

PARKVILLE NEWS

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our new look Parkville News. For those of you reading your first PA News, the Association is now 51 years old and we thank the founding members for the great suburb we enjoy today maintaining the majority of its Victorian heritage. We are so lucky having a community that exists close to the city, Carlton and the major Health, Education and Scientific communities.

We must not forget, however, that the suburb of Parkville consists of West Parkville, North Parkville and Parkville Gardens. We are reaching out to residents in these other parts of Parkville to look at what this Association can do for them.

Since the last newsletter we held our AGM and the Committee elected for 2018/19 is:

President	Robert Moore	Secretary	Helen Weston
Treasurer	David McGregor		
Committee	Rob Krelle, Tom Agar, Anne Phefley, Heather Lacey and Ryan Moses		

We welcome Heather and Ryan (see below) and look forward to their new ideas and creative skills further developing the Association.



New Committee member Heather Lacey



New Committee member Ryan Moses

Since the last newsletter, there have been various developments with parking, traffic and construction of Melbourne Metro. These are reported on later in the newsletter. We are also monitoring closely the application for a proposed development by Trinity College on the south west corner of Royal Parade and Morrah Street.

Our first social event of the year is planned for August and we are looking at having a Community gathering in late October.

Currently, our major issue is traffic - clearly the closure of Grattan Street has pushed far more vehicles on to Gatehouse Street. In turn, 'rat running' is occurring and, from a recent survey conducted by the Rail Projects Victoria (RPV) team (the new name for Melbourne Metro), the worst affected streets are:

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Park Drive	+188 vehicles per day (VPD) +10.5%
Gatehouse Street	+ 517 VPD +4.3%
Degraves Street	+165 VPD +31.9%
Bayles Street	+ 35 VPD +4.9%

Interestingly, the volumes on Story and Morrah Streets were down. The frightening part is the speed of traffic using Degraves Street where vehicles averaged over 40 kmh. We met with Council's Traffic Engineering Department in early July and they are looking at ways to harness the 'rat running' and manage the speed. The Parkville user group at RPV which I sit on is also aware of this issue, so hopefully this major issue for South Parkville can be resolved. Trucks and buses are also being monitored on Gatehouse Street where they are clearly not allowed.

Finally, I would like to stress that the Association is here for our community and any issues no matter how big or small can be referred to us for action. Our contact details are on the webpage and, of course, our Facebook and Instagram pages are also updated regularly.

To Ryan and the team at Naughtons Hotel, good luck with your renovations. We look forward to seeing you all again in October and sampling the great food and wine!! Hopefully we can all survive in the meantime without you!

Rob Moore
Parkville Association President

EVENTS

TOUR OF ARTS WEST BUILDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE followed by dinner at Smith + Singleton

The Arts West building is the most significant purpose-built facility for The University of Melbourne's Faculty of Arts in 50 years and represents a major investment in Arts teaching and learning. This striking building, designed by ARM and Architectus, has won many awards for both architecture and learning environments including the Colorbond Award for Steel Architecture in the 2017 National Architecture Awards.

The tour will last for about 30 minutes and we then adjourn for dinner (at own cost) at **Smith + Singleton, 48 Flemington Road, Parkville.**

When Thursday, **16 August 2018** at 5.50pm for 6pm

Where Foyer of Arts West (Building 148), Professors Walk (corner Medical Road)

Attendance is limited to 30 people only so get in early for this special opportunity. (Other Association members or residents can join the group for dinner if they wish)

RSVP by 10 August email to parkvilleassociation@gmail.com for tour and/or dinner.

Enquiries Heather Lacey 0415 854 759

COMMUNITY BBQ, IEVERS RESERVE – Saturday, 21 October

As a precursor to what is hoped to be an annual event, an informal community BBQ is proposed to be held in Ievers Park on Saturday, 21 October 2018.

Mark the date in your diaries now. Further details to be provided closer to the date.

WALKING TOUR APP NOW AVAILABLE

A reminder that the Association's first MOBILE APP is now available – the *Parkville Heritage Walk* app – thanks to the terrific work done by Committee member, Tom Agar. The Association acknowledges that this app is based on the extensive local history research undertaken by Norah Killip OAM which she distilled into the existing four printed walks brochures. Norah's assistance in the development of this app is also acknowledged along

with that of members of the Committee. Funding from the Public Record Office of Victoria (PROV) to assist the development of the *Parkville Heritage Walk* app is also acknowledged. As part of this grant, an upgrade of the Association's website will be undertaken soon.

The *Parkville Heritage Walk* app provides several self-guided tours of the historical South Parkville precinct, using your mobile phone or tablet as a digital tour guide. The app includes digital route maps and full colour photographs of each stop. You can download the app FOR FREE today!

