

# PARKVILLE NEWS

## Presidents Report

Firstly a very Happy New year in this our first newsletter for 2019. We now have less than four years until our sesquicentennial!

Rather than go into the achievements of 2018 here I will save them for the AGM to be held on March 12th at Ormond College.

This promises to be a great night with our special guest Fr. Michael Elligate. We will have canapés and drinks from 630 with the meeting commencing at 7pm. Anyone with difficulties getting there please let me know as I am sure we can arrange a lift!

This is the first of our social events this year. We will be having our evening at Naughtons as the Winter Warmer on June 24th and we are having a Party in levers reserve on Sunday 17th November.

More about that at the AGM.

In the interim Rob Krelle and I met with Melbourne City Council Engineering last week re the “rat running” and speeding in Parkville. There has also been a Metro meeting again an overview at the AGM. In the newsletter you will see we have focused on Royal Park where the team and volunteers are doing wonderful things. The new billabong is simply stunning so I hope you will all enjoy the new development.

Let’s all get together there and enjoy the spirit of Parkville!

Cheers, Rob

## Parkville Association Annual General Meeting 12th March

All members and interested residents are invited to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 12th March:

Kay Scott Room  
Ormond College  
Melbourne University

Drinks and canapés will be served from 6.30 pm with the formal meeting commencing at 7 pm.

If any members have difficulty getting to the venue please contact Rob Moore on 0418325624 as I am sure we will find a way of assisting.

Our guest speaker this year will be Father Michael Elligate. As most of you know not only has Michael been the Parish Priest at St Carthages for over 30 years but more importantly an institution in Parkville! Michael was Chaplain to The University of Melbourne for 18 years and is Chaplain to St Mary’s College, University of Melbourne, Chaplain to Mercy Place Aged Care, Parkville. Chair of The Council for Chaplaincies in Tertiary Institutions.

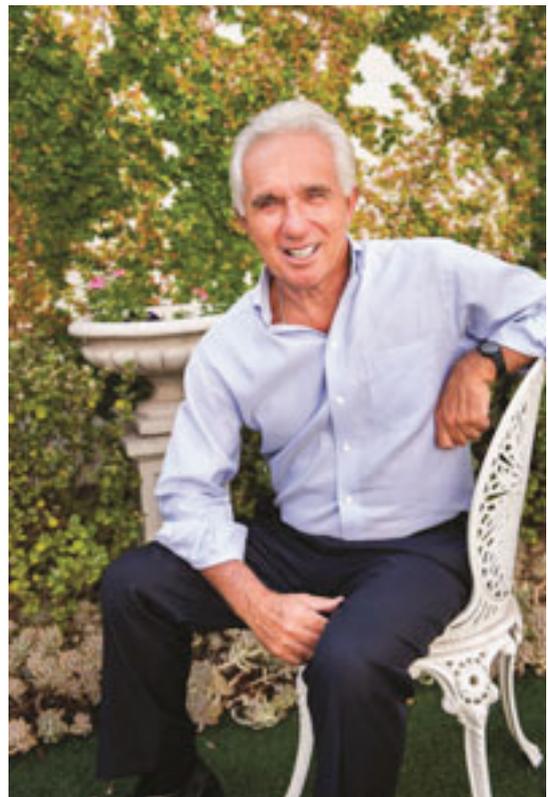
A graduate in Arts and Education, he currently chairs various committees in Human Ethics Research at The University of Melbourne and is Deputy Chair of the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research Ethics Committee.

We look forward to Michael’s reflections on his many years in our wonderful “village”.

This year we are looking for a couple of additional committee members. Any members interested in joining our vibrant team please call Rob Moore or Heather Lacey prior to the AGM.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 12th.

RSVP parkvilleassociation@gmail.com or Rob 0418325624 for catering purpose



Father Michael Elligate

# The Parkville Association welcomes new University of Melbourne Vice Chancellor Duncan Maskell to Parkville



Vice Chancellor Duncan Maskell

The Parkville Association welcomes the new Vice-Chancellor of Melbourne University Professor Duncan Maskell.

Prior to this, Professor Maskell was Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Cambridge, a Cambridge graduate and research specialist in infectious diseases, Professor Maskell's career also includes the University of Oxford, Imperial College London, and Wellcome Biotech.

While at Cambridge, Professor Maskell held a number of leadership roles, including Head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine, Head of the School of the Biological Sciences, and the Marks and Spencer Professor of Farm and Animal Health, Food Science and Food Safety at the Department of Veterinary Medicine. He led a large research group investigating bacterial infections of livestock and people, has published more than 250 research papers, is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and an Honorary Associate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons – the highest honour bestowed on a non-veterinarian.

Professor Maskell supports a culture of philanthropy, public education for public good, and a strong international presence to attract and retain the best of the best. He is also fervent about the need to gather rigorous data and communicate clear, factual messages to the public, preventing the perpetuation of misinformation and myths.

Professor Maskell holds a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Cambridge.

Professor Maskell also enjoys rugby and cricket, hopefully enjoying his adopted country regaining the Ashes this year!

We welcome Professor Maskell both as the new Vice-Chancellor and more importantly as a resident of Parkville.

## Local News by Tom Agar

### University of Melbourne

#### *Tin Alley Re-opening*

After several months of closure due to University building works, Tin Alley is now open to pedestrians and cyclists. This is great news for Parkville residents who like to walk to Lygon Street for dinner or a movie!

### Local Sport

It's great to see top level AFL being played so close to home. The Carlton AFLW womens team is playing two home games at Princes Park:

-Saturday 2nd March vs Collingwood

-Sunday 10th March vs Brisbane Lions

Entry is free, why not wander down with friends and family!

