
Cup Day – Champers in the Reserve	Tues 2 Nov 5.30 – 7.00 pm	See notice above
Parkville Ensemble Concert	Sun 21 Nov 4.00 pm	See below
Wine Bottling	Sat 27 Nov at 3.00 pm	32 Morrah Street, Parkville (rear of property). For orders see page 4.
General Meeting	Tues 7 Dec at 8.00 pm	All welcome to attend

Venue: Functions are held at College Church Hall, 188 Gatehouse Street, Parkville, unless otherwise noted.

Not to be missed ...

Parkville Ensemble Concert

The Parkville Ensemble's third concert of 2004 will be on

Sunday 21st November 2004

at 4 pm

in College Church Hall

The main work will be Schubert's C major quintet – arguably one of the greatest chamber works in the repertoire. Watch for further program details closer to the event; but *reserve this date now!*

Interior Design Presentation a Winner

Peter Holloway of Hawthorne Design & Décor gave an informative and enjoyable presentation on Victorian décor and design at the General

Meeting on 7/9/2004. In spite of the wintry weather, the meeting was well attended and supper provided a great catch-up time and further opportunity to quiz our speaker.

Parkville Treasure No. 11, by *Norah Killip*
The Wedding Cake Church

College Church was built in 1898, and as many people will recognize it was placed on a vacant site which was the boggy headwaters of Ievers Creek which started from a spring close by. The red brick, and white Oamaru stone church was called by the locals, “The Wedding Cake Church” at this time, as the white sandstone was crystalline and dazzling when first cut. The soft stone soon discoloured and, particularly on the eastern side, is now badly stained and weathered. The tower was topped by a crown steeple, similar to that in King’s College Aberdeen, one of the dozen or so crown steeples in the world. This crown began to decay some years ago and was dismantled on the order of the MCC, who deemed it to be un-safe. It awaits restoration.

At the end of this month College Church will be a valuable contributor to the history of the Congregation of Mark the Evangelist, at Union Memorial Uniting Church, Curzon Street, for on October 29th to 31st they will be celebrating their 150th birthday with an historic display in the Elm Street Hall. Entrance is free.

The exhibition will be open all Saturday, from 10am to 5pm and Sunday from 11.30am – 1.00pm, 2.00pm – 3.00pm, and after a concert given by Fonte Musicale and Trinity College Choir. This latter is to be in the church at 3.00pm. Entrance by donation to Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project.

PTAG – Traffic News, by *Stuart Riley*
Parkville Traffic Action Group (PTAG, a sub committee of the Parkville Association) and the Melbourne City Council (MCC) are working on several proposals to reduce and manage Parkville’s traffic. PTAG has launched a website to provide information on the proposals at www.bassdata.com.au/ptag/. Anyone without regular access to the Internet can contact Stuart Riley on 9347 5431.

Traffic issues will be on the agenda of a Parkville Association general meeting on 7th December 2004. One such issue is the proposal to calm traffic in the corporation laneways adjacent to Ievers Reserve – for input or news on these options contact Brenda Frok on 9347 3490 or visit the website.

PTAG – Electronic Crime/Traffic Watch Scheme, by *Stuart Riley*

PTAG is currently designing a new crime prevention initiative in consultation with Victoria Police. The scheme, which is optional and free, aims to provide two-way communication on traffic and crime offences between residents and Police. Participating residents will be encouraged to report offences to Police through a dedicated channel, examples include: -

1. trucks on Parkville streets outside curfew times
2. people door knocking and asking for people who do not live at that address (the Modus Operandi of a spate of Parkville break ins in the past – if no answer, the thieves break in at the rear of the property). Residents could report actual break ins or descriptions of suspicious people at the front door
3. vehicles speeding up Ievers Reserve laneways.

The Police would keep e-mail addresses of participating residents and send news updates weekly including recent crimes, methods used and tips of the week. This scheme is still in development and has been endorsed in principle by the Parkville Association committee. PTAG expects a November launch – more details are available at www.bassdata.com.au/ptag/crime.htm or from Allan Roberts on 0422 126782.

Parkville People

Dr Margaret Henderson

The bulldozers were tearing up ground for playing fields when Margaret arrived in Parkville in 1957. “The miasma of Camp Pell still hung over the Park”, she says.

Margaret took up residence in a large terrace house in north Parkville. She enjoyed her spacious garden with its giant lemon-scented gum and its peppercorn trees and stayed on there until her retirement in 1988. She then moved into a smaller, modern residence, still in north Parkville with its unparalleled outlook over the park and the nearby grand boulevard of Royal Parade and its glorious elms.

The character of this part of Parkville has changed, she observes, with many more transients, and an increased numbers of students. Margaret enjoys the variety that makes up the residential community, with its spread of age and interests including many young people.