- For **Apple users** (iPhone, iPad), click on this link:
Apple App Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/parkville-heritage-walk/id1352835185?mt=8>
- For **Android users**, click on this link:
Google Play Store: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.mytoursapp.android.app1355>

or just search *Parkville Heritage Walk* in the app store search bar.

THANKS TO GERRY NOONAN

Gerry Noonan retired from the Parkville Association Committee at the AGM in March after 12 years. Gerry was President for four years and a tireless worker for the residents of Parkville.



President Rob Moore said the support and enthusiasm from Gerry has helped many individuals settle into their roles on the Committee. Always guaranteed to get a lively debate going, Gerry will be sorely missed.

To Gerry and Bev, enjoy family and many thanks for your great leadership and dedication to the Association and Parkville over the years!

VALE SYLVIA MAINWARING

Many residents of Parkville and beyond were saddened to hear in April of the passing of Sylvia Mainwaring, a long time member of the Association and activist on a number of fronts. A memorial gathering was held at Naughtons in late April and a few edited excerpts of the eulogy presented by Sylvia's son, Tom, are included here:

Mum loved the wilds of the North Island [of New Zealand], but she wasn't a small town girl. Her parents knew that the little girl with the biggest hair and the biggest teeth in all Taranaki was bound for other things.

Mum enjoyed telling me that growing up in Hawera there was only one type of cheese - and that was cheddar. Mum would not settle for cheddar. And so she left, first to university in Wellington, and then to do her PhD in upstate New York. Where, she told me, she first tasted brie and ate an olive, this was something that excited her terribly. Then on to Imperial College London as a post doc.

She was fiercely independent, adventurous and, although not self-confident, she was headstrong and obstinate in the best possible way.

PLANNING AND HERITAGE MATTERS

Planning permit applications

29 – 37 Royal Parade (west side) – Trinity College

Public notification of the planning permit application lodged by Trinity College for development of these properties on the south west corner of Royal Parade and Morrah Street as an 'education facility' is expected in late July or early August. Watch out for the 'yellow notices'.

36-38 The Avenue (use of two houses as Whitley College library)

After extensive negotiation between the two immediate residential neighbours and Whitley College, agreement has been reached via Consent Orders and an Agreement (subject to VCAT process) with intention of limiting the life of the planning permit for use of the two houses as a library for the College for a period of five years - these properties will then revert to residential use. The Agreement also covered amenity issues related to the proposed use given that the subject properties are covered by the General Residential Zone.

699 Park Street, Brunswick

The Association has supported objections by residents from Brunswick, Princes Hill, and North Parkville to the proposed 14 storey residential development on the 'Best Western' motel site and nearby land.

The City of Moreland refused this application and there is to be a Practice Day Hearing at VCAT on 17 August to organise the way ahead with this matter – the applicant had lodged request for review on the non-decision by Council with Hearing scheduled for 18 November.

Planning Panels Hearing on review of the Local Heritage Policies

A Planning Panels Hearing is currently underway in relation to Amendment C258 to the Melbourne Planning Scheme. This amendment covers various revisions to heritage provisions in the Scheme including revised Local Heritage policies (Clauses 22.04 and 22.05) to include among other things, a Statement of Significance for Parkville. The Association will present to the Hearing on 28 August on its various submissions to this review process.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

Issues raised at the July meeting of the Parkville Station consultative committee for Melbourne Metro with Rail Projects Victoria included:

- Rail Projects Victoria (RPA) is the new name for Melbourne Metro - to cover off their new remit for the whole Victoria;
- a deck will go over the whole Parkville station site to avoid dust/noise when works begin in earnest;
- the City Ford site is to be cleared shortly which will become a truck holding area;
- entrance for trucks will be in and out of Berkley Street although they may look at Royal Parade later;
- RPA are monitoring current trains in tunnels for noise tests - this will enable them to gauge if North Melbourne residents will be impacted.
- There is pressure to build the tram 'super stop' on Royal Parade north of Grattan Street sooner in the works program. This would be problematic when looking at the total works at the corner of Grattan Street and Royal Parade. It was confirmed that tram stop 11 (University) will be going.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Association has recently lodged applications for Community Grants from City of Melbourne as follows:

- project-related grant for planning, protocols and holding of a community 'picnic in the park' in Ivers Reserve in October 2019 (\$9,500);
- standard grant for support of the operation of the Association (\$1,550).

Results of the grant application process will be known towards the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP

New and renewing members are always welcome. The Association is only as strong as its membership. The membership form is available at:

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