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Celebrating 50 years protecting
Parkville’s heritage and amenity**

News from the President

Now that we all have a plethora of international and national news media at our disposal on our devices, I frequently have residents of Parkville saying to me that they really appreciate getting the Association’s yellow newsletter delivered (by volunteers) to their physical letter box. On this basis, we will continue to periodically publish and distribute the ‘yellow newsletter’.

Melbourne Metro

The Association works very closely with the community and key stakeholders and this takes a lot of our time. I have recently joined the Melbourne Metro Community Reference Group representing the Parkville Association. This group is independently chaired and is working with different communities impacted by the project. Naturally we are very much in favour of the project, however, we have to realise that, for at least the first five years of construction, Parkville will be heavily disrupted. The areas are:

• **Traffic**

We are very fortunate that Melbourne City Council worked with us to ensure that Gatehouse Street does not become a key part of the diversions once construction starts. There was also a proposal that even Park Drive was used and you may have seen notes last week from Melbourne Metro. This was replaced by an apology in their latest newsletter. Regardless, given the closure of Grattan Street as the main way into Carlton from the north-west, there will be more traffic through Parkville. We will be working with Council monitoring this to hopefully avoid any disruption. For those who drive to Carlton from Parkville, College Crescent is the main option.

• **Parking**

As noted in the August newsletter, officers from Council’s Engineering Department have been consulting with the Association about proposed changes to parking controls in the South Parkville area. Council officers consider that some changes are needed ahead of the start of full-scale construction, to improve consistency of time limits throughout the precinct, and to try to balance the parking demands of residents and the general public for up to seven years especially along the western interface with Royal Park and the eastern interface with the University, hospitals, churches etc.

There will be several hundred construction workers in Parkville daily and while the construction companies will provide some parking, naturally finding a suburb adjacent with all day parking available on weekends, they will use it! Hence revising weekend restrictions. For residents who live along Royal Parade or Gatehouse Street, they are used to being parked out over weekends.

The objective is that Parkville does not become like other inner city suburbs and we have to get used to parking several blocks away from our homes.

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Planning issues

The Association has several planning issues before it at present in both South Parkville (residential additions) and North Parkville (large scale student accommodation developments). The Association is responsive to our members genuine concerns about planning applications. Where a direct neighbour has an issue with an application which relates to planning policy issues that have the potential to individually or collectively adversely affect residential amenity, heritage conservation and/or local traffic and parking, the Association will consider lodging an objection with Council. The Association is also consulting with Councillors and officers about planning policy matters and we have been liaising at a senior management level on policy.

Coming events

Details are provided below of two coming events organised by the Association.

Come along and perhaps get more involved with the Association – we are always looking for additional Committee members or people with particular talents. Over the past few years with our emphasis on community, we have a much greater mix of ages on our committee. We are also aware that we need succession planning so please consider a greater involvement with your local community to continue the great work of those who saved Parkville 50 years ago!!

Rob Moore

Parkville Association President

Coming events

Meeting with Melbourne Metro representatives - 14 November 2017

Representatives from Melbourne Metro and the preferred contractor Cross Yarra Partnership (CYP) will attend the Association's meeting on Tuesday, 14 November 2017. The meeting will be held at 7.30pm at Walmsley House (in Royal Park near the corner of Gatehouse Street and Royal Parade) – all members and residents welcome.

The purpose of the meeting is for Melbourne Metro and CYP to present information about the construction of the Parkville Station. This is your chance to have your questions about the initial and subsequent stages of this major construction project answered.

Christmas dinner - 4 December 2017

The Association's pre-Christmas dinner will be held at Naughtons Parkville Hotel on Locals Night at 7.00pm, **Monday, 4 December**. Details are:

Cost for 2 course set menu (starter & main) is \$42.00 for all attendees (payment on the night), drinks at own cost. **Bookings essential by Friday, 1 December:**
email parkvilleassociation@gmail.com or ring/text Helen on 0418 469 059.

Advance notice - 2018 AGM – Tuesday, 13 March 2018

Mark your diary now - the Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13 March 2018 – venue and guest speaker to be advised.

Ellen Sandell MP attended October meeting

The Association welcomed our local State MP, Ellen Sandell, to the October meeting. Ellen spoke to four issues that she is working on that may be of interest to Parkville residents:

- West Gate Tunnel
- Public housing redevelopments on nine sites across Melbourne including Kensington;
- The 'Dying with Dignity' legislation;
- Renewable energy target.