Initially, she was attracted by the area's proximity to the city, to Collins Street in particular with its consulting rooms, and the easy access to the Royal Melbourne Hospital, where she was an honorary physician for many years. Margaret has enjoyed the proximity to Melba Hall and its excellent musical programmes, the city, and the intellectual stimulus provided by the University and nearby research institutes. The time and energy she once devoted to professional interests has been diverted to the compilation of family historical records.

"The Carlton Residents' Association and the Parkville Association have done good work overall in the preservation of amenities", Margaret says. She considers it important to preserve the Victorian heritage elements, especially in South Parkville.

Practical needs must be taken care of as well; and Margaret cites the Royal Melbourne Hospital's underground car parking as an example of such. She sees flexibility to be important especially in addressing issues of change. There will always be a need for transient accommodation; but she considers this does not justify high-rise developments such as the University Square proposal. "Compromise is essential for a diverse, balanced community", she says.

Margaret observes that it is difficult in a community organization such as ours to offer challenge or attraction, as many members have a range of commitments to alternative organizations and in a neighbourhood where there are many transients including young adults there is limited orientation towards community. Nevertheless, she continues to take an interest in community life in Parkville, and particularly enjoys the Parkville Ensemble's concerts.

McKenzie's Guest House

McKenzie's can be handy for those times when there just aren't enough beds for visiting friends or relatives, and the Gee family advises that there is now a website at www.mckenziehouse.com.au

Over 45? IMLAC May Interest You

If you are over 45, and would like to meet people and join in a range of interesting activities, the Inner Melbourne Life Activities Club (IMLAC) may be of value. The Life Planning Foundation of Australia has 29 Life Activities Clubs around Melbourne and Victoria with over 6000 members. The Foundation has been established for 20 years. Each of its clubs operates autonomously with its members deciding what their activity groups will be and organizing activities to cater for their different interests. A newsletter is produced by each club, and a nominal annual fee is collected.

This not for profit social club has contacted the Association via Melbourne City Council. For further information, visit the website at www.life.org.au or telephone Lindsay on 9654 9554.

What House is That?

Produced for the Year of the Built Environment, this heritage booklet is a guide to Victoria's housing styles from the 1840s through 1970. It is available free of charge from the Building Commission (9285 6400); Heritage Victoria (9655 6519); Information Victoria (1300 366 356) and from the Architext Bookshop, 41 Exhibition Street, Melbourne.

Erratum: in Newsletter no. 4 August 2004, page 2, Parkville People - Remembering Margaret Lowther: this information was kindly supplied by Eleanor Pugsley and the acknowledgement was omitted.

Membership invitation: all who live or work in Parkville are welcome to join the Association so don't miss the opportunity to play your part in the Parkville community. Become a member by completing the form below. Memberships are for the calendar year January – December.

MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

Name:	Phone:
Address:	Email:
Renewal or New Member (please circle)	
Annual membership	– Individual \$15 Concession \$7.50 Family \$35
Life membership	– Individual \$150
And/or donation for Heritage Fund \$..... and/or General Fund \$.....	
Total amount enclosed \$	
Cheques should be made payable to The Parkville Association Inc.	

Send form and payment to The Treasurer, Parkville Association, PO Box 54, Parkville 3052.

Parkville Association Wine Bottling

3pm Saturday 27th November 2004

32 Morrah Street, Parkville

Post/fax/phone or email order to:

32 Morrah Street Parkville

9347 0931 - lesley@maconline.com.au by Monday 22nd
November, 2004

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

St Anne's Semillon Chardonnay 2002 A classic dry white. Semillon gives a zesty citrus zing to the richer characters offered by Chardonnay. It is a delightful food wine with attractive complexity and great mouth appeal. An award winning wine	... Bottles@ \$10 \$..... ... Dozen @ \$115 \$.....
St Anne's Merlot – 2003 Fresh fruit with berry and plum flavours with a soft round finish. Drink with lamb, duck or pasta	... Bottles@ \$10 \$..... ... Dozen @ \$115 \$.....
Strathbogie Shiraz 2003 Big and powerful shiraz showing coffee and vanilla characters combined with a little pepper. Soft clean finish.	... Bottles@ \$12 \$..... ... Dozen @ \$135 \$.....
Brut Cuvee - Sparkling White Clean and fresh with a dry finish. This is our most popular wine. Great for Christmas and New year celebrations	... Bottles@ \$10 \$..... ... Dozen @ \$115 \$.....
Cheques payable to Parkville Association	Total \$.....

Come and help bottle, label and most importantly taste the wine and meet your neighbours. Proceeds will go towards a commemorative seat for Stan Dean, foundation president of the Parkville Association.