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News from the President

As the Association is about to enter its 50th year in 2017, I'd like to mention some of this year's achievements. To be part of an Association that is 50 years old is a great feeling given the hard work that our original members put in to maintain the heritage of this wonderful area!

Events

On the community side, we had a very well attended 'Winter Warmer' in early August at Melbourne Zoo at the invitation of the Zoo's Victoria Director, Kevin Tanner. The highlight was seeing many of our members on the carousel!!!! We also participated at the Wimble Street Child Care Centre fete in October where it was great to chat with quite a few Parkville residents about the Association and the area's history.

Communication

Our Facebook site/page continues to attract increased traffic with items of interest regularly added by Tom Agar. As we foreshadowed in the July edition, due to cost and efficiency considerations, we will be moving away from 'hard copy' versions of the newsletter. For this reason, we would like to be able to email future editions of the newsletter to members and residents but to do this, we need your email address. Please send to:

parkvilleassociation@gmail.com

Relations with the City Council

In relation to planning and heritage issues and traffic and parking, we have met with senior staff from Council's Planning and Traffic departments on actions that affect Parkville's amenity. Where appropriate, we will engage on site-specific issues where there is a wider issue at stake. For example, the Association supported West Parkville residents in their opposition to the planned removal of five Lemon Scented Gum trees in the Flemington Road/Mount Alexander Road intersection with Citylink. We also have had the latest traffic and parking survey results provided to us.

Increased membership

We've offering membership until 2017 for new or returning members - please encourage your friends and neighbours to join so you can come along to the Pre-Christmas dinner at the member's price. With Community being a major plank of this Committee, we particularly look forward to former members rejoining.

If you are unable to attend our Pre Christmas dinner, the Committee wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a successful 2017.

Rob Moore

Parkville Association President

**Pre-Christmas Dinner at Naughtons Parkville Hotel
Monday, 12 December 2016 at 7.00 p.m.**

see page 4 for details

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

50th anniversary of establishment of the Association

July 2017 will mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Parkville Association in 1967 – a wonderful achievement. This ranks the Association with the Paddington Society (NSW) founded in 1964 and Carlton Association (now Carlton Residents Association) founded in 1969 while the East Melbourne Group dates from 1953!!

The Association's longevity is a testament to the pioneers and many active members over the intervening years who have been committed to protecting and enhancing the heritage values of Parkville's built environment and the social values of the local community. We hope to arrange some special events during the 50th Anniversary year – any suggestions appreciated - watch the website and Facebook.

Communications

Newsletter

This is likely to be the last 'hard copy' newsletter to be prepared and distributed around South Parkville. In future, all news will be communicated on various digital platforms. If you or your neighbours are not 'device-savvy', please let the Secretary know and we will make other arrangements to keep you informed of the Association's activities.

Facebook

The Association's Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/ParkvilleAssociation>), administered by Tom Agar, is attract increasing traffic. We welcome comments, discussion and photos about issues relevant to Parkville.

Traffic management matters

Results of parking survey

At the November Committee meeting, Ross Goddard, Senior Transport Planner, City of Melbourne presented results of the recent parking surveys conducted in South Parkville.- weekday (1.00pm), night time (11pm), and weekend (11.00am-12.30pm) – the results are available on the Association's website (<http://www.parkvilleassociation.org.au/news/latest-news>).

Based on these results, Ross considered that the parking restrictions in South Parkville are generally working well but with some local variations. There is a relatively high weekday daytime occupancy of all parking spaces by non-residents presumably in part because some residents who park on street drive to work elsewhere.

The Association will continue to work with Council officers to ensure that parking availability and usage balances the needs of residents and visitors to South Parkville. If there are areas where there are parking issues (including enforcement), please let the Association know or approach Council directly.