### Local Cricket

You can also check out Premier Cricket right here in Parkville. Melbourne University take on Northcote in a home game at University Main Oval on Saturday 2nd and 9th March. It's the last round of the season before finals begin.

### Naughton's News

Naughtons has started live acoustic music in the public bar on Sunday afternoons 4-6pm. Come along and support young artists in your favorite local!

March music line-up:

Sun 3rd March: Desdemona Duo (soul & blues)

Sun 10th Mar: Lewis Osment (classical guitar)

Sun 17th Mar: Lyra Cole (soul & jazz)

Sun 24th Mar: Destination Moon (jazz & swing)

Sun 31st Mar: Desdemona Duo (soul & blues)

## Royal Park News

### Notes from a talk given by Royal Park Head Gardener Chris Nicholson 13/11/2018

Chris Nicholson, Head Gardener of Royal Park, generously gave a wonderfully interesting overview of the latest Royal Park news to the Parkville Associations open meeting in November 2018.

Chris works for Serco, the company that maintains the City of Melbourne's parks and gardens. In his role as Head Gardener, Chris works closely with the Friends of Royal Park and the Royal Park Protection Group. He has a team of four gardeners who maintain all scrub beds and native grasses. The mowing of lawn and grass is contracted out. The Urban Diversity Team at the City of Melbourne also does work in Royal Park such as creating good tree hollows for birds to nest.

### Some highlights

The billabong renovation is complete near the Flemington Road/Elliott Avenue corner. The billabong manages storm water from the Zoo carpark. The billabong currently has a population of Eastern froglets living in tall grasses whose breeding will be enhanced by the billabong. It is a great place to walk when it rains!

Over the summer the pond in the Royal Park Native Garden will be drained gradually because of algae and to eradicate the significant problem of mosquito fish. Residents should not be concerned if they see the pond without water. Matters are in hand! The wetlands are very robust and will recover quickly from the draining.

### Rabbits

The rabbits in Royal Park South are now under control. The rabbits were living in burrows under the Royal Children's Hospital and growing in numbers at an alarmingly fast rate. We must remember that in Australia rabbits are pests and as such were chewing any new seedlings and much plant growth in Royal Park. The rabbits were also drawing large numbers of foxes to Royal Park – a particular risk for the integrity of the Zoo.

### Birds in Royal Park

There was a bird survey carried out by volunteers in November. Bird surveys follow the Wurundjeri calendar and findings are submitted to Bird Life Victoria. Many birds come to Royal Park because of the wetlands and the bush areas and because the park provides the habitat Australian birds love. Royal Park has a large Blue Wren population in the wetlands. Chris noted that dogs chasing birds is not good for Royal Park, especially for the Australian Native Gardens and pond.

Working Bees are held by the Friends of Royal Park on the third Wednesday of every month. The group meets at Walmsley House near the corner of Gatehouse Street and Royal Parade at 10.00am and everyone is very welcome to come and do their bit for Royal Park.

There are two remnant bush sites in Royal Park. A remnant bush site is how Australian bush was assumed to be before white settlement. One remnant bush site can be found near the Urban Camp and the other on the west side of the trainline near the wetlands above the Ross Straw Oval on the escarpment.

### What's happening in the Royal Park Wetlands -Anne Phefley

Melbourne Water were planning to start work on Monday February 18 to improve the functioning of the wetlands. The aim is to improve the plant density and water quality. The plan is to add 6,890 semi aquatic plants.

The planting should take 5 days with the water level dropped to allow the planting. Once the planting is completed the water level will be restored. The worst estimate for completion is 10 days.

To deter birds eating the water ribbons, a 360-bird sweeper will be installed rather than netting. It is hoped that it will be successful.

The project will conclude June 2021. Monitoring is scheduled twice weekly for the first 3 months then weekly for the next 3 months. Reducing to fortnightly then monthly.

Friends of Royal Park have been promised photos of the project which will be placed on the website as they are received.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A  
PARKVILLE PARTY IN THE PARK

IEVERS RESERVE  
SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 11am-4pm  
MUSIC, FOOD, FUN, COFFEE, WINE,  
CHILDRENS ATTRACTIONS and LOTS MORE



**Parkville Association**

**Membership Renewal Form 2019**

All people who live and work in Parkville are eligible and most welcome to join the Parkville Association.

The Parkville Association is passionate about the preservation of the historic nature of our suburb and engendering a sense of community for the residents of Parkville. The Parkville Association communicates local news through its regular newsletter which is delivered to your letterbox.

Take the opportunity to play your part in the Parkville community and become involved through your membership.

Either take a new membership or renew your membership by completing the form below, attending our social functions and using the Parkville Association to take up your interests or concerns.

Renewals and new memberships would be appreciated by mid-March, enabling you to vote at the AGM (on a date yet to be determined in March. Details to follow)

<b>Membership Application Form and Payment Options</b>	
Name/s: .....	
Phone: ..... Email: .....	
Address.....	
<b>Renewal?</b>	<b>New Membership?</b> (please tick one)
<b>Annual Membership Fees 2019</b>	
Individual:	\$30
Concession:	\$10
Family/Household:	\$50
<b>Total Enclosed:</b>	
<b>Payment options</b>	
<b>EFT:</b> BSB 063158 Account no: 10046445 (surname in description box)	
<b>Credit Card:</b> Click on link- <a href="http://www.stickytickets.com.au/63968">http://www.stickytickets.com.au/63968</a> and follow instructions	
<b>Cheques:</b> Make payable to "The Parkville Association Inc" and mail to PO Box 54 Parkville 3052	