Grant application activities

Grants received

The Association has been fortunate to recently secure two grants:

- **Public Records Office of Victoria Local History Grants Program** – The Association recently received advice from the Special Minister of State, Gavin Jennings MLC that it had been awarded \$6,228 funding under this program for the project *Parkville Heritage Walking Tours: oral History Digitization and App Development*. The aim of the project, as presented in the grant application, is as follows:

The patchwork history of Parkville is unique and important to the history of Melbourne and Victoria. In 2017, the Parkville Association is celebrating its 50th year of representing local residents and preserving the heritage and architecture of our local community. Local history walking tours have been conducted by Association members (led by historian and passionate story-teller Mrs Norah Killip OAM) for many years, but with the mobility of our tour guides dwindling this digitization project would bring the tours into the 21st century, vitally preserving valuable oral histories, and broadening access to heritage learning and discovery for local residents, Victorian visitors and international tourists.

If any members are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the Secretary at parkvilleassociation@gmail.com.

- **City of Melbourne Resident Group Funding** - The Association has received a grant of \$1,550 from the City of Melbourne's Resident Group grant program to support organizational costs. In acknowledgement of this grant, Council's logo is to be placed on all the Association's promotional material.

Grant application submitted

In late October, the Association submitted an application to the Connected Communities Melbourne program for a grant to help with costs of reprinting the *South Parkville* book (see item elsewhere).

Traffic, parking and accessibility

Representation on Reference Group for Parkville Station

In response to an invitation from Melbourne Metro Rail Authority (MMRA), Rob Moore (Association President) has joined the Community Reference Group (CRG) – Parkville. The purpose of the CRG is to provide an effective forum for consultation and information-sharing between MMRA, its key contractors and the local community during construction of the Metro Tunnel. The establishment of Community Reference Groups is in accordance with the Environmental Performance Requirements approved by the Minister for Planning in December 2016.

Rob attended the first meeting of the CRG on 13 October and reported that community representatives were out-numbered by representatives of MMRA, CYP and government agencies. The naming of the Parkville Station was perhaps the most contentious issues discussed.

Lane re-grouting to improve access for less able residents

In response to requests from several less physically able residents about the need for a smoother surface along sections of Post Office and Butler Lanes, the Association liaised with City of Melbourne officers to achieve an acceptable heritage and accessibility outcome.

In preference to the 'grinding' of the bluestone cobblestones (as was undertaken some years ago along some sections of Jaegers Lane), the agreed approach was to increase the level of grouting to essentially match the level of the top of the cobblestones. Over time, the new grouting will attain a patina so that this work will be virtually indistinguishable from the rest of the cobblestones.

Planning - submissions

Recent submissions lodged by the Association in response to requests from potentially affected neighbours in relation to planning permit applications are:

18 Bayles Street

This application is for partial demolition and construction of alterations and additions (including first floor and roof top terrace) to the existing dwelling. Consistent with planning policy issues raised in relation to other recent planning permit applications for alterations and additions to single dwellings, the Association expressed concern about the high percentage of site coverage (approximately 85%), the extensive roof terrace and potential for overlooking and the visual and physical effect on the rear lane of the proposed building bulk.

36-38 The Avenue

This application is for a proposed change of use in the General Residential Zone from residential to education centre. Consistent with planning policy issues raised in relation to other recent planning permit applications for alterations and additions to single dwellings, the Association expressed concern about the encroachment of a non-residential use into residentially-zoned land and the waiver of parking provision to zero.

Proposed reprinting of the *South Parkville* book

There continues to be a steady demand for purchase of the Association's flagship publication *South Parkville* by the late Hilary Lewis and updates by Norah Killip AO for the second edition published in 1997. Copies of the 1997 edition are now running very low - unless any member knows of a cache of copies held anywhere.

Unfortunately, on investigation, it was discovered that the printer for the 1997 edition went in to liquidation in 2013 and the pre-digital printing plates for this edition were subsequently destroyed. In order to undertake another print run, a copy of the 1997 edition will have to be taken apart and scanned to a high quality to provide digital files to enable printing of a 'facsimile' version of the second edition and, perhaps, ultimately a digital version. The Committee has obtained a quote of \$12,500 to \$13,900 (depending on print run size) from a reliable printer for this reprint exercise to a standard consistent with the 1997 version.

As noted earlier, an application has been made to the Melbourne Connected Communities Grant Program for funding to assist with this exercise. Once the outcome of this application is known in late November, the Association may launch a funding campaign to members and other interested parties to fund some or all of this reprinting exercise.

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