Results of traffic counts and speeds

The results of recent traffic counts and speeds on South Parkville streets are available on the Association's website (<http://www.parkvilleassociation.org.au/news/latest-news>). Average traffic volumes have increased over last 12 months on most streets surveyed while vehicle speeds were generally fairly consistent with previous recorded levels.

Roundabouts on Park Drive

As part of the planning for alterations to the roundabout at Park Drive and Storey Street, Council officers have agreed that there would not be marked pedestrian crossings and related signage as part of this roundabout in response to the Association's view about lower pedestrian traffic at this intersection and impacts on the heritage amenity from related signage.

The Association will approach Council to review the extent and placement of signage at the recently upgraded roundabout at Park Drive and Storey Street as it appears to be overdone in this heritage precinct, for example, two signs could be put on one pole.

SUBMISSIONS BY THE ASSOCIATION

Permit Applications

'Saunders House', 90 Gatehouse Street

The Association lodged an objection to the potential impacts on local heritage streetscapes of aspects of planned changes to the 'Saunders House'. An application by other parties to have this property included on the Victorian Heritage Register was unsuccessful.

118 Gatehouse Street

While VCAT didn't accept the case put by the Association and two nearby residents, several matters were raised in the decision that the Association may take up with the City Council, namely:

- the heritage rating of levers Reserve and levers Lane
- the need for an updated Master Plan for levers Reserve which includes consideration of heritage attributes and interpretation.

The Melbourne Metro EES

The Association presented the key issues of its submission on the EES to the Inquiry/ Advisory Committee in late September. The Association has been approached to meet with one of the three shortlisted tenderers for this large project. This meeting will be held in early December.

Yarra Trams – plans for Royal Parade

In response to an inquiry from the Association following on from the proposed 'superstop' in Royal Parade north of Grattan Street as part of the Melbourne Metro project, the Yarra Trams CEO of Yarra Trams advised that all stops along Royal Parade will need to be upgraded to provide level access to trams in the future. These works are still in the planning stage with no current timeframe for completion.

The Association will continue to liaise with Yarra Trams for details of its planning and a copy of standard design for 'superstops' and to engage early in the planning process.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Feedback requested

HELP US HELP YOU: We are seeking some feedback on the Parkville Association to help us better direct our attention to the local issues you value the most. Please take 5 minutes to complete our secure anonymous survey via this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JMY6V66>

Lighting of new public toilets on Gatehouse Street

The Association will write to the Lord Mayor to request a review of the different lighting types and colours as well as cessation of white ring of light on toilet itself after sunset (as opening hours of this toilet need to be related to the daylight hours for park usage).

PRE-CHRISTMAS DINNER

The **Pre-Christmas dinner** will be held at Naughtons Parkville Hotel on Locals Night, at 7.00pm, **Monday, 12 December**.

Come along and catch up with friends and neighbours before the Festive season. Ryan Moses, the new proprietor of Naughtons, will talk about plans for the upgrading of the pub in early 2017.

Cost for 2 course set menu (starter & main), drinks at own cost

\$30.00	Members and guests
\$40.00	non Members

Bookings essential by Friday, 9 December:
email parkvilleassociation@gmail.com or ring Helen on 0418 469 059.

MEMBERSHIP

Don't miss the opportunity to play your part in the Parkville community, attend our functions, and use your Association to take up your concerns.

Become a member now until the end of 2017 by contacting the Secretary or by completing the form below or online at:

<http://www.parkvilleassociation.org.au/members/join-the-association>

MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

Name:

Phone: (H) _____ (M) _____

Address:

Email:

Renewal or New Member (please tick)

Annual Membership Individual \$20 Concession \$10.00 Family \$35

Donation for Heritage Fund \$..... and/or General Fund \$.....

Total amount enclosed \$.....

Cheques should be made payable to The Parkville Association Inc. and mailed with the form to PO Box 54, Parkville. 3052.

Or EFT funds to BSB 063158 Acct No 1004 6445 with surname in 'description' box and email the form to parkvilleassociation@gmail.com